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Third Quarter Market Update



Quarter Ended:	9/30/2018	6/30/2018	Q/Q	3/31/2018	Q/Q	12/31/2017	Q/Q	9/30/2017	Q/Q	6/30/2017
(4)										
<u>UST (%)⁽¹⁾</u>										
2Y UST	2.82	2.53	+0.29	2.27	+0.26	1.88	+0.38	1.48	+0.40	1.38
5Y UST	2.95	2.74	+0.22	2.56	+0.18	2.21	+0.36	1.94	+0.27	1.89
10YUST	3.06	2.86	+0.20	2.74	+0.12	2.41	+0.33	2.33	+0.07	2.30
30Y UST	3.21	2.99	+0.22	2.97	+0.02	2.74	+0.23	2.86	-0.12	2.83
2Y10Y Spread	0.24	0.33	-0.09	0.47	-0.14	0.52	-0.05	0.85	-0.33	0.92
US Dollar Swaps (%)(1)										
2Y SWAP	2.99	2.79	+0.20	2.58	+0.21	2.08	+0.50	1.74	+0.34	1.62
5Y SWAP	3.07	2.89	+0.18	2.71	+0.18	2.24	+0.46	2.00	+0.24	1.96
10Y SWAP	3.12	2.93	+0.19	2.79	+0.14	2.40	+0.39	2.29	+0.11	2.28
(1)										
LIBOR (%) ⁽¹⁾										
1mo	2.26	2.09	+0.17	1.88	+0.21	1.56	+0.32	1.23	+0.33	1.22
3mo	2.40	2.34	+0.06	2.31	+0.02	1.69	+0.62	1.33	+0.36	1.30
1mo3mo Spread	0.14	0.25	-0.11	0.43	-0.18	0.13	+0.30	0.10	+0.03	0.08
Mortgage Rates (%) ⁽²⁾										
15Y	4.39	4.22	+0.17	4.09	+0.13	3.64	+0.45	3.42	+0.22	3.43
30Y	4.72	4.55	+0.17	4.44	+0.11	3.99	+0.45	3.83	+0.16	3.88
FNMA Pass-Thrus ⁽¹⁾										
30Y 3.5	\$98.39	\$99.45	-\$1.06	\$100.20	-\$0.75	\$102.73	-\$2.53	\$103.05	-\$0.31	\$102.67
30Y 4.0	\$100.95	\$101.92	-\$0.97	\$102.61	-\$0.69	\$104.61	-\$2.00	\$105.27	-\$0.66	\$105.14
30Y 4.5	\$103.14	\$104.08	-\$0.94	\$104.70	-\$0.63	\$106.42	-\$1.72	\$107.33	-\$0.91	\$107.27
Libor-based OAS (bps)(3)										
FNMA 30Y 3.5 OAS	22.0	21.5	0.5	23.8	-2.3	17.2	6.6	20.0	-2.8	29.4
FNMA 30Y 4.0 OAS	28.2	26.9	1.3	28.3	-1.4	19.9	8.4	18.4	1.5	28.5
FNMA 30Y 4.5 OAS	34.3	31.3	3.0	32.7	-1.4	15.4	17.3	8.6	6.8	30.5
Libor-based ZSpread (bps)(4)										
FNMA 30Y 3.5 ZSpread	58.3	62.7	-4.4	67.4	-4.7	65.5	1.9	72.9	-7.4	81.1
FNMA 30Y 4.0 ZSpread	73.1	75.8	-2.7	78.6	-2.8	67.7	10.9	72.1	-4.4	83.4
FNMA 30Y 4.5 ZSpread	81.0	78.1	2.9	79.0	-0.9	50.2	28.8	53.1	-2.9	72.9

