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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# Form 10-Q

(Mark One)

ý QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2009

OR

o TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from

to

Commission File Number 001-32958

# Crystal River Capital, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

20-2230150

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

Three World Financial Center, 200 Vesey Street, 10th Floor, New York, NY 10281-1010

(Zip Code)

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 549-8400

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  $\circ$  No o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes o No o [This requirement is currently not applicable to the registrant.]

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer o Accelerated filer ý Non-accelerated filer o Smaller reporting company o

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes o No ý

The number of outstanding shares of the registrant's common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, as of August 7, 2009 was 24,909,255.

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# PART I.

# FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### Item 1. Financial Statements

# Crystal River Capital, Inc. and Subsidiaries

#### **Consolidated Balance Sheets**

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

	J	June 30, 2009		ember 31, 2008
	(Ur	naudited)		
ASSETS:				
Investment securities, at fair value				
Commercial MBS				
Available-for-sale	\$	11,214	\$	14,317
Held-for-trading		39,083		43,776
Non-Agency Residential MBS				
Available-for-sale		3,326		7,298
Held-for-trading		3,630		7,525
Real estate loans		2,517		9,034
Real estate loans held for sale		5,058		5,058
Commercial real estate, net		225,006		228,259
Other investments		1,550		1,550
Intangible assets		72,724		75,541
Cash and cash equivalents		1,930		6,239
Restricted cash		17,501		26,107
Receivables:		•		,
Principal paydown				10
Interest		4.050		4.152
Rent enhancement receivables, related party		12,620		13,828
Other receivables		3,683		3,135
Prepaid expenses and other assets		1,965		939
Deferred financing costs, net		1,495		1,533
Deterred financing costs, net		1,173		1,000
Total Assets	\$	407,352	\$	448,301
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' DEFICIT:				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	2,863	\$	2,652
Dividends payable	· ·	2,522		2,511
Intangible liabilities		69,525		72,265
Collateralized debt obligations, at fair value		40,538		45,429
Junior subordinated notes		51,550		51,550
Mortgages payable		219,380		219,380
Secured revolving credit facility, related party		28,920		32,920
Interest payable		1.989		1,357
Derivative liabilities		31,184		57,646
Delivative nationals		51,104		57,040
Total Liabilities		448,471		485,710

**Commitments and Contingencies** 

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Stockholders' Deficit:		
Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share, 100,000,000 shares authorized, no shares issued and outstanding		
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value, 500,000,000 shares authorized, 24,909,254		
and 24,905,252 shares issued and outstanding, respectively	25	25
Additional paid-in capital	564,690	564,560
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(64,278)	(9,815)
Accumulated deficit	(541,556)	(592,179)
Total Stockholders' Deficit	(41,119)	(37,409)
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Deficit	\$ 407,352	\$ 448,301

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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# Crystal River Capital, Inc. and Subsidiaries

# **Consolidated Statements of Operations**

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

		Three Mon June		Ended		Six Months I June 30		
		2009 2008			2009		2008	
Revenues:		2007		2000		2007		2000
Interest and dividend income:								
Interest income investment securities	\$	7,096	\$	24,355	\$	20,984	\$	64,292
Interest income real estate loans		228		2,207		686		4,819
Other interest and dividend income		41		218		60		887
Total interest and dividend income		7,365		26,780		21,730		69,998
Rental income, net		5,446		5,550		11,050		11,212
Kentai income, net		3,440		3,330		11,030		11,212
Total revenues		12,811		32,330		32,780		81,210
Expenses:								
Interest expense		6,195		10,732		12,728		35,000
Management fees, related party				418				1,085
Professional fees		361		585		805		1,253
Depreciation and amortization		3,022		3,022		6,044		6,044
Insurance expense		483		480		907		810
Directors' fees		86		127		171		280
Public company expense		167		302		278		413
Commercial real estate expenses		382		420		775		837
Provision for loss on real estate loans				7,386		6,758		16,449
Other expenses		82		546		164		922
Total expenses		10,778		24,018		28,630		63,093
Income before other revenues (expenses)		2,033		8,312		4,150		18,117
Other revenues (expenses):								
Realized net gain (loss) on sale of investment securities,								
real estate loans and other investments		69		(1,263)		109		(5,048)
Realized and unrealized gain (loss) on derivatives		6,496		5,351		10,367		(38,031)
Total other-than-temporary impairments on								
available-for-sale securities		(37,328)		(18,310)		(43,112)		(85,464)
Portion of other-than-temporary impairments recognized								
in other comprehensive income		22,979				22,979		
Net change in assets and liabilities valued under fair								
value option		969		(69,355)		(8,907)		(102,203)
Loss from equity investments								(40)
Other		(1,708)		(270)		(2,057)		(552)
Total other expenses		(8,523)		(83,847)		(20,621)		(231,338)
Net loss	\$	(6,490)	\$	(75,535)	\$	(16,471)	\$	(213,221)
	Ψ	(0,170)	Ψ	(10,000)	Ψ	(10,171)	Ψ	(210,221)
Per share information:								
Net loss per share of common stock								
Basic	\$	(0.26)	¢	(3.04)	Ф	(0.65)	¢	(8.60)
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\$	(0.26)	\$	(3.04)	\$	(0.65)	\$	(8.60)
\$	0.10	\$	0.30	\$	0.20	\$	0.98
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# Crystal River Capital, Inc. and Subsidiaries

# Consolidated Statements of Changes in Stockholders' Deficit

### For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2009 (in thousands, except share data) (Unaudited)

	Common Stock		Accumulated Additional Other								
	Shares	Par Value	Additional Paid-In Capital	0 1	sive A	ccumulated Deficit	Total		prehensive Loss		
Balance at December 31, 2008	24,905,252	\$ 25	_	\$ (9,	,815) 3	\$ (592,179)	\$(37,409)				
Cumulative effect of the adoption of FSP FAS 115-2				(72.	,126)	72,126		\$	(72,126)		
Net loss						(16,471)	(16,471)		(16,471)		
Change in deferred unrealized gains on											
securities available for sale				16.	,894		16,894		16,894		
Amortization of net realized losses on cash flow hedges					769		769		769		
Comprehensive loss								\$	(70,934)		
Dividends declared on common stock and deferred stock units						(5,032)	(5,032)				
Shares issued for dividend reinvestment	2										
Issuance of stock based compensation:											
Issuance of restricted stock	4,000		7				7				
Issuance of deferred stock units			52				52				
Amortization of stock based compensation			71				71				
Balance at June 30, 2009	24,909,254	\$ 25	\$ 564,690	\$ (64,	,278)	\$ (541,556)	\$(41,119)				

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

# Crystal River Capital, Inc. and Subsidiaries

# **Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**

### (in thousands) (Unaudited)

		ths Ended ne 30,
	2009	2008
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net loss	\$(16,471)	\$ (213,221)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Amortization of stock based compensation	96	212
Accretion of net discount on investment securities and real estate loans	3,498	(12,157)
Realized net (gain) loss on sale of available-for-sale securities and real estate loans	(109)	4,905
Impairment of available-for-sale securities, net	20,133	85,464
Provision for loss on real estate loans	6,758	16,449
Net change in assets and liabilities valued under fair value option	8,907	102,203
Accretion of interest on real estate loans	(235)	
Amortization of net realized cash flow hedge loss	769	445
Realized and unrealized (gain) loss on derivatives	(16,529)	34,963
Amortization and write-off of deferred financing costs	37	890
Management fee expense paid in stock		694
Depreciation and amortization	6,044	6,044
Amortization of intangible liabilities	(2,740)	(2,740)
Other	2,110	621
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Net payments on settlement of derivatives	(1,592)	(7,877)
Interest receivable	102	7,138
Interest receivable, derivative		169
Rent enhancement receivables, related party	(391)	(456)
Other receivables	(548)	165
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(1,029)	(1,223)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	323	(207)
Due to Manager		(318)
Interest payable	697	(6,802)
Interest payable, derivative		(3,750)
Net cash provided by operating activities	9,830	11,611
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Return of capital from equity investment		426
Principal payments on investment securities and real estate loans	446	72,419
Proceeds from the sale of available-for-sale securities		1,178,357
Proceeds from the sale and repayment of real estate loans and other investments		113,977
Proceeds from rent enhancement	1,599	1,758
Cash paid to terminate swaps	(10,000)	(30,249)
Net receipts of restricted cash for investment		18,424
Net receipts of restricted cash from credit default swaps	10,200	
Funding of real estate loans		(166)
Net cash provided by investing activities	2,245	1,354,946
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# Crystal River Capital, Inc. and Subsidiaries

# **Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Continued)**

### (in thousands) (Unaudited)

		ths Ended ne 30,
	2009	2008
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Payment on settlement of derivatives		(10,466)
Principal repayments on collateralized debt obligations	(7,400)	(6,264)
Principal repayments on senior mortgage-backed notes, related party		(75,728)
Net receipts from (deposits to) restricted cash	(2)	22,636
Dividends paid	(4,982)	(33,600)
Net payments on repurchase agreements		(1,254,004)
Net payments on secured revolving credit facility, related party	(4,000)	(28,899)
Other		1
Net cash used in financing activities	(16,384)	(1,386,324)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(4,309)	(19,767)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	6,239	27,521
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 1,930	\$ 7,754
Supplemental disclosure of cash flows:		
Cash paid during the period for interest	\$ 11,290	\$ 44,871
Supplemental disclosure of noncash investing and financing activities:		
Dividends declared, not yet paid	2,522	7,433
Cumulative effect upon adoption of SFAS 159		179,722
Classification of real estate loans as held for sale		47,504
Noncash component of dividends on deferred stock units	50	56
See accompanying notes to consolidated financial states	ments.	

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**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements** 

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#### 1. ORGANIZATION

References herein to "we," "us" or "our" refer to Crystal River Capital, Inc. and its subsidiaries unless the context specifically requires otherwise.

We are a Maryland corporation that was formed in January 2005 for the purpose of acquiring and originating a diversified portfolio of commercial and residential real estate assets and structured finance investments. We commenced operations on March 15, 2005, when we completed an offering of 17,400,000 shares of common stock (the "Private Offering"), and we completed our initial public offering of 7,500,000 shares of common stock (the "Public Offering") on August 2, 2006. We are externally managed and are advised by Hyperion Brookfield Crystal River Capital Advisors, LLC (the "Manager") as more fully explained in Note 14.

We have elected to be taxed as a Real Estate Investment Trust ("REIT") under the Internal Revenue Code for the 2005 tax year. To maintain our tax status as a REIT, we plan to distribute at least 90% of our taxable income. In view of our election to be taxed as a REIT, we have tailored our balance sheet investment program to originate or acquire loans and investments to produce a portfolio that meets the asset and income tests necessary to maintain qualification as a REIT.

#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Basis of Quarterly Presentation**

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared in conformity with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10, Rule 10-01 of Regulation S-X for interim financial statements. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("GAAP") for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (which include only normal recurring adjustments) necessary to present fairly the financial position, results of operations and changes in cash flows have been made. These consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements and notes thereto for the year ended December 31, 2008 included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K/A (Amendment No. 1) for the year ended December 31, 2008 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC").

#### **Principles of Consolidation**

Our consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Crystal River Capital, Inc., three wholly-owned subsidiaries created in connection with our collateralized debt obligations and senior mortgage-backed notes, wholly-owned subsidiaries established for financing purposes, three wholly-owned subsidiaries established to own interests in real property and our domestic taxable REIT subsidiary ("TRS"). All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires us to make a significant number of estimates in the preparation of the financial statements. These estimates include

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**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)** 

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#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

determining the fair market value of certain investments, debt obligations and derivative assets and liabilities, amount and timing of credit losses, prepayment assumptions, allocation of purchase price to tangible and intangible assets on property acquisitions, and other items that affect the reported amounts of certain assets and liabilities as of the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of certain revenues and expenses during the reporting period. It is likely that changes in these estimates (e.g., market values change due to changes in supply and demand, credit performance, prepayments, interest rates or other reasons; yields change due to changes in credit outlook and loan prepayments) will occur in the near future. Our estimates are inherently subjective in nature and actual results could differ from our estimates and differences may be material.

#### **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

We classify highly liquid investments with original maturities of 90 days or less from the date of purchase as cash equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents may include cash and short term investments. Short term investments are stated at cost, which approximates their fair value, and may consist of investments in money market accounts.

#### **Restricted Cash**

Restricted cash consists primarily of funds held on deposit with brokers to serve as collateral for credit default swap agreements, funds held by the trustee for CDO II (See Note 9) and funds held in escrow for one of our financing subsidiaries relating to a yield-maintenance agreement for certain real estate loans that we sold in June 2008 (See Note 10).

#### **Securities**

We invest in commercial mortgage-backed securities ("CMBS"), U.S. Agency mortgage pass-through certificates, which are securities issued or guaranteed by the Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("Freddie Mac") or Government National Mortgage Association ("Ginnie Mae") and Agency Collateralized Mortgage Obligations issued by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac backed by mortgage pass-through securities and evidenced by a series of bonds or certificates issued in multiple classes (collectively, "Agency MBS"), Non-Agency residential mortgage-backed securities ("Non-Agency RMBS") and other real estate debt and equity instruments. We account for our investments in CMBS, Agency MBS, RMBS, asset-backed securities ("ABS") and other real estate and equity instruments, which we refer to as our investment securities, in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 115, Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities ("SFAS 115"). We classify our securities as available-for-sale or held-for-trading because we may dispose of them prior to maturity in response to changes in the market, liquidity needs or other events.

All investment securities are reported at fair value, based on quoted market prices provided by independent pricing sources, when available, from quotes provided by dealers who make markets in certain securities, or from our management's estimates in cases where the investments are illiquid. In making these estimates, our management utilizes pricing information obtained from dealers who make

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**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)** 

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#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

markets in these securities. However, under certain circumstances we may adjust these values based on our knowledge of the securities and the underlying collateral. Our management also uses a discounted cash flow model, which utilizes prepayment and loss assumptions based upon historical experience, economic factors and the characteristics of the underlying cash flow to substantiate the fair value of the securities. The assumed discount rate is based upon the yield of comparable securities. The determination of future cash flows and the appropriate discount rates are inherently subjective and, as a result, actual results may vary from our management's estimates.

Unrealized gains and losses for investment securities for which we have not elected the fair value option under SFAS No. 159, *The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities* ("SFAS 159") are recorded as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) in stockholders' equity (deficit), unless unrealized loss amounts are determined to be impaired as described below. For investment securities for which we have elected the fair value option, we reclassified these securities from available-for-sale to held-for-trading and changes in the fair value of these securities are recorded in our consolidated statements of operations. This did not result in a change to our intent as it relates to these securities. As a result of the adoption of SFAS 159 on January 1, 2008, we recorded a cumulative effect adjustment of \$181,092 as an increase to stockholders' deficit and reclassified all unrealized gains on our securities that served as collateral for our CDOs to accumulated deficit from accumulated other comprehensive loss. Electing the fair value option for the investment securities and CDOs (including derivatives) for our CDO entities enables us to correlate more closely the values of the assets and liabilities that are paired within the same securitization entity and to reduce the complexity of accounting, especially for derivatives under SFAS 133.

Periodically, all available-for-sale securities are evaluated for other-than-temporary impairment in accordance with FSP FAS 115-2, as defined below, and Emerging Issues Task Force ("EITF") No. 99-20, *Recognition of Interest Income and Impairment on Purchased and Retained Beneficial Interests in Securitized Financial Assets*, as amended by FASB Position No. EITF 99-20-1, *Amendments to the Impairment Guidance of EITF Issue No. 99-20* ("FSP EITF 99-20-1", EITF 99-20 as so amended by FSP EITF 99-20-1, "EITF 99-20"). An impairment that is an "other-than-temporary impairment" is a decline in the fair value of an investment below its amortized cost attributable to factors that indicate the decline will not be recovered over the remaining life of the investment. Under the guidance of FSP FAS 115-2, should an other-than-temporary impairment be deemed to have occurred, the total other-than-temporary impairment is bifurcated into (i) the amount related to credit losses, and (ii) the amount related to all other factors. The portion of the other-than-temporary impairment related to credit losses is calculated by comparing the amortized cost of the security to the present value of cash flows expected to be collected, discounted at the security's current yield, and is recognized through earnings on the consolidated statement of operations. The portion of the other-than-temporary impairment related to all other factors is recognized as a component of other comprehensive income (loss) on the consolidated balance sheet.

#### **Real Estate Loans**

Real estate loans are carried at cost, net of unamortized loan origination costs and fees, discounts, repayments, sales of partial interests in loans and unfunded commitments, unless the loan is deemed to

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**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)** 

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#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

be impaired. We account for our real estate loans in accordance with SFAS No. 91, Accounting for Nonrefundable Fees and Costs Associated with Originating or Acquiring Loans and Initial Direct Costs of Leases ("SFAS 91").

Real estate loans are evaluated for possible impairment on a periodic basis in accordance with SFAS No. 114, *Accounting by Creditors for Impairment of a Loan an Amendment of FASB Statement No. 5 and 15* ("SFAS 114"). Impairment occurs when we determine it is probable that we will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the loan. Upon determination of impairment, we establish a reserve for loan losses and recognize a corresponding charge to the statement of operations through a provision for loan losses. Significant judgments are required in determining impairment, including making assumptions regarding the value of the loan and the value of the real estate, partnership interest or other collateral that secures the loan, current economic conditions, the potential for natural disasters, loan portfolio composition, delinquency trends, credit losses to date on underlying loans and remaining credit protection. If the credit performance of our real estate loans is different than expected, we adjust the allowance for loan losses to a level deemed appropriate by management to provide for estimated losses inherent in the real estate loan portfolio. Once a loan is 90 days or more delinquent, or a borrower declares bankruptcy, we adjust the value of our accrued interest receivable to what we believe to be collectible and stop accruing interest on that loan.

#### Real Estate Loans Held for Sale

Real estate loans that we have committed to sell or that we have the intent and ability to sell in the near future are classified as real estate loans held for sale. These real estate loans are carried at the lower of cost or fair value on a loan-by-loan basis. Any market valuation adjustments on these loans are recognized in our consolidated statements of operations in accordance with SFAS No. 65, *Accounting for Certain Mortgage Banking Activities*. The fair value of loans held for sale is based on actual bids or, in the absence of such bids, management's discounted cash flow analysis, which utilizes spreads supplied by dealers.

#### **Commercial Real Estate**

Commercial properties held for investment are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation. In accordance with SFAS No. 141, *Business Combinations*, upon acquisition, we allocate the purchase price to the components of the commercial properties acquired: the amount allocated to land is based on its estimated fair value; buildings and existing tenant improvements are recorded at depreciated replacement cost; above- and below-market in-place operating leases are determined based on the present value of the difference between the rents payable under the contractual terms of the leases and estimated market rents; lease origination costs for in-place operating leases are determined based on the estimated costs that would be incurred to put the existing leases in place under the same terms and conditions; and tenant relationships are measured based on the present value of the estimated avoided net costs if a tenant were to renew its lease at expiry, discounted by the probability of such renewal.

#### Crystal River Capital, Inc. and Subsidiaries

**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)** 

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#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Depreciation on buildings is provided on a straight-line basis over the useful lives of the properties to a maximum of 40 years. Depreciation is determined with reference to each rental property's carried value, remaining estimated useful life and residual value. Acquired tenant improvements, above- and below-market in-place operating leases and lease origination costs are amortized on a straight-line basis over the remaining terms of the leases. The value associated with acquired tenant relationships is amortized on a straight-line basis over the expected term of the relationships. All other tenant improvements and re-leasing costs are deferred and amortized on a straight-line basis over the terms of the leases to which they relate. Depreciation on buildings and amortization of deferred leasing costs and tenant improvements that are determined to be assets of the company are recorded in depreciation and amortization expense. All above- and below-market tenant leases and tenant relationships are amortized to rental income. Above- and below-market ground leases are amortized to commercial real estate expenses.

Properties are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable. For commercial properties, an impairment loss is recognized when a property's carrying value exceeds its undiscounted future net cash flow. The impairment is measured as the amount by which the carrying value exceeds the estimated fair value. Projections of future cash flow take into account the specific business plan for each property and management's best estimate of the most probable set of economic conditions anticipated to prevail in the market. We recorded no impairment losses on our commercial real estate investments during the six months ended June 30, 2009 or June 30, 2008.

#### Accounting for Derivative Financial Instruments and Hedging Activities

We account for our derivative and hedging activities in accordance with SFAS No. 133, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities* ("SFAS 133") and SFAS No. 149, *Amendment of Statement 133 on Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities* ("SFAS 149"). SFAS 133 and SFAS 149 require us to recognize all derivative instruments at their fair value as either assets or liabilities on our balance sheet. The accounting for changes in fair value (*i.e.*, gains or losses) of a derivative instrument depends on whether we have designated it, and whether it qualifies, as part of a hedging relationship and on the type of hedging relationship. For those derivative instruments that are designated and qualify as hedging instruments, we must designate the hedging instrument, based upon the exposure being hedged, as a fair value hedge, a cash flow hedge or a hedge of a net investment in a foreign operation. We have no fair value hedges or hedges of a net investment in foreign operations as of June 30, 2009 or December 31, 2008.

SFAS No. 161, Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities, an amendment of FASB Statement No. 133 ("SFAS 161"), amends and expands the disclosure requirements of SFAS 133 with the intent to provide users of financial statements with an enhanced understanding of: (a) how and why an entity uses derivative instruments, (b) how derivative instruments and related hedged items are accounted for under SFAS 133 and its related interpretations and (c) how derivative instruments and related hedged items affect an entity's financial position, financial performance, and cash flows. SFAS 161 requires qualitative disclosures about objectives and strategies for using derivatives.

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#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

quantitative disclosures about the fair value of and gains and losses on derivative instruments, and disclosures about credit-risk-related contingent features in derivative instruments.

As required by SFAS 133, we record all derivatives on our balance sheet at fair value. Accounting for changes in the fair value of derivatives depends on the intended use of the derivative, whether we have elected to designate a derivative in a hedging relationship and apply hedge accounting and whether the hedging relationship has satisfied the criteria necessary to apply hedge accounting. Derivatives designated and qualifying as a hedge of the exposure to changes in the fair value of an asset, liability, or firm commitment attributable to a particular risk, such as interest rate risk, are considered fair value hedges. Derivatives designated and qualifying as a hedge of the exposure to variability in expected future cash flows, or other types of forecasted transactions, are considered cash flow hedges. Derivatives also may be designated as hedges of foreign currency exposure of a net investment in a foreign operation. Hedge accounting generally provides for the matching of the timing of gain or loss recognition on the hedging instrument with the recognition of the changes in the fair value of the hedged asset or liability that are attributable to the hedged risk in a fair value hedge or the earnings effect of the hedged forecasted transactions in a cash flow hedge. We may enter into derivative contracts that are intended to economically hedge certain of our risk, even though hedge accounting does not apply or we elect not to apply hedge accounting under SFAS 133.

For derivative instruments that are designated and qualify as a cash flow hedge (*i.e.*, hedging the exposure to variability in expected future cash flows that are attributable to a particular risk), the effective portion of the gain or loss on the derivative instrument is reported as a component of other comprehensive income and reclassified into earnings in the same line item associated with the forecasted transaction in the same period or periods during which the hedged transaction affects earnings (*i.e.*, in "interest expense" when the hedged transactions are interest cash flows associated with floating-rate debt). The remaining gain or loss on the derivative instrument in excess of the cumulative changes in the present value of future cash flows of the hedged item, if any, is recognized in the realized and unrealized gain (loss) on derivatives in current earnings during the period of change. For derivative instruments not designated as hedging instruments, such as credit default swaps, the gain or loss is recognized in realized and unrealized gain (loss) on derivatives in the current earnings during the period of change. Income and/or expense from interest rate swaps are recognized as an adjustment to interest expense. We account for income and expense from interest rate swaps on an accrual basis over the period to which the payments and/or receipts relate.

#### **Dividends to Stockholders**

We record dividends to stockholders on the declaration date. The actual dividend and its timing are at the discretion of our board of directors. We intend to pay sufficient dividends to avoid incurring any income or excise tax. During the six months ended June 30, 2009, we declared dividends in the amount of \$5,032, or \$0.20 per share, of which \$2,491 was distributed on April 30, 2009 to our stockholders of record as of March 31, 2009, \$2,491 was distributed on July 31, 2009 to our stockholders of record as of June 30, 2009 and \$50 related to dividends on deferred stock units.

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#### **Trust Preferred Securities**

Trusts that we form for the sole purpose of issuing trust preferred securities are not consolidated in our financial statements in accordance with Financial Interpretation No. 46R ("FIN 46R") as we have determined that we are not the primary beneficiary of such trusts. Our investment in the common securities of such trusts is carried at cost and is included in other investments in our consolidated financial statements.

#### **Revenue Recognition**

Interest income for our investment securities and real estate loans is recognized over the life of the investment using the effective interest method and recorded on the accrual basis. Interest income on mortgage-backed securities ("MBS") is recognized using the effective interest method as required by EITF 99-20. Real estate loans generally are originated or purchased at or near par value, and interest income is recognized based on the effective yield method based on the terms of the loan instrument. Any loan fees or acquisition costs on originated loans or securities are capitalized and recognized as a component of interest income over the life of the investment utilizing the straight-line method, which approximates the effective interest method. None of the interest income for the six months ended June 30, 2009 or June 30, 2008 included prepayment fees. We do not accrue interest on real estate loans that are placed on non-accrual status when collection of principal or interest is in doubt. As of January 1, 2008, a real estate construction loan was placed on non-accrual status and we recorded an additional provision for loan loss of \$400 and \$3,033 related to this loan during the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008 as we believe that it is probable that we will not recover the entire loan balance, including the capitalized interest thereon. In addition, as of June 30, 2009, we recorded a loan loss allowance of \$6,358 related to a mezzanine loan for the entire outstanding face amount of the loan and all accrued interest on the loan.

Under EITF 99-20, at the time of purchase, our management estimates the future expected cash flows and determines the effective interest rate based on these estimated cash flows and the purchase price. As needed, we update these estimated cash flows and compute a revised yield based on the current amortized cost of the investment. In estimating these cash flows, there are a number of assumptions that are subject to uncertainties and contingencies, including the rate and timing of principal payments (including prepayments, repurchases, defaults and liquidations), the pass-through or coupon rate and interest rate fluctuations. In addition, interest payment shortfalls due to delinquencies on the underlying mortgage loans and the timing and the magnitude of credit losses on the mortgage loans underlying the securities have to be judgmentally estimated. These uncertainties and contingencies are difficult to predict and are subject to future events that may impact our management's estimates and our interest income.

We record security transactions, other than repurchases of our own stock, on the trade date. Realized gains and losses from security transactions are determined based upon the specific identification method and recorded as gain (loss) on sale of investment securities in the statements of operations.

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#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

We account for accretion of discounts or premiums on investment securities and real estate loans using the effective interest yield method. Such amounts have been included as a component of interest income in the statements of operations.

We may sell all or a portion of our real estate investments to a third party. To the extent the fair value received for an investment differs from the amortized cost of that investment and control of the asset that is sold is surrendered making it a "true sale," as defined under SFAS No. 140, Accounting for Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Extinguishments of Liabilities a replacement of FASB Statement No. 125 ("SFAS 140"), a gain or loss on the sale will be recorded in the statements of operations as realized net gain (loss) on sale of investment securities, real estate loans and other investments. To the extent a real estate investment is sold that has any fees that were capitalized at the time the investment was made and were being recognized over the term of the investment, the unamortized fees are recognized at the time of sale and included in any gain or loss on sale of real estate investments.

We have retained substantially all of the risks and benefits of ownership of our rental properties and therefore, we account for leases with our tenants as operating leases. The total amount of contractual rent that we receive from operating leases is recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease; and a straight-line or free rent receivable, as applicable, is recorded for the difference between the rental revenue recorded and the contractual amount received. In addition to base rent, the tenants in our commercial real estate properties also pay substantially all operating costs.

Expense reimbursement income arising from tenant leases that provide for the recovery of all or a portion of the operating expenses and real estate expenses of the respective property is accrued in the same period as the related expenses are incurred. These recoverable expenses are included in expenses as commercial real estate expenses.

Income arising from the operation of our parking garages is recognized when the parking spaces are occupied. Expenses related to the operation of the parking garage are included in expenses as commercial real estate expenses.

Dividend income on preferred stock is recorded on the dividend declaration date.

#### **Interest in Equity Investment**

We accounted for our investment in BREF One, LLC, a real estate finance fund, under the equity method of accounting since we owned more than a minor interest in the fund, but did not unilaterally control the fund and were not considered to be the primary beneficiary under FIN 46R. The investment was recorded initially at cost, and subsequently adjusted for equity in net income (loss) and cash contributions and distributions to reflect the investment at its book value assuming hypothetical liquidation. In March 2008, we sold our investment in BREF One, LLC to an affiliate of our Manager, as more fully explained in Note 7.

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#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### **Income Taxes**

We have elected to be taxed as a REIT under the Internal Revenue Code and the corresponding provisions of state law. To qualify as a REIT, we must distribute at least 90% of our annual REIT taxable income to stockholders within the statutory timeframe. Accordingly, we generally will not be subject to federal or state income tax to the extent that we make qualifying distributions to our stockholders and provided we satisfy the REIT requirements, including certain asset, income, distribution and stock ownership tests. If we were to fail to meet these requirements, we would be subject to federal, state and local income taxes, which could have a material adverse impact on our results of operations and amounts available for distribution to our stockholders.

The dividends paid deduction of a REIT for qualifying dividends to our stockholders is computed using our taxable income as opposed to using our financial statement net income. Some of the significant differences between financial statement net income and taxable income include the timing of recording unrealized gains/realized gains associated with certain assets, excess inclusion income, the book/tax basis of assets, interest income, impairment, straight-line amortization of rental leases, credit loss recognition related to certain assets (asset-backed mortgages), accounting for derivative instruments, stock compensation, amortization of various costs (including start up costs) and accounting for lease income on net leased real estate assets. The differences between GAAP net income and taxable income are generally attributable to differing treatment, including timing related thereto, of unrealized/realized gains and losses associated with certain assets, the bases, income, impairment, and/or credit loss recognition related to certain assets, primarily CMBS, accounting for derivative instruments, accounting for lease income on net leased real estate assets, and amortization or various costs. The distinction between GAAP net income and taxable income is important to our stockholders because dividends or distributions, if any, are declared and paid on the basis of annual estimates of taxable income or loss. We do not pay Federal income taxes on income that we distribute on a current basis, provided that we satisfy the requirements for qualification as a REIT under the Internal Revenue Code. We calculate our taxable income or loss as if we were a regular domestic corporation. This taxable income or loss level determines the amount of dividends, if any, that we are required to distribute over time to reduce or eliminate our tax liability pursuant to REIT requirements.

Income on CMBS investments is computed for GAAP purposes based upon a yield, which assumes credit losses will occur (See "Revenue Recognition" for further discussion). The yield to compute our taxable income does not assume there would be credit losses, as a loss can only be deducted for tax purposes when it has occurred. Furthermore, due diligence expense incurred related to the acquisition of CMBS and loan investments not originated are required to be expensed as incurred for GAAP purposes but are included as a component of the cost basis of the asset and amortized for tax purposes. In addition, straight line rental income recognized for GAAP purposes is not recognized for tax purposes as taxable income is generally based on contractual rental income.

SFAS No. 109, *Accounting for Income Taxes* ("SFAS 109"), establishes financial accounting and reporting standards for the effect of income taxes that result from an organization's activities during the current and preceding years. SFAS 109 requires that income taxes reflect the expected future tax consequences of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for book

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#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

and tax purposes. A deferred tax asset or liability for each temporary difference is determined based upon the tax rates that the organization expects to be in effect when the underlying items of income and expense are realized. A deferred tax valuation allowance is established if it is more likely than not that all or a portion of the deferred tax assets will not be realized.

We have a wholly-owned domestic taxable REIT subsidiary that has made a joint election with us to be treated as our TRS. Our TRS is a separate entity subject to federal income tax under the Internal Revenue Code. For the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, we did not record any current income tax expense.

As of June 30, 2009, we had recorded a \$16,160 valuation allowance on deferred tax assets of \$16,160 attributable to income tax net operating loss carryforward relating to our TRS. The valuation allowance is based on management's estimate that our TRS is not expected to generate sufficient taxable income to recover the deferred tax assets. As of June 30, 2009 we did not have a deferred tax liability. As of June 30, 2009, we had net operating loss carryforward of \$35,516. Almost all of the net operating loss carryforward expires in 2027.

In June 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Financial Interpretation No. 48, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes* ("FIN 48"). This interpretation clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in an enterprise's financial statements in accordance with SFAS 109. This interpretation prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. FIN 48 also provides guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure, and transition. This interpretation was effective January 1, 2007. The adoption of FIN 48 did not materially affect our consolidated financial statements.

Our policy for interest and penalties on material uncertain tax positions recognized in our consolidated financial statements is to classify these as interest expense and operating expense, respectively. However, in accordance with FIN 48 we assessed our tax positions for all open tax years (Federal, years 2005 through 2008 and State, years 2005 through 2008) as of June 30, 2009 and concluded that we have no material FIN 48 liabilities to be recognized at this time.

#### **Deferred Financing Costs**

Deferred financing costs represent commitment fees, legal fees and other third party costs associated with obtaining commitments for financing that result in a closing of such financing. These costs are amortized over the terms of the respective agreements using the effective interest method or a method that approximates the effective interest method and the amortization is reflected in interest expense. Unamortized deferred financing costs are expensed when the associated debt is refinanced or repaid before maturity. Costs incurred in seeking financing transactions that do not close are expensed in the period in which it is determined that the financing will not close.

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#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### **Earnings per Share**

We compute basic and diluted earnings per share in accordance with SFAS No. 128, *Earnings Per Share* ("SFAS 128"). Basic earnings per share ("EPS") is computed based on net income divided by the weighted average number of shares of common stock and other participating securities outstanding during the period. Diluted EPS is based on net income divided by the weighted average number of shares of common stock plus any additional shares of common stock attributable to stock options, provided that the options have a dilutive effect. At each of June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008, options to purchase a total of 130,000 shares of common stock have been excluded from the computation of diluted EPS as they were determined to be antidilutive.

#### **Variable Interest Entities**

In January 2003, the FASB issued Financial Interpretation No. 46, *Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities An Interpretation of ARB*No. 51 ("FIN 46"). FIN 46 provides guidance on identifying entities for which control is achieved through means other than through voting rights and on determining when and which business enterprise should consolidate a variable interest entity ("VIE") when such enterprise would be determined to be the primary beneficiary. In addition, FIN 46 requires that both the primary beneficiary and all other enterprises with a significant variable interest in a VIE make additional disclosures. In December 2003, the FASB issued a revision of FIN 46, Interpretation No. 46R ("FIN 46R"), to clarify the provisions of FIN 46. FIN 46R states that a VIE is subject to consolidation if the investors in the entity being evaluated under FIN 46R either do not have sufficient equity at risk for the entity to finance its activities without additional subordinated financial support, are unable to direct the entity's activities, or are not exposed to the entity's losses or entitled to its residual returns. VIEs within the scope of FIN 46R are required to be consolidated by their primary beneficiary. The primary beneficiary of a VIE is determined to be the party that absorbs a majority of the VIE's expected losses, receives the majority of the VIE's expected returns, or both.

Our ownership of the subordinated classes of CMBS and RMBS from a single issuer may provide us with the right to control the foreclosure/workout process on the underlying loans, which we refer to as the Controlling Class CMBS and RMBS. Currently, there are certain exceptions to the scope of FIN 46R, one of which provides that an investor that holds a variable interest in a qualifying special-purpose entity ("QSPE") is not required to consolidate that entity unless the investor has the unilateral ability to cause the entity to liquidate. SFAS 140 sets forth the requirements for an entity to qualify as a QSPE. To maintain the QSPE exception, the special-purpose entity ("SPE") must initially meet the QSPE criteria and must continue to satisfy such criteria in subsequent periods. An SPE's QSPE status can be impacted in future periods by activities undertaken by its transferor(s) or other involved parties, including the manner in which certain servicing activities are performed. To the extent that our CMBS or RMBS investments were issued by an SPE that meets the QSPE requirements, we record those investments at the purchase price paid. To the extent the underlying SPEs do not satisfy the QSPE requirements, we follow the guidance set forth in FIN 46R as the SPEs would be determined to be VIEs.

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#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

We have analyzed the pooling and servicing agreements governing each of our Controlling Class CMBS and RMBS investments for which we own a greater than 50% interest in the subordinated class and we believe that the terms of those agreements are industry standard and are consistent with the QSPE criteria. We also have evaluated each of our Controlling Class CMBS and RMBS investments as if the SPEs that issued such securities are not QSPEs. Using the fair value approach to calculate expected losses or residual returns, we have concluded that we would not be the primary beneficiary of any of the underlying SPEs. To the extent that there are subsequent changes in the structure of these SPEs (which we believe occur infrequently), we would have to reconsider whether we are the primary beneficiary. If we are deemed to be the primary beneficiary, we would have to consolidate the assets, liabilities and operations of the respective securitization trust. We currently are evaluating the impact that the new guidance will have on our investment portfolio.

Our maximum exposure to loss as a result of our investment in QSPEs totaled \$19,205 as of June 30, 2009.

The financing structures that we offer to the borrowers on certain of our real estate loans involve the creation of entities that could be deemed VIEs and therefore, could be subject to FIN 46R. Our management has evaluated our real estate loans and has concluded that none of the real estate loans are VIEs that are subject to the consolidation rules of FIN 46R. See Note 5.

Involvement with VIEs relating to CDOs, MBS and TruPS

In November 2005, we issued collateralized debt obligations through two newly-formed financing subsidiaries, Crystal River CDO 2005-1, Ltd. and Crystal River CDO 2005-1 LLC (collectively referred to as "CDO I"). In January 2007, we issued collateralized debt obligations through two newly-formed financing subsidiaries, Crystal River Capital Resecuritization 2006-1 Ltd. and Crystal River Capital Resecuritization 2006-1 LLC (collectively referred to as "CDO II"). CDO I and CDO II represent VIEs with respect to which we have determined we are the primary beneficiary and accordingly, we have consolidated them in our consolidated financial statements. We determined that we are the primary beneficiary of both CDO I and CDO II as we have the highest level of variability of return due to the credit risk of the underlying assets. For additional information relating to the consolidated assets and liabilities of CDO I and CDO II, see Note 9.

We invest in CMBS and RMBS that are issued by special purpose securitization entities. Prior to certain amendments to FIN 46, we measured variability by using both interest rate and credit risk to determine whether we are the primary beneficiary of such securitization entities. After the effective date of certain amendments to FIN 46, credit risk now serves as the primary measurement of variability of return.

In March 2007, we formed Crystal River Preferred Trust I (the "Trust") for the purpose of issuing trust preferred securities ("TruPS"). We do not consolidate the Trust because we have determined that we are not the primary beneficiary as we have no equity at risk.

From the initial date of our involvement with the VIEs discussed in the preceding three paragraphs, we have had no reconsideration events with respect to our CDOs, CMBS, RMBS and

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TruPS. We have made no additional contributions to these VIEs since inception/purchase nor have the VIEs' governing instruments or contractual arrangements changed in a manner that changes the characteristics or adequacy of the equity investment that we have at risk in those VIEs. Our CMBS and RMBS assets and CDO and TruPS liabilities were financed at inception through our issuance of debt or equity and we have not incurred any subsequent financing in relation thereto. We have not provided financial or other support to any of these VIE entities during the six months ended June 30, 2009.

The following table summarizes our involvement with these variable interest entities:

			Variable Interest Entities						
	As of Jun	ne 30, 2009	Ended Ju	Six Months ine 30, 2009 Interest Expense(1)	Current Face Amount of Assets held by the Company	Current Face Amount of Assets within the VIE	Current Face Amount of Liabilities issued by the Company	Current Face Amount of Liabilities issued by the VIE	
Consolidated VIEs	1133013	Liabilities	meome(1)	Expense(1)	Company	the VIE	Company	the VIE	
CDO I									
CMBS	\$ 9,280	\$	\$ 2,292	\$	\$133,350	\$ 17,745,348	\$	\$ 17,745,348	
Non-Agency RMBS	3,630		2,175		120,630	11,966,771		11,966,771	
CDOs		12,042		1,774		135,484	135,484	285,562	
CDO II									
CMBS	29,275		9,705		390,464	98,237,255		98,237,255	
CDOs		28,496		1,534		324,143	324,143	389,525	
Total	\$42,185	\$ 40,538	\$14,172	\$ 3,308	\$644,444	\$128,409,001	\$ 459,627	\$128,624,461	
Unconsolidated VIEs									
CMBS	\$11,742	\$	\$ 4,896	\$	\$295,674	. , ,	\$	\$ 58,339,957	
Non-Agency RMBS	3,326		1,918		86,258	17,992,562		17,992,562	
TruPS		51,550		1,980	1,550	51,550	51,550	51,550	
Total	\$15,068	\$ 51,550	\$ 6,814	\$ 1,980	\$383,482	\$ 76,551,493	\$ 51,550	\$ 76,384,069	

<sup>(1)</sup> The net cash flow to the Company from these VIEs was \$19,200 for the six months ended June 30, 2009.

#### **Stock Based Compensation**

We account for stock-based compensation in accordance with the provisions of SFAS No. 123R, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation* ("SFAS 123R"), which establishes accounting and disclosure requirements using fair value based methods of accounting for

Our maximum exposure to loss with respect to these VIEs as of June 30, 2009 was \$57,253.

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stock-based compensation plans. Compensation expense related to grants of stock and stock options are recognized ratably over the vesting period of such grants based on the estimated fair value on the grant date.

Stock compensation awards granted to the Manager and certain employees of the Manager's affiliates are accounted for in accordance with EITF 96-18, *Accounting For Equity Instruments That Are* 

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Issued to Other Than Employees for Acquiring, or in Conjunction with Selling, Goods and Services, which requires us to measure the fair value of the equity instrument using the stock prices and other measurement assumptions as of the earlier of either the date at which a performance commitment by the counterparty is reached or the date at which the counterparty's performance is complete.

#### Concentration of Credit Risk and Other Risks and Uncertainties

A significant portion of our investments are concentrated in MBS that pass through collections of principal and interest from the underlying mortgages and there is a risk that some borrowers on the underlying mortgages will default. Therefore, MBS bear exposure to credit losses. Our maximum exposure to loss due to credit risk if all parties to our investment securities failed completely to perform according to the terms of the contracts as of June 30, 2009 is \$57,253. Our real estate loans and other investments also bear exposure to credit losses. Our maximum exposure to loss due to credit risk if parties to our real estate loans, including real estate loans held for sale, and other investments failed completely to perform according to the terms of the loans and other agreements as of June 30, 2009 is \$9,125.

We bear certain other risks typical in investing in a portfolio of MBS. Principal risks potentially affecting our financial position, income and cash flows include the risk that (i) interest rate changes can negatively affect the market values of our MBS, (ii) interest rate changes can influence decisions made by borrowers in the mortgages underlying the securities to prepay those mortgages, which can negatively affect both the cash flows from, and the market value of, our MBS and (iii) adverse changes in the market value of our MBS and/or our inability to renew short term borrowings would result in the need to sell securities at inopportune times and cause us to realize losses.

Other financial instruments that potentially subject us to concentrations of credit risk consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents and real estate loans. We place our cash and cash equivalents in excess of insured amounts with high quality financial institutions. The collateral securing our real estate loans and other investments are located in the United States.

Credit risk also arises from the possibility that tenants may be unable to fulfill their lease commitments. We have a significant concentration of rental revenue from our commercial properties given that JPMorgan Chase is the sole tenant of all three properties. Therefore, we are subject to concentration of credit risk, and the inability of this tenant to make its lease payments could have an adverse effect on us. Our exposure to this credit risk is mitigated since we have long-term leases in place for all three properties with a tenant that has an investment grade credit rating.

#### Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

Comprehensive income (loss) consists of net income (loss) and other comprehensive income (loss). Our other comprehensive income (loss) is comprised primarily of unrealized gains and losses on available-for-sale securities and net unrealized and deferred gains and losses on certain derivative investments accounted for as cash flow hedges.

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#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### Repurchase Agreements

In repurchase agreements, we transfer securities to a counterparty under an agreement to repurchase the same securities at a fixed price in the future. These agreements are accounted for as secured financing transactions as we maintain effective control over the transferred securities and the transfer meets the other criteria for such accounting. The transferred securities are pledged by us as collateral to the counterparty.

In February 2008, the FASB amended SFAS 140 through its issuance of FASB Staff Position No. FAS 140-3, *Accounting for Transfers of Financial Assets and Repurchase Financing Transactions* ("FSP 140-3"), relating to repurchase financings for financial assets previously transferred between the same counterparties, that is entered into contemporaneously with, or in contemplation of, the initial transfer. FSP 140-3 establishes criteria to determine the accounting treatment of transactions involving the transfer, and subsequent repurchase financing, of financial assets with the same counterparty. Transactions that do not meet the criteria of FSP 140-3 do not qualify for QSPE accounting treatment under SFAS 140 and will be treated as a derivative, requiring further evaluation under SFAS 133. We did not enter into any repurchase financing transactions during the six months ended June 30, 2009, and accordingly, FSP 140-3 has no impact on our consolidated financial statements.

#### **Segment Reporting**

SFAS No. 131, *Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information* ("SFAS 131"), establishes standards on reporting operating segments in interim and annual financial reports. SFAS 131 defines an operating segment as a component of an enterprise for which discrete financial information is available and is reviewed regularly by the chief operating decision-maker, or decision making group, to evaluate performance and make operating decisions. We have identified our chief operating decision-maker as our chief executive officer. We have determined that we operate in two reportable segments: a Securities, Loans and Other Investments segment and a Commercial Real Estate segment. The reportable segments were determined based on the allocation of our investment portfolio between investment activity and commercial real estate operations in which separate performance data is produced and analyzed by management and the chief operating decision-maker.

#### **Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncements**

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 141(R), *Business Combinations* ("SFAS 141(R)"), which replaces SFAS No. 141, *Business Combinations*, and requires a company to recognize the assets acquired, the liabilities assumed, and any non-controlling interest in the acquired entity to be measured at their fair values as of the acquisition date. SFAS 141(R) also requires acquisition costs to be expensed as incurred and does not permit certain restructuring activities previously allowed under EITF Issue No. 95-3 to be recorded as a component of purchase accounting. SFAS 141(R) applies prospectively to business combinations for which the acquisition date is on or after the beginning of the first annual reporting period beginning on or after December 15, 2008. The adoption of SFAS 141(R) did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

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#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

In April 2009, the FASB issued FSP FAS 141(R)-1 ("FSP SFAS 141(R)-1"), that amends and clarifies SFAS 141 to address application issues raised by preparers, auditors, and members of the legal profession on initial recognition and measurement, subsequent measurement and accounting, and disclosure of assets and liabilities arising from contingencies in a business combination. FSP SFAS 141(R)-1 is effective for assets or liabilities arising from contingencies in business combinations for which the acquisition date is on or after the beginning of the first annual reporting period beginning on or after December 15, 2008. The adoption of FSP SFAS 141(R)-1 did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 160, *Accounting for Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements an amendment of Accounting Research Bulletin No. 51* ("SFAS 160"). SFAS 160 clarifies the classification of non-controlling interests in consolidated statements of financial position and the accounting for and reporting of transactions between a company and holders of such non-controlling interests. Under SFAS 160, non-controlling interests are considered equity and should be reported as an element of consolidated equity. The current practice of classifying minority interests within a mezzanine section of the statement of financial position will be eliminated. Under SFAS 160, net income will encompass the total income of all consolidated subsidiaries and will require separate disclosure on the face of the statements of operations of income (loss) attributable to the controlling and non-controlling interests. Increases and decreases in the non-controlling ownership interest amount will be accounted for as equity transactions. When a subsidiary is deconsolidated, any retained, non-controlling equity investment in the former subsidiary and the gain or loss on the deconsolidation of the subsidiary must be measured at fair value. SFAS 160 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008 and earlier application is prohibited. The adoption of SFAS 160 did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In February 2008, the FASB amended SFAS 140 through its issuance of FASB Staff Position No. FAS 140-3, *Accounting for Transfers of Financial Assets and Repurchase Financing Transactions* ("FSP 140-3"), relating to repurchase financings for financial assets previously transferred between the same counterparties, that are entered into contemporaneously with, or in contemplation of, the initial transfer. FSP 140-3 establishes criteria to determine the accounting treatment of transactions involving the transfer, and subsequent repurchase financing, of financial assets with the same counterparty. Transactions that do not meet the criteria of FSP 140-3 do not qualify for QSPE accounting treatment under SFAS 140 and will be treated as derivatives requiring further evaluation under SFAS 133. FSP 140-3 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2008, and interim periods within those fiscal years. Earlier application is not permitted. The adoption of FSP 140-3 did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In March 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 161, *Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities an amendment of FASB Statement No. 133* ("SFAS 161"). SFAS 161 amended and expanded the disclosure requirements of SFAS 133 for derivative instruments and hedging activities. SFAS 161 requires qualitative disclosure about objectives and strategies for using derivative and hedging instruments, quantitative disclosures about fair value amounts of the instruments and gains and losses on such instruments, as well as disclosures about credit-risk features in derivative agreements.

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#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

SFAS 161 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after November 15, 2008 with early application encouraged. We adopted SFAS 161 at the beginning of the first quarter of 2009, and we have included the expanded disclosures required by that statement.

In June 2008, the FASB issued FASB Position No. EITF 03-6-1, *Determining Whether Instruments Granted in Share-based Payment Transactions Are Participating Securities* ("FSP EITF 03-6-1"), which addresses whether instruments granted in share-based payment transactions are participating securities prior to vesting and, therefore, need to be included in the earnings allocation in computing earnings per share ("EPS") under the two-class method in accordance with FASB Statement No. 128, *Earnings Per Share*. FSP EITF 03-6-1 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2008 and earlier application is prohibited. The adoption of FSP EITF 03-6-1 did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In September 2008, the FASB issued FSP FAS 133-1 and FIN 45-4, *Disclosures about Credit Derivatives and Certain Guarantees: An Amendment of FASB Statement No. 133 and FASB Interpretation No. 45, and Clarification of the Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 161* ("FSP FAS 133-1 and FIN 45-4"), which requires additional disclosures for sellers of credit derivative instruments and certain guarantees. FSP FAS 133-1 and FIN 45-4 requires the disclosure of the maximum potential amount of future payments, the related fair value and the current status of the payment/performance risk for certain guarantees and credit derivatives sold. FSP FAS 133-1 and FIN 45-4 is effective for the first reporting period (interim or annual) ending after November 15, 2008. The adoption of FSP FAS 133-1 and FIN 45-4 did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In December 2008, the FASB issued FASB Position No. FAS 140-4 and FIN 46(R)-8, *Disclosures by Public Entities (Enterprises) about Transfers of Financial Assets and Interests in Variable Interest Entities* ("FSP SFAS 140-4/FIN 46(R)-8"), which amends SFAS 140 to require public entities to provide additional disclosures regarding transfers of financial assets and amends FIN 46(R) to require public enterprises, including sponsors that have a variable interest in a VIE, to provide additional disclosures about their involvement with VIEs. FSP SFAS 140-4/FIN 46(R)-8 is effective for the first reporting period (interim or annual) ending after December 15, 2008. The adoption of FSP SFAS 140-4/FIN 46(R)-8 did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In January 2009, the FASB issued FSP EITF 99-20-1. This FSP amends the impairment guidance in EITF Issue No. 99-20, *Recognition of Interest Income and Impairment on Purchased Beneficial Interests and Beneficial Interests That Continue to Be Held by a Transferor in Securitized Financial Assets*, to align it with the impairment guidance within SFAS 115 by removing from EITF 99-20 the requirement to place exclusive reliance on market participants' assumptions about future cash flows when evaluating an asset for other-than-temporary impairment. The standard now requires that assumptions about future cash flows consider reasonable management judgment about the probability that the holder of an asset will be unable to collect all amounts due. FSP EITF 99-20-1 is effective for interim and annual reporting periods ending after December 15, 2008. The adoption of FSP EITF 99-20-1 did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

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#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

In April 2009, the FASB issued three concurrent Staff Positions, which included: (i) Staff Position No. FAS 115-2 and FAS 124-2, Recognition and Presentation of Other-Than-Temporary Impairments ("FSP FAS 115-2"), (ii) Staff Position No. FAS 157-4, Determining Fair Value When the Volume and Level of Activity for an Asset or Liability Have Significantly Decreased and Identifying Transactions That Are Not Orderly ("FSP FAS 157-4"), and (iii) Staff Position No. FAS 107-1 and APB 28-1, Interim Disclosures About Fair Value of Financial Instruments ("FSP FAS 107-1"). All three of these FASB Staff Positions are effective for periods ending after June 15, 2009, with earlier adoption permitted for periods ending after March 15, 2009. The adoption of FSP FAS 115-2, FSP FAS 157-4 and FSP FAS 107-1 is required to occur concurrently. Accordingly, we adopted all three of these standards as of April 1, 2009.

FSP FAS 115-2 provides additional guidance for other-than-temporary impairments on debt securities. In addition to existing guidance, under FSP FAS 115-2, an other-than-temporary impairment is deemed to exist if an entity does not expect to recover the entire amortized cost basis of a security. As discussed above, FSP FAS 115-2 provides for the bifurcation of other-than-temporary impairments into (i) amounts related to credit losses which are recognized through earnings, and (ii) amounts related to all other factors which are recognized as a component of other comprehensive income. The adoption of FSP FAS 115-2 required a reassessment of the cost basis of all our available-for-sale securities for which other-than-temporary impairments were recorded, and resulted in a cumulative effect adjustment of \$72,126 that was reclassified from retained deficit to accumulated other comprehensive loss on our consolidated balance sheet. In addition, we reassessed the cost basis of our held-for-trading securities under the guidance of FSP FAS 115-2 to reflect a consistent approach to reporting interest income on such securities. As a result of this reassessment, we recorded an increase in the cost basis and a corresponding adjustment to unrealized gain (loss) in the amount of \$283,116 to our held-for-trading securities. Further, FSP FAS 115-2 requires certain disclosures for securities, which are included in Note 4 to these consolidated financial statements.

FSP FAS 157-4 provides additional guidance for fair value measures under SFAS 157 in determining if the market for an asset or liability is inactive and, accordingly, if quoted market prices may not be indicative of fair value. The adoption of FSP FAS 157-4 did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

FSP FAS 107-1 extends the existing disclosure requirements related to the fair value of financial instruments to interim periods in addition to annual financial statements. The adoption of FSP FAS 107-1 did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements. The disclosure requirements under FSP FAS 107-1 are included in Note 16 to these consolidated financial statements.

In May 2009, the FASB issued SFAS No. 165, *Subsequent Events* ("SFAS 165"). SFAS 165 establishes general standards of accounting for and disclosure of events that occur after the balance sheet date but before the financial statements are issued or are available to be issued. It requires the disclosure of the date through which an entity has evaluated subsequent events and the basis for that date, that is, whether that date represents the date the financial statements were issued or were available to be issued. SFAS 165 is effective for interim periods and fiscal years ended after June 15, 2009. The adoption of SFAS 165 did not have a material effect on our consolidated financial

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#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

statements. The disclosure requirements are included in Note 18 to these consolidated financial statements.

#### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements Not Yet Adopted**

In May 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 162, *The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* ("SFAS 162"). SFAS 162 identifies the sources of accounting principles and the framework for selecting the principles to be used in the preparation of financial statements of non-governmental entities that are presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States. SFAS 162 is effective 60 days following the SEC's approval of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board amendments to AU Section 411, *The Meaning of Present Fairly in Conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principals*. We are currently evaluating the impact, if any, that SFAS 162 may have on our consolidated financial positions, results of operations and cash flows.

In June 2009, the FASB issued SFAS No. 166, Accounting for Transfers of Financial Assets an amendment of FASB Statement No. 140 ("SFAS 166"). SFAS 166 amends the derecognition accounting and disclosure guidance relating to SFAS 140. SFAS 166 eliminates the exemption from consolidation for QSPEs; it also requires a transferor to evaluate all existing QSPEs to determine whether those QSPEs must be consolidated in accordance with SFAS 167, as defined below. SFAS 166 is effective for financial asset transfers occurring after an entity's first fiscal year beginning after November 15, 2009. We are currently evaluating the impact that SFAS 166 may have on our consolidated financial positions, results of operations and cash flows.

In June 2009, the FASB issued SFAS No. 167, Amendments to FASB Interpretation No. 46(R) ("SFAS 167"), which amends the consolidation guidance applicable to VIEs. The amendments to the consolidation guidance affect all entities currently within the scope of FIN 46(R), as well as QSPEs that currently are excluded from the scope of FIN 46(R). SFAS 167 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2009.

In June 2009, the FASB issued SFAS No. 168, *The FASB Accounting Standards Codification and the Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* ("SFAS 168"). SFAS 168 identifies the FASB Accounting Standards Codification as the authoritative source of generally accepted accounting principles in the United States. Rules and interpretive releases of the SEC under federal securities laws also are sources of authoritative GAAP for SEC registrants. SFAS 168 is effective for financial statements issued for interim and fiscals years ending after September 15, 2009.

#### Presentation

Certain reclassifications have been made in the presentation of the prior periods consolidated financial statements to conform to the June 2009 presentation.

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#### 3. FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY

#### Fair Value on a Recurring Basis

The following tables set forth by level within the fair value hierarchy our assets and liabilities accounted for at fair value on a recurring basis under SFAS 155 and SFAS 159 as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008. As required by SFAS 157, assets and liabilities are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

			ie Measuremo June 30, 2009	
	Level	1 Level 2	Level 3	Total
Assets accounted for at fair value:				
Investment securities	\$	\$	\$57,253	\$57,253
Derivative assets				
Total assets at fair value	\$	\$	\$57,253	\$57,253
Liabilities accounted for at fair value:				
Collateralized debt obligations	\$	\$	\$40,538	\$40,538
Derivative liabilities			30,752	30,752
Total liabilities at fair value	\$	\$	\$71,290	\$71,290
	Level 1	as of Dec Level 2	ember 31, 200 Level 3	8 Total
Assets accounted for at fair value:				
Investment securities	\$	\$	\$ 72,916	\$ 72,916
Derivative assets				
Total assets at fair value	\$	\$	\$ 72,916	\$ 72,916
Total assets at rail value	Ψ	Ψ	ψ 72,710	ψ 72,710
Liabilities accounted for at fair value:				
Collateralized debt obligations	\$	\$	\$ 45,429	\$ 45,429
Derivative liabilities			57,280	57,280
Total liabilities at fair value	\$	\$	\$102,709	\$102,709
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# 3. FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY (Continued)

The following is a summary of our investment securities based on the lowest level input that is significant to each security's fair value measurement in its entirety as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008.

	Investment Securities at Fair Value as of June 30, 2009				
Security Description	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total	
CMBS	\$	\$	\$50,297	\$50,297	
Non-Agency RMBS			6,956	6,956	
Total investment securities at fair value	\$	\$	\$57,253	\$57,253	
Level 3 assets for which we do not bear direct economic exposure(1)			42,185		
Level 3 assets for which we bear direct economic exposure			\$15,068		

	Investment Securities at Fair Value as of December 31, 2008				
Security Description	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total	
CMBS	\$	\$	\$58,093	\$58,093	
Non-Agency RMBS			14,823	14,823	
Total investment securities at fair value	\$	\$	\$72,916	\$72,916	
Level 3 assets for which we do not bear direct economic					
exposure(1)			51,032		
Level 3 assets for which we bear direct economic exposure			\$21,884		

<sup>(1)</sup> Consists of Level 3 assets that are financed by our collateralized debt obligations. We own an interest in these securities through our investment in the subordinate classes of notes issued by these CDOs.

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#### 3. FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY (Continued)

#### Level 3 Gains and Losses

The table below sets forth a summary of changes in the fair value of our assets with significant valuation inputs classified as Level 3 for the six months ended June 30, 2009.

	Assets Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis Using Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)				
	Investment securities available-for-				
Balance, December 31, 2008	\$	sale 21,615	\$	51,301	<b>Total</b> \$ 72,916
Total net gains or losses on assets still held at June 30, 2009:	ф	21,013	Ф	31,301	\$ 72,910
Included in earnings interest income		(2,051)		(1,389)	(3,440)
Included in earnings impairments		(20,004)			(20,004)
Included in earnings mark to market on held-for-trading	;				
securities (FVO)				(6,396)	(6,396)
Included in earnings other		(944)		(449)	(1,393)
Included in accumulated other comprehensive income					
(loss)		16,454			16,454
Total net gains or losses on assets disposed/redeemed during the period:					
Included in earnings interest income		(1)		(62)	(63)
Included in earnings impairments		(129)			(129)
Included in earnings mark to market on held-for-trading securities (FVO)	,			(2)	(2)
Included in earnings other		(631)		(63)	(694)
Included in accumulated other comprehensive income					
(loss)		440			440
Net purchases, dispositions and settlements Transfers in and/or out of Level 3		(209)		(227)	(436)
Balance, June 30, 2009	\$	14,540	\$	42,713	\$ 57,253

During the six months ended June 30, 2009, our assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis reflected as Level 3 decreased, largely as a result of principal repayments on CMBS and Non-Agency RMBS totaling \$436 and spread widening on our CMBS and Non-Agency RMBS. A significant amount of our investment securities are reflected as Level 3 as a result of the reduction of liquidity in the capital markets that has resulted in a decrease in the observability of the significant inputs used in determining fair value.

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#### 3. FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY (Continued)

The table below sets forth a summary of changes in the fair value of our assets with significant valuation inputs classified as Level 3 for the six months ended June 30, 2008.

	Assets Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis Using Significant Unobservable Inputs				
	Investment securities available-for- sale	(Level 3) Investment securities held-for-trading at FVO	rvable Inputs  Total		
Balance, January 1, 2008	\$ 169,883	\$ 398,681			
Total net gains or losses on assets still held at June 30, 2008:	, ,,,,,,,,	, ,,,,,,,,,	7 000,000		
Included in earnings interest income	2,767	9,932	12,699		
Included in earnings impairments	(85,464)		(85,464)		
Included in earnings mark to market on held-for-trading securities (FVO)		(190,204	) (190,204)		
Included in earnings other	(553)		(553)		
Included in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	1,644		1,644		
Total net gains or losses on assets disposed/redeemed during the period:					
Included in earnings interest income	39	(117	(78)		
Included in earnings realized loss on sale	(1,894)		(1,894)		
Included in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	68		68		
Net purchases, dispositions and settlements  Transfers in and/or out of Level 3	(5,913)	(3,033	(8,946)		
Transfers in and of out of Level 3					
Balance, June 30, 2008	\$ 80,577	\$ 215,259	\$ 295,836		

During the six months ended June 30, 2008, our assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis reflected as Level 3 decreased, largely as a result of the sale of CMBS totaling \$2,245, principal repayments on CMBS and Non-Agency RMBS totaling \$6,934 and spread widening on our CMBS and Non-Agency RMBS. A significant amount of our investment securities are reflected as Level 3 as a result of the reduction of liquidity in the capital markets that has resulted in a decrease in the observability of the significant inputs used in determining fair value.

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#### 3. FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY (Continued)

The table below sets forth a summary of changes in the fair value of our assets with significant valuation inputs classified as Level 3 for the three months ended June 30, 2009.

	Assets Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis Using Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)				
	Investment securities available-for- sale		Investment securities held-for-trading at FVO		Total
Balance, March 31, 2009	\$	16,103	\$	37,459	\$ 53,562
Total net gains or losses on assets still held at June 30, 2009:					
Included in earnings interest income		(2,498)		(2,067)	(4,565)
Included in earnings impairments		(14,220)			(14,220)
Included in earnings mark to market on held-for-trading	,			9.026	9.026
securities (FVO) Included in earnings other		(646)		8,026 (375)	8,026 (1,021)
Included in accumulated other comprehensive income		(040)		(373)	(1,021)
(loss)		16,258			16,258
Total net gains or losses on assets disposed/redeemed during the period:					
Included in earnings interest income		(1)		(62)	(63)
Included in earnings impairments		(129)			(129)
Included in earnings mark to market on held-for-trading securities (FVO)	,			(2)	(2)
Included in earnings other		(625)		(2)	(688)
Included in earnings other  Included in accumulated other comprehensive income		(023)		(03)	(000)
(loss)		441			441
Net purchases, dispositions and settlements Transfers in and/or out of Level 3		(143)		(203)	(346)
Balance, June 30, 2009	\$	14,540	\$	42,713	\$ 57,253

During the three months ended June 30, 2009, our assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis reflected as Level 3 decreased, largely as a result of principal repayments on CMBS and Non-Agency RMBS totaling \$385 and spread widening on our CMBS and Non-Agency RMBS. A significant amount of our investment securities are reflected as Level 3 as a result of the reduction of liquidity in the capital markets that has resulted in a decrease in the observability of the significant inputs used in determining fair value.

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#### 3. FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY (Continued)

The table below sets forth a summary of changes in the fair value of our assets with significant valuation inputs classified as Level 3 for the three months ended June 30, 2008.

	Assets Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis Using Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) Investment Investment			
	securities available-for-	securities		
	sale			Total
Balance, March 31, 2008	\$ 99,529	\$	255,999	\$355,528
Total net gains or losses on assets still held at June 30,				
2008:				
Included in earnings interest income	658		4,038	4,696
Included in earnings impairments	(18,310)			(18,310)
Included in earnings mark to market on held-for-trading	g			
securities (FVO)			(43,501)	(43,501)
Included in earnings other	(270)			(270)
Included in accumulated other comprehensive income				
(loss)	1,716			1,716
Total net gains or losses on assets disposed/redeemed during the period:				
Included in earnings interest income	23		(117)	(94)
Included in earnings realized loss on sale				
Included in accumulated other comprehensive income				
(loss)	67			67
Net purchases, dispositions and settlements	(2,836)		(1,160)	(3,996)
Transfers in and/or out of Level 3				
Balance, June 30, 2008	\$ 80,577	\$	215,259	\$295,836

During the three months ended June 30, 2008, our assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis reflected as Level 3 decreased, largely as a result of principal repayments on CMBS and Non-Agency RMBS totaling \$3,775 and spread widening on our CMBS and Non-Agency RMBS. A significant amount of our investment securities are reflected as Level 3 as a result of the reduction of liquidity in the capital markets that has resulted in a decrease in the observability of the significant inputs used in determining fair value.

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#### 3. FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY (Continued)

The table below sets forth a summary of changes in the fair value of our liabilities with significant valuation inputs classified as Level 3 for the six months ended June 30, 2009.

Recurrin Unobs Derivative	ng Ba erval Col	asis Using Sig ble Inputs (Lo lateralized Debt	nificant evel 3)
		0	Total
\$ 57,280	\$	45,429	\$102,709
		2,509	2,509
(16,528)			(16,528)
(10,000)		(7,400)	(17,400)
\$ 30,752	\$	40,538	\$ 71,290
	Recurring Unobset Un	Recurring Ba Unobserval Col Derivative Liabilities Ol \$ 57,280 \$ (16,528) (10,000)	Liabilities         Obligations           \$ 57,280         \$ 45,429           2,509           (16,528)         (7,400)

During the six months ended June 30, 2009, our liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis reflected as Level 3 decreased, largely due to unrealized gains on our interest rate swaps and payments in respect of our credit default swaps, which we refer to as CDS.