Third Quarter Highlights

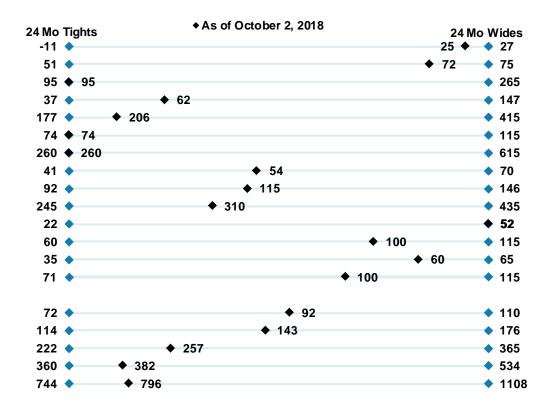


Overall Results	 Net income: \$0.9 million or \$0.07 per share Economic return: 0.5% for the quarter Net Interest Margin: 1.02%; Adjusted Net Interest Margin⁽¹⁾: 1.12%
Core Earnings ⁽²⁾	 Core Earnings: \$3.7 million or \$0.29 per share Adjusted Core Earnings⁽¹⁾: \$4.1 million or \$0.32 per share
Shareholders' Equity & BVPS ⁽³⁾	 Shareholders' equity: \$170.2 million Book value per share: \$13.40
Portfolio	 Agency RMBS Portfolio: \$1.56 billion⁽³⁾ Weighted average prepayment speed on fixed-rate specified pools of 8.4% CPR for the quarter Portfolio turnover of 18% Average pay-ups on specified pools of 0.56%⁽³⁾ Non-Agency RMBS Portfolio: \$12.0 million⁽³⁾
Leverage ⁽³⁾	 Debt-to-equity ratio: 8.8:1 Net mortgage assets-to-equity ratio of 7.9:1⁽⁴⁾
Dividend	 Declared third quarter dividend of \$0.37 per share (paid in October 2018) Annualized dividend yield of 14.1% based on closing price of \$10.48 on November 2, 2018
Share Repurchase Program	 Repurchased 21,720 shares during the quarter, or approximately 0.2%, at an average price of \$10.82
Expense Ratio	3.0% of shareholders' equity on an annualized basis

Relative Yield Spreads







Source: Morgan Stanley

 Option-adjusted Agency RMBS spreads remain near their 24-month widest levels, and wide relative to many credit-sensitive sectors

Summary of Financial Results



	Q	uarter Ended	9/30	/2018	C	Quarter End	ed 6/3	0/2018
(\$ in thousands except per share amounts)			Per	Share ⁽¹⁾			Per S	Share ⁽¹⁾
Interest Income	\$	13,171			\$	14,081		
Interest Expense		(8,519)				(7,668)		
Total Net Interest Income	\$	4,652			\$	6,413		
Total Other Gain (Loss) (2)	\$	388			\$	131		
Total Expenses	\$	1,331			\$	1,427		
Total Expenses as % of Average Equity, Annualized ⁽³⁾		3.04%				3.22%		
Core Earnings (4)	\$	3,709	\$	0.29	\$	5,117	\$	0.40
Less: Catch-up Premium Amortization Adjustment ⁽⁵⁾		(398)				480		
Adjusted Core Earnings ⁽⁶⁾	\$	4,107	\$	0.32	\$	4,637	\$	0.36
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss):								
RMBS	\$	(11,180)			\$	(10,172)		
Interest Rate Hedges		8,417				6,841		
Total Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss)	\$	(2,763)			\$	(3,331)		
Net Income (Loss)	\$	946	\$	0.07	\$	1,786	\$	0.14
Adjusted Weighted Average Yield (7)		3.26%				3.15%		
Cost of Funds		-2.14%				-1.98%		
Adjusted Net Interest Margin ⁽⁶⁾		1.12%				1.17%		
Shareholders' Equity	\$	170,230	\$	13.40	\$	174,169	\$	13.70