The table below sets forth a summary of changes in the fair value of our liabilities with significant valuation inputs classified as Level 3 for the six months ended June 30, 2008.

	Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis Using Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) Collateralized Derivative Debt				
	Liabilities	O	bligations	Total	
Balance, January 1, 2008	\$ 32,908	\$	299,034	\$331,942	
Total net gains or losses (realized/unrealized) still held at June 30, 2008:					
Included in earnings mark to market on collateralized					
debt obligations			(88,001)	(88,001)	
Included in earnings realized and unrealized loss on					
derivatives	5,451			5,451	
Net issuances, dispositions and settlements	(19,780)		(6,264)	(26,044)	
Transfers in and/or out of Level 3	232			232	
Balance, June 30, 2008	\$ 18,811	\$	204,769	\$223,580	

During the six months ended June 30, 2008, our liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis reflected as Level 3 decreased, largely due to the decrease in valuation of our CDO obligations which are based on non-binding broker quotes. In addition, we reclassified our CDS as Level 3 liabilities as a result of the reduction of liquidity in the capital markets that has resulted in a decrease in the observability of the

significant inputs used in determining fair value, offset in part be derivative liabilities that we closed out during the six month period.

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#### 3. FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY (Continued)

The table below sets forth a summary of changes in the fair value of our liabilities with significant valuation inputs classified as Level 3 for the three months ended June 30, 2009.

	 Recurrir	ng Ba ervab Coll	ured at Fair sis Using Sig de Inputs (Lo lateralized Debt Digations	nifica	ant
Balance, March 31, 2009	\$ 46,666	\$	35,521	\$	82,187
Total net gains or losses (realized/unrealized) still held at June 30, 2009:					
Included in earnings mark to market on					
collateralized debt obligations			7,055		7,055
Included in earnings realized and unrealized					
gain on derivatives	(9,602)				(9,602)
Net issuances, dispositions and settlements	(6,312)		(2,038)		(8,350)
Transfers in and/or out of Level 3					
Balance, June 30, 2009	\$ 30,752	\$	40,538	\$	71,290

During the three months ended June 30, 2009, our liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis reflected as Level 3 decreased, largely due to unrealized gains on our interest rate swaps and payments in respect of our credit default swaps, which we refer to as CDS.

The table below sets forth a summary of changes in the fair value of our liabilities with significant valuation inputs classified as Level 3 for the three months ended June 30, 2008.

	Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis Using Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) Collateralized Derivative Debt Liabilities Obligations Total						
Balance, March 31, 2008	\$	15,654	\$	182,769	\$	198,423	
Total net gains or losses (realized/unrealized) still held at June 30, 2008:							
Included in earnings mark to market on							
collateralized debt obligations				25,854		25,854	
Included in earnings realized and unrealized							
loss on derivatives		3,157				3,157	
Net issuances, dispositions and settlements				(3,854)		(3,854)	
Transfers in and/or out of Level 3							
Balance, June 30, 2008	\$	18,811	\$	204,769	\$	223,580	

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# 3. FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY (Continued)

During the three months ended June 30, 2008, our liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis reflected as Level 3 decreased, largely due to the decrease in valuation of our CDO obligations which are based on non-binding broker quotes. In addition, we reclassified our CDS as Level 3 liabilities as a result of the reduction of liquidity in the capital markets that has resulted in a decrease in the observability of the significant inputs used in determining fair value.

The table below sets forth a summary of changes in the fair value of our investment securities with significant valuation inputs classified as Level 3 for the six months ended June 30, 2009.

		s Usii	Measured at ng Significant Inputs Level 3) on-Agency	
	CMBS		RMBS	Total
Balance, December 31, 2008	\$ 58,093	\$	14,823	\$ 72,916
Total net gains/losses on securities still held at end of period:				
Included in earnings interest income	(2,348)		(1,092)	(3,440)
Included in earnings impairments	(12,737)		(7,267)	(20,004)
Included in earnings mark to market on				
held-for-trading securities (FVO)	(3,579)		(2,817)	(6,396)
Included in earnings other			(1,393)	(1,393)
Included in accumulated other				
comprehensive income (loss)	10,868		5,586	16,454
Total net gains (losses) on securities				
disposed/redeemed during period:				
Included in earnings interest income			(63)	(63)
Included in earnings realized gain (loss) on sale				
Included in earnings impairments			(129)	(129)
Included in earnings mark to market on				
held-for-trading securities (FVO)			(2)	(2)
Included in earnings other			(694)	(694)
Included in accumulated other				
comprehensive income (loss)			440	440
Net purchases, dispositions and settlements			(436)	(436)
Transfers in and/or out of Level 3				
Balance, June 30, 2009	\$ 50,297	\$	6,956	\$ 57,253
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# 3. FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY (Continued)

The table below sets forth a summary of changes in the fair value of our investment securities with significant valuation inputs classified as Level 3 for the six months ended June 30, 2008.

Investment Securities Measured at Fair Value on a

	Recurring Basis Using Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)							
	CMBS	Non-Agency RMBS	Preferred Stock	Total				
Balance, January 1, 2008	\$ 399,410	\$ 168,422	\$ 732	\$ 568,564				
Total net gains/losses on securities still held at end of period:	,,	,,		, /				
Included in earnings interest income	6,179	6,520		12,699				
Included in earnings impairments	(38,487)	(45,861)	(1,116)	(85,464)				
Included in earnings mark to market on								
held-for-trading securities (FVO)	(122,331)	(67,873)		(190,204)				
Included in earnings other		(553)		(553)				
Included in accumulated other								
comprehensive income (loss)	1,519	(283)	408	1,644				
Total net gains (losses) on securities								
disposed/redeemed during period:								
Included in earnings interest income	(36)	(42)		(78)				
Included in earnings realized gain (loss)								
on sale	(1,894)			(1,894)				
Included in accumulated other								
comprehensive income (loss)	83	(15)		68				
Net purchases, dispositions and settlements	(2,758)	(6,188)		(8,946)				
Transfers in and/or out of Level 3								
Balance, June 30, 2008	\$ 241,685	\$ 54,127	\$ 24	\$ 295,836				
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# 3. FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY (Continued)

The table below sets forth a summary of changes in the fair value of our investment securities with significant valuation inputs classified as Level 3 for the three months ended June 30, 2009.

	estment Secu ecurring Basi	s Usir		
	CMBS		RMBS	Total
Balance, March 31, 2009	\$ 44,550	\$	9,012	\$ 53,562
Total net gains/losses on securities still held at end of period:				
Included in earnings interest income	(2,962)		(1,603)	(4,565)
Included in earnings impairments	(9,419)		(4,801)	(14,220)
Included in earnings mark to market on				
held-for-trading securities (FVO)	7,474		552	8,026
Included in earnings other			(1,021)	(1,021)
Included in accumulated other				
comprehensive income (loss)	10,654		5,604	16,258
Total net gains (losses) on securities				
disposed/redeemed during period:				
Included in earnings interest income			(63)	(63)
Included in earnings realized gain (loss) on sale				
Included in earnings impairments			(129)	(129)
Included in earnings mark to market on				
held-for-trading securities (FVO)			(2)	(2)
Included in earnings other			(688)	(688)
Included in accumulated other				
comprehensive income (loss)			441	441
Net purchases, dispositions and settlements			(346)	(346)
Transfers in and/or out of Level 3				
Balance, June 30, 2009	\$ 50,297	\$	6,956	\$ 57,253
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#### 3. FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY (Continued)

The table below sets forth a summary of changes in the fair value of our investment securities with significant valuation inputs classified as Level 3 for the three months ended June 30, 2008.

		t Securities Mea asis Using Signi (Leve	ficant Unobserv	
	CMBS	Non-Agency RMBS	Preferred Stock	Total
Balance, March 31, 2008	\$ 271,112	\$ 84,271	\$ 145	\$ 355,528
Total net gains/losses on securities still held at end of period:				
Included in earnings interest income	3,145	1,551		4,696
Included in earnings impairments	(6,809)	(11,380)	(121)	(18,310)
Included in earnings mark to market on				
held-for-trading securities (FVO)	(27,473)	(16,028)		(43,501)
Included in earnings other		(270)		(270)
Included in accumulated other				
comprehensive income (loss)	1,680	36		1,716
Total net gains (losses) on securities				
disposed/redeemed during period:				
Included in earnings interest income	(52)	(42)		(94)
Included in earnings realized gain (loss)				
on sale				
Included in accumulated other				
comprehensive income (loss)	82	(15)		67
Net purchases, dispositions and settlements		(3,996)		(3,996)
Transfers in and/or out of Level 3				
Balance, June 30, 2008	\$ 241,685	\$ 54,127	\$ 24	\$ 295,836

# Valuation Techniques

In accordance with SFAS 157, valuation techniques used for assets and liabilities accounted for at fair value are generally categorized into three types:

Market Approach Market approach valuation techniques use prices and other relevant information from market transactions involving identical or comparable assets or liabilities. Valuation techniques consistent with the market approach include comparables and matrix pricing. Comparables use market multiples, which might lie in ranges with a different multiple for each comparable. The selection of where within the range the appropriate multiple falls requires judgment, considering both quantitative and qualitative factors specific to the measurement. Matrix pricing is a mathematical technique used principally to value certain securities without relying exclusively on quoted prices for the specific securities but comparing the securities to benchmark or comparable securities. Level 3 includes financial instruments that are marked to model using relevant empirical data to extrapolate an estimated fair value. The models' inputs reflect assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the instrument in a current period transaction and outcomes from the models represent an exit price and expected future cash flows (adjusted for credit risk).

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#### 3. FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY (Continued)

*Income Approach* Income approach valuation techniques convert future amounts, such as cash flows or earnings, to a single present amount, or a discounted amount. These techniques rely on current market expectations of future amounts.

Cost Approach Cost approach valuation techniques are based upon the amount that, at present, would be required to replace the service capacity of an asset, or the current replacement cost. That is, from the perspective of a market participant (seller), the price that would be received for the asset is determined based on the cost to a market participant (buyer) to acquire or construct a substitute asset of comparable utility.

The three approaches described within SFAS 157 are consistent with generally accepted valuation methodologies. While all three approaches are not applicable to all assets or liabilities accounted for at fair value, where appropriate and possible, one or more valuation techniques may be used. The selection of the valuation method(s) to apply considers the definition of an exit price and the nature of the asset or liability being valued and significant expertise and judgment is required. For assets and liabilities accounted for at fair value, excluding real estate held for sale, valuation techniques generally are a combination of the market and income approaches. Real estate held for sale valuation techniques generally combine income and cost approaches. For the six months ended June 30, 2009, the application of valuation techniques applied to similar assets and liabilities has been consistent.

#### Fair Value on a Non-Recurring Basis

Certain assets are measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis and are not included in the tables above. These assets include real estate loans and real estate loans held for sale that are reported at lower of cost or market and loans held for sale that initially were measured at cost and have been written down to fair value as a result of being designated for sale. The following table shows the hierarchy for those assets measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis as of June 30, 2009.

		sured at Fair Ising Significa (Level 3) as o	nt Unobser	vable Inp	8
Asset Description	Level 1	Level 2	Level	3	Total
Real estate loans	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Real estate loans held for sale			5,0	58	5,058
Total assets at fair value	\$	\$	\$ 5,0	58 \$	5,058

Real estate loans We had one real estate construction loan and one mezzanine loan that are held for investment where allowance for loan losses have been calculated based upon the fair value of the underlying collateral and by using a fundamental cash flow valuation analysis. The cash flow analyses include cumulative loss assumptions derived from multiple inputs including current housing prices, costs to complete the construction of the underlying collateral, expected recoveries from supporting collateral and other market data.

Real estate loans held for sale We designated one mezzanine loan as being held for sale as of June 30, 2009 as we have committed to sell it, or we have the intent and ability to sell it in the near

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#### 3. FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY (Continued)

future. The fair value of the mezzanine loan held for sale was based on management's discounted cash flow analysis that utilized spreads supplied by dealers.

The following table shows the hierarchy for those assets measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis as of December 31, 2008.

	Basis U	Assets Measured at Fair Value on a Non-Recurn Basis Using Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) as of December 31, 2008										
Asset Description	(L Level 1	Level 3) as of L		oer 31, 20 evel 3		<b>Fotal</b>						
Real estate loans	\$	\$	\$	400	\$	400						
Real estate loans held for sale				5,058		5,058						
Total assets at fair value	\$	\$	\$	5,458	\$	5,458						

Real estate loans We had one real estate construction loan that is held for investment where an allowance for loan losses has been calculated based upon the fair value of the underlying collateral and by using a fundamental cash flow valuation analysis. The cash flow analysis includes cumulative loss assumptions derived from multiple inputs including current housing prices, expected recoveries from supporting collateral and other market data.

Real estate loans held for sale We designated one mezzanine loan as being held for sale as of December 31, 2008 as we have committed to sell it, or we have the intent and ability to sell it in the near future. The fair value of the mezzanine loan held for sale was based on management's discounted cash flow analysis that utilized spreads supplied by dealers.

#### **Fair Value Option**

The following reflects the assets and liabilities accounted for under the fair value option and the change in fair value recorded in our consolidated statement of operations:

	(	ir Value Option une 30, 2009	Six Months Measure	s Ende d at Fa on of Net M Adju Inv Sec He	- /	2009, For Items ursuant to the
Assets accounted for under the fair value			` ′			S
option:						
Held-for-trading securities:						
CMBS	\$	39,083	\$(1,115)	\$	(3,579)	\$
Non-Agency RMBS		3,630	(274)		(2,819)	

Changes in Fair Values for the

	\$ 42,713	\$(1,389)	\$ (6,398)	\$
Liabilities accounted for under the fair value				
option:				
Collateralized debt obligations	\$ 40,538	\$	\$	\$ 2,509

(1) Represents accretion of net discount only.

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# 3. FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY (Continued)

	Fair Value	Changes in Fair Values for the Six Months Ended June 30, 2008, For Items Measured at Fair Va Pursuant to the Election of the Fair Value Option Net Mark to Market Net Mark Adjustments Market on Adjustment e Investment on Securities Collateralis					
	Option June 30, 2008		terest ome(1)	ì	Securities Held-for- Trading		iteralized Debt igations
Assets accounted for under the fair value option:	2000	IIIC	onic(1)		Traumg	Obl	igations
Held-for-trading securities:							
CMBS	\$ 185,087	\$	5,631	\$	(122,331)	\$	
Non-Agency RMBS	30,172		4,301		(67,873)		
	\$ 215,259	\$	9,932	\$	(190,204)	\$	
Liabilities accounted for under the fair value option:							
Collateralized debt obligations	\$ 204,769	\$		\$		\$	88,001

(1) Represents accretion of net discount only.

Three Months Ended June 30, 2009, For Items Measured at Fair Value Pursuant to the **Election of the Fair Value Option** Net Mark to Market Net Mark to Adjustments Market on Adjustments Fair Value Investment on Option Securities Collateralized June 30, Interest Held-for-Debt 2009 Income(1) **Trading Obligations** Assets accounted for under the fair value option: Held-for-trading securities: **CMBS** \$ 39,083 (1,363)7,474 \$ Non-Agency RMBS 550 3,630 (704)\$ 42,713 (2,067) \$ 8,024 \$ \$

Changes in Fair Values for the

	Liabilities accounted for under the fair value option:			
	Collateralized debt obligations	\$ 40,538	\$ \$	\$ 7,055
(1)	Represents accretion of net discount only.	39		

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Changes in Fair Values for the Three Months

#### 3. FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY (Continued)

	Fair Value Option June 30, 2008	Ended June 30, 2008, For I Fair Value Pursuant to the Electi Option Net Mark t Market Adjustmen on Investmen Securities Interest Held-for- Income(1) Trading				s Mea f the F Net Net Adj	
Assets accounted for under the fair value option:							
Held-for-trading securities:							
CMBS	\$ 185,087	\$	2,999	\$	(27,473)	\$	
Non-Agency RMBS	30,172		1,039		(16,028)		
	\$ 215,259	\$	4,038	\$	(43,501)	\$	
Liabilities accounted for under the fair value option:							
Collateralized debt obligations	\$ 204,769	\$		\$		\$	(25,854)

(1) Represents accretion of net discount only.

Total financial assets at fair value classified within Level 3 were \$62,311 and \$78,374 as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively. Such amounts represent 15% and 17% of "Total assets" on the consolidated balance sheet as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively. Excluding assets for which we do not bear direct economic exposure, Level 3 assets were 4% and 5% of "Total assets" as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively.

Total financial liabilities at fair value classified within Level 3 were \$71,290 and \$102,709 as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively. Such amounts represent 16% and 21% of "Total liabilities" on the consolidated balance sheets as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively.

As of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, our CDO notes had a face value of \$459,627 and \$467,027, respectively, and fair value of \$40,538 and \$45,429, respectively.

# **Derivative Financial Instruments**

Currently, we use interest rate swaps to manage our interest rate risk. The valuation of these instruments is determined using widely accepted valuation techniques, including discounted cash flow analysis on the expected cash flows of each derivative. This analysis reflects the contractual terms of the derivatives, including the period to maturity, and uses observable market-based inputs, including interest rate curves and

implied volatilities. The fair values of interest rate swaps are determined using the market standard methodology of netting the discounted future fixed cash receipts (or payments) and the discounted expected variable cash payments (or receipts). The variable cash payments (or

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#### 3. FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY (Continued)

receipts) are based on an expectation of future interest rates (forward curves) derived from observable market interest rate curves.

To comply with the provisions of SFAS 157, we incorporate credit valuation adjustments to appropriately reflect both our own nonperformance risk and the respective counterparty's nonperformance risk in the fair value measurements. In adjusting the fair value of our derivative contracts for the effect of nonperformance risk, we have considered the impact of netting and any applicable credit enhancements, such as collateral posting, thresholds, mutual puts and guarantees.

Although we have determined that the majority of the inputs used to value our derivatives fall within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy, the credit valuation adjustments associated with our derivatives utilize Level 3 inputs, such as estimates of current credit spreads to evaluate the likelihood of default by ourselves and our counterparties. As of June 30, 2009, we have assessed the significance of the impact of the credit valuation adjustments on the overall valuation of our derivative positions and have determined that the credit valuation adjustments are significant to the overall valuation of our derivatives. As a result, we have determined that our derivative valuations in their entirety are classified in Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

### 4. INVESTMENT SECURITIES

Our investment securities are classified into two categories, available-for-sale and trading, in which both are carried at their estimated fair values. The amortized cost and estimated fair values of our investment securities as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 are summarized as follows:

	Unrealized							
	Ar	nortized					Fair	
Available-for-sale Securities		Cost	Gains(1)		Losses(1)(2)		Value	
June 30, 2009								
CMBS	\$	55,606	\$	1	\$	(44,393)	\$11,214	
Non-Agency RMBS		13,442		12		(10,128)	3,326	
Total	\$	69.048	\$	13	\$	(54,521)	\$14,540	
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December 31, 2008								
CMBS	\$	13,675	\$	642	\$		\$14,317	
Non-Agency RMBS		7,216		82			7,298	
Total	\$	20,891	\$	724	\$		\$21,615	
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<sup>(1)</sup> Included in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss).

<sup>(2) \$22,979</sup> of other-than-temporary impairment was included in the unrealized losses as of June 30, 2009

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#### **4. INVESTMENT SECURITIES (Continued)**

	Unrealized						
	A	mortized				Fair	
Trading Securities		Cost	Ga	ins(1)	Losses(1)	Value	
June 30, 2009							
CMBS	\$	206,678	\$	58	\$(167,653)	\$39,083	
Non-Agency RMBS		18,109		176	(14,655)	3,630	
Total	\$	224,787	\$	234	\$(182,308)	\$42,713	
December 31, 2008							
CMBS	\$	43,634	\$	142	\$	\$43,776	
Non-Agency RMBS		7,493		32		7,525	
Total	\$	51,127	\$	174	\$	\$51,301	

(1) Included in consolidated statements of operations.

We pledge our investment securities to secure our collateralized debt obligations and borrowings under our secured revolving credit facility. The fair value of the investment securities that we pledged as collateral as of June 30, 2009 is summarized as follows:

Pledged as Collateral:	J	une 30, 2009
For borrowings under collateralized debt obligations	\$	42,185
Total	\$	42,185

The aggregate estimated fair values by underlying credit rating of our investment securities as of June 30, 2009 were as follows:

	June 3 Estimated Fair	30, 2009
Security Rating	Value	Percentage
AAA	\$	%
AA		
A		
BBB	12,047	21.04
BB	8,539	14.92
В	12,344	21.56
CCC	7,377	12.88
CCC		
C	7,951	13.89

Not rated		8,995	15.71
Total		\$57,253	100.00%
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#### 4. INVESTMENT SECURITIES (Continued)

The face amount and net unearned discount on our investment securities as of June 30, 2009 was as follows:

	June 30,
Description:	2009
Face amount	\$1,035,264
Net unearned discount	(741,429)
Amortized cost	\$ 293,835

For the six months ended June 30, 2009 and the six months ended June 30, 2008, net discount (premium) on investment securities accreted into interest income totaled \$(3,503) and \$12,244, respectively. For the three months ended June 30, 2009 and the three months ended June 30, 2008, net discount (premium) on investment securities accreted into interest income totaled \$(4,628) and \$4,576, respectively.

Commercial Mortgage Backed Securities ("CMBS") Our investments include CMBS, which are mortgage backed securities that are secured by, or evidence ownership interests in, a single commercial mortgage loan or a partial or entire pool of mortgage loans secured by commercial properties. The securities may be senior, subordinated, investment grade or non-investment grade.

The following is a summary of our CMBS investments as of June 30, 2009:

	Gross Unrealized				Weighted Average					
Security Rating	Amortized Cost	Gains	Losses	Estimated Fair Value	Coupon	Book Yield(1)	Market Yield(2)	Term (yrs)		
AAA	\$	\$	\$	\$		%	%	%		
AA										
A										
BBB	70,377		(59,061)	11,316	5.39	6.44	54.75	7.16		
BB	41,037		(32,880)	8,157	5.31	7.04	77.75	8.13		
В	82,485		(70,536)	11,949	5.59	7.97	103.03	7.71		
CCC	36,155		(29,920)	6,235	5.14	13.12	143.78	7.52		
CC										
C	10,853	1	(6,778)	4,076	4.71	29.89	123.82	6.85		
Not rated	21,377	58	(12,871)	8,564	5.04	48.02	190.46	8.97		
Total CMBS	\$ 262,284	\$ 59	\$(212,046)	\$ 50,297	5.21	12.29	109.69	7.78		

<sup>(1)</sup> Book yield as reflected above is the implied loss-adjusted yield based on our expectation of future cash flows (*i.e.*, taking into account assumed defaults) and the amortized cost of the security.

<sup>(2)</sup> Market yield as reflected above is the implied yield based on a zero-loss scenario (*i.e.*, not taking into account any assumed defaults) and the fair value of the security.

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#### **4. INVESTMENT SECURITIES (Continued)**

Residential Mortgage Backed Securities ("RMBS") Our investments include RMBS, which are securities that represent participations in, and are secured by or payable from, mortgage loans secured by residential properties. Our RMBS investments include Non-Agency pass-through certificates that are rated classes in senior/subordinated structures ("Non-Agency RMBS").

The following is a summary of our Non-Agency RMBS investments as of June 30, 2009:

		Gross Unrealized Estimated				Weighted Average					
Security Rating	Amortized Cost	Gains	Losses	Fair Value	Coupon	Book Yield(1)	Market Yield(2)	Term (yrs)			
AAA	\$	\$	\$	\$		%	%	%			
AA											
A											
BBB	2,621		(1,890)	731	1.98	6.55	48.73	6.08			
BB	1,037	137	(792)	382	3.28	7.38	617.97	1.93			
В	4,291		(3,896)	395	1.99	14.64	20,356.18	4.95			
CCC	6,607		(5,465)	1,142	3.55	7.73	8,284.04	7.23			
CC											
C	14,755	37	(10,917)	3,875	4.62	10.23	1,809.15	6.08			
Not rated	2,240	14	(1,823)	416	2.74	32.18	22,550.37	5.50			
Total Non-Agency RMBS	\$ 31,551	\$188	\$(24,783)	\$ 6,956	3.74	11.46	4,956.02	5.94			

(2) Market yield as reflected above is the implied yield based on a zero-loss scenario (*i.e.*, not taking into account any assumed defaults) and the fair value of the security.

*Other Securities* We invested in the preferred stock of Millerton I CDO with an estimated fair value of \$0 as of June 30, 2009 and the preferred stock of Millerton II CDO with an estimated fair value of \$0 as of June 30, 2009. The preferred stock of Millerton II CDO was rated C and the preferred stock of Millerton II CDO was not rated at June 30, 2009.

*Unrealized Losses* The following table shows the fair value of our available-for-sale securities with unrealized losses as of June 30, 2009 for which other-than-temporary impairments have not been recognized in earnings:

			Greate	r Than 12						
	Less Than	Less Than 12 Months Months T					Less Than 12 Months Months To			otal
	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss				
CMBS	\$	\$	\$11,024	\$ (44,393)	\$11,024	\$ (44,393)				

<sup>(1)</sup> Book yield as reflected above is the implied loss-adjusted yield based on our expectation of future cash flows (*i.e.*, taking into account assumed defaults) and the amortized cost of the security.

RMBS		3,313	(10,128)	3,313	(10,128)
Total	\$ \$	\$14,337	\$ (54,521)	\$14,337	\$ (54,521)
	4.4				

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#### 4. INVESTMENT SECURITIES (Continued)

We did not own any available-for-sale securities with unrealized losses as of December 31, 2008.

As of June 30, 2009, we did not hold any available-for-sale securities with unrealized losses that had been in a loss position for 12 months or less. As of June 30, 2009, we held 96 available-for-sale securities, with unrealized losses totaling \$54,521, that had been in a loss position for more than 12 months. The unrealized losses on our securities were primarily the result of market factors such as changes in interest rates, current market dislocation and distressed conditions in the markets, rather than credit impairment, and we have performed credit analyses in relation to such securities that support our belief that the carrying values of such securities are fully recoverable over their expected holding period. Other factors considered included current subordination levels, industry analyst reports and delinquency rates. Because we do not intend to sell the securities and is not more likely than not that we will be required to sell the securities before recovery of their amortized cost basis, which may be maturity, we do not consider these investments to be other than temporarily impaired at June 30, 2009.

Other-Than-Temporary Impairments The following table summarizes activity related to the amount of other-than-temporary impairments related to credit losses during the three months ended June 30, 2009:

	Gross Other- Than- Temporary Impairments	Ten Impa Incl ( Comp	er-Than- nporary airments luded in Other orehensive ncome	Ter Imp Inc	t Other- Than- nporary airments luded in arnings
April 1, 2009	\$ 72,126	\$		\$	72,126
Impact of change in accounting principle(1)			72,126		(72,126)
Additions due to change in expected cash flows	37,328		22,979		14,349
June 30, 2009	\$ 109,454	\$	95,105	\$	14,349

(1)

Represents a reclassification to other comprehensive income of other-than-temporary impairments on securities which were previously recorded in earnings. As discussed in Note 2, upon adoption of FSP FAS 115-2 these impairments were reassessed and determined to be related to factors other than credit losses.

To determine the component of the gross other-than-temporary impairment related to credit losses, we compared the amortized cost basis of each other-than-temporarily impaired security to the present value of its revised expected cash flows, discounted using its pre-impairment yield. Significant judgment of management is required in this analysis that includes, but is not limited to, assumptions regarding the rate and timing of principal payments (including prepayments, repurchases, defaults and liquidations), the pass through or coupon rate and interest rate fluctuations. Other factors considered in determining the component of other-than-temporary impairments related to credit losses include current subordination levels, interest payment shortfalls, credit ratings and delinquency rates.

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#### 4. INVESTMENT SECURITIES (Continued)

Sale of Investment Securities During the six months ended June 30, 2009, we did not sell any securities. During the six months ended June 30, 2008, we sold 40 securities for proceeds of \$475,888 and realized a gain of \$2,477 and we sold 33 securities for proceeds of \$702,469 and realized a loss of \$6,291. During the three months ended June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008, we did not sell any securities. We identified each security specifically upon sale to determine the amount to reclassify out of accumulated other comprehensive income into earnings.

Average maturity of our investment securities at June 30, 2009 was as follows:

	Weighted Average Life
CMBS	5.74
Non-Agency RMBS	4.47

# 5. REAL ESTATE LOANS AND REAL ESTATE LOANS HELD FOR SALE

#### Real Estate Loans

We invest in mezzanine loans, B Notes, construction loans and whole loans. A mezzanine loan is a loan that is subordinated to a first mortgage loan on a property and is senior to the borrower's equity in the property. Mezzanine loans are made to the property's owner and are secured by pledges of ownership interests in the property and/or the property owner. The mezzanine lender can foreclose on the pledged interests and thereby succeed to ownership of the property subject to the lien of the first mortgage.

A subordinated commercial real estate loan, which we refer to as a B Note, may be rated by at least one nationally recognized rating agency. A B Note typically is a privately negotiated loan that is secured by a first mortgage on a single large commercial property or group of related properties, and is subordinated to an A Note secured by the same first mortgage on the same property.

A construction loan represents a participation in a construction or rehabilitation loan on a commercial property that generally provides 85% to 90% of total project costs and is secured by a first lien mortgage on the property. Alternatively, mezzanine loans can be used to finance construction or rehabilitation where the security is subordinate to the first mortgage lien. Construction loans and mezzanine loans used to finance construction or rehabilitation generally would provide fees and interest income at risk-adjusted rates.

A whole mortgage loan is a loan secured by a first lien mortgage that provides mortgage financing to commercial and residential property owners and developers. Generally, mortgage loans have maturities that range from three to 10 years for commercial properties and up to 30 years for residential properties.

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#### 5. REAL ESTATE LOANS AND REAL ESTATE LOANS HELD FOR SALE (Continued)

The following is a summary of our real estate loans as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008:

Loan Type	Number of Loans	Face Value	Carrying Value	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Maturity Date/Range	Weighted Average Years to Maturity
June 30, 2009						
Whole loans	1	\$ 2,522	\$ 2,517	3.61%	11/2009	0.4
Construction loans	1	14,602		(1)	11/2008(2)	
Mezzanine loans	1	6,358		(3)	5/2009(4)	
	3	\$23,482	\$ 2,517	3.61(1)(3	) 5/2009-11/2009	0.4
December 31, 2008						
Whole loans	1	\$ 2,522	\$ 2,511	3.73%	11/2009	0.9
Construction loans	1	14,602	400	(1)	11/2008(2)	
Mezzanine loans	1	6,123	6,123	15.00(3)	5/2009	0.4
	3	\$23,247	\$ 9,034	11.71(1)	5/2009-11/2009	0.5

(1) This construction loan bears interest at 16.00%, but we have placed it on non-accrual status and accordingly, do not include it in the calculation of the weighted average interest rate.

(2) The construction loan was due in November 2008 and currently is in default.

This mezzanine loan bears interest at 15.00%, but we have placed it on non-accrual status effective March 31, 2009 and accordingly, do not include it in the calculation of the weighted average interest rate.

(4) The mezzanine loan was due in May 2009 and currently is in default.

There were no unamortized underwriting fees as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008.

In 2005, we originated a mezzanine construction loan to develop luxury residential condominiums in Portland, Oregon. The loan was in technical default as of January 1, 2008 and was placed on non-accrual status at such date, and we have received no principal or interest payments during the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008 on the loan. We have not made any additional advances on this loan during the six months ended June 30, 2009 and have no funding obligations under this loan. In January 2009, the senior lender notified the borrower that the senior construction loan was in default, triggering a blockage period of 120 days with respect to our mezzanine construction loan during which period we were precluded from exercising our rights under the mezzanine construction loan. We currently account for this loan as a troubled debt restructuring under SFAS No. 15, *Accounting by Debtors and Creditors for Troubled Debt Restructurings* ("SFAS 15"), and SFAS 114. As of June 30, 2009, we have recorded a loan loss allowance for the entire outstanding face amount of the loan. As of June 30, 2009 and December 31,

2008, the carrying value of the loan totaled \$0 and \$400 (inclusive of loan loss provisions of \$14,602 and \$14,202, respectively).

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#### 5. REAL ESTATE LOANS AND REAL ESTATE LOANS HELD FOR SALE (Continued)

In November 2006, we purchased a senior participation interest in a mezzanine loan to develop luxury residential condominiums in New York, New York. The loan was in technical default as of April 2009 and was placed on non-accrual status as of March 31, 2009. We have not made any advances on this loan during the six months ended June 30, 2009 and have no funding obligations under this loan. As of June 30, 2009, we have recorded a loan loss allowance for the entire outstanding face amount of the loan (including capitalized interest). As of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, the carrying value of the loan totaled \$0 and \$6,123 (inclusive of loan loss provisions of \$6,358 and \$0, respectively).

The components of our impaired real estate loans as of June 30, 2009 are as follows:

	Mezza Constru Loa	ıction	 zzanine pan(1)	Total
Carrying value December 31, 2008	\$	400	\$ 6,123	\$ 6,523
Funding of mezzanine construction loan				
Capitalized interest(2)			235	235
Provision for loan losses		(400)	(6,358)	(6,758)
Carrying value June 30, 2009	\$		\$	\$

(1) Carried at amortized cost as of December 31, 2008 and subsequently carried at market.

The mezzanine construction loan was placed on non-accrual status as of January 1, 2008 and the mezzanine loan was placed on non-accrual status as of March 31, 2009. No interest income was recorded on the mezzanine construction loan and \$235 of interest was capitalized on the mezzanine loan for the three and six months ended June 30, 2009.

The components of our total provision for loan losses on our impaired real estate loans for the six months ended June 30, 2009 are as follows:

Reconciliation of Provision for Loan Losses	
Balance, December 31, 2008	\$14,235
Additions (subtractions) during period:	
Provision for loan losses	6,758
Direct charge offs against the allowance	
Recoveries of previous charge offs	
Balance, June 30, 2009	\$20,993

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#### 5. REAL ESTATE LOANS AND REAL ESTATE LOANS HELD FOR SALE (Continued)

#### Real Estate Loans Held for Sale

As of June 30, 2009, we have the intent and ability to sell in the near future one of our real estate loans and therefore, we have classified it as held for sale. The following is a summary of our real estate loan held for sale as of June 30, 2009:

						Weighted
	Number			Weighted		Average
	of		Carrying	Average	Maturity	Years to
Loan Type	Loans	Face Value	Value	Interest Rate	Date	Maturity
Mezzanine loans	1	\$ 11,063	\$ 5,058	7.32%	2/2016	6.7

For the six months ended June 30, 2009 and the three months ended June 30, 2009, we did not record any valuation allowance on our consolidated statement of operations relating to real estate loans that are held for sale as of June 30, 2009.

#### Other Information Relating to Our Real Estate Loans and Real Estate Loans Held for Sale

The maturities of our real estate loans, including those held for sale, as of June 30, 2009 are as follows: \$2,522 in 2009, \$0 in 2010, \$84 in 2011, \$98 in 2012 and \$10,881 thereafter.

We pledge our real estate loans and real estate loans held for sale to secure our secured revolving credit facility. The fair value of the real estate loans, including those held for sale, that we pledged as collateral as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 is summarized as follows:

Pledged as Collateral:	June 30, 2009	mber 31, 2008
For borrowings under secured revolving credit facility, related party	\$ 6,974	\$ 13,178
Total	\$ 6.974	\$ 13.178

As of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, our real estate loans did not include any non-U.S. dollar denominated assets.

#### 6. COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE

The components of commercial real estate as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 are as follows:

	June 30, 2009	Dec	ember 31, 2008
Land	\$ 17,428	\$	17,428
Buildings and improvements	222,045		222,045
Commercial properties	239,473		239,473
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(14,467)		(11,214)
Total	\$225,006	\$	228,259

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#### 6. COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE (Continued)

The depreciation expense related to commercial real estate included in the operating results for the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008 was \$3,252 and \$3,252, respectively. The depreciation expense related to commercial real estate included in the operating results for the three months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008 was \$1,626 and \$1,626, respectively.

The following is a schedule of future minimum rent payments to be received under the leases at the three properties owned:

	Rent Payments
Remainder of 2009	\$ 5,686
2010	11,600
2011	11,832
2012	12,068
2013	12,309
Thereafter	114,152

#### 7. OTHER INVESTMENTS

The components of other investments as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 are as follows:

	June 30, 2009	December 31, 2008		
Investment in trust preferred securities	\$ 1,550	\$	1,550	
Total other investments	\$ 1,550	\$	1,550	

# 8. INTANGIBLE ASSETS AND INTANGIBLE LIABILITIES

The intangible assets and liabilities arose on the acquisition of the commercial real estate properties in March 2007 and September 2007. As of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, the components of intangible assets are as follows:

	June 30, 2009	Weighted Average Life (Years)	ember 31, 2008	Weighted Average Life (Years)
Lease origination costs	\$ 82,228	12.8	\$ 82,228	13.1
Below-market ground lease	2,919	57.0	2,919	57.3
Mineral rights	303		303	
Total Less: Accumulated amortization	85,450 (12,726)		85,450 (9,909)	
Intangible assets	\$ 72,724		\$ 75,541	

The amortization of lease origination costs for the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008 was \$2,792 and \$2,792, respectively, and is included in depreciation and amortization expense. The amortization of lease origination costs for the three months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008 was \$1,396

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#### 8. INTANGIBLE ASSETS AND INTANGIBLE LIABILITIES (Continued)

and \$1,396, respectively, and is included in depreciation and amortization expense. The amortization of a below-market ground lease, which is included in commercial real estate expenses, for the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008 was \$24 and \$24, respectively. The amortization of a below-market ground lease, which is included in commercial real estate expenses, for the three months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008 was \$12 and \$12, respectively. The estimated amortization of these intangible assets is \$5,633 per year for each of the next five years.

Below market leases, net of amortization, which are classified as intangible liabilities, are \$69,525 as of June 30, 2009 and \$72,265 as of December 31, 2008. The amortization of intangible liabilities included in rental income for the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008 was \$2,740 and \$2,740, respectively. The amortization of intangible liabilities included in rental income for the three months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008 was \$1,370 and \$1,370, respectively. The estimated amortization is \$5,480 per year for each of the next five years.

#### 9. DEBT AND OTHER FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS

The following is a summary of our debt as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008:

Type of Debt:	June 30, 2009	December 31, 2008
Collateralized debt obligations, at fair value	\$ 40,538	\$ 45,429
Junior subordinated notes held by trust that issued trust preferred		
securities	51,550	51,550
Mortgages payable	219,380	219,380
Secured revolving credit facility, related party	28,920	32,920
Total Debt	\$340,388	\$ 349,279

Collateralized Debt Obligations In November 2005, we issued approximately \$377,904 of CDOs ("CDO I") through two newly-formed subsidiaries, Crystal River CDO 2005-1, Ltd. (the "2005 Issuer") and Crystal River CDO 2005-1 LLC (the "2005 Co-Issuer"). CDO I consists of \$227,500 of investment grade notes and \$67,750 of non-investment grade notes, each with a final contractual maturity date of March 2046, which were co-issued by the 2005 Issuer and the 2005 Co-Issuer, and \$82,654 of preference shares, which were issued by the 2005 Issuer. We retained all of the non-investment grade securities, the preference shares and the common shares in the 2005 Issuer. The 2005 Issuer holds assets, consisting primarily of whole loans, CMBS and RMBS, which serve as collateral for CDO I. Investment grade notes in the aggregate principal amount of \$217,500 were issued with floating coupons with a combined weighted average interest rate of three-month LIBOR plus 0.58% and these notes were hedged at an annual rate of 5.068% to protect CDO I from increases in short-term interest rates. In addition, \$10,000 of investment grade notes were issued with a fixed coupon rate of 6.02%. CDO I may be replenished, pursuant to certain rating agency guidelines relating to credit quality and diversification, with substitute collateral for loans that are repaid during the first five years of CDO I. Thereafter, CDO I's securities will be retired in sequential order from the senior-most to junior-most as loans are repaid. We incurred approximately \$5,906 of issuance costs, which is being amortized over the average life of CDO I. The 2005 Issuer and 2005 Co-Issuer are consolidated in our financial statements. The investment grade notes are treated as a secured financing, and are non recourse to us.

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#### 9. DEBT AND OTHER FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS (Continued)

Proceeds from the sale of the investment grade notes issued were used to repay outstanding debt under our repurchase agreements. As of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, CDO I was collateralized by investment securities with fair values of \$12,910 and \$17,550, respectively. As of January 1, 2008, we elected the fair value option under SFAS 159 for our collateralized debt obligations, and the fair value of the investment grade notes that CDO I issued that are held by third parties as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 was \$12,042 and \$16,192, respectively (\$135,484 and \$142,183 par amount, respectively). Beginning in June 2008, CDO I began to fail certain over-collateralization triggers. During this period of failure, all notes subordinate to the most senior class with a relevant trigger failure will not receive their quarterly interest payments. The money that otherwise would be paid to those classes is used instead to pay down the principal balance of the senior-most outstanding notes. During the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, \$517 and \$0, respectively, was diverted from the affected classes to amortize senior notes issued by CDO I, and \$6,181 and \$0, respectively, of senior notes was otherwise repaid as provided in the indenture governing the CDO I notes. During the three months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, \$98 and \$0, respectively, was diverted from the affected classes to amortize senior notes issued by CDO I, and \$1,437 and \$0 respectively, of senior notes was otherwise repaid as provided in the indenture governing the CDO I notes.

In January 2007, we issued approximately \$390,338 of CDOs ("CDO II") through two newly-formed subsidiaries, Crystal River Capital Resecuritization 2006-1 Ltd. (the "2006 Issuer") and Crystal River Capital Resecuritization 2006-1 LLC (the "2006 Co-Issuer"). CDO II consists of \$324,956 of investment grade notes and \$14,638 of non-investment grade notes, each with a final maturity date of September 2047, which were co-issued by the 2006 Issuer and the 2006 Co-Issuer, and \$19,517 of non-investment grade notes and \$31,227 of preference shares, which were issued by the 2006 Issuer. The 2006 Issuer initially held cash totaling \$58,600 that was designated for the future funding of additional investments, all of which was invested during 2007. We retained all of the non-investment grade securities, the preference shares and the common shares in the 2006 Issuer. The 2006 Issuer holds assets, consisting of CMBS, which serve as collateral for CDO II. Investment grade notes in the aggregate principal amount of \$324,956 were issued with floating coupons with a combined weighted average interest rate of one-month LIBOR plus 0.57% and these notes were hedged at an annual rate of 4.955% to protect CDO II from increase in short-term interest rates. We incurred approximately \$6,006 of issuance costs, which is being amortized over the average life of CDO II. The 2006 Issuer and the 2006 Co-Issuer are consolidated in our financial statements. The investment grade notes are treated as a secured financing, and are non recourse to us. Proceeds from the sale of the investment grade notes issued were used to repay outstanding debt under our repurchase agreements. As of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, CDO II was collateralized by investment securities with a fair value of \$29,275 and \$33,482, respectively. As of January 1, 2008, we elected the fair value option under SFAS 159 for our collateralized debt obligations, and the fair value of the investment grade notes that CDO II issued that are held by third parties as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 was \$28,496 and \$29,237, respectively (\$324,143 and \$324,844 par amount, respectively). During the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, \$701 and \$0, respectively, of cash flows from "distressed securities" owned by CDO II was diverted from the equity class to amortize senior notes issued by CDO II. During the three months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, \$502 and \$0, respectively, of cash flows from "distressed securities" owned by CDO II was diverted from the equity class to amortize senior notes issued by CDO II.

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# 9. DEBT AND OTHER FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS (Continued)

Junior Subordinated Notes Held by Trust that Issued Trust Preferred Securities In March 2007, we formed Crystal River Preferred Trust I ("Trust I") for the purpose of issuing trust preferred securities. In March 2007, Trust I issued \$50,000 of trust preferred securities to an unaffiliated investor and \$1,550 of trust common securities to us for \$1,550. The combined proceeds were invested by Trust I in \$51,550 of junior subordinated notes issued by us. The junior subordinated notes are the sole assets of Trust I and mature in April 2037, but are callable by us at par on or after April 2012. Interest is payable quarterly at a fixed rate of 7.68% (ten-year LIBOR plus 2.75%) through April 2012 and thereafter at a floating rate equal to three-month LIBOR plus 2.75%. We incurred financing costs of \$1,356, which have been deferred and are being amortized over the term of the junior subordinated notes.

Mortgages Payable In March 2007, we financed a portion of our purchase of two office buildings located in Houston, Texas and Phoenix, Arizona, with a \$198,500 mortgage loan that bears interest at an annual rate of 5.509% and matures on April 1, 2017. The mortgage provides for payments of interest only throughout the term of the loan and the entire principal is due at maturity. We incurred financing costs of \$209, which have been deferred and are being amortized over the term of the loan. In September 2007, we financed a portion of our purchase of one office building located in Arlington, Texas with a \$20,880 mortgage loan that bears interest at an annual rate of 6.29% and matures on October 1, 2017. The mortgage provides for payments of interest only until October 1, 2010, after which we will be required to make monthly payments of \$129 in respect of principal and interest. We will be required to pay the remaining principal and accrued interest at maturity. We incurred financing costs of \$98, which have been deferred and are being amortized over the term of the loan.

Revolving Credit Facility In August 2007, we entered into a \$100,000 unsecured 364-day credit facility with Brookfield US Corporation (f/k/a Brascan (U.S.) Corp.), an affiliate of our Manager. Indebtedness outstanding under the unsecured credit facility bore interest at LIBOR + 4.00%. In November 2007, we and Brookfield US Corporation amended the terms of the facility, effective as of September 30, 2007, to convert the facility to a secured revolving credit facility that provides for borrowings of up to \$100,000 in the aggregate and to reduce the interest rate to LIBOR + 2.50%. In March 2008, we and Brookfield US Corporation amended the terms of the facility, effective as of December 31, 2007, to extend the term of the facility from November 2008 to May 2009, to revise the financial covenant relating to minimum net worth (as defined in the facility) and to eliminate the financial covenants relating to minimum net income (as defined in the facility), compliance with a maximum leverage ratio and compliance with an interest rate sensitivity requirement. In August 2008, we and Brookfield US Corporation amended the terms of the facility, effective as of June 30, 2008, to revise the financial covenant relating to minimum net worth. In February 2009, we and Brookfield US Corporation amended the terms of the facility from May 2009 to May 2010, to lower the borrowing capacity under the facility from \$100,000 to \$50,000 and, effective as of December 31, 2008, to delete the financial covenant relating to minimum net worth. The secured facility bears interest at LIBOR + 2.50%. The credit facility and the amendments were approved by the independent members of our board of directors. The credit agreement contains customary representations, warranties and covenants, including covenants limiting dividends, liens, mergers, asset sales and other fundamental changes. In addition, if our current manager, Hyperion Brookfield Crystal

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#### 9. DEBT AND OTHER FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS (Continued)

River Capital Advisors, LLC, or another wholly owned subsidiary of Brookfield Asset Management Inc. is not acting as our manager, then Brookfield US Corporation may accelerate all amounts due under our revolving credit facility. We incurred financing costs of \$8, which have been deferred and are being amortized over the term of the secured revolving credit facility.

Restrictive Covenants and Maturities Certain of our repurchase agreements (none of which were in use as of June 30, 2009 or December 31, 2008) contain financial covenants, such as maintaining a specific net asset value or worth, and certain of such repurchase agreements and our revolving credit facility contain covenants requiring us to maintain our REIT status. We were in compliance with respect to all our financial covenants under agreements for which we had outstanding borrowings as of June 30, 2009.

Interest Expense Interest expense is comprised of the following:

Six Months Ended June 30,	
2009	2008
\$	\$12,451
769	1,002
3,309	9,787
	1,658
6,158	6,192
1,980	1,980
475	1,696
37	234
\$12,728	\$35,000
	June 2009 \$ 769 3,309 6,158 1,980 475 37

	Three Months Ended June 30,	
	2009	2008
Interest on repurchase agreements	\$	\$ 881
Interest expense on interest rate swap agreements	301	497
Interest on CDO notes	1,562	4,078
Interest on senior mortgage-backed notes, related party		628
Interest on mortgages payable	3,096	3,096
Interest on junior subordinated notes	990	990
Interest on secured revolving credit facility, related party	227	526
Amortization of deferred financing costs	19	36
Total interest expense	\$ 6,195	\$10,732

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#### 9. DEBT AND OTHER FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS (Continued)

Interest payable is comprised of the following:

	June 30, 2009	- /	
Interest on CDO notes	\$ 261	\$	516
Interest on mortgages payable	1,021		113
Interest on junior subordinated notes	671		671
Interest on secured revolving credit facility, related party	36		57
Total interest payable	\$ 1,989	\$	1,357

#### 10. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

We invest in real estate construction loans. During the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, we made advances of \$0 and \$63, respectively, under these commitments. As of June 30, 2009, we had no unfunded commitments to fund any real estate loans.

In January 2007, we made a \$28,462 investment in a private equity fund that invests in real estate investments. The fund is managed by an affiliate of our Manager and the investment was approved by the independent members of our board of directors. In connection with that investment, we agreed to a future capital commitment of \$10,392. Certain distributions from the private equity fund may be recalled by the fund's manager for reinvestment purposes. During March 2008, we sold our investment in the private equity fund to an affiliate of our Manager and the purchaser of our investment assumed our unfunded capital commitment. Accordingly, as of June 30, 2009, we had no further commitment with respect to this investment.

In June 2008, we sold 11 whole loans to a third party (See Note 5). In connection with the sale, we entered into a yield maintenance agreement that serves to protect the buyer against potential prepayments of those 11 whole loans. In accordance with the agreement, we deposited \$4,096 into a restricted trust account to serve as collateral for the potential loss contingency. The agreement provides for the release to be evaluated quarterly to either the buyer or us of a proportionate share of the collateral contingent on any prepayments of the 11 whole loans. During the six months ended June 30, 2009, no release was made to us from the restricted trust account. As of June 30, 2009, our maximum loss contingency under this agreement totaled \$3,571. As of June 30, 2009, we had an accrued loss contingency totaling \$790 based on assumptions developed by management relating to the timing and value of expected prepayments on the 11 loans. The loss contingency was recorded as additional realized loss on the sale of real estate loans in our statement of operations during 2008.

#### 11. RISK MANAGEMENT TRANSACTIONS

We are exposed to certain risks arising from both our business operations and economic conditions. We principally manage our exposures to a wide variety of business and operational risks through management of our core business activities. We manage economic risks, including interest rate, liquidity, and credit risk, primarily by managing the amount, sources and duration of our debt funding and the use of derivative financial instruments. Specifically, we have entered into derivative financial

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instruments to manage exposures that arise from business activities that result in the receipt or payment of future known and uncertain cash amounts, the value of which are determined by interest rates. Our derivative financial instruments are used to manage differences in the amount, timing and duration of our known or expected cash receipts and our known or expected cash payments principally related our borrowings.

Our objective in using interest rate derivatives is to manage our exposure to interest rate movements. To accomplish this objective, we primarily use interest rate swaps as part of our interest rate risk management strategy. Interest rate swaps involve the receipt of variable-rate amounts from counterparties in exchange for us making fixed-rate payments over the life of the agreements without exchange of the underlying notional amount.

As of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, we did not have any foreign currency swaps in place.

The fair value of our derivatives as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 consisted of the following:

	June 30, 2009	*	
Derivative Liabilities:			
Interest rate swaps	\$20,707	\$	37,659
Credit default swaps	9,690		19,140
Interest payable swap	432		366
Other	355		481
Total derivative liabilities	\$31,184	\$	57,646

The notional amount of our open undesignated interest rate swap positions as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 were as follows:

	June 30, 2009	December 31, 2008
Interest rate swaps on CDO I notes	\$ 42,408	\$ 44,549
Interest rate swaps on CDO II notes	240,467	240,467
	\$282,875	\$ 285,016

As of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, we had unhedged liabilities under our secured revolving credit facility totaling \$28,920 and \$32,920, respectively.

The change in unrealized gains (loss) on interest rate swaps previously designated as cash flow hedges is separately disclosed in the statement of changes in stockholders' equity. As of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, unrealized losses aggregating \$9,770 and \$10,539, respectively, on active cash flow hedges were recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss). The net unamortized deferred losses on settled and unsettled swaps as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 were \$9,770 and \$10,539, respectively, and are being amortized into earnings through interest expense.

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Derivatives not designated as hedges are not speculative and are used to manage our exposure to interest rate movements and other identified risks but do not meet the strict hedge accounting requirements of SFAS 133. Changes in the fair value of derivatives not designated in hedging relationships recorded directly in earnings for the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008 totaled \$16,952 and \$7,935, respectively. Changes in the fair value of derivatives not designated in hedging relationships recorded directly in earnings for the three months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008 totaled \$10,142 and \$16,370, respectively.

As a result of the sale of our Agency MBS portfolio and related repayment of our repurchase agreements in 2008, we determined that it was no longer probable that the future repurchase agreements that certain of our interest rate swaps were hedging would occur. As a result, we reclassified \$9,666 of realized and unrealized loss out of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) into realized and unrealized gain (loss) on derivatives in the consolidated statement of operations in the first quarter of 2008.

The components of our accumulated derivative gain (loss) included in other comprehensive income (loss) are as follows:

	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2009	2008
Net unrealized accumulated derivative loss on active interest rate		
swaps beginning of period	\$(10,539)	\$(25,219)
Net change in active and settled swaps		4,199
Net realized losses on settled swaps reclassified into earnings		8,982
Net realized losses on settled and active swaps amortized into earnings	769	445
Net unrealized accumulated derivative loss on active interest rate swaps end		
of period	\$ (9,770)	\$(11,593)

	Three Months Ended June 30,		
	2009	2008	
Net unrealized accumulated derivative loss on active interest rate			
swaps beginning of period	\$(10,071)	\$(20,220)	
Net change in active and settled swaps		8,327	
Net realized losses on settled and active swaps amortized into earnings	301	300	
Net unrealized accumulated derivative loss on active interest rate swaps end of period	\$ (9,770)	\$(11,593)	

Amounts reported in accumulated other comprehensive loss related to derivatives will be reclassified to interest expense as interest payments are made on our variable-rate debt. During 2009, we estimate that an additional \$602 will be reclassified as an increase in interest expense. During the

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six months ended June 30, 2009, we accelerated the reclassification of a \$167 loss in other comprehensive loss to earnings as a result of the hedged forecasted transactions becoming probable not to occur. No such acceleration occurred during the six months ended June 30, 2008.

The components of net realized and unrealized loss on derivatives are as follows:

	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2009	2008
Realized/unrealized losses on credit default swaps ("CDS")	\$ (550)	\$(15,920)
Unrealized losses on hedge ineffectiveness		(10,789)
Unrealized gains on economic hedges not designated for hedge accounting	10,679	6,819
Net realized losses on settlement of interest rate swaps		(18,343)
Premium earned on CDS	124	284
Other	114	(82)
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on derivatives	\$10,367	\$(38,031)

	Three Months Ended June 30,	
	2009	2008
Realized/unrealized losses on credit default swaps ("CDS")	\$ (628)	\$ (3,378)
Unrealized gains on economic hedges not designated for hedge accounting	6,955	14,507
Net realized losses on settlement of interest rate swaps		(5,833)
Premium earned on CDS	48	82
Other	121	(27)
Net realized and unrealized gains on derivatives	\$ 6,496	\$ 5,351

As of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, we were not required to provide any collateral in respect of our interest rate swaps.

The maturities of the notional amounts of our interest rate swaps outstanding as of June 30, 2009 are as follows: \$42,408 in 2013 and \$240.467 in 2018.

As of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, we held various credit default swaps, as the protection seller, with notional amounts (maximum exposure to loss) of \$10,000 and \$20,000, respectively. A credit default swap is a financial instrument used to transfer the credit risk of a reference entity from one party to another for a specified period of time. In a standard CDS contract, one party, referred to as the protection buyer, purchases credit default protection from another party, referred to as the protection seller, for a specific notional amount of obligations of a reference entity. In these transactions, the protection buyer pays a premium to the protection seller. The premium generally is paid monthly in arrears, but may be paid in full up front in the case of a CDS with a short maturity. Generally, if a credit event occurs during the term of the CDS, the protection seller pays the protection buyer the notional amount and takes delivery of the reference entity's obligation. CDS are

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generally unconditional, irrevocable and non-cancelable. During each of the six months ended June 30, 2008 and the three months ended June 30, 2008, we closed out six CDS on single names in an aggregate notional amount of \$55,000, with a realized loss of approximately \$30,249, of which \$19,780 was accrued in 2007 as an unrealized loss. At June 30, 2009, the fair value of our net liability relating to credit default swap contracts was \$9,690, compared to a net liability of \$19,140 at December 31, 2008, primarily as a result of the occurrence of a credit event on the reference obligation underlying one of our CDS on which we sold protection, which required us to make payments on that CDS in the amount of \$10,000 during the six months ended June 30, 2009. As of June 30, 2009, we had posted cash of \$10,497 as collateral in connection with our single name CDS, which is included in restricted cash on the balance sheet.

The components of our outstanding credit default swap as of June 30, 2009 are as follows:

	FHLT 2005-1 M8
Notional amount	\$10,000
Expiration date	6/25/2035
Fair value	\$(9,690)
Exposure to loss	\$310

### 12. STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY AND LONG-TERM INCENTIVE PLAN

In March 2005, we completed the Private Offering in which we sold 17,400,000 shares of common stock, \$0.001 par value, at an offering price of \$25 per share, including the purchase of 400,000 shares of common stock by the initial purchasers/placement agents pursuant to an over-allotment option. We received proceeds from these transactions in the amount of \$405,613, net of underwriting commissions, placement agent fees and other offering costs totaling \$29,387. In August 2006, we completed the Public Offering in which we sold 7,500,000 shares of common stock at an offering price of \$23 per share. The proceeds received from the Public Offering were \$158,599, which was net of underwriting and other offering costs of \$13,901. Each share of common stock entitles its holder to one vote per share.

In March 2005, we adopted a Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "Plan") that provides for awards under the Plan in the form of stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted and unrestricted stock awards, restricted stock units, deferred stock units and other performance awards. Our Manager and our officers, employees, directors, advisors and consultants who provide services to us are eligible to receive awards under the Plan. The Plan has a term of 10 years and, based on awards since adoption, limits awards through December 31, 2009 to a maximum of 2,502,180 shares of common stock. For subsequent periods, the maximum number of shares of common stock that may be subject to awards granted under the Plan can increase by 10% of the difference between the number of shares of common stock outstanding at the end of the current calendar year and the prior calendar year. In no event will the total number of shares that can be issued under the Plan exceed 10,000,000.

In connection with the Plan, a total of 84,000 shares of restricted common stock and 126,000 stock options (exercise price of \$25 per share) were granted to our Manager in March 2005. The Manager

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#### 12. STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY AND LONG-TERM INCENTIVE PLAN (Continued)

subsequently transferred these shares and options to certain of its officers and employees, certain of our directors and other individuals associated with our Manager who provide services to us. The restrictions on the restricted common stock lapse and full rights of ownership vest for one-third of the restricted shares and options on each of the first three anniversary dates of issuance. Vesting is predicated on the continuing involvement of our Manager in providing services to us. In addition, 3,500 shares of unrestricted stock were granted to the independent members of our board of directors in March 2005 in lieu of cash remuneration. The independent members of our board of directors fully vested in the shares on the date of grant.

During the six months ended June 30, 2009, we did not issue any shares of restricted common stock, but we did issue 106,409 deferred stock units to certain independent members of our board of directors. Of these amounts, 61,629 deferred stock units were issued in lieu of cash remunerations. These independent members of our board of directors fully vested in the deferred stock units at the date of grant.

For the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, \$91 and \$209, respectively, was expensed relating to the amortization of deferred stock units. For the three months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, \$45 and \$95, respectively, was expensed relating to the amortization of deferred stock units.

Accumulated other comprehensive loss as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 was comprised of the following:

	June 30, 2009	De	ecember 31, 2008
Net unrealized gains (losses) on available-for-sale securities	\$ (54,508)	\$	724
Net realized and unrealized losses on interest rate swap agreements accounted for as cash flow hedges	(9,770)		(10,539)
Total accumulated other comprehensive loss	\$ (64,278)	\$	(9,815)

Total comprehensive loss totaled \$70,934 and \$205,794 for the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively. Total comprehensive loss totaled \$61,616 and \$65,124 for the three months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

### 13. FINANCIAL RISKS

We are subject to various risks, including credit, interest rate and market risk. We are subject to interest rate risk to the extent that our interest-bearing liabilities mature or re-price at different speeds, or different bases, than our interest-earning assets. Credit risk is the risk of default on our investments that results in a counterparty's failure to make payments according to the terms of the contract.

Market risk reflects changes in the value of the securities and real estate loans due to changes in interest rates or other market factors, including the rate of prepayments of principal and the value of the collateral underlying our investment securities and real estate loans.

As of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, the mortgage loans in the underlying collateral pools for all securities we owned were secured by properties predominantly in Arizona (11% in 2009, 10% in

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2008), California (13% in 2009, 14% in 2008), Florida (5% in 2009, 5% in 2008), New York (12% in 2009, 13% in 2008) and Texas (13% in 2009, 12% in 2008). All other states or countries comprise individually less than 5% as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008.

As of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, we had a concentration of tenant risk relating to our commercial real estate properties. Our commercial real estate properties are leased on a triple net basis to JPMorgan Chase under leases that expire in 2021 for our Houston, Texas and Phoenix, Arizona properties and in 2027 for our Arlington, Texas property. In addition, rental income from our commercial real estate segment represented 33.8% and 13.8% of our total revenue for the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively and 42.7% and 17.2% of our total revenue for the three months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

#### 14. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

We have entered into a management agreement, as amended (the "Agreement"), with our Manager. The initial term of the Agreement expired in December 2008 and was renewed for a one-year term. After the initial term, the Agreement will be automatically renewed for a one-year term each anniversary date thereafter unless we or our Manager terminate the Agreement. The Agreement provides that our Manager will provide us with investment management services and certain administrative services and will perform our day-to-day operations. The monthly base management fee for such services is equal to 1.5% of one-twelfth of our equity, as defined in the Agreement, payable in arrears. In future periods, to the extent that our equity is negative, we expect that our base management fee would be zero.

In addition, under the Agreement, our Manager earns a quarterly incentive fee equal to 25% of the amount by which the quarterly net income per share, as defined in the Agreement (which principally excludes the effect of stock compensation and the unrealized change in derivatives), exceeds an amount equal to the product of the weighted average of the price per share of the common stock we issued in the Private Offering and in the Public Offering and the price per share of common stock in any subsequent offerings by us, multiplied by the higher of (i) 2.4375% or (ii) 25% of the then applicable 10 year Treasury note rate plus 0.50%, multiplied by the then weighted average number of outstanding shares for the quarter. The incentive fee is paid quarterly. The Agreement provides that 10% of the incentive management fee is to be paid in shares of our common stock (providing that such payment does not result in our Manager owning directly or indirectly more than 9.8% of our issued and outstanding common stock) and the balance is to be paid in cash. Our Manager may, at its sole discretion, elect to receive a greater percentage of its incentive management fee in shares of our common stock. No incentive management fees were incurred during each of the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008.

The Agreement may be terminated upon the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the independent members of our board of directors after the expiration of the initial term and by providing at least 180 days prior notice based upon either: (i) unsatisfactory performance by our Manager that is materially detrimental to us, or (ii) a determination by the independent members of our board of directors that the management fees payable to our Manager are not fair (subject to our Manager's

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right to prevent a compensation termination by agreeing to a mutually acceptable reduction of the management fees). If we terminate the Agreement, then we must pay our Manager a termination fee equal to twice the sum of the average annual base and incentive fees earned by our Manager during the two twelve-month periods immediately preceding the date of termination, calculated as of the end of the most recently completed fiscal quarter prior to the date of termination.

We issued to our Manager 84,000 shares of our restricted common stock and granted options to purchase 126,000 shares of our common stock for a 10 year period at a price of \$25 per share in March 2005. We issued to one of our directors 2,000 shares of restricted stock in May 2007 which vested on the first anniversary of their date of issuance, we issued to one of our directors 2,000 shares of restricted stock in June 2008 which vested on the first anniversary of their date of issuance, and we issued to two of our directors an aggregate of 4,000 shares of restricted stock in June 2009, which will vest on the first anniversary of their date of issuance. For the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, the base management expense was \$0 and \$1,112, respectively and for the three months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, the base management expense was \$0 and \$418, respectively. Included in the management fee expense for the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008 is \$0 and \$(27), respectively, of amortization of stock-based compensation related to restricted stock and options granted and included in the management fee expense for the three months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008 is \$0 and \$0, respectively, of amortization of stock-based compensation related to restricted stock and options granted. For management fees earned during the six months ended June 30, 2008, we issued to our Manager 68,338 shares of common stock on May 2, 2008 and 99,998 shares of common stock on August 6, 2008.

The Agreement provides that we are required to reimburse our Manager for certain expenses incurred by our Manager on our behalf provided that such costs and reimbursements are no greater than that which would be paid to outside professionals or consultants on an arm's length basis. For the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, we were not charged any reimbursable costs by our Manager.

In August 2007, we entered into a \$100,000 unsecured 364-day credit facility with Brookfield US Corporation (f/k/a Brascan (U.S.) Corp.), an affiliate of our Manager. Indebtedness outstanding under the unsecured credit facility bore interest at LIBOR + 4.00%. In November 2007, we and Brookfield US Corporation amended the terms of the facility, effective as of September 30, 2007, to convert the facility to a secured revolving credit facility that provides for borrowings of up to \$100,000 in the aggregate and to reduce the interest rate to LIBOR + 2.50%. In March 2008, we and Brookfield US Corporation amended the terms of the facility, effective as of December 31, 2007, to extend the term of the facility from November 2008 to May 2009, to revise the financial covenant relating to minimum net worth (as defined in the facility) and to eliminate the financial covenants relating to minimum net income (as defined in the facility), compliance with a maximum leverage ratio and compliance with an interest rate sensitivity requirement. In August 2008, we and Brookfield US Corporation amended the terms of the facility, effective as of June 30, 2008, to revise the financial covenant relating to minimum net worth. In February 2009, we and Brookfield US Corporation amended the terms of the facility to extend the term of the facility from May 2009 to May 2010, to lower the borrowing capacity under the

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facility from \$100,000 to \$50,000 and, effective as of December 31, 2008, to delete the financial covenant relating to minimum net worth. The secured facility bears interest at LIBOR + 2.50%. The credit facility and the amendments were approved by the independent members of our board of directors. The credit agreement contains customary representations, warranties and covenants, including covenants limiting dividends, liens, mergers, asset sales and other fundamental changes. In addition, if our current manager, Hyperion Brookfield Crystal River Capital Advisors, LLC, or another wholly owned subsidiary of Brookfield Asset Management Inc. is not acting as our manager, then Brookfield US Corporation may accelerate all amounts due under our revolving credit facility. We incurred financing costs of \$8, which have been deferred and are being amortized over the term of the secured revolving credit facility.