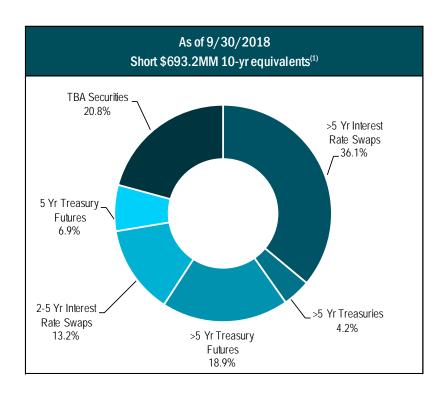
Portfolio Summary

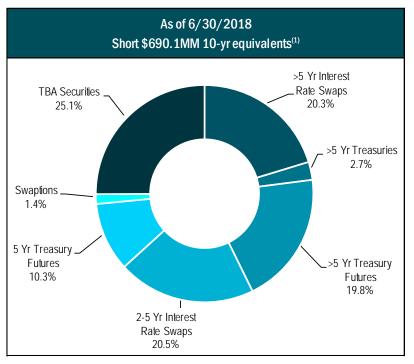


		Sept	ember 30, 20	18		June 30, 2018						
(In thousands)	Current Principal	Fair Value	Average Price ⁽¹⁾	Cost	Average Cost ⁽¹⁾	Current Principal	Fair Value	Average Price ⁽¹⁾	Cost	Average Cost ⁽¹⁾		
Agency RMBS ⁽²⁾												
15-year fixed rate mortgages	\$ 145,249	\$ 145,769	\$ 100.36	\$ 151,319	\$ 104.18	\$ 147,080	\$ 148,499	\$ 100.96	\$ 153,512	\$ 104.37		
20-year fixed rate mortgages	7,687	7,866	102.33	8,287	107.81	8,143	8,421	103.41	8,767	107.66		
30-year fixed rate mortgages	1,273,788	1,297,612	101.87	1,335,573	104.85	1,263,388	1,294,483	102.46	1,329,912	105.27		
ARMs	18,513	19,051	102.91	19,735	106.60	20,124	20,730	103.01	21,521	106.94		
Reverse mortgages	70,938	75,049	105.80	77,510	109.26	71,781	76,831	107.04	78,603	109.50		
Total Agency RMBS	1,516,175	1,545,347	101.92	1,592,424	105.03	1,510,516	1,548,964	102.55	1,592,315	105.42		
Non-Agency RMBS	14,418	11,952	82.90	9,908	68.72	14,839	12,024	81.03	10,278	69.26		
Total RMBS ⁽²⁾	1,530,593	1,557,299	101.74	1,602,332	104.69	1,525,355	1,560,988	102.34	1,602,593	105.06		
Agency Interest Only RMBS	n/a	18,684	n/a	17,601	n/a	n/a	19,115	n/a	18,583	n/a		
Total mortgage-backed securities		1,575,983		1,619,933			1,580,103		1,621,176			
U.S. Treasury securities sold short	(26,816)	(26,367)	98.33	(26,412)	98.49	(16,300)	(16,195)	99.36	(15,999)	98.15		
Reverse repurchase agreements	26,769	26,769	100.00	26,769	100.00	21,373	21,373	100.00	21,373	100.00		
Total		\$1,576,385		\$1,620,290			\$1,585,281		\$1,626,550			

Agency Interest Rate Hedging Portfolio



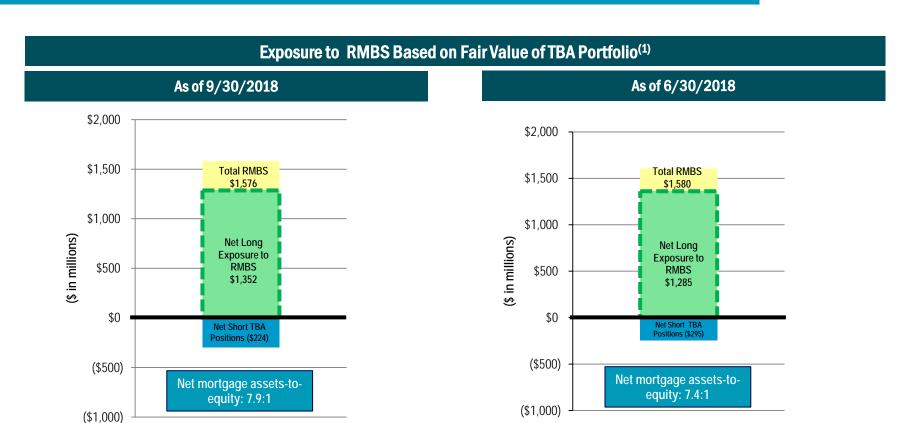




- Shorting "generic" pools (or TBAs) allows EARN to significantly reduce interest rate risk and basis risk in its Agency portfolio
- We also hedge interest rate risk with swaps, U.S. Treasury securities, futures, and swaptions
- We hedge along the entire yield curve to protect against volatility, defend book value and more thoroughly control interest rate risk

Dynamic Hedging Strategy

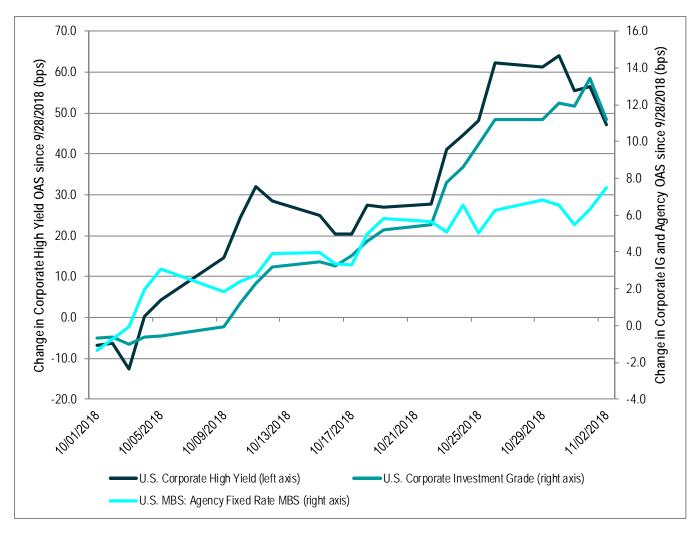




- EARN carries lower net effective mortgage exposure than our "headline" leverage would suggest
 - Our net mortgage assets-to-equity⁽²⁾ ratio was 7.9:1 versus our debt-to-equity ratio of 8.8:1 as of September 30, 2018
- Use of TBA short positions as hedges:
 - Helps drive outperformance in especially volatile quarters
 - When interest rates spike, TBA short positions not only extend with specified pool assets, but they tend to extend more than specified pool assets, which dynamically and automatically hedges a large portion of our specified pool portfolio