The following amounts from related party transactions are included in our consolidated statements of operations for the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008:

	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2009	2008
Interest expense on indebtedness to related parties	\$ 475	\$ 3,354
Interest income from rent enhancement receivables from related parties	390	457
Loss from equity investment in private investment fund managed by related		
party		40

The following amounts from related party transactions are included in our consolidated statements of operations for the three months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008:

	Three Months Ended June 30,			
	2	009		2008
Interest expense on indebtedness to related parties	\$	227	\$	1,154
Interest income from rent enhancement receivables from related parties		191		224

The following amounts from related party transactions are included in our consolidated balance sheets as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008:

	June 30, 2009	December 31, 2008
Interest payable on indebtedness to related parties	\$ 36	\$ 57
Rent enhancement receivable from related parties	12,620	13,828
Secured revolving credit facility, related party	28,920	32,920

We and our Manager have entered into sub-advisory agreements with other affiliated entities and the fees payable under such agreements will be paid from any management fees earned by our Manager. In addition, certain of these affiliated sub-advisory entities introduce investments to us from time to time, although none of these affiliated entities introduced investments to us that we acquired during the six months ended June 30, 2009 or during the six months ended June 30, 2008.

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### 15. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The following table sets forth the calculation of Basic and Diluted EPS for the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008 (in thousands, except share and per share amounts):

	S Net Loss	ix Months Ended June 30, 2009 Weighted Average Number of Shares Outstanding(1)	Per Share Amount	Si Net Loss	x Months Ended June 30, 2008 Weighted Average Number of Shares Outstanding(1)	Sl	Per hare nount
Basic EPS:							
Net loss per share of common							
stock	\$(16,471)	25,160,754	\$ (0.65)	\$(213,221)	24,778,788	\$	(8.60)
Effect of Dilutive Securities:							
Options outstanding for the purchase of common stock							
Diluted EPS:							
Net loss per share of common stock and assumed conversions	\$(16,471)	25,160,754	\$ (0.65)	\$(213,221)	24,778,788	\$	(8.60)

(1) Including other participating securities.

The following table sets forth the calculation of Basic and Diluted EPS for the three months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008 (in thousands, except share and per share amounts):

		June 30, 2009 Weighted Average Number of Shares	Per Share		ree Months Ende June 30, 2008 Weighted Average Number of Shares	Per Share
Basic EPS:	Net Loss	Outstanding(1)	Amount	Net Loss	Outstanding(1)	Amount
Net loss per share of common stock Effect of Dilutive Securities:	\$(6,490)	25,189,825	\$ (0.26)	\$(75,535)	24,807,529	\$ (3.04)
Options outstanding for the purchase of common stock						
Diluted EPS:						
Net loss per share of common stock and assumed conversions	\$(6,490)	25,189,825	\$ (0.26)	\$(75,535)	24,807,529	\$ (3.04)

(1) Including other participating securities.

As of June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008, options to purchase a total of 130,000 shares of common stock have been excluded from the computation of diluted EPS as they were determined to be antidilutive.

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#### 16. SEGMENT REPORTING

We determined that we operate in two reportable segments: a Securities, Loans and Other segment and a Commercial Real Estate segment. The accounting policies of the segments are the same as those described in the summary of significant accounting policies as discussed in Note 2. The reportable segments were determined based on the allocation of our investment portfolio between investment activity and commercial real estate operations in which separate performance data is produced and analyzed by management and our chief operating decision-maker.

Our Securities, Loans and Other segment includes all of our investment activities related to securities, real estate loans and equity investments. Our Commercial Real Estate segment includes all of our activities related to the ownership and leasing of the three commercial real properties.

The following table summarizes our segment reporting for the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008 and for the three months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008 our total assets as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008:

	Securities, Loans and Other	Commercial Real Estate	Total
Six Months ended June 30, 2009	Other	Real Estate	1 Otal
Total revenues	\$ 21,730	\$ 11,050	32,780
Interest expense	(6,554)	(6,174)	(12,728)
Depreciation and amortization expense		(6,044)	(6,044)
Provision for loss on real estate loans	(6,758)		(6,758)
Total expenses	(15,594)	(13,036)	(28,630)
Income (loss) before other revenues (expenses)	6,136	(1,986)	4,150
Realized and unrealized gain on derivatives	10,367		10,367
Total other-than-temporary impairments on available-for-sale			
securities	(43,112)		(43,112)
Portion of other-than-temporary impairments recognized in			
other comprehensive income	22,979		22,979
Net change in assets and liabilities valued under FVO	(8,907)		(8,907)
Total other expenses	(20,621)		(20,621)
Net loss	(14,485)	(1,986)	(16,471)
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	Securities, Loans and Other	Commercial Real Estate	Total
Six Months ended June 30, 2008			
Total revenues	\$ 69,998	\$ 11,212	\$ 81,210
Interest expense	(28,792)	(6,208)	(35,000)
Depreciation and amortization expense		(6,044)	(6,044)
Provision for loss on real estate loans	(16,449)		(16,449)
Total expenses	(49,961)	(13,132)	(63,093)
Income (loss) before other revenues (expenses)	20,037	(1,920)	18,117
Realized and unrealized loss on derivatives	(38,031)		(38,031)
Impairment of available-for-sale securities	(85,464)		(85,464)
Net change in assets and liabilities carried under FVO	(102,203)		(102,203)
Total other expenses	(231,338)		(231,338)
Net loss	(211,301)	(1,920)	(213,221)
Three Months ended June 30, 2009			
Total revenues	\$ 7,365	\$ 5,446	\$ 12,811
Interest expense	(3,091)	(3,104)	(6,195)
Depreciation and amortization expense		(3,022)	(3,022)
Provision for loss on real estate loans			
Total expenses	(4,247)	(6,531)	(10,778)
Income (loss) before other revenues (expenses)	3,118	(1,085)	2,033
Realized and unrealized gain on derivatives	6,496		6,496
Total other-than-temporary impairments on available-for-sale			
securities	(37,328)		(37,328)
Portion of other-than-temporary impairments recognized in			
other comprehensive income	22,979		22,979
Net change in assets and liabilities valued under FVO	969		969
Total other expenses	(8,523)		(8,523)
Net loss	(5,405)	(1,085)	(6,490)
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## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)

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## 16. SEGMENT REPORTING (Continued)

	Securities,		
	Loans and	Commercial	
	Other	Real Estate	Total
Three Months ended June 30, 2008			
Total revenues	\$ 26,780	\$ 5,550	\$ 32,330
Interest expense	(7,628)	(3,104)	(10,732)
Depreciation and amortization expense		(3,022)	(3,022)
Provision for loss on real estate loans	(7,386)		(7,386)
Total expenses	(17,445)	(6,573)	(24,018)
Income (loss) before other revenues (expenses)	9,335	(1,023)	8,312
Realized and unrealized gain on derivatives	5,351		5,351
Impairment of available-for-sale securities	(18,310)		(18,310)
Net change in assets and liabilities carried under FVO	(69,355)		(69,355)
Total other expenses	(83,847)		(83,847)
Net loss	(74,512)	(1,023)	(75,535)
June 30, 2009			
Total assets	\$ 90,881	\$ 316,471	\$407,352
December 31, 2008			
Total assets	\$126,647	\$ 321,654	\$448,301

## 17. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The carrying amounts and estimated fair values of our other financial instruments as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 were as follows:

	June 3	0, 2009 Estimated	Decembe	r 31, 2008 Estimated
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Fair Value
Assets:				
Investment securities	\$ 57,253	\$ 57,253	\$ 72,916	\$ 72,916
Real estate loans	2,517	1,916	9,034	8,520
Real estate loans held for sale	5,058	5,058	5,058	5,058
Other investments	1,550	330	1,550	297
Liabilities:				
Collateralized debt obligations	40,538	40,538	45,429	45,429
Junior subordinated notes	51,550	10,992	51,550	9,865
Mortgages payable	219,380	126,622	219,380	128,235
Secured revolving credit facility, related party	28,920	27,479	32,920	32,112
Derivative liabilities	31,184	30,752	57,280	57,280
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**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)** 

June 30, 2009 (in thousands, except share and per share data) (unaudited)

#### 17. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

The methodologies used and key assumptions made to estimate fair values are as follows:

Investment securities The fair value of available-for-sale securities is estimated by obtaining broker quotations, where available, based upon reasonable market order indications or a good faith estimate thereof. For securities where market quotes are not readily obtainable, management may also estimate values, and considers factors including the credit characteristics and term of the underlying security, market yields on securities with similar credit ratings, and sales of similar securities, where available.

*Real estate loans* The fair value of our loan portfolio is estimated by using a discounted cash flow analysis, utilizing scheduled cash flows and discount rates estimated by management to approximate those that a willing buyer and seller might use.

Other investments The fair value of our interest in equity investments is estimated by using the book value assuming hypothetical liquidation. The fair value of our interest in trust preferred securities is estimated using a discounted cash flow analysis, based on management's estimates of market interest rates.

Derivative liabilities The fair value of our derivative liabilities is estimated using current market quotes and third-party quotations, where available, and taking into consideration credit risk.

Collateralized debt obligations The fair value of collateralized debt obligations is estimated using a discounted cash flow analysis, based on management's estimates of market interest rates. For mortgages where we have an early prepayment right, management also considers the prepayment amount in evaluating the fair value.

*Junior subordinated notes* The fair value of our junior subordinated notes is estimated using a discounted cash flow analysis, based on management's estimates of market interest rates.

Mortgages payable The fair value of our mortgage notes is estimated using a discounted cash flow analysis, based on management's estimates of market interest rates.

Secured revolving credit facility, related party Management believes that the stated interest rates approximate market rates (when compared to similar credit facilities with similar credit risk). Accordingly, the fair value of the secured revolving credit facility, related party, is estimated to be equal to the outstanding principal amount.

#### 18. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On August 7, 2009, our Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.10 per share, which is expected to be paid on October 30, 2009 to our stockholders of record as of September 30, 2009.

We have evaluated subsequent events through the date the financial statements were issued on August 10, 2009, and we do not believe there are any other material subsequent events which would require further disclosure.

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#### Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto appearing elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. Historical results set forth are not necessarily indicative of our future financial position and results of operations.

#### Overview

We are a specialty finance company formed on January 25, 2005 by Hyperion Brookfield Asset Management, Inc., which we refer to as Hyperion Brookfield, to invest in commercial real estate, real estate loans, real estate related securities, such as commercial and residential mortgage-backed securities, and various other asset classes. We commenced operations in March 2005. We have elected and qualified to be taxed as a REIT for federal income tax purposes commencing with our taxable year ended December 31, 2005 and expect to qualify as a REIT in subsequent tax years. We manage the composition of our portfolio so that we will qualify for an exclusion from regulation under the Investment Company Act of 1940. We are externally managed by Hyperion Brookfield Crystal River Capital Advisors, LLC, which we refer to as our Manager, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Brookfield Asset Management Inc.

We have observed a number of IPO filings by recently formed entities with investment strategies focused on commercial and residential real estate debt markets. As permitted by our management agreement (which contains policies to ensure that potential conflicts of interest are managed appropriately), our Manager has indicated that its parent company may pursue opportunities to sponsor new ventures and raise investment capital to be deployed in the real estate debt sector. Our Board of Directors will continue to exercise oversight of our Manager and our Manager will continue to have the same obligation to manage our portfolio as set forth in our management agreement (which contains policies to ensure that potential conflicts of interest are managed appropriately). Our board of directors is currently considering the potential impact on us if our Manager's parent company pursues such an opportunity and the potential effect, if any, that it could have on the management of our portfolio.

Given current market conditions and our lack of investable cash, currently, we are unable to take advantage of new investment opportunities. We will, however, continue to manage our portfolio in accordance with our stated objectives of maximizing the cash flow from our investment portfolio and eliminating our short term debt.

Since we commenced operations in March 2005, we have invested in Agency mortgage-backed securities, non-agency residential mortgage-backed securities, commercial mortgage-backed securities, other commercial mortgage loan products, including whole loans, A Notes, B Notes, mezzanine loans, and investments in funds that invest in whole loans, A Notes, B Notes, and mezzanine loans, and purchased commercial real estate properties. We also have taken positions in various credit default swaps relating to commercial mortgage-backed securities and residential mortgage-backed securities and have entered into interest rate swaps to hedge the basis risk of our floating rate liabilities. We have leveraged our portfolio in order to achieve attractive risk-adjusted returns. We have issued four types of liabilities:

trust preferred securities;	
CDO liabilities;	
secured mortgage debt; and	
short-term liabilities.	

We completed a private offering of 17,400,000 shares of our common stock in March 2005 in which we raised net proceeds of approximately \$405.6 million. We completed our initial public offering of 7,500,000 shares of our common stock in August 2006 in which we raised net proceeds of

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approximately \$158.6 million. Between August 2007 and November 2007, we purchased 299,300 shares of our common stock in open market purchases. As of June 30, 2009, our portfolio was comprised of commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS), commercial real estate loan investments, residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS), operating real estate and other investments of approximately \$291.4 million, and have issued debt with carrying value totaling approximately \$340.3 million. The resulting GAAP-reported stockholders' deficit of \$41.1 million represents a reduction of \$605.3 million of the net amounts raised in 2005 and 2006. This reduction in stockholders' equity can be attributed to the following general areas:

realized losses on disposition of assets, credit default swaps and interest rate swaps;

dividends paid in excess of GAAP earnings;

impairment of loans and other decreases in market values on CMBS and RMBS assets for which we have projected a decline in future cash flows; and

decreases in market values on CMBS and RMBS assets that are solely attributable to spread widening.

We earn revenues and generate cash through our investments. These revenues are, in turn, used to pay the interest and other costs of our financings (including payments due on interest rate hedges), to pay for our overhead costs and to pay the management fee. The net earnings after these payments are used to pay dividends to our stockholders, to further reduce our liabilities or, when we have investable capital, to re-invest into targeted assets. In order to maintain compliance with the REIT regulations, we are required to pay out at least 90% of our taxable income as dividends. Typically there are mismatches between taxable income and GAAP income. Due to realized losses that we have incurred to date and the projected decline in cash flows of some of our assets, we currently expect a portion of our portfolio to generate substantial tax operating losses in 2009 and in future periods. Thus, our net earnings may be in excess of our taxable income for the next several years. This mismatch may permit us to use a certain amount of our net earnings to further reduce our liabilities, rather than pay these net earnings to stockholders as a dividend.

#### Trends; Current Market Environment; Current Portfolio Considerations

In July 2007, the commercial real estate finance sector began to show serious signs of liquidity-related distress. This was in addition to the distress that had already begun in the securitized residential products markets. Now, two years into the world-wide financial crisis, commercial real estate credit markets have begun to experience a second layer of stress, as adverse credit events at the underlying loan level have begun to increase, and, in the residential sector, many of the long-awaited losses from the high delinquency levels have percolated through the various structures. The dual factors of diminishing liquidity and increasing incurrence of adverse credit events place a lot of stress on commercial and residential real estate credit investors. The diminished liquidity negatively impacts the market value of the respective investments whereas the adverse credit events negatively impact the prospective cash flow of the respective investments. The U.S. federal government has recently enacted several programs with the intent of stabilizing the financing markets. These programs include the Troubled Assets Relief Program (TARP), the Term Asset-Backed Securities Loan Facility (TALF) and the Public-Private Investment Program (PPIP), among others. While we are cautiously optimistic that the recently enacted governmental programs will have some positive impact on the housing markets and the lending environment, we do not believe that the overall market will stabilize until (a) home prices firm up and the impact of these lower home prices works through the various real estate financing markets, and (b) commercial lending markets become functional and the borrowers in these markets readjust their valuations and expectations to reflect a much less aggressive lending environment.

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Performance for CMBS investors, including us, is highly dependent upon the credit performance of existing securitized portfolios. We expect that loans that do not have near-term maturities that were underwritten with the related secured properties having stabilized cash flow in place will tend to perform better during this difficult period. By contrast, we believe that loans made on transitional, or other value-creating, projects that have near-term maturities will suffer the greatest. The markets will be greatly impacted by these loans with near-term maturities; causing the existing credit spread environment to last until the consequences of these near-term loan maturities are better understood. Through our CMBS portfolio and our commercial real estate loan portfolio, we have exposure to each of these loan types. Our CMBS portfolio, which is comprised solely of fixed rate conduit deals, which generally do not have near-term maturities, will not start to have material maturities in the underlying collateral pools until 2010; however, the delinquency rate for our CMBS portfolio increased dramatically during the second quarter of 2009. If this increase in delinquency persists, our prospective cash flows will be materially lowered.

As discussed in Note 3 to our consolidated financial statements, "Fair Value Hierarchy", we value our investment securities using current market pricing. The spreads that have been utilized to value our assets are extremely wide from a historical perspective. These spreads are wide due to the market's view of the risks contained within these types of investments within the current market environment. These risks include the market's expectation of increasing delinquencies and losses within residential and commercial mortgage loans, and consequently, in the securitized pools that own these loans. The market's expectation is also that commercial and residential loans originated in the period from 2005 to 2007 will under-perform prior vintages. These market expectations become embodied in the modeling assumptions that are used to value securities such as the RMBS and CMBS that we own. The valuation of these assets is extremely sensitive to these assumptions. Additionally, there are many factors for which there is no relevant comparable data to use in order to help judge that particular factor's impact on future performance. For instance, many of the underlying residential and commercial mortgages originated during the 2005 to 2007 era have very low interest rate coupons. These low coupons may prove to dampen credit losses that otherwise are expected by the market. As these origination vintages age, performance tiering may become evident; meaning that the 2005 vintage may exhibit stronger performance than the 2006 or 2007 vintages. In the current marketplace, there is no evidence of any meaningful tiering among these three vintages. Additionally, the recently enacted governmental programs may have a positive impact on certain sub-prime borrowers and sub-prime loan pools. Conversely, consumer retail weakness, job losses and a weak economy may result in credit losses exceeding the market's expectations. It is the use of these assumptions that causes there to be both upside potential as well as downside risk to the cu

We believe the following trends may also affect our business:

Uncertain interest rate environment The credit market disruption that has persisted since the summer of 2007 continues to have a dramatic effect on the economy. The distress in the financial markets has led to significant changes in Federal Reserve Monetary Policy, in the form of lower rates and through direct financing to primary dealers through the TALF and other programs. However, pressure from a pull back in lending and credit provision still weighs heavily on the consumer and on the residential housing markets. Continued weakness in the residential real estate markets and lending environment is likely to persist, and in general should result in slower U.S. economic growth. Additionally, lower rates have not resulted in dramatically increased prepayment speeds, largely given the constraints around lending, which have even impacted the U.S. government-sponsored entities, such as Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

Normally, we would expect that our fixed-rate assets would decline in value in a rising interest rate environment. We have engaged in interest rate swaps to hedge a portion of the risk associated with increases in interest rates. However, because we do not always hedge 100% of our outstanding financing, increases in interest rates could result in a decline in the value of our portfolio, net of

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hedges. Similarly, decreases in interest rates could result in an increase in the value of our portfolio. Given the substantial dislocation in asset prices, however, these traditional relationships between levels of interest rates and yield spread or price changes, may not exist.

*Prepayment rates* Typically, as interest rates fall, prepayment rates on residential mortgages rise. However, given the global credit crisis, this cycle could be different as the decline in housing market activity and home price depreciation could keep prepayment rates low as refinancing becomes less accessible. As noted above, lower rates have not dramatically increased prepayment speeds during the current recession, as more constraints have been placed on lending. Prepayment rates also may be affected by other factors, including, without limitation, conditions in the housing and financial markets, general economic conditions and the relative interest rates on mortgage loans.

Liquidity Managing liquidity has become a priority for our company. Whereas most of our assets, such as the commercial real estate properties and the assets held by our CDOs, have been financed with long-term liabilities, some of our assets are financed on a short-term basis while they are in transition toward longer-term financing solutions. In the current marketplace, however, that long-term financing is not available. These short-term financings are collateralized borrowings under our revolving credit facility. As asset values decline, margin calls from our financing counterparties place demands on our cash and other liquidity sources. This can force us to sell assets and de-leverage the balance sheet, which could negatively impact earnings and negatively impact our ability to make distributions to our stockholders. As of June 30, 2009, we had reduced our exposure to margin calls to \$0.3 million on our credit default swaps, and we had unencumbered assets at such date that provided us with \$8.5 million of additional borrowing capacity under our secured financing facility.

Weakness of mortgage market The sub-prime market has been severely affected by changes in the lending landscape; for now and for the foreseeable future, access to mortgages for sub-prime borrowers has been substantially limited. This limitation on financing is expected to have an impact on all mortgage loans that are resetting and is expected to result in increased default rates. The severity of the liquidity limitation was largely unanticipated by the markets. The liquidity issues also affect prime and Alt-A Non-Agency lending, with the origination of many product types being completely curtailed and lenders requiring high loan-to-value ratios when providing refinancing to borrowers. At the margin, this has an impact on new demand for homes, which will compress the home ownership rates and weigh heavily on future home price performance. There is a strong correlation between home price growth rates and mortgage loan delinquencies. This comes in addition to the delinquency pressures in the sub-prime market resulting from weaker underwriting, which put many sub-prime lenders out of business in 2006 and 2007. The market deterioration has caused us to expect increased losses related to our holdings over time, and in the immediate period, has resulted in a significant decline in the market values of our assets. We continually monitor and adjust our cash flow assumptions in light of current and projected market conditions, and we believe that results in an accurate representation of value on our balance sheet.

We believe that, at this time, the underlying losses in the sub-prime market have not fully manifested themselves in the securitizations. Accordingly, there are a number of factors that can help to mitigate issues before they fully impact the market. The government does have a number of programs that it can utilize to help the conditions in the mortgage industry. Currently, the lending limits for Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation and Government National Mortgage Association have been raised. As well, recent legislation has expanded and modernized the FHA programs to make financing available at affordable terms to delinquent borrowers. At the margin, programs that will have the effect of reducing foreclosure inventory will be helpful to the resolution of home price declines. However, given the current interest rate environment, the U.S. government has little room to further decrease the Fed Funds rate.

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Other markets, such as the Alt-A and Option ARM market have also come under more significant delinquency and pricing pressure beginning in the first quarter of 2008. As a result of large forced sales and rising delinquency rates on these programs, price declines have been significant even for AAA-rated securities. These price dislocations have also been felt in the prime markets on both fixed-rate and hybrid arm Non-Agency securities, across most vintages. Performance remains stronger for loans underwritten prior to 2005, and for fixed rate loans; however, the magnitude of the price declines currently exceeds the expectations of loss for these sectors.

Structured finance transactions The dislocations in the sub-prime market have rippled throughout the structured finance markets. Yield spreads on CMBS and prime Non-Agency RMBS widened dramatically since the beginning of 2007, resulting in significant negative market value adjustments to our assets. The issuance of CDOs, which had been a key financing tool for us and for our peers, has come to a halt, cutting off an attractive financing alternative for the foreseeable future.

For a discussion of additional risks relating to our business see the risk factors included as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 10-Q, which update the risk factors included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the year ended December 31, 2008.

#### **Critical Accounting Estimates**

Our financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, or U.S. GAAP. These accounting principles require us to make some complex and subjective decisions and assessments. These include fair market value of certain investments, debt obligations and derivative assets and liabilities, amount and timing of credit losses, prepayment assumptions, and other items that affect the reported amounts of certain assets and liabilities as of the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of certain revenues and expenses during the reported period. It is likely that changes in these estimates (*e.g.*, market values change due to changes in supply and demand, credit performance, prepayments, interest rates, or other reasons; yields change due to changes in credit outlook and loan prepayments) will occur in the near future. Our most critical accounting policies involve decisions and assessments that could affect our reported assets and liabilities as well as our reported revenues and expenses. We believe that all of the decisions and assessments upon which our financial statements are based were reasonable at the time made based upon information available to us at that time. We rely on the experience of Brookfield's, Hyperion Brookfield's and our management, along with their analysis of historical and current market data, in order to arrive at what we believe to be reasonable estimates. See Note 2 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere herein for a complete discussion of our accounting policies. Other than the adoption of FSP FAS 115-2, as defined below, there have been no material changes to our accounting policies in 2009. Our estimates are inherently subjective in nature and actual results could differ from our estimates and differences may be material. We have identified our most critical accounting estimates to be the following:

#### Investment Consolidation

For each investment we make, we evaluate the underlying entity that issued the securities we acquired or to which we made a loan in order to determine the appropriate accounting. We refer to guidance in Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 140, Accounting for Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Extinguishments of Liabilities ("SFAS 140"), and FASB Interpretation No. (FIN) 46R, Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities ("FIN 46R"), in performing our analysis. FIN 46R addresses the application of Accounting Research Bulletin No. 51, Consolidated Financial Statements, to certain entities in which voting rights are not effective in identifying an investor with a controlling financial interest. An entity is subject to consolidation under FIN 46R if the investors either do not have sufficient equity at risk for the entity to finance its activities without additional subordinated financial support, are unable to direct the entity's activities, or are not exposed to the

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entity's losses or entitled to its residual returns ("variable interest entities" or "VIEs"). Variable interest entities within the scope of FIN 46R are required to be consolidated by their primary beneficiary. The primary beneficiary of a VIE is determined to be the party that absorbs a majority of the VIE's expected losses, receives the majority of the VIE's expected returns, or both.

Our ownership of the subordinated classes of CMBS and RMBS from a single issuer may provide us with the right to control the foreclosure/workout process on the underlying loans, which we refer to as the Controlling Class CMBS and RMBS. Currently, there are certain exceptions to the scope of FIN 46R, one of which provides that an investor that holds a variable interest in a qualifying special-purpose entity ("QSPE") is not required to consolidate that entity unless the investor has the unilateral ability to cause the entity to liquidate. SFAS 140 sets forth the requirements for an entity to qualify as a QSPE. To maintain the QSPE exception, the special-purpose entity must initially meet the QSPE criteria and must continue to satisfy such criteria in subsequent periods. A special-purpose entity's QSPE status can be impacted in future periods by activities undertaken by its transferor(s) or other involved parties, including the manner in which certain servicing activities are performed. To the extent that our CMBS or RMBS investments were issued by a special-purpose entity that meets the QSPE requirements, we record those investments at the purchase price paid. To the extent the underlying special-purpose entities do not satisfy the QSPE requirements, we follow the guidance set forth in FIN 46R as the special-purpose entities would be determined to be VIEs.

We have analyzed the pooling and servicing agreements governing each of our Controlling Class CMBS and RMBS investments and we believe that the terms of those agreements are industry standard and are consistent with the QSPE criteria. We also have evaluated each of our Controlling Class CMBS and RMBS investments for which we own a greater than 50% interest in the subordinated class as if the special-purpose entities that issued such securities are not QSPEs. Using the fair value approach to calculate expected losses or residual returns, we have concluded that we would not be the primary beneficiary of any of the underlying special-purpose entities. Additionally, the standard setters continue to review the FIN 46R provisions related to the computations used to determine the primary beneficiary of VIEs. Future guidance from regulators and standard setters may require us to consolidate the special-purpose entities that issued the CMBS and RMBS in which we have invested as described in the section titled "Variable Interest Entities" in Note 2 to our consolidated financial statements included elsewhere herein. To the extent that there are subsequent changes in the structure of these special-purpose entities (which we believe occur infrequently), we would have to reconsider whether we are the primary beneficiary. If we are deemed to be the primary beneficiary, we would have to consolidate the assets, liabilities and operations of the respective securitization trust. We currently are evaluating the impact that this new guidance will have on our investment portfolio.

Our maximum exposure to loss as a result of our investment in these special-purpose entities totaled \$19.2 million as of June 30, 2009.

#### Revenue Recognition

The most significant source of our revenue comes from interest income on our securities and loan investments. Interest income on loans and securities investments is recognized over the life of the investment using the effective interest method. Mortgage loans will generally be originated or purchased at or near par value and interest income will be recognized based on the contractual terms of the debt instrument. Any loan fees or acquisition costs on originated loans will be deferred and recognized over the term of the loan as an adjustment to the yield. Interest income on MBS is recognized on the effective interest method as required by Emerging Issues Task Force ("EITF") 99-20, *Recognition of Interest Income and Impairment on Purchased and Retained Beneficial Interests in Securitized Financial Assets* ("EITF 99-20"). Under EITF 99-20, management estimates, at the time of purchase, the future expected cash flows and determines the effective interest rate based on these estimated cash flows and our purchase prices. Subsequent to the purchase and on a quarterly basis,

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these estimated cash flows are updated and a revised yield is calculated based on the current amortized cost of the investment. In estimating these cash flows, there are a number of assumptions that are subject to uncertainties and contingencies. These include the rate and timing of principal payments (including prepayments, repurchases, defaults and liquidations), the pass through or coupon rate and interest rate fluctuations. In addition, interest payment shortfalls have to be estimated due to delinquencies on the underlying mortgage loans and the timing and magnitude of credit losses on the mortgage loans underlying the securities. These uncertainties and contingencies are difficult to predict and are subject to future events that may affect management's estimates and our interest income. When current period cash flow estimates are lower than the previous period and fair value is less than an asset's carrying value, we will write down the asset to fair market value and record an impairment charge in current period earnings.

Through its extensive experience in investing in MBS, Hyperion Brookfield has developed models based on historical data in order to estimate the lifetime prepayment speeds and lifetime credit losses for pools of mortgage loans. The models are based primarily on loan characteristics, such as loan-to-value ratios ("LTV"), borrower credit scores, loan type, loan rate, property type, etc., and also include other qualitative factors such as the loan originator and servicer. Once the models have been used to project the base case prepayment speeds and to project the base case cumulative loss, those outputs are used to create yield estimates and to project cash flows.

Because mortgage assets amortize over long periods of time (*i.e.*, 25 to 30 years in the case of RMBS assets or 10 years in the case of CMBS assets), the expected lifetime prepayment experience and the expected lifetime credit losses projected by the models are subject to modification in light of actual experience assessed from time to time. For each of the purchased mortgage pools, our Manager tracks the actual monthly prepayment experience and the monthly loss experience, if any. To the extent that the actual performance trend over a 6-12 month period of time does not reasonably approximate the expected lifetime trend, in consideration of the seasoning of the asset, our Manager may make adjustments to the assumptions and revise yield estimates and projected cash flows.

We have retained substantially all of the risks and benefits of ownership of our rental properties and therefore we account for leases with our tenants as operating leases. The total amount of contractual rent that we receive from operating leases is recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease; and a straight-line or free rent receivable, as applicable, is recorded for the difference between the rental revenue recorded and the contractual amount received. In addition to base rent, the tenants in our commercial real estate properties also pay substantially all operating costs.

Expense reimbursement income arising from tenant leases which provide for the recovery of all or a portion of the operating expenses and real estate expenses of the respective property is accrued in the same period as the related expenses are incurred. These recoverable expenses are included in expenses as commercial real estate expenses.

Income arising from the operation of parking garages is recognized when the parking spaces are occupied. Expenses related to the operation of parking garages are included in expenses as commercial real estate expenses.

#### Loan Loss Provisions

We purchase and originate mezzanine loans and commercial mortgage loans to be held as long-term investments. We evaluate each of these loans for possible impairment on a quarterly basis. Impairment occurs when it is deemed probable that we will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the loan. In our evaluation of these loans for possible impairment, we develop significant assumptions which include, but are not limited to, the value of the real estate of partnership interests that secure the mortgage loans, the expected sale period for such real estate, the appropriate discount rate, the fair value of any collateral being used to secure any guarantees from the borrower and the estimated costs incurred to dispose of such guarantee collateral.

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Upon a determination of impairment, we will establish a reserve for loan losses and a corresponding charge to earnings through the provision for loan losses.

#### Valuation of Financial Instruments

We measure financial instruments, derivatives and our collateralized debt obligations at fair value. We account for real estate loans held for sale at the lower of their carrying amount or fair value less estimated cost to sell. Realized and unrealized gains or losses from our investment securities and collateralized debt obligations within our CDO entities for which we elected the fair value option are recorded in our statements of operations. Unrealized gains or losses from our investment securities for which we did not elect the fair value option are recorded through other comprehensive income or loss. Impairments on our available-for-sale securities are recorded in our consolidated statements of operations. Changes in the carrying amount or fair value of our real estate loans held for sale are recorded in our consolidated statements of operations.

We adopted SFAS No. 157, Fair Value Measurements ("SFAS 157"), in the first quarter of 2008. SFAS 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, establishes a fair value hierarchy based on the inputs used to measure fair value and enhances disclosure requirements for fair value measurements. Additionally and also in the first quarter of 2008, we adopted SFAS 159, and applied this option to the investment securities and collateralized debt obligations within our CDO legal entities.

SFAS 157 defines "fair value" as the price that would be received on the sale of an asset or that would be paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date, or an exit price. The degree of judgment utilized in measuring the fair value of financial instruments generally correlates to the level of pricing observability. Financial instruments with readily available active quoted prices or for which fair value can be measured from actively quoted prices in active markets generally have more pricing observability and require less judgment to be utilized in measuring fair value. Conversely, financial instruments rarely traded or not quoted have less observability and are measured at fair value using valuation models that require more judgment. Pricing observability is impacted by a number of factors, including the type of financial instrument, whether the financial instrument is new to the market and not yet established, the characteristics specific to the transaction and overall market conditions generally.

The overall valuation process for financial instruments may include adjustments to valuations derived from pricing models. These adjustments may be made when, in management's judgment, either the size of the position in the financial instrument or other features of the financial instrument such as its complexity, or the market in which the financial instrument is traded (such as counterparty, credit, concentration or liquidity), require that an adjustment be made to the value derived from the pricing models. An adjustment may be made if a trade of a financial instrument is subject to sales restrictions that would result in a price less than the computed fair value measurement from a quoted market price. Additionally, an adjustment from the price derived from a model typically reflects management's judgment that other participants in the market for the financial instrument being measured at fair value would also consider such an adjustment in pricing that same financial instrument.

We have categorized our financial instruments measured at fair value into a three-level classification in accordance with SFAS 157. Fair value measurements of financial instruments that use quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities are generally categorized as Level 1, and fair value measurements of financial instruments that have no direct observable levels are generally categorized as Level 3. The lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement of a financial instrument is used to categorize the instrument and reflects the judgment of management.