Option-Adjusted Spreads in Q4

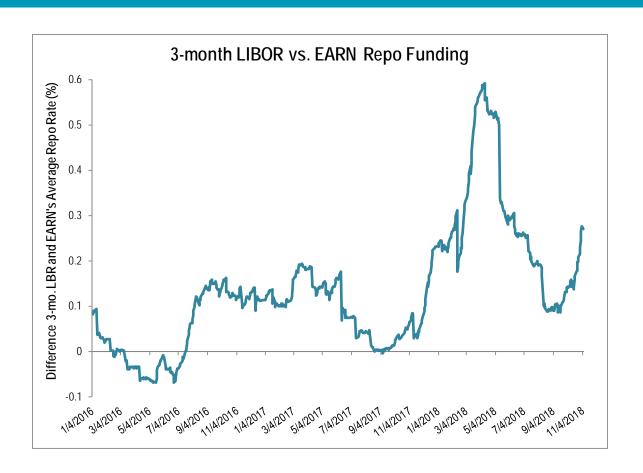




Source: Bloomberg

Spread Differential: 3-mo. LIBOR vs. Repo Funding Rate⁽¹⁾





- The spread between the Agency repo funding rate and 3-month LIBOR has widened significantly since the end of 2017
- EARN's cost of funds should benefit from the spread differential between our repo rate and 3-month LIBOR as the floating/receiving leg of our swaps reset higher
 - This funding advantage is only available to the leveraged investor
 - Only a small portion of the Agency investor base uses leverage: notably, mREITs and hedge funds
 - Funding advantage is supportive of Core Earnings

EARN: 2018 Objectives



- 1. Take advantage of relative value trading opportunities that we believe will emerge as a diminishing Fed footprint and potential continued interest rate hikes lead to more pricing dislocations
- 2. Dial up and down our MBS exposure aggressively in response to market opportunities
- Supplement earnings with book value accretion via share repurchases when stock price is deeply discounted
- 4. Capitalize on investment opportunities that emerge as volatility returns to the market
 - 2018 has been marked by rising bond yields and a flattening yield curve
 - Our hedging strategy and the high liquidity of our current portfolio enable us to take advantage of investment opportunities

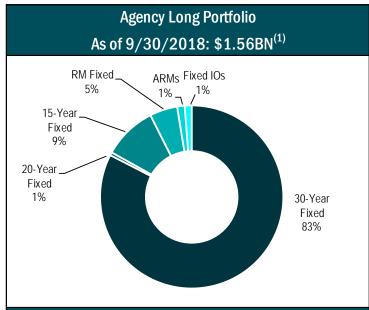


Supplemental Slides

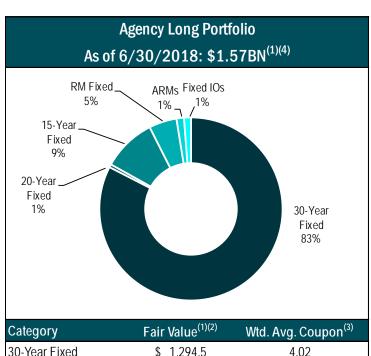


Agency Portfolio Summary





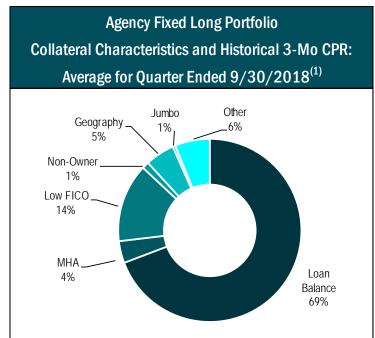
Category	Fair Value ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Wtd. Avg. Coupon ⁽³⁾
30-Year Fixed	\$ 1,297.6	4.11
20-Year Fixed	7.9	4.00
15-Year Fixed	145.8	3.42
RM Fixed	75.0	4.54
Subtotal - Fixed	1,526.3	4.07
ARMs	19.1	
Fixed IOs	18.7	
Total	\$ 1,564.0	



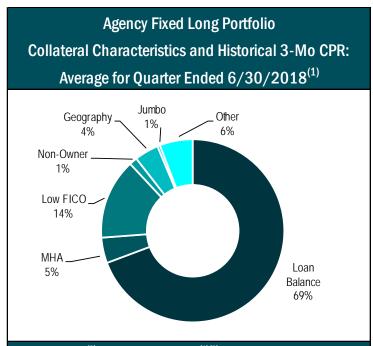
Category	Fair Value ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Wtd. Avg. Coupon ⁽³⁾
30-Year Fixed	\$ 1,294.5	4.02
20-Year Fixed	8.4	4.00
15-Year Fixed	148.5	3.41
RM Fixed	76.8	4.54
Subtotal - Fixed	1,528.2	3.98
ARMs	20.7	
Fixed IOs	19.1	
Total	\$ 1,568.1	