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Financial assets and liabilities presented at fair value in our Balance Sheet generally are categorized as follows:

Level 1 Inputs are unadjusted, quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities at the measurement date.

The types of assets and liabilities carried at Level 1 fair value generally are G-7 government and agency securities, equities listed in active markets, investments in publicly traded mutual funds with quoted market prices and listed derivatives.

Level 2 Inputs (other than quoted prices included in Level 1) are either directly or indirectly observable for the asset or liability through correlation with market data at the measurement date and for the duration of the instrument's anticipated life.

Fair valued assets and liabilities that are generally included in this category are non-G-7 government securities, municipal bonds, certain hybrid financial instruments, certain mortgage and asset backed securities, certain corporate debt, certain commitments and guarantees, certain private equity investments and certain derivatives for which observable market inputs can be obtained.

Level 3 Inputs that are not observable through correlation with market data (non-binding quotes from dealers in securities and independent pricing services without observable inputs) and inputs that reflect management's best estimate of what market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date. Consideration is given to the risk inherent in the valuation technique and the risk inherent in the inputs to the model.

Generally, assets and liabilities carried at fair value and included in this category are certain mortgage and asset-backed securities, certain corporate debt (excluding CDO liabilities), certain private equity investments, certain commitments and guarantees and certain derivatives.

Fair value of our CDO liabilities is determined based on relevant characteristics of the structure, which include:

the respective credit rating and subordination of each tranche within the CDO;

the cross-collateralization of the individual assets owned by the CDO; and

the nature of any cash flow triggers that could divert cash flows to senior tranches within the structure. Generally, a secondary market participant would analyze the collateral supporting CDO liabilities as a pool of assets, and adjust its valuation to incorporate the credit enhancement attributes of the senior liabilities when determining their fair value. These loss adjusted cash flows and resulting yields are related to (but not entirely dependent upon) the yields and prices of the assets owned by the CDO trust.

Financial assets and liabilities presented at fair value and categorized as Level 3 are generally financial instruments that relate to quotes from dealers and prices obtained from independent pricing services that do not have observable inputs with market data. For financial instruments that are priced using broker quotes, we generally obtain only one quote. The criteria we use to determine whether an illiquid market exists include a lack of binding broker quotes, significant spread widening between bid prices and ask prices and lack of observable trades for comparable assets. In addition, Level 3 also includes financial instruments with those that are marked to model using relevant empirical data to extrapolate an estimated fair value. The models' inputs reflect assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the instrument in a current period transaction and outcomes from the models represent an exit price and expected future cash flows. Our valuation models are calibrated to the market on a frequent basis. The parameters and inputs are adjusted for assumptions about risk and

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current market conditions. Changes to inputs in valuation models are not changes to valuation methodologies; rather, the inputs are modified to reflect direct or indirect impacts on asset classes from changes in market conditions. Accordingly, results from valuation models in one period may not be indicative of future period measurements. Valuations are independently reviewed by employees of our manager and, where applicable, valuations are back tested comparing instruments sold to where they were marked. Different judgments and assumptions used in pricing could result in different estimates of value.

In accordance with SFAS 157, valuation techniques used for assets and liabilities accounted for at fair value are generally categorized into three types:

Market Approach Market approach valuation techniques use prices and other relevant information from market transactions involving identical or comparable assets or liabilities. Valuation techniques consistent with the market approach include comparables and matrix pricing. Comparables use market multiples, which might lie in ranges with a different multiple for each comparable. The selection of where within the range the appropriate multiple falls requires judgment, considering both quantitative and qualitative factors specific to the measurement. Matrix pricing is a mathematical technique used principally to value certain securities without relying exclusively on quoted prices for the specific securities but comparing the securities to benchmark or comparable securities.

*Income Approach* Income approach valuation techniques convert future amounts, such as cash flows or earnings, to a single present amount, or a discounted amount. These techniques rely on current market expectations of future amounts.

Cost Approach Cost approach valuation techniques are based upon the amount that, at present, would be required to replace the service capacity of an asset, or the current replacement cost. That is, from the perspective of a market participant (seller), the price that would be received for the asset is determined based on the cost to a market participant (buyer) to acquire or construct a substitute asset of comparable utility.

The three approaches described within SFAS 157 are consistent with generally accepted valuation methodologies. While all three approaches are not applicable to all assets or liabilities accounted for at fair value, where appropriate and possible, one or more valuation techniques may be used. The selection of the valuation method(s) to apply considers the definition of an exit price and the nature of the asset or liability being valued and significant expertise and judgment is required. For assets and liabilities accounted for at fair value, valuation techniques are generally a combination of the market and income approaches. For the six months ended June 30, 2009, the application of valuation techniques applied to similar assets and liabilities has been consistent.

During the six months ended June 30, 2009, our assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis reflected as Level 3 decreased largely as a result of principal repayments of CMBS and Non-Agency RMBS totaling \$0.4 million and spread widening on our CMBS and Non-Agency RMBS. The significant amount of our investment securities reflected as Level 3 is a result of the reduction of liquidity in the capital markets that resulted in a decrease in the observability of the significant inputs used in determining fair value. Management determined the classification level of each security based upon a review of the pricing source used (non-binding broker quotes, pricing services or fair value determinations by management).

During the six months ended June 30, 2009, our liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis reflected as Level 3 decreased by \$31.4 million, as a result of the occurrence of a credit event with respect to the reference obligation underlying one of our CDS on which we sold protection, which required us to make payments on that CDS, and spread tightening on and repayments of principal of our collateralized debt obligations. The significant amount of our collateralized debt obligations

reflected as Level 3 is a result of the reduction of liquidity in the capital markets that resulted in a decrease in the observability of the significant inputs used in determining fair value.

The following table summarizes the sources from which fair value was determined on our assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis that were classified as Level 3 as of June 30, 2009.

	Investment Securities		Derivative % Liabilities		%	Collateralized Debt Obligations		%	
					(\$ in m	illions)			
Non-binding quote(s) from dealers in									
securities	\$	17.7	30.9%	\$	30.8	100.0%	\$	40.5	100.0%
Independent pricing service		39.2	68.4%			0.0%			0.0%
Fair Value determinations by									
management		0.4	0.7%			0.0%			0.0%
Total	\$	57.3	100.0%	\$	30.8	100.0%	\$	40.5	100.0%

#### Other-Than-Temporary Impairments

When the fair value of an available-for-sale security is less than its amortized cost for an extended period, we consider whether there is an other-than-temporary impairment in the value of the security in accordance with Staff Position No. FAS 115-2 and FAS 124-2, Recognition and Presentation of Other-Than-Temporary Impairments ("FSP FAS 115-2"), Emerging Issues Task Force No. 99-20, Recognition of Interest Income and Impairment on Purchased and Retained Beneficial Interest in Securitized Financial Assets ("EITF 99-20") and FASB Position No. EITF 99-20-1, Amendments to the Impairment Guidance of EITF Issue No. 99-20 ("FSP EITF 99-20-1"). An impairment that is an "other-than-temporary impairment" is a decline in the fair value of an investment below its amortized cost attributable to factors that indicate the decline will not be recovered over the investment's remaining life. Under the guidance of FSP FAS 115-2, should an other-than-temporary impairment be deemed to have occurred, the total other-than-temporary impairment is bifurcated into (i) the amount related to credit losses, and (ii) the amount related to all other factors. The portion of the other-than-temporary impairment related to credit losses is calculated by comparing the amortized cost of the security to the present value of cash flows expected to be collected, discounted at the security's current yield, and is recognized through earnings on the consolidated statement of operations. The portion of the other-than-temporary impairment related to all other factors is recognized as a component of other comprehensive income (loss) on the consolidated balance sheet. Other-than-temporary impairments result in reducing the security's carrying value to its fair value, which creates a new carrying value for the investment. We compute a revised yield based on the future estimated cash flows as described in " Revenue Recognition" above. Significant judgments are required in determining impairment, which include making assumptions regarding the estimated prepayments, loss assumptions and the changes in interest rates that are based on current market conditions.

Quarterly, we reevaluate our securities portfolio to determine if there has been an other-than-temporary impairment based upon expected future cash flows. As a result of this evaluation, under the guidance of EITF 99-20, we believe that there has been an adverse change in expected cash flows for the securities in our portfolio and, therefore, recognized an aggregate gross other-than-temporary impairment of \$43.1 million as of June 30, 2009. Of this total other-than-temporary impairment, \$20.1 million is related to credit losses, as defined under FSP FAS 115-2, and has been recorded through earnings, and \$23.0 million is related to other factors, and has been recorded as a component of other comprehensive income on our consolidated balance sheet with no impact on earnings.

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Net Changes in Assets and Liabilities Under Fair Value Option

In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159, *The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities* ("SFAS 159"). SFAS 159 permits entities to choose to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value to improve financial reporting by providing entities with the opportunity to mitigate volatility in reported earnings caused by measuring related assets and liabilities differently without having to apply complex hedge accounting provisions. SFAS 159 also establishes presentation and disclosure requirements designed to facilitate comparisons between entities that choose different measurement attributes for similar types of assets and liabilities. SFAS 159 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal periods beginning after November 15, 2007. SFAS 159 was effective for us beginning January 1, 2008, and had the following effect at adoption (dollars in thousands):

	 as of eember 31, 2007	Fair value at date of adoption	 mulative effect justment
CDOs	\$ 486,608	\$ 299,034	\$ 187,574
Deferred financing costs on CDOs, net of accumulated			
amortization	8,152		(8,152)
Net unrealized holding gains on available-for-sale			
securities within our CDO entities reclassified to			
accumulated deficit			1,670
Total cumulative effect adjustment			\$ 181,092

In addition, we had \$290.9 million of notional interest rate positions relating to our CDOs that no longer qualified for hedge accounting at the date of adoption. Starting in 2008, changes in fair value and net cash settlements are recorded in our statement of operations.

#### Commercial Real Estate

Combinations, upon acquisition, we allocate the purchase price to the components of the commercial properties acquired: the amount allocated to land is based on its estimated fair value; buildings and existing tenant improvements are recorded at depreciated replacement cost; above- and below-market in-place operating leases are determined based on the present value of the difference between the rents payable under the contractual terms of the leases and estimated market rents; lease origination costs for in-place operating leases are determined based on the estimated costs that would be incurred to put the existing leases in place under the same terms and conditions; and tenant relationships are measured based on the present value of the estimated avoided net costs if a tenant were to renew its lease at expiry, discounted by the probability of such renewal. Based on these estimates, we allocate the initial purchase price to the applicable assets and liabilities. As final information regarding fair value of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed is received and estimates are refined, appropriate adjustments are made to the purchase price allocation. The allocations are finalized within twelve months of the acquisition date.

Depreciation on buildings is provided on a straight-line basis over the useful lives of the properties to a maximum of 40 years. Depreciation is determined with reference to each rental property's carried value, remaining estimated useful life and residual value. Acquired tenant improvements, above- and below-market in-place operating leases and lease origination costs are amortized on a straight-line basis over the remaining terms of the leases. The value associated with acquired tenant relationships is amortized on a straight-line basis over the expected term of the relationships. All other tenant improvements and re-leasing costs are deferred and amortized on a straight-line basis over the terms of the leases to which they relate. Depreciation on buildings and amortization of deferred leasing costs

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and tenant improvements that are determined to be assets of the company are recorded in depreciation and amortization expense. All above- and below-market tenant leases and tenant relationships are amortized to revenue. Above- and below-market ground leases are amortized to commercial real estate expenses.

Properties are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable. For commercial properties, an impairment loss is recognized when a property's carrying value exceeds its undiscounted future net cash flow. The impairment is measured as the amount by which the carrying value exceeds the estimated fair value. Projections of future cash flow take into account the specific business plan for each property and management's best estimate of the most probable set of economic conditions anticipated to prevail in the market.

We assess fair value based on estimated cash flow projections that utilize appropriate discount and capitalization rates and available market information. Estimates of future cash flows are based on a number of factors including the historical operating results, known trends, and market/economic conditions that may affect the property. Application of these assumptions requires the exercise of judgment as to future uncertainties and, as a result, actual results could differ from these estimates.

Accounting For Derivative Financial Instruments and Hedging Activities

Our policies permit us to enter into derivative contracts, including interest rate swaps, currency swaps, interest rate caps and interest rate swap forwards, as a means of mitigating our interest rate risk on forecasted interest expense associated with the benchmark rate on forecasted rollover/reissuance of repurchase agreements, or hedged items, for a specified future time period. We currently intend to use interest rate derivative instruments to mitigate interest rate risk rather than to enhance returns.

In the normal course of business, we use a variety of derivative instruments to manage, or hedge, interest rate risk. We require that hedging derivative instruments be effective in reducing the interest rate risk exposure that they are designated to hedge. This effectiveness is essential for qualifying for hedge accounting. Some derivative instruments are associated with an anticipated transaction. In those cases, hedge effectiveness criteria also require that it be probable that the underlying transaction occurs. Instruments that meet these hedging criteria are formally designated as hedges at the inception of the derivative contract.

To determine the fair value of derivative instruments, we use a variety of methods and assumptions that are based on market conditions and risks existing at each balance sheet date. For the majority of financial instruments including most derivatives, long-term investments and long-term debt, standard market conventions and techniques such as discounted cash flow analysis, option-pricing models, replacement cost, counterparty default risk and termination cost are used to determine fair value. All methods of assessing fair value result in a general approximation of value, and such value may never actually be realized.

In the normal course of business, we are exposed to the effect of interest rate changes and limit these risks by following established risk management policies and procedures including the use of derivatives. To address exposure to interest rates, we use derivatives primarily to hedge the mark-to-market risk of our liabilities with respect to certain of our assets.

SFAS No. 133, Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities, as amended ("SFAS 133"), requires us to recognize all derivatives on the balance sheet at fair value. Derivatives that are not hedges must be adjusted to fair value through income. If a derivative is a hedge, depending on the nature of the hedge, changes in the fair value of the derivative will either be offset against the change in fair value of the hedged asset, liability, or firm commitment through earnings, or recognized in other comprehensive income until the hedged item is recognized in earnings. The ineffective portion of a derivative's change in fair value will be immediately recognized in earnings.

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SFAS 133 may increase or decrease reported net income and stockholders' equity prospectively, depending on future changes in fair value.

At June 30, 2009, we were a party to two interest rate swaps with a notional par value of approximately \$282.9 million; the fair value of our net liability relating to interest rate swaps was approximately \$20.7 million, which is included in our derivative assets and derivative liabilities, and we had accrued interest payable of approximately \$0.4 million on our interest rate swaps at such date. We entered into these interest rate swaps to seek to mitigate our interest rate risk for the specified future time period, which is defined as the term of the swap contracts. Based upon the market value of these interest rate swap contracts, our counterparties may request additional margin collateral or we may request additional collateral from our counterparties to ensure that an appropriate margin account balance is maintained at all times through the expiration of the contracts.

As of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively, we had one and two credit default swaps ("CDS") with notional par values (our maximum exposure to loss) of \$10.0 million and \$20.0 million that are reflected on our balance sheet as a derivative liability at their fair value of approximately \$9.7 million and \$19.1 million, respectively. The fair value of the CDS depends on a number of factors, primarily premium levels, which are dependent on interest rate spreads. The CDS contracts are valued either by an independent third party pricing service or by using internally developed and tested market-standard pricing models that calculate the net present value of differences between future premiums on currently quoted market CDS and the contractual future premiums on our CDS contracts.

We account for derivative and hedging activities in accordance with SFAS 133. SFAS 133 requires recognizing all derivative instruments as either assets or liabilities in the balance sheet at fair value. The accounting for changes in fair value (*i.e.*, gains or losses) of a derivative instrument depends on whether it has been designated and qualifies as part of a hedging relationship and further, on the type of hedging relationship. For those derivative instruments that are designated and qualify as hedging instruments, we must designate the hedging instrument, based upon the exposure being hedged, as a fair value hedge, cash flow hedge or a hedge of a net investment in a foreign operation. We have no fair value hedges or hedges of a net investment in foreign operations.

For derivative instruments that are designated and qualify as a cash flow hedge (*i.e.*, hedging the exposure to variability in expected future cash flows that is attributable to a particular risk), the effective portion of the gain or loss on the derivative instrument is reported as a component of other comprehensive income and reclassified into earnings in the same line item associated with the forecasted transaction in the same period or periods during which the hedged transaction affects earnings (for example, in "interest expense" when the hedged transactions are interest cash flows associated with floating-rate debt). The remaining gain (loss) on the derivative instrument in excess of the cumulative changes in the present value of future cash flows of the hedged item, if any, is recognized in the realized and unrealized gain (loss) on derivatives in current earnings during the period of change. For derivative instruments not designated as hedging instruments, the gain or loss is recognized and unrealized gain (loss) on derivatives in the current earnings during the period of change. Income and/or expense from interest rate swaps are recognized as a net adjustment to interest expense. We account for income and expense from interest rate swaps on an accrual basis over the period to which the payment and/or receipt relates.

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Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires us to make a significant number of estimates in the preparation of the financial statements. These estimates include determining the fair market value of certain investments, debt obligations and derivative assets and liabilities, amount and timing of credit losses, prepayment assumptions, allocation of purchase price to tangible and intangible assets on property acquisitions, and other items that affect the reported amounts of certain assets and liabilities as of the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of certain revenues and expenses during the reported period. It is likely that changes in these estimates (*e.g.*, market values change due to changes in supply and demand, credit performance, prepayments, interest rates or other reasons; yields change due to changes in credit outlook and loan prepayments) will occur in the near future. Our estimates are inherently subjective in nature and actual results could differ from our estimates and differences may be material.

Income Taxes

We operate in a manner that we believe will allow us to be taxed as a REIT and, as a result, we do not expect to pay substantial corporate-level income taxes. Many of the requirements for REIT qualification, however, are highly technical and complex. If we were to fail to meet these requirements and do not qualify for certain statutory relief provisions, we would be subject to federal income tax, which could have a material adverse impact on our results of operations and amounts available for distributions to our stockholders. In addition, Crystal River TRS Holdings, Inc., our TRS, is subject to corporate-level income taxes.

Our policy for interest and penalties on material uncertain tax positions recognized in our consolidated financial statements is to classify these as interest expense and operating expense, respectively. However, in accordance with Financial Interpretation Number 48, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes* ("FIN 48"), we assessed our tax positions for all open tax years (Federal, years 2005 through 2008 and State, years 2005 through 2008) as of June 30, 2009 and concluded that we have no material FIN 48 liabilities to be recognized at this time.

#### **Financial Condition**

Assets

Our current portfolio consists of commercial mortgage-backed securities, residential mortgage-backed securities, commercial real estate loan investments, credit default swaps and operating real estate. All of our assets at June 30, 2009 were acquired with the net proceeds of approximately \$405.6 million from our March 2005 private offering of 17,400,000 shares of our common stock, the net proceeds of approximately \$158.6 million from our August 2006 initial public offering of 7,500,000 shares of our common stock, the net proceeds of approximately \$48.6 million from our March 2007 issuance of trust preferred securities and our use of leverage.

#### **Mortgage-Backed Securities**

Our commercial mortgage-backed securities and residential mortgage-backed securities comprise 100% of our investment securities portfolio. We own these securities either directly on our balance sheet or in one of our two CDOs. We own the equity of each of the CDOs and it is through this equity investment that we participate in the investment performance of the portion of the investment

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securities portfolio that is owned by the CDOs. The commercial mortgage-backed securities and residential mortgage-backed securities segment of our portfolio at June 30, 2009 is summarized below:

	CMBS	RMBS
	(In thou	sands)
Amortized cost	\$ 262,284	\$ 31,551
Unrealized losses	(211,987)	(24,595)
Fair value	\$ 50,297	\$ 6,956

As of June 30, 2009, the CMBS and RMBS in our portfolio purchased at a net premium or discount relative to their par value and our portfolio had a weighted average amortized cost of 32.0% and 15.0% of face amount, respectively. The CMBS and RMBS were valued below par at June 30, 2009 because we invested in lower-rated bonds in the credit structure.

Our MBS holdings were as follows at June 30, 2009 (\$ in millions):

	Am Ju	standing Face ount at ine 30,	Co I Imp	nortized ost Basis Before airments/		Fair Value at Tune 30,	Number of	Number of	·	ghted Avera	age	
		2009		stments(1)		2009	Securities(2)	Trusts(3)			. ,	WAL(6)
CMBS	\$	819.5	\$	262.3	\$	50.3	133	43	CCC+	5.21%	100.35	5.74
Non-Agency RMBS-Prime		143.5		22.0		4.8	73	36	CC+	4.17	295.60	4.66
Non-Agency												
RMBS-Sub Prime		67.4		9.5		2.2	30	19	CCC-	2.82	307.51	4.06
Preferred Stock		4.9					2	2				
Total	\$	1,035.3	\$	293.8	\$	57.3	238	100				
REIT ONLY (non-CDOs) CMBS Non-Agency RMBS-Prime Non-Agency RMBS-Sub Prime Preferred Stock	\$	295.7 65.4 24.9 4.9	\$	55.7 7.8 5.6	\$	11.7 2.1 1.3	46 42 15 2	20 28 11 2	CC+ CC+	5.10% 5.24 3.14	160.70 333.47 311.73	5.04 2.83 4.22
Total	\$	390.9	\$	69.1	\$	15.1	105	61				
CDOs ONLY	Ψ	5,0.,	ų.	07.11	Ψ.	1011	100	O1				
CMBS	\$	523.8	\$	206.6	\$	38.6	94	33	B-	5.26%	81.97	5.95
Non-Agency RMBS-Prime		78.1		14.2		2.7	31	21	CC+	3.28	267.12	6.04
Non-Agency RMBS-Sub Prime		42.5		3.9		0.9	16	9	CC+	2.63	301.57	3.83
Total	\$	644.4	\$	224.7	\$	42.2	141	63				

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<sup>(1)</sup> As of December 31, 2006.

<sup>(2)</sup> Note that some securities are owned both by one or more of our CDOs and by the REIT.

Note that securities issued by some trusts are owned both by one or more of our CDOs and by the REIT.

- (4) Lowest rating of Moody's, S&P or Fitch; weighted average based on fair value.
- (5) Yield as reflected above is the implied loss-adjusted yield based on our expectation of future cash flows (*i.e.*, taking into account assumed defaults) and the fair value of the security.
- (6) Loss-adjusted weighted average remaining life in years.

The estimated weighted average lives of the MBS in the tables above are based upon our prepayment expectations, which are based on both proprietary and subscription-based financial models.

Our prepayment projections consider current and expected trends in interest rates, interest rate volatility, steepness of the yield curve, the mortgage rate of the outstanding loan, time to reset and the spread margin of the reset.

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The table below summarizes the credit ratings of our MBS investments at June 30, 2009:

	CMBS	Prime RMBS	Subprime RMBS	Total
		(In the	ousands)	
AAA	\$	\$	\$	\$
AA				
A				
BBB	11,316		731	12,047
BB	8,157	56	326	8,539
В	11,949	311	83	12,343
Below B	18,875	4,401	1,048	24,324
Total	\$50,297	\$4,768	\$ 2,188	\$57,253

Actual maturities of MBS are generally shorter than stated contractual maturities, as they are affected by the contractual lives of the underlying mortgages, periodic payments of principal, and prepayments of principal. The stated contractual final maturity of the mortgage loans underlying our portfolio of MBS ranges up to 28 years, but the expected maturity is subject to change based on the prepayments of the underlying loans. As of June 30, 2009, the average final contractual maturity of the mortgage portfolio was 2037.

The constant prepayment rate, or CPR, attempts to predict the percentage of principal that will be prepaid over the next 12 months based on historical principal paydowns. As interest rates rise, the rate of refinancings typically declines, which we believe may result in lower rates of prepayment and, as a result, a lower portfolio CPR.

The following table summarizes our CMBS and RMBS according to their estimated weighted average life classifications as of June 30, 2009:

	CI	MBS	RMBS								
Weighted Average Life	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Amortized Cost							
		(In thousands)									
Less than one year	\$	\$	\$ 323	\$ 2,839							
Greater than one year and less than five years	640	2,592	1,743	7,118							
Greater than five years	49,657	259,692	4,890	21,594							
Total	\$50.297	\$ 262,284	\$ 6.956	\$ 31.551							

The estimated weighted-average lives of the MBS in the tables above are based upon prepayment models obtained through subscription-based financial information service providers. The prepayment model considers the current yield, forward yield, steepness of the yield curve, current mortgage rates, mortgage rate of the outstanding loan, loan age, margin and volatility.

The actual weighted average lives of the MBS in our investment portfolio could be longer or shorter than the estimates in the table above depending on the actual prepayment rates experienced over the lives of the applicable securities and are sensitive to changes in both prepayment rates and interest rates.

#### Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities

Our CMBS portfolio consists of CMBS that we own outside of our CDOs and CMBS that are owned by our CDOs. We directly own approximately \$11.7 million in fair value of CMBS. These securities have a weighted average rating of CC+, are priced at a weighted average price to par of

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4.0%, and are projected to yield 160.7% of their current fair value on a loss-adjusted basis. Approximately 81.4% of the CMBS that we own directly is part of a portfolio that we refer to as the "CMBS Primary Asset." The CMBS Primary Asset is a sub-portfolio that consists of our holdings in 11 CMBS securitizations in which we, either directly or through our CDOs, own a portion of the first loss tranche. The CMBS Primary Asset is further illustrated below.

Within our two CDOs, we own approximately \$38.6 million in fair value of CMBS. These securities have a weighted average rating of B-, are priced at a weighted average price to par of 7.4%, and are projected to yield 81.97% of their current fair value on a loss-adjusted basis. However, the receipt of cash flows from this portion of our CMBS portfolio is governed by the waterfalls within the respective CDO indentures, which are further described below. Approximately 57.8% of the CMBS that we own within our two CDOs are part of the CMBS Primary Asset.

		Owned by					
Class Type	Directly Owned(1)	Our CDOs	Total	Average Rating			
	(I	n thousands	thousands)				
Primary Asset	\$ 9,554	\$22,275	\$31,829	CCC			
Non-Primary Asset	2,188	16,280	18,468	BB			
Total / Weighted Average	\$ 11,742	\$38,555	\$50,297	CCC+			

(1) Either by us directly or by one of our non-CDO subsidiaries.

CMBS Primary Asset

The following table sets forth some relevant characteristics of our CMBS Primary Asset.

					Original Face		tstanding Face	,	Fair Value				~		
Deal Name	Number of Tranches		Size of curitization	Detachment Point(1)	Amount of Holdings		Imount June 30, 2009	-	at une 30, 2009	Rati Ran	0	Current Delinquency	Lo	nulative esses to ate(2)	Weighted Average Coupon
	(\$ in thousands)							nds)							
BACM 2006-2	7	\$	2,644,928	3.32%	\$ 32,330	\$	32,330	\$	,		NR	2.15%	\$		5.48%
BACM 2007-2	7		3,153,911	3.14	35,330		35,330		1,106	BB+	NR	3.74			5.37
BSCMS															
2005-PWR9	9		2,067,402	5.47	83,001		83,001		7,832	BBB	NR	0.51			4.82
BSCMS															
2006-PW13	8		2,844,904	4.22	55,816		55,816		3,645	BBB-	NR	2.32			5.46
COMM	_		2 0 5 4 2 0 0	2.04	50.650		50.650		2.110			4.40			~ ~ ·
2007-C9	7		3,051,390	3.84	50,658		50,658		2,110		NR	1.18			5.24
CSMC 2006-C1	8		2,916,757	4.26	82,833		82,833		4,898		NR				5.32
CSMC 2006-C4	8		4,236,190	4.16	77,931		77,931		2,102	BBB-	NR	6.77			5.61
GMACC 2005-C1	7		2,059,185	3.10	53,928		46,398		3,344	DD :	NR	3.58		7,530	4.48
WBCMT	,		2,039,163	3.10	33,926		40,396		3,344	DD+	INK	3.36		7,550	4.40
2005-C18	8		1,339,162	5.51	39,196		39,196		1,944	RRR	NR	0.78			4.75
WBCMT	0		1,337,102	5.51	37,170		37,170		1,277	DDD	1111	0.70			7.75
2006-C29	7		3,365,036	2.63	32,600		32,600		1.522	BB+	NR	4.11			5.07
WBCMT			-,,		,		,		-,						
2007-C31	9		5,817,123	3.27	42,503		42,503		1,741	BB+	NR	4.98			5.13
Total / Weighted	l														
Average	85	\$	33,495,987	3.74%	\$ 586,126	\$	578,596	\$	31,829	BBB	NR	3.46%	\$	7,530	5.17%

A deal's detachment point is the senior limit to our credit exposure within that securitization.

(2)

Actual losses based on securities we own.

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The following table sets forth some relevant characteristics of our CMBS portfolio by vintage.

			Total/ Weighted		
CMBS Characteristics as of June 30, 2009	2002	2005	2006	2007	Average
		(\$	in millions)		
Weighted Average Rating	В	B-	CCC+	CC+	CCC+
Number of Securities	3	39	60	31	133
Original Face Amount	\$2.8	\$295.6	\$367.9	\$160.7	\$827.0
Outstanding Face Amount	\$2.8	\$288.1	\$367.9	\$160.7	\$819.5
Amortized Cost Basis	\$2.6	\$97.5	\$120.4	\$41.8	\$262.3
Fair Value	\$0.6	\$23.5	\$19.9	\$6.3	\$50.3
Percentage of Total Fair Value(1)	1.19%	46.72%	39.56%	12.52%	100.00%
Coupon	4.94%	4.90%	5.48%	5.14%	5.21%
Market Yield(2)	62.68%	62.62%	126.97%	160.11%	100.35%
Expected Principal Return(3)	100.00%	25.96%	22.11%	16.60%	22.65%
WAL(4)	3.38	5.52	6.06	5.76	5.74
Principal Subordination(5)	3.65%	2.26%	1.74%	1.45%	1.88%
Delinquency Rate 60+(6)	1.54%	2.73%	2.91%	2.05%	2.67%
Collateral Cumulative Losses to Date	0.00%	0.06%	0.01%	0.00%	0.03%
Cumulative Losses to Date(7)	0.00%	2.23%	0.00%	0.00%	0.90%

- (1)
  The proportion of our CMBS portfolio comprised of the respective vintage; based on fair value of our CMBS portfolio as of June 30, 2009.
- (2) Market yield as reflected above is the implied loss-adjusted yield based on our expectation of future cash flows (*i.e.*, taking into account assumed defaults) and the fair value of the security.
- (3) Percent of outstanding face amount that we currently project to be returned as principal.
- (4) Weighted average life.
- (5) Weighted average determined based on outstanding face amounts owned.
- (6) Delinquencies in the securitization; weighted average determined based on outstanding face amounts owned.
- (7) Write-offs of par on the securities we own; weighted average determined based on original face amounts owned.

### Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities

Our RMBS portfolio consists of RMBS that we own outside of our CDOs and RMBS that are owned by one of our CDOs. We directly own approximately \$3.4 million in fair value of RMBS, which consists of \$2.1 million of prime RMBS and \$1.3 million of sub-prime RMBS. The prime bonds have a weighted average rating of CC+, are priced at a weighted average price to par of 3.2% and are projected to yield 333.5% of their current fair value on a loss-adjusted basis. The sub-prime bonds have a weighted average rating of CCC, are priced at a weighted average price to par of 5.2% and are projected to yield 311.7% of their current fair value on a loss-adjusted basis.

Within our two CDOs, we own approximately \$3.6 million in value of RMBS, which consists of \$2.7 million of prime RMBS and \$0.9 million of sub-prime RMBS. The prime bonds have a weighted average rating of CC+, are priced at a weighted average price to par of 3.5%, and are projected to yield 267.1% of their current fair value on a loss-adjusted basis. The sub-prime bonds have a weighted average rating

of CC+, are priced at a weighted average price to par of 2.1%, and are projected to yield 301.6% of their current fair value on a loss-adjusted basis. However, the receipt of cash flows

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from this portion of our RMBS portfolio is governed by the waterfalls within the respective CDO indentures, which are further described below.

The following table sets forth some relevant characteristics of our prime RMBS portfolio by vintage.

	Vintage			Total/ Weighted		
Prime RMBS Characteristics as of June 30, 2009	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Average
			(\$ in mi	llions)		
Weighted Average Rating	CCC-	CC+	CC+	C	C-	CC+
Number of Securities	4	10	49	3	7	73
Outstanding Face Amount	\$3.2	\$12.5	\$112.5	\$3.8	\$11.5	\$143.5
Amortized Cost Basis	\$1.6	\$1.7	\$17.5	\$0.5	\$0.7	\$22.0
Fair Value	\$0.5	\$0.6	\$3.4	\$0.1	\$0.2	\$4.8
Percentage of Total Fair Value(1)	10.42%	12.50%	70.83%	2.08%	4.17%	100.0%
Coupon	1.33%	3.36%	3.91%	7.97%	6.00%	4.17%
Market Yield(2)	52.07%	102.42%	341.57%	425.70%	511.24%	295.60%
Expected Principal Return(3)	69.41%	18.14%	11.72%	1.17%	0.08%	12.35%
WAL(4)	11.23	4.61	4.09	1.70	1.57	4.66
Principal Subordination(5)	0.13%	0.89%	0.64%	0.68%	0.11%	0.61%
Collateral Factor(6)	52.91%	28.41%	46.31%	62.50%	82.53%	48.23%
Bond Factor(7)	86.08%	66.34%	81.27%	96.38%	96.05%	81.66%
One Month CPR(8)	24.48	17.68	14.06	30.94	17.40	15.32
Delinquency Rate 60+(9)	0.52%	14.78%	12.71%	3.26%	4.75%	11.73%
Collateral Cumulative Losses to Date	0.02%	0.50%	0.39%	0.17%	0.19%	0.37%
Cumulative Losses to Date(10)	5.97%	6.52%	5.85%	0.00%	39.38%	7.07%

- (1)

  The proportion of our prime RMBS portfolio comprised of the respective vintage; based on fair value of our prime RMBS portfolio as of June 30, 2009.
- (2) Market yield as reflected above is the implied loss-adjusted yield based on our expectation of future cash flows (*i.e.*, taking into account assumed defaults) and the fair value of the security.
- (3) Percent of outstanding face amount that we currently project to be returned as principal.
- (4) Weighted average life.
- (5) Weighted average determined based on outstanding face amount owned.
- (6) Collateral factor is the ratio of the current deal balance to the original deal balance.
- (7)
  Bond factor is the ratio of the current bond balance to the original bond balance.
- (8) Constant prepayment rate.