CPR Breakout of Agency Fixed Long Portfolio





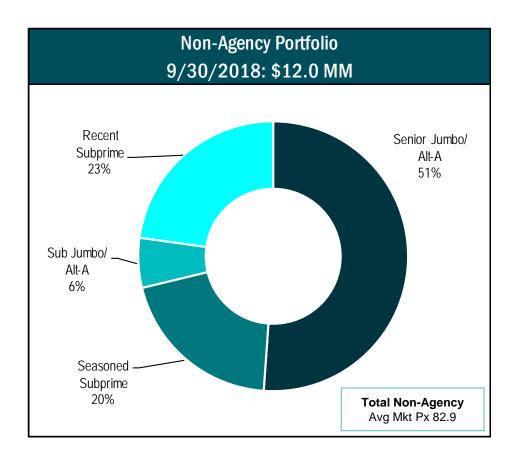
Characteristic ⁽²⁾	Fair V alue ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾	3-Month CPR %
Loan Balance	\$ 1,000.8	9.7
MHA ⁽⁴⁾	55.9	10.3
Low FICO	200.5	3.5
Non-Owner	17.8	16.7
Geography	74.6	3.5
Jumbo	6.6	5.7
Other	89.1	4.4
Total	\$ 1,445.4	8.4



Characteristic ⁽²⁾	Fair Value ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾	3-Month CPR %
Loan Balance	\$ 1,030.8	8.8
MHA ⁽⁴⁾	67.0	10.1
Low FICO	211.9	5.6
Non-Owner	20.9	10.4
Geography	63.4	6.1
Jumbo	6.9	28.4
Other	86.6	5.1
Total	\$ 1,487.6	8.2

Non-Agency Portfolio





- We continue to maintain a small but high-yielding portfolio of non-Agency RMBS
- May increase allocation to sector should more attractive entry points arise

Repo Borrowings⁽¹⁾



		Sep	otember 30, 2	018	June 30, 2018					
	Weighted Average						Weig	hted Average		
Remaining Days to Maturity	Borrowings Outstanding				9	Interest Rate	Remaining Days to Maturity			
	(In thousands)				(Ir	n thousands)				
30 days or less	\$	346,841	2.21%	15	\$	481,649	2.00%	16		
31-60 days		721,514	2.25%	45		732,797	2.10%	45		
61-90 days		342,650	2.36%	77		322,770	2.18%	76		
91-120 days		89,627	2.30%	108		-	-	-		
Total	\$	1,500,632	2.27%	49	\$ 1,537,216		2.09%	42		

- Outstanding borrowings are with 12 counterparties as of September 30, 2018
- Cost of repo increased as LIBOR increased
- Availability from both existing and new lending counterparties remains strong

Interest Rate Sensitivity Analysis⁽¹⁾



(\$ in thousands)		Estimated Cha	nge in Fair Value	
	50 Basis Point D	ecline in Interest Rates	50 Basis Point Increa	ase in Interest Rates
	Market Value	% of Total Equity	Market Value	% of Total Equity
Agency RMBS—ARM Pools	\$	69 0.10%	\$ (181)	-0.11%
Agency RMBS—Fixed Pools and IOs	27,3	65 16.07%	(34,818)	-20.45%
TBAs	(5,6	-3.30%	6,462	3.80%
Non-Agency RMBS		80 0.16%	(274)	-0.16%
Interest Rate Swaps	(14,6	-8.60%	14,058	8.25%
U.S. Treasury Securities	(1,2	-0.74%	1,184	0.70%
U.S. Treasury Futures	(7,6	-4.47%	7,384	4.34%
Repurchase and Reverse Repurchase Agreements	(1,0	-0.62%	1,054	0.62%
Total	\$ (2,3	33) -1.40%	\$ (5,131)	-3.01%

Interest Rate Hedging as of September 30, 2018



(\$ in thousands)

	Fixed Payer Interest Rate Swap											
Maturity		Notional Amount		Fair Value	Weighted Average Pay Rate	Weighted Average Receive Rate	Weighted Average Years to Maturity					
2020-2022	\$	287,880	\$	7,106	1.83%	2.33%	2.58					
2023-2025		80,222		3,044	2.30%	2.33%	5.79					
2026-2043		209,328		8,026	2.58%	2.33%	10.16					
Total	\$	577,430	\$	18,176	2.17%	2.33%	5.77					

TBA Securities										
		Notional Amount ⁽¹⁾		Cost Basis ⁽²⁾		Market Value ⁽³⁾	١	Net Carrying Value ⁽⁴⁾		
Total TBAs, net	\$	(224,919)	\$	(224,897)	\$	(223,770)	\$	1,127		

	Futures					
		Notional Amount		Fair Value	Remaining Months to Expiration	
U.S. Treasury Futures	\$	(246,700)	\$	3,413	3	

Consolidated Statement of Operations

(Unaudited)