(9)

Delinquencies in the securitization, weighted average determined based on outstanding face amounts owned.

(10) Write-offs of par on the securities we own; weighted average determined based on original face amounts owned.

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The following table sets forth some relevant characteristics of our sub-prime RMBS portfolio by vintage.

			Total/ Weighted	
Sub-prime RMBS Characteristics as of June 30, 2009	2005	2006	2007	Average
		(\$ in mi	llions)	
Weighted Average Rating	CCC-	B+	NR	CCC-
Number of Securities	20	8	2	30
Outstanding Face Amount	\$49.3	\$9.0	\$9.1	\$67.4
Amortized Cost Basis	\$5.3	\$3.6	\$0.6	\$9.5
Fair Value	\$1.3	\$0.5	\$0.4	\$2.2
Percentage of Total Fair Value(1)	59.09%	22.73%	18.18%	100.0%
Coupon	3.02%	1.80%	2.76%	2.82%
Market Yield(2)	242.63%	111.72%	743.20%	307.51%
Expected Principal Return(3)	8.58%	48.51%	0.00%	12.71%
WAL(4)	4.27	6.62	0.37	4.06
Principal Subordination(5)	4.95%	4.32%	1.16%	4.35%
Current Overcollateralization	0.62%	1.81%	0.00%	0.70%
Excess Spread(6)	0.48%	0.47%	0.21%	0.44%
Collateral Factor(7)	22.63%	42.84%	75.04%	32.41%
Bond Factor(8)	71.08%	88.68%	100.00%	77.33%
One Month CPR(9)	17.20	15.95	20.28	17.45
Delinquency Rate 60+(10)	33.06%	23.37%	30.61%	31.44%
Collateral Cumulative Losses to Date	5.08%	5.58%	8.17%	5.56%
Cumulative Losses to Date(11)	9.55%	39.32%	0.00%	24.23%

- (1) The proportion of our sub-prime RMBS portfolio comprised of the respective vintage; based on fair value of our sub-prime RMBS portfolio as of June 30, 2009.
- (2) Market yield as reflected above is the implied loss-adjusted yield based on our expectation of future cash flows (i.e., taking into account assumed defaults) and the fair value of the security.
- (3) Percent of outstanding face amount that we currently project to be returned as principal.
- (4) Weighted average life.
- (5) Weighted average determined based on outstanding face amount owned.
- (6)

  Represents the weighted average excess spread over the applicable liability coupon for the month of March 2009, weighted by par amount.
- (7) Collateral factor is the ratio of the current deal balance to the original deal balance.
- (8) Bond factor is the ratio of the current bond balance to the original bond balance.
- (9) Constant prepayment rate.

(10)

Delinquencies in the securitization, weighted average determined based on outstanding face amounts owned.

(11) Write-offs of par on the securities we own; weighted average determined based on original face amounts owned.

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## **Equity Securities**

Our investment policies allow us to acquire equity securities, including common and preferred shares issued by other real estate investment trusts. At June 30, 2009, we held two investments in equity securities, each with a fair value of \$0. These investment securities are classified as available for sale and thus carried at fair value on our balance sheet with changes in fair value recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income until realized or determined to be other-than-temporarily impaired.

#### **Changes in Carrying Value of Investment Securities**

The following sets forth information regarding the changes in the carrying value of our investment securities during the six months ended June 30, 2009:

Security Description	2 Esti	nber 31 008 mated Value	Princ Paydo	cipal	Dis (Pro	scount/ emium) ertization	Imp	ed June 30	Ma M	ark-to- larket	Esti	ne 30, 009 mated Value
						(In millio	ns)					
CMBS	\$	58.1	\$ \$		\$	(2.3)	\$	(12.7)	\$	7.2	\$	50.3
Non-Agency RMBS		14.8		(2.5)		(1.2)		(7.4)		3.3		7.0
Preferred stock		0.0										
Total	\$	72.9	\$ \$	(2.5)	\$	(3.5)	\$	(20.1)	\$	10.5	\$	57.3

The following sets forth information regarding the changes in the carrying value of our investment securities during the six months ended June 30, 2008:

Security Description	2007 Discount/ Estimated Principal (Premium) on Fair Value Sales Paydowns Amortization		2007 Discount/ Estimated Principal (Premium) ty Description Fair Value Sales Paydowns Amortization Impairme		Principal (Premium)		P		Principal		M N		ark-to- Iarket ustments	June 30, 2008 Estimated Fair Value	
							(I	In millions	)						
CMBS	\$	399.4	\$	(4.1)	\$	(0.5)	\$	6.2	\$	(38.6)	\$	(120.7)	\$	241.7	
Agency MBS		1,246.7	(1,1)	78.0)		(60.4)		(0.4)	)			(7.9)			
Non-Agency RMBS		168.4				(7.0)		6.7		(45.8)		(68.2)		54.1	
Preferred stock		0.7								(1.1)		0.4		0.0	
Total	\$	1,815.2	\$(1,1	82.1)	\$	(67.9)	\$	12.5	\$	(85.5)	\$	(196.4)	\$	295.8	

## **Commercial Real Estate Loan Products**

At June 30, 2009, our commercial real estate loan investments are reported as held for investment (carried at amortized cost) and held for sale (carried at fair value). Real estate loans that are held for investment are periodically reviewed for impairment. As of June 30, 2009, we reported loans held for sale totaling \$5.1 million and loans held for investment totaling \$2.5 million. As of June 30, 2009, we had a loan loss reserve on one of our commercial real estate loans of \$14.6 million and we had a

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valuation allowance of \$6.4 million on our mezzanine loan held for investment at such date. Our commercial real estate loan investments as of June 30, 2009 are summarized below:

### Mezzanine Loans, Construction Loans and Whole Loans

	Mezz Loai Fixed Rate		onstruction Fixed Rate	Loans(2) Floating Rate (In mil	Fixed Rate		ans ating late	I	Total Weighted A Fixed Rate	vera Floa	age ating ate
Outstanding Face Amount	\$ 17.4	\$ \$	14.6	\$	\$	\$	2.5	\$	32.0	\$	2.5
Carrying Value	5.1						2.5		5.1		2.5
Amortized Cost	17.4		14.6				2.5		32.0		2.5
Fair Value	5.1						1.9		5.1		1.9
Number of Loans	2		1				1		3		1
Number of loans that are											
delinquent	1		1						2		
Weighted average interest											
rate	10.12%	%	16.00%(3)		%	%	n/a	1	0.12%(4)		n/a
Weighted average spread over LIBOR	n/a	%	n/a		%	%	3.25%	)	n/a		3.25%

- (1) Mezzanine loans amount excludes \$6.4 million of valuation allowance on a mezzanine loan held for sale.
- (2) Construction loans amount excludes \$14.6 million of loan loss allowance.
- (3) This construction loan has been placed on non-accrual status.
- (4) Excludes 16.00% fixed rate for the construction loan on non-accrual.

As of June 30, 2009, we have the intent and ability to sell in the near future one of our mezzanine loans with a carrying value of \$5.1 million. We did not record any valuation allowance during the six months ended June 30, 2009 on this mezzanine loan.

### **Operating Real Estate**

At June 30, 2009, our commercial real estate portfolio is reported at cost of approximately \$225.0 million, net of accumulated depreciation of approximately \$14.5 million. The commercial real estate portfolio consists of three high-quality office buildings that are 100% leased on a triple-net basis to JPMorgan Chase. The buildings are financed with long-term fixed-rate mortgage loans.

The tables below summarize our commercial real estate investments at June 30, 2009, all of which were office properties:

	,	Гotal (In
	m	illions)
Land	\$	17.4
Buildings and improvements		222.1
Commercial real estate, at cost	\$	239.5
Accumulated depreciation		(14.5)
Commercial real estate, net of depreciation	\$	225.0

Location	Tenant	Year of Lease Expiry	Total Area (000s sq. ft.)	Book Value per sq. ft	Book . Value(1) (\$ in m	Mortgage Debt illions)	Net Book Equity
Houston, Texas	JPMorgan Chase	2021	428.6	\$ 0.14	1 \$ 59.4	\$ 53.4	\$ 6.0
Arlington, Texas	JPMorgan Chase	2027	171.5	0.12	2 21.2	20.9	0.3
Phoenix, Arizona	JPMorgan Chase	2021	724.0	0.20	) 147.6	145.1	2.5
Total			1,324.1	\$ 0.1	7 \$ 228.2	\$ 219.4	\$ 8.8

(1) Book value includes intangible assets and intangible liabilities, but excludes rent-enhancement and straight-line rent receivables.

During the six months ended June 30, 2009, we received \$1.9 million in net cash receipts pursuant to our ownership of our commercial real estate portfolio, as illustrated below:

	Six months ended June 30, 2009
	(In millions)
Rental revenue	\$ 5.7
Rent enhancement	1.6
Parking garage revenue, net	1.1
Mortgage interest expense	(6.2)
Real estate tax	(0.2)
Miscellaneous expenses	(0.1)
-	
Net cash receipts	\$ 1.9

### Rent Enhancement Receivable, Related Party

At June 30, 2009, we had rent enhancement receivables from related parties totaling \$12.6 million. The rent enhancements were negotiated as part of our purchase of our commercial real estate properties and reflect the below-market nature of the leases on those properties at the time we purchased them.

#### **Interest Receivable**

At June 30, 2009, we had interest receivable of approximately \$4.0 million relating to our MBS investments.

#### Credit Default Swaps, Hedging Instruments and Other Derivative Activities

Credit Default Swaps

As of June 30, 2009, we had engaged in credit default swaps, or CDS, which are accounted for as derivatives. CDS are derivative securities that attempt to replicate the credit risk involved with owning a particular unrelated third party security, which we refer to as a reference obligation. We enter into CDS on three types of securities: RMBS, CMBS and the CMBX and ABX indices. Investing in assets through CDS subjects us to additional risks. When we enter into a CDS with respect to an asset, we do not have any legal or beneficial interest in the reference obligation but have only a contractual relationship with the counterparty, typically a broker-dealer or other financial institution, and do not have

the benefit of any collateral or other security or remedies that would be available to holders of the reference obligation or the right to receive information regarding the underlying obligors or issuers of the reference obligation. In addition, in the event of insolvency of a CDS counterparty, we would be treated as a general creditor of the counterparty to the extent the counterparty does not post collateral and, therefore, we may be subject to significant counterparty credit risk. As of June 30, 2009, we were party to CDS with one counterparty. CDS are relatively new instruments, the terms of which may contain ambiguous provisions that are subject to interpretation, with consequences that could be adverse to us.

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Currently, we are the seller of protection. The seller of protection through CDS is exposed to those risks associated with owning the underlying reference obligation. The seller, however, does not receive periodic interest payments, but instead it receives periodic premium payments for assuming the credit risk of the reference obligation. These risks are called "credit events" and generally consist of failure to pay principal, failure to pay interest, write-downs, implied write-downs and distressed ratings downgrades of the reference obligation.

For some CDS, upon the occurrence of a credit event with respect to a reference obligation, the buyer of protection may have the option to deliver the reference obligation to the seller of protection in part or in whole at par or to elect cash settlement. In this event, should the buyer of protection elect cash settlement for a credit event that has occurred, it will trigger a payment, the amount of which is based on the proportional amount of failure or write-down. In the case of a distressed ratings downgrade, the buyer of protection must deliver the reference obligation to the seller of protection, and there is no cash settlement option. In most cases, however, the CDS is a pay as you go CDS, in which case, at the point a write-down or an interest shortfall occurs, the protection seller pays the protection buyer a cash amount, and the contract remains outstanding until such time as the reference obligation has a factor of zero. In most of these instances, it will create a loss for the protection seller

As of June 30, 2009, we were a party to one CDS as a protection seller with a maturity of June 2035 with a notional par amount (maximum exposure to loss) of \$10.0 million. At June 30, 2009, the fair value of our net liability relating to credit default swap contracts was \$9.7 million, compared to a net liability of \$19.1 million at December 31, 2008, primarily as a result of the occurrence of a credit event on the reference obligation underlying one of our CDS on which we sold protection, which required us to make payments on that CDS in the amount of \$10 million during the six months ended June 30, 2009. As of June 30, 2009, we had approximately \$10.5 million of margin cash posted as collateral on \$10.0 million of notional CDS and we were subject to additional potential margin calls totaling \$0.3 million.

#### Interest Rate Swaps

As of June 30, 2009, we had engaged in interest rate swaps as a means of mitigating our interest rate risk on forecasted interest expense associated with repurchase agreements for a specified future time period, which is the term of the swap contract. An interest rate swap is a contractual agreement entered into by two counterparties under which each agrees to make periodic payments to the other for an agreed period of time based upon a notional amount of principal. Under the most common form of interest rate swap, a series of payments calculated by applying a fixed rate of interest to a notional amount of principal is exchanged for a stream of payments similarly calculated but using a floating rate of interest. This is a fixed-floating interest rate swap. We hedge our floating rate debt by entering into fixed-floating interest rate swap agreements whereby we swap the floating rate of interest on the liability we are hedging for a fixed rate of interest. An interest rate swap forward is an interest rate swap based on an interest rate to be set at an agreed future date. As of June 30, 2009, we were a party to interest rate swaps with maturities ranging from December 2013 to June 2018 with a notional par amount of approximately \$282.9 million. Under the swap agreements in place at June 30, 2009, we receive interest at rates that reset periodically, generally every three months, and pay a rate fixed at the initiation of and for the life of the swap agreements.

The valuation of our interest rate swaps is determined using widely accepted valuation techniques, including discounted cash flow analysis on the expected cash flows of each derivative. This analysis reflects the contractual terms of the derivatives, including the period to maturity, and uses observable market-based inputs, including interest rate curves and implied volatilities. The fair values of interest rate swaps are determined using the market standard methodology of netting the discounted future fixed cash receipts (or payments) and the discounted expected variable cash payments (or receipts).

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The variable cash payments (or receipts) are based on an expectation of future interest rates (forward curves) derived from observable market interest rate curves.

To comply with the provisions of SFAS 157, we incorporate credit valuation adjustments to appropriately reflect both our own nonperformance risk and the respective counterparty's nonperformance risk in the fair value measurements. In adjusting the fair value of our derivative contracts for the effect of nonperformance risk, we have considered the impact of netting and any applicable credit enhancements, such as collateral posting, thresholds, mutual puts and guarantees. For the six months ended June 30, 2009, we recorded \$8.7 million into earnings as a gain, which is reflected in realized and unrealized gain (loss) on derivatives on our consolidated statement of operations, relating to our nonperformance risk, and for the three months ended June 30, 2009, we recorded \$5.8 million into earnings as a loss, which is reflected in realized and unrealized gain (loss) on derivatives on our consolidated statement of operations, relating to our nonperformance risk.

The current market value of interest rate swaps is heavily dependent on the current market fixed rate, the credit value adjustment for non-performance by our counterparties, the credit value adjustment for our non-performance, the corresponding term structure of floating rates (known as the yield curve) as well as the expectation of changes in future floating rates. As expectations of future floating rates change, the market value of interest rate swaps changes. Based on the daily market value of those interest rate swaps and interest rate swap forward contracts, our counterparties may request additional margin collateral or we may request additional collateral from our counterparties to ensure that an appropriate margin account balance is maintained at all times through the maturity of the contracts. At June 30, 2009, the net realized and unrealized loss on interest rate swap contracts recorded in accumulated other comprehensive loss was \$9.8 million due to an increase in prevailing market interest rates, and the fair value of our liability relating to those swaps was \$20.7 million.

There can be no assurance that our hedging activities will have the desired beneficial impact on our results of operations or financial condition. Moreover, no hedging activity can completely insulate us from the risks associated with changes in interest rates and prepayment rates. We generally intend to hedge as much of the interest rate risk as our Manager determines is in the best interests of our stockholders, after considering the cost of such hedging transactions and our desire to maintain our status as a REIT. Our policies do not contain specific requirements as to the percentages or amount of interest rate risk that our Manager is required to hedge.

### Liabilities

Our liabilities as of June 30, 2009 consist of \$7.4 million of accounts payable, accrued expenses and interest and dividends payable, \$31.2 million of derivative liabilities, \$69.5 million of intangible liabilities and \$340.4 million in long-term liabilities that are matched to the assets that the liabilities finance. Of our long-term liabilities, \$28.9 million represents borrowings under our secured revolving funding line and \$40.5 million is the fair value of the rated notes that were issued in conjunction with our two CDOs. The remainder of the \$271.0 million of our long-term liabilities consists of \$219.4 million of mortgages payable used to finance our commercial real estate properties and

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\$51.6 million of junior subordinated notes issued to a trust that sold trust preferred securities. During 2009, we reduced the amount of our liabilities, as illustrated in the following table:

			I	Activity	During	2009		
Type of Liability	Dece	of mber 31, 2008		Net downs	Ma Adjus	·k-to- rket ·tments	Jı	of ine 30, 2009
			_		nillions			
Collateralized debt obligations	\$	45.4	\$	(2.4)	\$	(2.5)	\$	40.5
Junior subordinated notes		51.6						51.6
Mortgages payable		219.4						219.4
Secured revolving credit facility, related party		32.9		(4.0)				28.9
Total	\$	349.3	\$	(6.4)	\$	(2.5)	\$	340.4

We previously have entered into repurchase agreements to finance some of our purchases of investment securities and real estate loans. Borrowings under these agreements were secured by our investment securities and real estate loans and bore interest rates that have historically moved in close relationship to LIBOR. As of June 30, 2009, we were not utilizing any of those arrangements, we had no outstanding obligations under repurchase agreements and all collateral pledged against repurchase borrowings had been returned to us.

At June 30, 2009, we had \$51.6 million of junior subordinated notes outstanding. The junior subordinated notes are the sole assets owned by our subsidiary trust, Crystal River Preferred Trust I, and mature in April 2037. We have the right to redeem these notes at par on or after April 2012. Interest is payable quarterly at a fixed rate of 7.68% (ten-year LIBOR plus 2.75%) through April 2012 and thereafter at a floating rate equal to three-month LIBOR plus 2.75%.

At June 30, 2009, we had \$219.4 million of mortgage loans outstanding with a weighted-average borrowing rate of 5.58% that are secured by our commercial properties located in Houston, Texas; Phoenix, Arizona; and Arlington, Texas.

At June 30, 2009, we had \$28.9 million of borrowings outstanding under our secured revolving credit facility with an affiliate of our Manager. After giving effect to a February 2009 amendment, the credit facility provides for borrowings of up to \$50.0 million in the aggregate and expires in May 2010. The secured facility bears interest at LIBOR + 2.50%. At June 30, 2009, we had pledged \$29.1 million of assets as collateral under this facility.

#### **CDO Liabilities**

We have issued two CDOs. Our first CDO, which we refer to as CDO I, closed in 2005, and our second CDO, which refer to as CDO II, was priced in late 2006 and closed in early 2007. For each CDO, we sold a certain amount of senior notes, as illustrated in the table below, to third party investors and retained all of the junior notes. For CDO I, we retained approximately \$146.5 million par amount of junior securities (representing the Class E notes through the equity), and for CDO II, we retained approximately \$65.5 million par amount of junior securities (representing the Class J notes through the equity). The notes issued by each of the CDOs are governed by an indenture, which is administered by a trustee. The indentures each prescribe a "cash flow waterfall" that dictates how the receipt of principal and interest received from the underlying collateral securing the notes is allocated to the various classes of issued notes, including the junior notes that we own. Generally speaking, our rights to cash flows pursuant to these waterfalls are subordinate in right to the senior classes. Additionally, CDO I has additional protections for the benefit of the holders of the senior notes, which require that the underlying pool of securities comprising the collateral be in compliance with various

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performance criteria, commonly referred to as "performance triggers," or simply "Triggers". If the underlying collateral in CDO I is in compliance with the Triggers, then the cash flow waterfalls are unaffected; if the underlying collateral in CDO I is out of compliance with the Triggers, then cash flow to certain junior notes is diverted to accelerate the amortization of the senior notes, until such time as the underlying collateral in CDO I is back in compliance with the Triggers. The Triggers for CDO I are illustrated in the chart below. CDO II does not contain any Triggers, but it does have a traditional waterfall, which includes, among other things, utilizing all payments received in respect of "defaulted securities" to amortize the senior-most CDO liabilities.

Beginning in June 2008, CDO I began to fail certain over-collateralization triggers. During this period of failure, all notes subordinate to the most senior class with a relevant trigger failure will not receive their quarterly interest payments. The money that otherwise would be paid to those classes is used instead to pay down the principal balance of the senior-most outstanding notes. During the six months ended June 30, 2009, we received \$0 in cash receipts pursuant to our ownership of the Class E notes through the equity of CDO I and \$0.5 million was diverted to amortize senior notes issued by CDO I, as illustrated below:

CDO I	Original Par Value	Cash Interest Received (in millions)	Cas Diver to Amo Seni Not	ted ortize or
Class E Notes	\$ 23.3	\$	\$	0.4
Class F Notes	25.3			0.1
Class G Notes	10.8			
Class H Notes	4.8			
Equity	n/a			
Total		\$	\$	0.5

During the six months ended June 30, 2009, we received \$2.5 million in cash receipts pursuant to our ownership of the Class J notes through the equity of CDO II, as illustrated below, and \$0.7 million was diverted to amortize senior notes issued by CDO II:

СДО ІІ	I	iginal Par alue	l Cash Interest Received (in millions)			Cash everted mortize enior Notes
Class J Notes	\$	10.1	\$	0.4	\$	
Class K Notes		9.8		0.4		
Equity		n/a		1.7		0.7
Total			\$	2.5	\$	0.7

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A summary of the terms of our two CDOs as of June 30, 2009 is set forth below:

(\$ in thousands)	CDO I	CDO II	Total
Balance Sheet			
Assets			
Face Amount	\$253,980	\$390,464	\$644,444
Amortized Cost Basis	41,805	182,928	224,733
Fair Value	12,910	29,275	42,185
Debt(1)			
Face Amount	135,484	324,143	459,627
Fair Value	12,042	28,496	40,538
Equity	\$ 868	\$ 779	\$ 1,647

Collateral Composition(2)		Average Rating		Average Rating		Average Rating
CMBS	\$133,350	CCC	\$390,464	B-	\$523,814	CCC+
Prime MBS	78,146	CC+			78,146	CC+
Sub-Prime MBS	42,484	CCC-			42,484	CCC-
Cash	865		1,016		1,881	
Total	\$254,845		\$391,480		\$646,325	

<sup>(1)</sup> Excludes the non-investment grade notes and preference shares that we retained.

<sup>(2)</sup> Collateral composition amounts are based on par value, which is the metric used to calculate whether the Triggers pass or fail.

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	CDO I	CDO II
CDO Overview:		
Effective Date	Nov-05	Jan-07
End of Collateral Replacement Period	Dec-08	n/a
Optional Call Date(1)	Jan-09	n/a
Auction Call Date	Dec-13	n/a
Avg. Debt Spread (bps)(2)	58	57
CDO Cash Flow Triggers:		
Over Collateralization		
Class A/B/C/D		
Issue Date	165.88%	n/a
Current	63.58%	n/a
Trigger	153.56%	n/a
Class E		
Issue Date	150.42%	n/a
Current	53.92%	n/a
Trigger	142.15%	n/a
Class F		
Issue Date	134.87%	n/a
Current	46.21%	n/a
Trigger	128.59%	n/a
Interest Coverage		
Class A/B/C/D		
Current	80.37%	n/a
Trigger	164.06%	n/a
Class E		
Current	63.05%	n/a
Trigger	142.15%	n/a
Class F		
Current	47.55%	n/a
Trigger	119.09%	n/a

(1) In certain circumstances, the CDO issuer has the ability to call the CDO notes, commencing in January 2009.

(2) Weighted average spread over LIBOR on the investment grade notes that we did not retain.

Stockholders' Deficit

Stockholders' deficit at June 30, 2009 was approximately \$41.1 million and included \$54.5 million of net unrealized holdings gains on available-for-sale securities and \$9.8 million of net unrealized and realized losses on interest rate agreements accounted for as cash flow hedges presented as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss).

## Results of Operations For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2009 compared to the Six Months Ended June 30, 2008

Summary

Our net loss for the six months ended June 30, 2009 was \$16.5 million, or \$0.65 per weighted average basic and diluted share outstanding, compared with a net loss of \$213.2 million, or \$8.60 per

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weighted average basic and diluted share outstanding, for the six months ended June 30, 2008. Net loss decreased by \$196.7 million from the 2008 period to the 2009 period for the reasons set forth below.

#### Revenues

The following table sets forth information regarding our revenues:

	Six M Eno Juno	led	Varia	nnce
	2009	2008	Amount	%
	(In mi	llions)		
Revenues				
Interest and dividend income:				
CMBS.	\$16.8	\$27.3	\$(10.5)	(38.5)%
Agency MBS		16.3	(16.3)	(100.0)
Non-Agency RMBS.	4.1	20.7	(16.6)	(80.2)
Real estate loans.	0.7	4.8	(4.1)	(85.4)
Other interest and dividend income.	0.1	0.9	(0.8)	(88.9)
Total interest and dividend income.	21.7	70.0	(48.3)	(69.0)
Rental income, net.	11.1	11.2	(0.1)	(0.9)
Total revenues	\$32.8	\$81.2	\$(48.4)	(59.7)%

Interest income for the six months ended June 30, 2009 with respect to CMBS decreased by \$10.5 million, or 38.5%, compared to interest income for the six months ended June 30, 2008 because of lower non-cash amortization resulting from the adoption of a new accounting principle and lower cash receipts due to interest shortfalls. Interest income with respect to Agency MBS for the six months ended June 30, 2009 decreased by \$16.3 million, or 100.0%, compared to interest income from Agency MBS for the six months ended June 30, 2008 as we divested of those investments in March 2008. Interest income with respect to Non-Agency RMBS for the six months ended June 30, 2009 decreased by \$16.6 million, or 80.2%, compared to interest income from Non-Agency RMBS for the six months ended June 30, 2008 as a result of lower non-cash amortization resulting from the adoption of a new accounting principle and lower cash receipts due to interest shortfalls, in addition to the impact of lower interest rates during 2009. Interest income with respect to real estate loans for the six months ended June 30, 2009 decreased \$4.1 million, or 85.4%, compared to interest income from real estate loans for the six months ended June 30, 2008 because we had fewer investments in that asset class during 2009 and interest rates were lower during 2009. Interest income on real estate loans also was lower in 2009 due to principal paydowns and loan sales totaling \$130.7 million in 2008. Other interest and dividend income for the six months ended June 30, 2008 due to lower interest income earned on restricted and non-restricted cash balances during 2009 and a decrease in dividends from our preferred stock investments during 2009.

Of the \$32.8 million in revenues for the six months ended June 30, 2009, \$36.3 million was received in cash and \$(3.5) million was a non-cash revenue reduction from the amortization of premiums on bonds based on revised cost values. This is compared to \$69.0 million in cash and \$12.2 million of non-cash revenue from the accretion of discounts on bonds purchased at prices below their par value for the six months ended June 30, 2008.

Cash flow, and accordingly, interest income, for the subordinate bonds within both our CMBS and Non-Agency RMBS portfolios is expected to trend down in the future as losses are realized in the respective securitizations.

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## Expenses

The following table sets forth information regarding our total expenses:

	Six M Enc Junc	ded	Varia	
	2009	2008		mce %
			Amount	%
Eumangag	(In mi	llions)		
Expenses Interest symposis				
Interest expense:	\$	\$11.6	¢ (11 <b>6</b> )	(100.0)@
Repurchase agreements Agency MBS.	Þ	\$11.0	\$(11.6)	(100.0)%
Repurchase agreements other than Agency MBS		0.9	(0.9)	(100.0)
Interest rate swap expense	0.8	1.0	(0.9)	(20.0)
CDO notes.	3.3	9.8	(6.5)	(66.3)
Senior mortgage-backed notes, related party	3.3	1.7	(1.7)	(100.0)
Mortgages payable	6.1	6.1	(1.7)	(100.0)
Junior subordinated notes.	2.0	2.0		
Secured revolving credit facility, related party	0.5	1.7	(1.2)	(70.6)
Amortization of deferred financing costs.	0.5	0.2	(0.2)	(100.0)
Amortization of deferred imaneing costs.		0.2	(0.2)	(100.0)
Total interest armones	12.7	35.0	(22.2)	(62.7)
Total interest expense	12.7	33.0	(22.3)	(63.7)
Management fees and incentive fees, related party.		1.1	(1.1)	(100.0)
Professional fees.	0.8	1.1	(0.5)	(38.5)
Depreciation and amortization	6.0	6.0	(0.5)	(36.3)
Insurance expense.	0.0	0.8	0.1	12.5
Directors' fees.	0.2	0.3	(0.1)	(33.3)
Public company expense.	0.2	0.3	(0.1)	(25.0)
Commercial real estate expenses.	0.8	0.4	(0.1)	0.0
Provision for loan loss	6.8	16.4	(9.6)	(58.5)
Other expenses.	0.1	1.0	(0.9)	(90.0)
Calci expenses.	0.1	1.0	(0.7)	(50.0)
Total expenses	\$28.6	\$63.1	\$(34.5)	(54.7)%

Interest expense relating to repurchase agreements for the six months ended June 30, 2009 decreased \$12.5 million, or 100.0%, compared to interest expense relating to repurchase agreements for the six months ended June 30, 2008 because we did not utilize repurchase agreement financing during 2009. Interest expense relating to CDO notes for the six months ended June 30, 2009 decreased \$6.5 million, or 66.3%, compared to interest expense relating to CDO notes for the six months ended June 30, 2008 as a result of CDO principal repayments during 2008 and 2009 and due to lower interest rates on our floating rate CDO notes in 2009 than in 2008. For the six months ended June 30, 2009, interest expense relating to senior mortgage-backed notes, related party, decreased \$1.7 million, or 100.0%, compared to interest expense relating to senior mortgage-backed notes, related party, for the six months ended June 30, 2008 as a result of the repayment in full of those notes during June and July 2008. For the six months ended June 30, 2009, interest expense relating to our secured revolving credit facility, related party, decreased \$1.2 million, or 70.6%, compared to interest expense relating to our secured revolving credit facility, related party, for the six months ended June 30, 2008 as the outstanding balance under this facility was significantly lower during the 2009 period and interest rates charged on borrowings under this facility were lower in 2009 than in the comparable period in 2008.

Expenses for the six months ended June 30, 2009 for base management fees, incentive fees and amortization related to restricted stock and options granted to our Manager decreased \$1.1 million, or 100%, compared to such expenses for the six months ended June 30, 2008 primarily as a result of our \$307.1 million net loss in 2008, which has caused our stockholders' equity to be in a deficit position

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since December 31, 2008. We also incurred a \$6.8 million loan loss relating to our construction loan and one of our mezzanine loans during the six months ended June 30, 2009.

Our Manager has waived its right to request reimbursement from us of third-party expenses that it incurred through June 30, 2009, which amount we otherwise would have been required to reimburse to our Manager. The management agreement with our Manager, which was negotiated before our business model was implemented, provides that we will reimburse our Manager for certain third party expenses that it incurs on our behalf, including rent and utilities. Hyperion Brookfield incurs such costs and did not allocate any such expenses to our Manager from our inception in 2005 through June 30, 2009, as our Manager's use of such services was deemed to be immaterial.

Other Revenues (Expenses)

Other expenses for the six months ended June 30, 2009 totaled approximately \$20.6 million, compared to other expenses of \$231.3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2008, a decrease of \$210.7 million, or 91.1%.

Other expenses for the six months ended June 30, 2009 consisted primarily of \$8.9 million of recognized loss relating to net changes in the values of assets and liabilities carried under the fair value option of SFAS 159 (we elected the fair value option under SFAS 159 in 2008) and a \$20.1 million loss on impairment of available-for-sale securities, which is the net of the total other-than-temporary impairments in the amount of \$43.1 million offset by the \$23.0 million recognized in other comprehensive income (as a result of the adoption of FSP FAS 115-2 in April 2009), which was offset in part by \$10.4 million of realized and unrealized gain on derivatives, primarily as a result of unrealized gains on economic hedges undesignated of \$10.7 million.

Other expenses for the six months ended June 30, 2008 consisted primarily of:

\$38.0 million of realized and unrealized loss on derivatives, primarily as a result of:

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) realized and unrealized losses on CDS of \$15.9 million;

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) realized losses on settlement of interest rate swaps of \$18.3 million;

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) unrealized losses on hedge ineffectiveness of \$10.8 million;

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) unrealized gains on economic hedges undesignated of \$6.8 million;

\$5.0 million of realized net loss on the sale of available-for-sale securities, real estate loans and other investments;

\$102.2 million of recognized loss relating to net changes in the values of assets and liabilities carried under the fair value option of SFAS 159; and

an \$85.5 million loss on impairment of available-for-sale securities, which was comprised of a \$38.3 million impairment relating to CMBS, Non-Agency RMBS and preferred stock investments caused by adverse changes in cash flow assumptions, and a \$47.2 million impairment caused by an other-than-temporary decline in market values due to spread widening.