	Three Month Period Ended					Nine Month Period Ended	
	Sept	tember 30, 2018		June 30, 2018	Se	eptember 30, 2018	
(In thousands except share amounts)							
INTEREST INCOME (EXPENSE)							
Interest income	\$	13,171	\$	14,081	\$	40,677	
Interest expense		(8,519)		(7,668)		(23,434)	
Total net interest income		4,652		6,413		17,243	
EXPENSES							
Management fees to affiliate		641		656		1,968	
Professional fees		198		217		651	
Compensation expense		136		187		511	
Insurance expense		74		74		221	
Other operating expenses		283		293		924	
Total expenses		1,332		1,427		4,275	
OTHER INCOME (LOSS)							
Net realized gains (losses) on securities		(8,402)		(7,114)		(13,590)	
Net realized gains (losses) on financial derivatives		4,058		(3,702)		16,311	
Change in net unrealized gains (losses) on securities		(2,636)		(3,218)		(32,915)	
Change in net unrealized gains (losses) on financial derivatives		4,606		10,834		16,005	
Total other income (loss)		(2,374)		(3,200)		(14,189)	
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$	946	\$	1,786	\$	(1,221)	
NET INCOME (LOSS) PER COMMON SHARE							
Basic and Diluted	\$	0.07	\$	0.14	\$	(0.09)	
WEIGHTED AVERAGE SHARES OUTSTANDING		12,693,989		12,715,277		12,875,884	
CASH DIVIDENDS PER SHARE:							
Dividends declared	\$	0.37	\$	0.37	\$	1.11	

Consolidated Balance Sheet

(Unaudited)



	As of					
	Septe	mber 30, 2018		June 30, 2018	De	cember 31, 2017 ⁽¹⁾
(In thousands except share amounts)						
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	41,016	\$	41,402	\$	56,117
Mortgage-backed securities, at fair value		1,575,983		1,580,103		1,685,998
Due from brokers		27,044		26,946		26,754
Financial derivatives-assets, at fair value		23,049		20,095		8,792
Reverse repurchase agreements		26,769		21,373		81,461
Receivable for securities sold		52,531		51,614		21,606
Interest receivable		5,675		5,988		5,784
Other assets		717		748		575
Total Assets	\$	1,752,784	\$	1,748,269	\$	1,887,087
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY						
LIABILITIES						
Repurchase agreements	\$	1,500,632	\$	1,537,216	\$	1,597,206
Payable for securities purchased		36,539		1,387		3,830
Due to brokers		8,298		7,312		489
Financial derivatives-liabilities, at fair value		333		1,655		1,863
U.S. Treasury securities sold short, at fair value		26,367		16,195		81,289
Dividend payable		4,700		4,703		4,936
Accrued expenses		704		849		728
Management fee payable to affiliate		641		656		725
Interest payable		4,340		4,127		3,318
Total Liabilities	\$	1,582,554	\$	1,574,100	\$	1,694,384
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY						
Preferred shares, par value \$0.01 per share, 100,000,000 shares authorized;						
(0 shares issued and outstanding, respectively)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Common shares, par value \$0.01 per share, 500,000,000 shares authorized;						
(12,703,474, 12,712,050 and 13,340,217 shares issued and outstanding,		127		127		134
Additional paid-in-capital		232,967		233,152		240,062
Accumulated deficit		(62,864)		(59,110)		(47,493)
Total Shareholders' Equity		170,230		174,169		192,703
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	\$	1,752,784	\$	1,748,269	\$	1,887,087
Per Share Information						
Common shares, par value \$0.01 per share	\$	13.40	\$	13.70	\$	14.45

Reconciliation of Core Earnings to Net Income (Loss)⁽¹⁾



	Three Month Period Ended			
(In thousands except share amounts)	Septe	mber 30, 2018		June 30, 2018
Net Income (Loss)	\$	946	\$	1,786
Less:				
Net realized gains (losses) on securities		(8,402)		(7,114)
Net realized gains (losses) on financial derivatives, excluding				
periodic payments ⁽²⁾		2,777		(2,361)
Change in net unrealized gains (losses) on				
securities		(2,636)		(3,218)
Change in net unrealized gains and (losses)				
on financial derivatives, excluding accrued periodic				
payments ⁽³⁾		5,499		9,362
Subtotal		(2,762)		(3,331)
Core Earnings	\$	3,708	\$	5,117
Catch-up Premium Amortization Adjustment		(398)		480
Adjusted Core Earnings	\$	4,106	\$	4,637
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding		12,693,989		12,715,277
Core Earnings Per Share	\$	0.29	\$	0.40
Adjusted Core Earnings Per Share	\$	0.32	\$	0.36

About Ellington



Ellington Profile

As of 9/30/2018

Founded: 1994

Employees: >150

Investment Professionals: 65

Global offices:

\$7.5

Billion in assets under management as of 9/30/2018⁽¹⁾ 16

Employee-partners own the firm⁽²⁾

18

Years of average industry experience of senior portfolio managers

23%

Ownership of EARN by Blackstone Tactical Opportunity Funds

Ellington and its Affiliated Management Companies

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- Our external manager Ellington Residential Mortgage Management LLC is part of the Ellington family of SEC-registered investment advisors⁽³⁾. Ellington and its affiliates manage Ellington Residential Mortgage REIT (EARN), Ellington Financial LLC (EFC), multi-investor hedge funds, separately managed accounts, and opportunistic private funds
- Time-tested infrastructure and proprietary resources in trading, research, risk management, and operational support
- Founding partners each have advanced academic training in mathematics and engineering, including among them several Ph.D.'s and Master's degrees

Industry-Leading Research & Trading Expertise

- Sophisticated proprietary models for prepayment and credit analysis
- Approximately 25% of employees dedicated to research and infrastructure development
- Structured credit trading experience and analytical skills developed since the firm's founding 23 years ago
- Ellington's portfolio managers are among the most experienced in the MBS sector and the firm's analytics have been developed over its
 23-year history

Endnotes



Slide 3 - Third Quarter Market Update

- (1) Source: Bloomberg
- (2) Source: Mortgage Bankers Association via Bloomberg
- (3) LIBOR-based Option Adjusted Spread measures the additional yield spread over LIBOR that an asset provides at its current market price after taking into account any interest rate options embedded in the asset.
- (4) The LIBOR-based Zero-volatility spread (Z-spread) is the constant spread over LIBOR that makes the price of a security equal to the present value of its cash flows when added to the yield at each point on the spot rate Treasury curve where cash flows are received.

Slide 4 - Third Quarter Highlights

- (1) Adjusted Core Earnings and Adjusted Net Interest Margin represent Core Earnings and Net Interest Margin, respectively, in each case excluding the effect of the Catch-Up Premium Amortization Adjustment on interest income.
- (2) Core Earnings and Adjusted Core Earnings are non-GAAP financial measures. See slide 22 for a reconciliation of Core Earnings to Net Income (Loss).
- (3) As of September 30, 2018.
- (4) We define our net mortgage assets-to-equity ratio as the net aggregate market value of our mortgage-backed securities (including the underlying market values of our long and short TBA positions) divided by total shareholders' equity. As of September 30, 2018 the market value of our mortgage-backed securities and our net short TBA position was \$1.576 billion and \$(223.8) million, respectively, and total shareholders' equity was \$170.2 million.

Slide 6 – Summary of Financial Results

- (1) Shareholders' Equity per share is calculated using shares outstanding at the end of the period. All other per share amounts are calculated using the weighted average shares outstanding for the quarter.
- (2) Total Other Gain (Loss) represents net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on periodic settlements of interest rate swaps.
- (3) Average equity is calculated using month end values.
- (4) Core Earnings is a non-GAAP financial measure. See slide 22 for a reconciliation of Core Earnings to Net Income (Loss).
- (5) See slide 22, endnote 1 for definition of Catch-up Premium Amortization Adjustment.
- (6) Adjusted Core Earnings and Adjusted Net Interest Margin represent Core Earnings and Net Interest Margin, respectively, in each case excluding the effect of the Catch-Up Premium Amortization Adjustment on interest income.
- (7) Adjusted Weighted Average Yield represents the weighted average yield on our portfolio, excluding the impact of the Catch-up Premium Amortization Adjustment.

Slide 7 - Portfolio Summary

- (1) Represents the dollar amount (not shown in thousands) per \$100 of current principal of the price or cost for the security.
- (2) Excludes Agency IOs.

Slide 8 – Agency Interest Rate Hedging Portfolio

(1) "10-year equivalents" for a group of positions represent the amount of 10-year U.S. Treasury securities that would be expected to experience a similar change in market value under a standard parallel move in interest rates.

Slide 9 - Dynamic Hedging Strategy

- (1) Net short TBA positions represents the current market value of the underlying Agency RMBS (on a forward delivery basis) as of September 30, 2018 and June 30, 2018 . The net carrying value of the TBA positions as of September 30, 2018 and June 30, 2018 on the Consolidated Balance Sheet was \$1.1 million and \$(1.0) million, respectively.
- (2) We define our net mortgage assets-to-equity ratio as the net aggregate market value of our mortgage-backed securities (including the underlying market values of our long and short TBA positions) divided by total shareholders' equity.

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Slide 11 – Spread Differential: 3-mo. LIBOR vs. Repo Funding Rate

(1) Chart compares LIBOR on each day to the average rate of EARN's repo financing outstanding on that day. Because repo financing may be entered into for an extended term at a rate fixed at the beginning of the term, the average outstanding repo rate on a given day may reflect rates set in a rate environment weeks or months before that day. The average rate on outstanding repo financing on a day may differ materially from the rate available to establish repo financing on that day.

Slide 14 - Agency Portfolio Summary

- (1) Does not include long TBA positions with a notional value of \$128.0 million and a market value of \$129.3 million as of September 30, 2018. Does not include long TBA positions with a notional value of \$149.5 million and a market value of \$153.7 million as of June 30, 2018.
- (2) Fair value shown in millions.
- (3) Represents weighted average net pass-through rate.
- (4) Conformed to current period presentation

Slide 15 - CPR Breakout of Agency Fixed Long Portfolio

- (1) Does not include long TBA positions, reverse mortgage pools, or fixed rate IOs.
- (2) Classification methodology may change over time as market practices change.
- (3) Fair value shown in millions.
- (4) "MHA" indicates those pools where underlying borrowers have participated in the Making Homes Affordable program.

Slide 17 - Repo Borrowings

(1) As of September 30, 2018 and June 30, 2018, the Company had no outstanding borrowings other than under repurchase agreements.

Slide 18 – Interest Rate Sensitivity Analysis

(1) Based on the market environment as of September 30, 2018. Results are based on forward-looking models, which are inherently imperfect, and incorporate various simplifying assumptions. Therefore, the table above is for illustrative purposes only and actual changes in interest rates would likely cause changes in the actual value of our portfolio that would differ from those presented above, and such differences might be significant and adverse.

Slide 19 - Interest Rate Hedging as of September 30, 2018

- (1) Notional amount represents the principal balance of the underlying Agency RMBS.
- (2) Cost basis represents the forward price to be paid for the underlying Agency RMBS.
- (3) Market value represents the current market value of the underlying Agency RMBS (on a forward delivery basis) as of September 30, 2018.
- (4) Net carrying value represents the difference between the market value of the TBA contract as of September 30, 2018 and the cost basis, and is included in Financial derivatives-assets, at fair value and Financial derivatives-liabilities, at fair value on the Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Slide 21 - Balance Sheet

(1) Derived from audited financial statements as of December 31, 2017.

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Slide 22 - Reconciliation of Core Earnings to Net Income (Loss)

- (1) Core Earnings consists of net income (loss), excluding realized and change in net unrealized gains and (losses) on securities and financial derivatives, and, if applicable, items of income or loss that are of a non-recurring nature. Core Earnings includes net realized and change in net unrealized gains (losses) associated with payments and accruals of periodic payments on interest rate swaps. Adjusted Core Earnings represents Core Earnings excluding the effect of the Catch-up Premium Amortization Adjustment on interest income. The Catch-up Premium Amortization Adjustment is a quarterly adjustment to premium amortization triggered by changes in actual and projected prepayments on our Agency RMBS (accompanied by a corresponding offsetting adjustment to realized and unrealized gains and losses). The adjustment is calculated as of the beginning of each quarter based on our then assumptions about cashflows and prepayments, and can vary significantly from quarter to quarter. Core Earnings and Adjusted Core Earnings are supplemental non-GAAP financial measures. We believe that Core Earnings and Adjusted Core Earnings provide information useful to investors because they are metrics that we use to assess our performance and to evaluate the effective net yield provided by the portfolio. Moreover, one of our objectives is to generate income from the net interest margin on the portfolio, and Core Earnings and Adjusted Core Earnings are used to help measure the extent to which this objective is being achieved. However, because Core Earnings and Adjusted Core Earnings are incomplete measures of our financial results and differ from net income (loss) computed in accordance with GAAP, they should be considered as supplementary to, and not as substitutes for, net income (loss) computed in accordance with GAAP. The table above reconciles, for the three month periods ended September 30, 2018 and June 30, 2018, our Core Earnings and Adjusted Core Earnings on a consolidated basis to the line on our Consolidated Statement of Ope
- (2) For the three month period ended September 30, 2018, represents Net realized gains (losses) on financial derivatives of \$4.1 million less Net realized gains (losses) on periodic settlements of interest rate swaps of \$1.3 million. For the three month period ended June 30, 2018, represents Net realized gains (losses) on financial derivatives of \$(3.7) million less Net realized gains (losses) on periodic settlements of interest rate swaps of \$(1.3) million.
- (3) For the three month period ended September 30, 2018, represents Change in net unrealized gains (losses) on financial derivatives of \$4.6 million less Change in net unrealized gains (losses) on accrued periodic settlements of interest rate swaps of \$(0.9) million. For the three month period ended June 30, 2018, represents Change in net unrealized gains (losses) on financial derivatives of \$10.8 million less Change in net unrealized gains (losses) on accrued periodic settlements of interest rate swaps of \$1.5 million.

Slide 23 – About Ellington

- (1) \$7.5 billion in assets under management includes approximately \$1.0 billion in Ellington-managed CLOs. For these purposes, the Ellington-managed CLO figure represents the aggregate outstanding balance of CLO notes and market value of CLO equity, excluding any notes and equity held by other Ellington-managed funds and accounts.
- (2) Does not include partners formerly employed by Ellington who may have residual capital balances but who no longer have voting rights in the partnership.
- (3) Registration with the SEC does not imply that the firm or any of its principals or employees possess a particular level of skill or training in the investment advisory or any other business.



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