Income Tax Expense

We have made an election to be taxed as a REIT under Section 856(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, commencing with the tax year ended December 31, 2005. As a REIT, we generally are not subject to federal income tax to the extent that we distribute our

taxable income. To maintain qualification as a REIT, we must distribute at least 90% of our REIT taxable income to our shareholders and meet certain other requirements. If we fail to qualify as a REIT in any taxable year, we will be subject to federal income tax on our taxable income at regular corporate rates. We may also

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be subject to certain state and local taxes on our income and property. Under certain circumstances, federal income and excise taxes may be due on our undistributed taxable income.

At June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, we were in compliance with all REIT requirements and have not provided for income tax expense on our REIT taxable income for the year ended December 31, 2008 or for the six months ended June 30, 2009. We also have a domestic taxable REIT subsidiary that is subject to tax at regular corporate rates. The deferred tax benefit is attributable to a net operating loss carryforward, primarily generated by the disposition of certain credit default swaps and accrued management fees associated with our investment in a private equity fund held in the TRS.

As of June 30, 2009, we had recorded a \$16.2 million valuation allowance on deferred tax assets of \$16.2 million attributable to income tax net operating loss carryforward relating to our TRS. The valuation allowance is based on management's estimate that our TRS is not expected to generate sufficient taxable income to recover the deferred tax assets. As of June 30, 2009, we had a net operating loss carryforward of \$35.5 million. Almost all of the net operating loss carryforward expires in 2027.

### Results of Operations For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2009 compared to the Three Months Ended June 30, 2008

Summary

Our net loss for the three months ended June 30, 2009 was \$6.5 million, or \$0.26 per weighted average basic and diluted share outstanding, compared with a net loss of \$75.5 million, or \$3.04 per weighted average basic and diluted share outstanding, for the three months ended June 30, 2008. Net loss decreased by \$69.0 million from the 2008 quarter to the 2009 quarter for the reasons set forth below.

#### Revenues

The following table sets forth information regarding our revenues:

	Three I End June	led	Varia	ance
	2009	2008	Amount	%
	(In mi	llions)		
Revenues				
Interest and dividend income:				
CMBS.	\$ 6.4	\$13.5	\$ (7.1)	(52.6)%
Agency MBS		1.2	(1.2)	(100.0)
Non-Agency RMBS.	0.7	9.6	(8.9)	(92.7)
Real estate loans.	0.2	2.2	(2.0)	(90.9)
Other interest and dividend income.	0.1	0.2	(0.1)	(50.0)
Total interest and dividend income.	7.4	26.7	(19.3)	(72.3)
Rental income, net.	5.4	5.6	(0.2)	(3.6)
Total revenues	\$12.8	\$32.3	\$(19.5)	(60.4)%

Interest income for three months ended June 30, 2009 with respect to CMBS decreased \$7.1 million, or 52.6%, compared to interest income for the three months ended June 30, 2008 because of lower non-cash amortization resulting from the adoption of a new accounting principle and lower cash receipts due to interest shortfalls. Interest income with respect to Agency MBS for the six months ended June 30, 2009 decreased by \$1.2 million, or 100.0%, compared to interest income from Agency MBS for the three months ended June 30, 2008 as we divested of those investments in March 2008. Interest income with respect to Non-Agency RMBS for the three months ended June 30, 2009

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decreased by \$8.9 million, or 92.7%, over interest income from Non-Agency RMBS for the three months ended June 30, 2008 as a result of lower non-cash amortization resulting from the adoption of a new accounting principle and lower cash receipts due to interest shortfalls, in addition to the impact of lower interest rates during 2009. Interest income with respect to real estate loans for the three months ended June 30, 2009 decreased \$2.0 million, or 90.9%, compared to interest income from real estate loans for the three months ended June 30, 2008 because we had fewer investments in that asset class during 2009 and interest rates were lower during 2009. Interest income on real estate loans also was lower in 2009 due to principal paydowns and loan sales totaling \$130.7 million in 2008. Other interest and dividend income for the three months ended June 30, 2009 decreased \$0.1 million, or 50.0%, compared to other interest and dividend income for the three months ended June 30, 2008 due to lower interest income earned on restricted and non-restricted cash balances during 2009 and a decrease in dividends from our preferred stock investments during 2009.

Of the \$12.8 million in revenues for the three months ended June 30, 2009, \$17.4 million was received in cash and \$(4.6) million was a non-cash revenue reduction from the amortization of premiums on bonds based on revised cost values. This is compared to \$27.7 million in cash and \$4.6 million in non-cash revenue from the accretion of discounts on bonds purchased at prices below their par value for the three months ended June 30, 2008.

Cash flow, and accordingly, interest income, for the subordinate bonds within both our CMBS and Non-Agency RMBS portfolios is expected to trend down in the future as losses are realized in the respective securitizations.

Expenses

The following table sets forth information regarding our total expenses:

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	_	e <b>30</b> ,	Varia	ance
	2009	2008	Amount	%
	(In mi	llions)		
Expenses				
Interest expense:				
Repurchase agreements Agency MBS.	\$	\$ 0.7	\$ (0.7)	(100.0)%
Repurchase agreements other than Agency				
MBS		0.2	(0.2)	(100.0)
Interest rate swap expense	0.3	0.5	(0.2)	(40.0)
CDO notes.	1.6	4.1	(2.5)	(61.0)
Senior mortgage-backed notes, related party		0.6	(0.6)	(100.0)
Mortgages payable	3.1	3.1		
Junior subordinated notes.	1.0	1.0		
Secured revolving credit facility, related party	0.2	0.5	(0.3)	(60.0)
Total interest expense	6.2	10.7	(4.5)	(42.1)
Management fees and incentive fees, related				
party.		0.4	(0.4)	(100.0)
Professional fees.	0.4	0.6	(0.2)	33.3)
Depreciation and amortization	3.0	3.0		
Insurance expense.	0.4	0.5	(0.1)	(20.0)
Directors' fees.	0.1	0.1		
Public company expense.	0.2	0.3	(0.1)	(33.3)
Commercial real estate expenses.	0.4	0.4		
Provision for loan loss		7.4	(7.4)	(100.0)
Other expenses.	0.1	0.6	(0.5)	(83.3)
Total expenses	\$10.8	\$24.0	\$(13.2)	(55.0)%
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Interest expense relating to repurchase agreements for the three months ended June 30, 2009 decreased \$0.7 million, or 100.0%, compared to interest expense relating to repurchase agreements for the three months ended June 30, 2008 because we did not utilize repurchase agreement financing during 2009. Interest expense relating to CDO notes for the three months ended June 30, 2009 decreased \$2.5 million, or 61.0%, compared to interest expense relating to CDO notes for the three months ended June 30, 2008 as a result of CDO principal repayments during 2008 and 2009 and due to lower interest rates on our floating rate CDO notes in 2009 than in 2008. For the three months ended June 30, 2009, interest expense relating to senior mortgage-backed notes, related party, decreased \$0.6 million, or 100.0%, compared to interest expense relating to senior mortgage-backed notes for the three months ended June 30, 2008 as a result of the repayment in full of those notes during June 2008 and July 2008. For the three months ended June 30, 2009, interest expense relating to our secured revolving credit facility, related party, decreased \$0.3 million, or 60.0%, compared to interest expense relating to our secured revolving credit facility, related party for the three months ended June 30, 2008 as the outstanding balance under this facility was significantly lower during the 2009 period and interest rates charged on borrowings under this facility were lower in 2009 than in the comparable period in 2008.

Expenses for the three months ended June 30, 2009 for base management fees, incentive fees and amortization related to restricted stock and options granted to our Manager decreased \$0.4 million, or 100%, compared to such expenses for the three months ended June 30, 2008 primarily as a result of our \$307.1 million net loss in 2008, which has caused our stockholders' equity to be in a deficit position since December 31, 2008. We also incurred a \$0.5 million loan loss relating to our construction loan and a \$6.9 million charge relating to our designating certain of our commercial loans as held for sale, during the three months ended June 30, 2008.

Other Revenues (Expenses)

Other expenses for the three months ended June 30, 2009 totaled approximately \$8.5 million, compared with other expenses of \$83.8 million for the three months ended June 30, 2008, a decrease of \$75.3 million, or 89.9%.

Other expenses for the three months ended June 30, 2009 consisted primarily of \$0.9 million of recognized gain relating to net changes in the values of assets and liabilities carried under the fair value option of SFAS 159 (we elected the fair value option under SFAS 159 in 2008) and a \$14.3 million loss on impairment of available-for-sale securities, which is the net of the total other-than-temporary impairments in the amount of \$37.3 million offset by the \$23.0 million recognized in other comprehensive income (as a result of the adoption of FSP FAS 115-2 in April 2009), and \$6.5 million of realized and unrealized gain on derivatives, primarily as a result of unrealized gains on economic hedges undesignated of \$7.0 million.

Other expenses for the three months ended June 30, 2008 consisted primarily of:

\$5.4 million of realized and unrealized gain on derivatives, primarily as a result of:

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) a \$14.5 million increase in unrealized gain on economic hedges, offset in part by realized and unrealized losses on CDS of \$3.4 million;

(
) realized losses on settlement of interest rate swaps of \$5.8 million;

(
) unrealized gains on economic hedges undesignated of \$14.5 million;

\$1.3 million of realized net loss on the sale of available-for-sale securities, real estate loans and other investments;

\$69.4 million of recognized loss relating to net changes in the values of assets and liabilities carried under the fair value option of SFAS 159; and

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a \$18.3 million loss on impairment of available-for-sale securities, which was comprised of a \$15.2 million impairment relating to CMBS, Non-Agency RMBS and preferred stock investments caused by adverse changes in cash flow assumptions, and a \$3.1 million impairment caused by an other-than-temporary decline in market values due to spread widening.

#### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

We require cash to fund our operating expenses. We believe we currently have sufficient cash resources to fund our operations for the next year. Our cash resources include cash on hand, cash flow from operations, principal and interest payments received from investments, cash from the sale of investments, borrowings under our secured credit facility, and when available (and when we deem appropriate), borrowings under reverse repurchase agreements. As discussed above, we do not anticipate having investable cash for the foreseeable future.

We held cash and cash equivalents of approximately \$1.9 million at June 30, 2009, which excludes restricted cash of approximately \$17.5 million that is used to collateralize certain of our CDS (\$10.5 million) and certain other commercial real estate and financing obligations. In addition, we had restricted cash of \$4.0 million that serves as collateral for a potential loss contingency for yield maintenance payments related to the sale of 11 of our whole loans to a third party.

Our operating activities provided net cash of approximately \$9.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2009, which was primarily a result of a net loss of \$16.5 million being comprised in part of net changes in assets and liabilities carried under the fair value option of SFAS 159 of \$8.9 million, non-cash impairment charges relating to available-for-sale securities of \$20.1 million, an increase in the provision for loan loss of \$6.8 million, accretion of net premium on investment securities and real estate loans of \$3.5 million and non-cash depreciation and amortization of \$6.0 million. Operating activities provided further net cash from a net increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses and interest payable of \$1.0 million. This was offset in part by other non-cash activities, including unrealized gain on derivatives of \$16.4 million and amortization of intangible liabilities of \$2.7 million, and by a net increase in other receivables and prepaid expenses and other assets of \$1.6 million.

Our operating activities provided net cash of approximately \$11.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2008, which was primarily a result of a net loss of \$213.2 million being comprised in part of realized and unrealized loss on derivatives of \$35.0 million, net changes in assets and liabilities carried under the fair value option of SFAS 159 of \$102.2 million, non-cash impairment charges relating to available-for-sale securities of \$85.5 million, provision for loan loss of \$16.4 million, non-cash depreciation and amortization of \$6.0 million, amortization and write-off of deferred financing costs of \$0.9 million and a realized net loss on the sale of available-for-sale securities, real estate loans and other investments of \$4.9 million. Operating activities provided further net cash from a net decrease in interest receivable of \$7.3 million. This was offset in part by other non-cash activities, including accretion of net discount on investment securities and real estate loans of \$12.2 million and amortization of intangible liabilities of \$2.7 million. The increase in cash also was further offset by a net decrease in accounts payable and accrued liabilities and interest payable of \$11.1 million, a net decrease in prepaid expenses and other assets of \$1.5 million and \$7.9 million of net payments on the settlement of derivatives.

Our investing activities provided net cash of \$2.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2009 primarily from proceeds from rent enhancement of \$1.6 million, principal repayments from investment securities and real estate loans totaling \$0.5 million and net receipts of restricted cash from credit default swaps of \$10.2 million. This was partially offset by net cash paid to terminate swaps of \$10.0 million.

Our investing activities provided net cash of \$1,354.9 million for the six months ended June 30, 2008 primarily from proceeds received from the sale of available-for-sale securities of \$1,178.4 million,

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proceeds from the sale of real estate loans of \$78.2 million, proceeds from the sale of other investments of \$35.7 million, proceeds from rent enhancement of \$1.8 million, principal repayments from investment securities and real estate loans totaling \$72.4 million, net receipts of restricted cash from credit default swaps of \$18.4 million and return of capital from equity investments of \$0.4 million. This was partially offset by net cash paid to terminate swaps of \$30.2 million.

Our financing activities used net cash of \$16.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2009 primarily due to dividends paid of \$5.0 million, principal repayments of CDOs and senior mortgage-backed securities of \$7.4 million and payments on borrowings under our secured revolving credit facility with a related party of \$4.0 million.

Our financing activities used net cash of \$1,386.3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2008 primarily due to net payments on repurchase agreements of \$1,254.0 million, dividends paid of \$33.6 million, principal repayments of CDOs and senior mortgage-backed securities of \$82.0 million, payments on the settlement of derivatives of \$10.5 million and payments on borrowings under our secured revolving credit facility with a related party of \$28.9 million. This was partially offset by net receipts from restricted cash of \$22.6 million.

Our source of funds as of June 30, 2009 consisted of borrowings under our secured revolving credit facility (which had unused availability of \$8.5 million as of June 30, 2009), which we used to refinance the acquisition financing of certain of our investments and to provide margin with respect to such borrowings and certain of our derivative transactions. We currently do not intend to borrow additional funds, except to the extent necessary to fund our current operations. Increases in short-term interest rates or widening of interest rate spreads could negatively affect the valuation of our mortgage-related assets, which could limit our borrowing ability or cause the lender under our secured revolving credit facility to require more collateral to secure its loans to us. Without additional equity capital, it is unlikely that we would be to able obtain debt financing for investment activity or for any other purpose, including funding our operating expenses.

For our short-term (one year or less) and long-term liquidity and compliance with collateralization requirements under our secured revolving credit facility (if the pledged collateral decreases in value or in the event of margin calls created by prepayments of the pledged collateral) and our derivatives transactions (if the value of our liability with respect to any such transaction decreases), we also rely on the cash flow from operations, primarily monthly principal and interest payments to be received on our investments, cash flow from the sale of our investments, rental income from our commercial real estate investments.

Based on our current portfolio, and leverage rate and assuming that we are able to extend or refinance the current credit facility that we have with an affiliate of our Manager, we believe that our cash flow from operations and the utilization of borrowings will be sufficient to enable us to meet anticipated short-term (one year or less) liquidity requirements, to pay fees under our management agreement, if any, to fund our distributions to stockholders, if any, and to pay general corporate expenses. However, as discussed below, as of June 30, 2009, we owed \$28.9 million to an affiliate of our Manager under our secured credit facility. Unless extended, this credit facility expires in May 2010. If this facility is not extended and we cannot obtain alternative financing, we do not expect to have sufficient cash on hand to repay such indebtedness. Given the current lack of liquidity in the credit markets and the current economic recession, we expect to have difficulty obtaining alternative financing if our credit facility is not extended. As a result of the disposition of our Agency MBS portfolio and the repayment of all of our repurchase agreement financing in 2008, we currently are not exposed to the risk of margin calls on our short-term financings, but as of June 30, 2009, we were exposed to the risk of margin calls totaling \$0.3 million with respect to our derivatives transactions.

In August 2007, we entered into a \$100.0 million unsecured 364-day credit facility with Brookfield US Corporation, an affiliate of our Manager. Under the terms of the credit facility, if our current

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manager, Hyperion Brookfield Crystal River Capital Advisors, LLC, or another wholly owned subsidiary of Brookfield Asset Management Inc. is not acting as our manager, then Brookfield US Corporation may accelerate all amounts due under our revolving credit facility. Indebtedness outstanding under the unsecured credit facility bore interest at LIBOR + 4.00%. In November 2007, we and Brookfield US Corporation amended the terms of the facility, effective as of September 30, 2007, to convert the facility to a secured revolving credit facility that provides for borrowings of up to \$100.0 million in the aggregate and to reduce the interest rate to LIBOR + 2.50%. On March 7, 2008, we and Brookfield US Corporation amended the terms of the facility, effective as of December 31, 2007, to extend the term of the facility from November 2008 to May 2009, to revise the financial covenant relating to minimum net worth and to eliminate the financial covenants relating to minimum net income (as defined in the facility), compliance with a maximum leverage ratio and compliance with an interest rate sensitivity requirement. On August 7, 2008, we and Brookfield US Corporation amended the terms of the facility, effective as of June 30, 2008, to revise the financial covenant relating to minimum net worth. On February 26, 2009, we and Brookfield US Corporation amended the terms of the facility to extend the term of the facility from May 2009 to May 2010, to lower the borrowing capacity under the facility from \$100.0 million to \$50.0 million and, effective as of December 31, 2008, to delete the financial covenant relating to minimum net worth. The secured facility bears interest at LIBOR + 2.50%. The credit facility and the amendments were approved by the independent members of our board of directors. As of June 30, 2009, we owed \$28.9 million under this facility, we pledged real estate loans and a portion of the equity in our commercial real estate investments with an aggregate carrying value of \$29.4 million to secure the \$28.9 million of borrowings outstanding at such date and we had \$8.5 million of unused availability under this facility.

Our ability to meet our long-term (greater than one year) liquidity and cash resource requirements in excess of our borrowing capacity will be subject to obtaining additional debt financing and/or equity capital. Such financing will depend on market conditions for capital raises and for the investment of any proceeds. Without additional capital, we will be unable to resume investment activity and may be unable confront liquidity problems as our debt obligations begin to mature. Upon liquidation, holders of our debt securities and shares of preferred stock, if any, and lenders with respect to other borrowings will receive a distribution of our available assets prior to the holders of our common stock. In addition, as discussed above, if delinquency trends continue to rise, our revenue will be adversely impacted as well.

In March 2007, our unconsolidated statutory trust, Crystal River Preferred Trust I, issued \$50.0 million of trust preferred securities to a third party investor. The trust preferred securities have a 30-year term, maturing in April 2037, are redeemable at par on or after April 2012 and pay interest at a fixed rate of 7.68% for the first five years ending April 2012, and thereafter, at a floating rate of three month LIBOR plus 2.75%.

## Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

As of June 30, 2009, we did not maintain any relationships with unconsolidated entities or financial partnerships, such as entities often referred to as structured finance, or special-purpose or variable interest entities, established for the purpose of facilitating off-balance sheet arrangements or other contractually narrow or limited purposes. As of June 30, 2009, we had no outstanding commitment to fund real estate loans.

### Contractual Obligations and Commitments

As of March 15, 2005, we had entered into a management agreement with our Manager, Hyperion Brookfield Crystal River. Hyperion Brookfield Crystal River is entitled to receive a base management fee, incentive compensation, reimbursement of certain expenses and, in certain circumstances, a termination fee, all as described in the management agreement. During 2008, we and our Manager agreed that our base management fee would be paid in shares of our common stock, instead of cash. See "Related Party Transactions." Such fees and expenses do not have fixed and determinable payments and therefore have not been included in the table below.

During the six months ended June 30, 2009, we did not make any advances to fund real estate loans and as of June 30, 2009, we had no outstanding commitment to fund real estate loans.

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In June and July 2008, we sold 13 whole loans to a third party. See Note 5 to our consolidated financial statements included elsewhere herein. In connection with the sale of 11 of those loans, we entered into a yield maintenance agreement that serves to protect the buyer against potential prepayments of those 11 whole loans. In accordance with the agreement, we deposited \$4.1 million into a restricted trust account to serve as collateral for the potential loss contingency. The agreement provides for the quarterly release to either the buyer or us of a proportionate share of the collateral contingent on any prepayments of the 11 whole loans. Our maximum loss contingency under this agreement at the time of sale totaled \$4.1 million. As of June 30, 2009, we accrued a loss contingency totaling \$0.8 million (compared to our maximum exposure to loss of \$3.6 million as of such date) based on assumptions developed by management relating to the timing and value of expected prepayments on the 11 loans. The loss contingency was recorded as additional realized loss on the sale of real estate loans in our statement of operations during 2008.

The table below sets forth information about our contractual obligations as of June 30, 2009. In addition to the amounts set forth in the table, we also are subject to interest rate swaps for which we cannot estimate future payments due.

	Payment due by Period								
		Les	s than					N	Iore than
Contractual Obligations	Total	1	year	1-3	years	3-5	years		5 years
			(1	In the	ousands	s)			
Contractual Debt Obligations									
Collateralized debt obligations(1)	\$459,627	\$		\$		\$		\$	459,627
Junior subordinated notes	51,550								51,550
Mortgage payable	219,380				413		557		218,410
Secured revolving credit facility,									
related party(2)	28,920		28,920						
Operating Lease Obligations									
Houston ground lease	1,640		25		50		50		1,515
Total	\$761,117	\$	28,945	\$	463	\$	607	\$	731,102

(2) See " Related Party Transactions" below.

### **Impact of Inflation**

Our operating results depend in part on the difference between the interest income earned on our interest-earning assets and the interest expense incurred in connection with our interest-bearing liabilities. Changes in the general level of interest rates prevailing in the economy in response to changes in the rate of inflation or otherwise can affect our income by affecting the spread between our interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities, as well as, among other things, the value of our interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities. Interest rates are highly sensitive to many factors, including governmental monetary and tax policies, domestic and international economic and political considerations, and other factors beyond our control. We employ the use of correlated hedging strategies to limit the effects of changes in interest rates on our operations, including engaging in interest rate swaps to minimize our exposure to changes in interest rates. There can be no assurance that we will be able to adequately protect against the foregoing risks or that we will ultimately realize an economic benefit from any hedging contract into which we enter. Our financial statements are prepared in accordance with GAAP and our distributions are determined by our board of directors consistent with our obligation to distribute to our stockholders at least 90% of our REIT taxable

<sup>(1)</sup>Amount is based on unpaid principal balance. As of June 30, 2009, the difference between fair value and unpaid principal balance is \$419,089.

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income on an annual basis to maintain our REIT qualification; in each case, our activities and balance sheet are measured with reference to historical cost and or fair market value without considering inflation.

### Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

The principal objective of our asset/liability management activities is to maximize net investment income, while minimizing levels of interest rate risk. Net investment income and interest expense are subject to the risk of interest rate fluctuations. To mitigate the impact of fluctuations in interest rates, we use interest rate swaps to effectively convert variable rate liabilities to fixed-rate liabilities for proper matching with fixed-rate assets. Each derivative used as an economic hedge is matched with an asset or liability with which it has a high correlation. The swap agreements are generally held-to-maturity and we do not use derivative financial instruments for trading purposes. We use interest rate swaps to effectively convert variable rate debt to fixed-rate debt for the financed portion of fixed-rate assets. The differential to be paid or received on these agreements is recognized as an adjustment to the interest expense related to debt and is recognized on the accrual basis.

As of June 30, 2009, the primary component of our market risk was interest rate risk, as described below. Although we do not seek to avoid risk completely, we do believe the risk can be quantified from historical experience and we seek to actively manage that risk, to earn sufficient compensation to justify taking those risks and to maintain capital levels consistent with the risks we undertake.

Interest Rate Risk We are subject to interest rate risk in connection with most of our investments and our related debt obligations, which are generally linked to LIBOR. We mitigate this risk through utilization of derivative contracts, primarily interest rate swap agreements. With respect to our commercial real estate investments, we manage interest rate risk through the use of fixed-rate mortgage loans.

Yield Spread Risk Most of our investments are also subject to yield spread risk. The majority of these securities are fixed-rate securities, which are valued based on a market credit spread over the rate payable on fixed-rate U.S. Treasuries of like maturity. In other words, their value is dependent on the yield demanded on such securities by the market, as based on their credit relative to U.S. Treasuries. An excessive supply of these securities combined with reduced demand will generally cause the market to require a higher yield on these securities, resulting in the use of a higher or "wider" spread over the benchmark rate (usually the applicable U.S. Treasury security yield) to value these securities. Under these conditions, the value of our real estate securities portfolio would tend to decrease. Conversely, if the spread used to value these securities were to decrease or "tighten," the value of our real estate securities would tend to increase. Such changes in the market value of our real estate securities portfolio may affect our net equity or cash flow either directly through their impact on unrealized gains or losses on available-for-sale securities by diminishing our ability to realize gains on such securities, or indirectly through their impact on our ability to borrow and access capital.

Effect on Net Investment Income In the past, we have funded a portion of our investments with short-term borrowings under repurchase agreements. During periods of rising interest rates, the borrowing costs associated with those investments tend to increase while the income earned on such investments could remain substantially unchanged. This results in a narrowing of the net interest spread between the related assets and borrowings and may even result in losses.

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As of June 30, 2009, we were party to two interest rate swap contracts. The following table summarizes the expiration dates of these contracts and their notional amounts (in thousands):

	Notional
Expiration Date	Amount
2013	\$ 42,408
2018	240,467
Total	\$282,875

Hedging techniques are partly based on assumed levels of prepayments of our fixed-rate and hybrid adjustable-rate RMBS. If prepayments are slower or faster than assumed, the life of the RMBS will be longer or shorter, which would reduce the effectiveness of any hedging strategies we may use and may cause losses on such transactions. Hedging strategies involving the use of derivative securities are highly complex and may produce volatile returns.

Extension Risk We have in the past invested in, and may in the future invest in, Agency MBS and RMBS, some of which have interest rates that are fixed for the first few years of the loan (typically three, five, seven or 10 years) and thereafter reset periodically on the same basis as adjustable-rate Agency MBS and RMBS. We compute the projected weighted average life of our Agency MBS and RMBS based on assumptions regarding the rate at which the borrowers will prepay the underlying mortgages. In general, when a fixed-rate or hybrid adjustable-rate residential mortgage-backed security is acquired with borrowings, we may, but are not required to, enter into an interest rate swap agreement or other hedging instrument that effectively fixes our borrowing costs for a period close to the anticipated average life of the fixed-rate portion of the related Agency MBS and RMBS. This strategy is designed to protect us from rising interest rates because the borrowing costs are fixed for the duration of the fixed-rate portion of the related residential mortgage-backed security.

However, if prepayment rates decrease in a rising interest rate environment, the life of the fixed-rate portion of the related Agency MBS and RMBS could extend beyond the term of the swap agreement or other hedging instrument. This could have a negative impact on our results from operations, as borrowing costs would no longer be fixed after the end of the hedging instrument while the income earned on the Agency MBS and RMBS would remain fixed. This situation may also cause the market value of the Agency MBS and RMBS that we own to decline, with little or no offsetting gain from the related hedging transactions. In extreme situations, we may be forced to sell assets to maintain adequate liquidity, which could cause us to incur losses.

Hybrid Adjustable-Rate Agency MBS Interest Rate Cap Risk We have in the past also invested in hybrid adjustable-rate Agency MBS, which are based on mortgages that are typically subject to periodic and lifetime interest rate caps and floors, which limit the amount by which the security's interest yield may change during any given period. However, our borrowing costs pursuant to repurchase agreements that we have historically used to finance our Agency MBS generally are not subject to similar restrictions. Therefore, in a period of increasing interest rates, interest rate costs on our borrowings could increase without limitation by caps, while the interest-rate yields on our hybrid adjustable-rate Agency MBS would effectively be limited by caps. This problem will be magnified to the extent we acquire hybrid adjustable-rate Agency MBS that are not based on mortgages that are fully indexed. In addition, the underlying mortgages may be subject to periodic payment caps that result in some portion of the interest being deferred and added to the principal outstanding. This could result in our receipt of less cash income on our hybrid adjustable-rate Agency MBS than we need in order to pay the interest cost on our related borrowings. These factors could lower our net investment income or cause a net loss during periods of rising interest rates, which would harm our financial condition, cash flows and results of operations.

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Interest Rate Mismatch Risk We may fund a portion of our investments with borrowings that, after the effect of hedging, have interest rates based on indices and repricing terms similar to, but of somewhat shorter maturities than, the interest rate indices and repricing terms of our investments. Thus, we anticipate that in most such cases the interest rate indices and repricing terms of our mortgage assets and our funding sources will not be identical, thereby creating an interest rate mismatch between assets and liabilities. Therefore, our cost of funds would likely rise or fall more quickly than would our earnings rate on assets. During periods of changing interest rates, such interest rate mismatches could negatively impact our financial condition, cash flows and results of operations. To mitigate interest rate mismatches, we may utilize the hedging strategies discussed above.

Our analysis of risks is based on management's experience, estimates, models and assumptions. These analyses rely on models that utilize estimates of fair value and interest rate sensitivity. Actual economic conditions or implementation of investment decisions by our management may produce results that differ significantly from the estimates and assumptions used in our models and the projected results shown in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

Prepayment Risk Prepayments are the full or partial repayment of principal prior to the original term to maturity of a mortgage loan and typically occur due to refinancing of mortgage loans. Prepayment rates for existing RMBS generally increase when prevailing interest rates fall below the market rate existing when the underlying mortgages were originated. In addition, prepayment rates on adjustable-rate and hybrid adjustable-rate RMBS generally increase when the difference between long-term and short-term interest rates declines or becomes negative. Prepayments of RMBS could harm our results of operations in several ways. Some adjustable-rate mortgages underlying our adjustable-rate RMBS may bear initial "teaser" interest rates that are lower than their "fully-indexed" rates, which refers to the applicable index rates plus a margin. In the event that such an adjustable-rate mortgage is prepaid prior to or soon after the time of adjustment to a fully-indexed rate, the holder of the related RMBS would have held such security while it was less profitable and lost the opportunity to receive interest at the fully-indexed rate over the expected life of the adjustable-rate RMBS. Finally, in the event that we are unable to acquire new mortgage assets to replace the prepaid assets, our financial condition, cash flow and results of operations could be negatively affected.

*Credit Risk* Our portfolio of commercial real estate loans and securities is subject to a high degree of credit risk. Credit risk is the exposure to loss from debtor defaults. Default rates are subject to a wide variety of factors, including, but not limited to, property performance, property management, supply and demand factors, construction trends, consumer behavior, regional economics, interest rates, the strength of the United States economy and other factors beyond our control.

All loans are subject to a certain probability of default. We have underwritten our CMBS and RMBS investments assuming the underlying loans will suffer a certain dollar amount of defaults and the defaults will lead to some level of realized losses. Loss adjusted yields are computed based on these assumptions and applied to each class of security supported by the cash flow on the underlying loans. The most significant variables affecting loss adjusted yields include, but are not limited to, the number of defaults, the severity of loss that occurs subsequent to a default and the timing of the actual loss. The different rating levels of CMBS will react differently to changes in these assumptions. The lowest rated securities are generally more sensitive to changes in timing of actual losses. The higher rated securities are more sensitive to the severity of losses.

We generally assume that substantially all of the principal of a non-rated security will not be recoverable over time. The timing and the amount of the loss of principal are the key assumptions to determine the economic yield of these securities. Timing is of paramount importance because we will assume substantial losses of principal on the non-rated securities, therefore the longer the principal balance remains outstanding the more interest the holder receives to support a greater economic

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return. Alternatively, if principal is lost faster than originally assumed, there is less opportunity to receive interest and a lower return or loss may result.

If actual principal losses on the underlying loans exceed assumptions, the higher rated securities will be affected more significantly as a loss of principal may not have been assumed. We manage credit risk through the underwriting process, establishing loss assumptions and monitoring of loan performance. Before acquiring an interest in the controlling class security (represented by a majority ownership interest in the most subordinate tranche) in a proposed pool of loans, we perform a rigorous analysis of all of the proposed underlying loans. Information from this review is then used to establish loss assumptions. We assume that a certain portion of the loans will default and calculate an expected or loss adjusted yield based on that assumption. After the securities have been acquired, we monitor the performance of the loans, as well as external factors that may affect their value.

Factors that indicate a higher loss severity or acceleration of the timing of an expected loss will cause a reduction in the expected yield and therefore reduce our earnings. Furthermore, we may be required to write down a portion of the accreted cost basis of the affected assets through a charge to income.

We also have in the past invested in commercial real estate loans, primarily mezzanine loans, bridge loans, A Notes, B Notes, loans to real estate companies, whole mortgage loans, first mortgage participations and net leased real estate. We have in the past also invested in residential mortgages and related securities. These investments will be subject to credit risk. The extent of our credit risk exposure will be dependent on risks associated with commercial and residential real estate. Property values and net operating income derived from such properties are subject to volatility and may be affected adversely by a number of factors, including, but not limited to, national, regional and local economic conditions (which may be adversely affected by industry slowdowns and other factors); local real estate conditions (such as an oversupply of housing, retail, industrial, office or other commercial space); changes or continued weakness in specific industry segments; construction quality, age and design; demographic factors; retroactive changes to building or similar codes; and increases in operating expenses (such as energy costs). In the event a borrower's net operating income decreases, the borrower may have difficulty repaying our loans, which could result in losses to us. In addition, decreases in property values reduce the value of the collateral and the potential proceeds available to a borrower to repay our loans, which could also cause us to suffer losses. When we underwrite the origination of a commercial real estate loan, we do not underwrite to an expected loss; when we underwrite the purchase of a commercial real estate loan, we may underwrite to an expected loss based on the price of the loan.

Effect on Fair Value Another component of interest rate risk is the effect changes in interest rates will have on the market value of our assets. We face the risk that the market value of our assets will increase or decrease at different rates than that of our liabilities, including our hedging instruments. We primarily assess our interest rate risk by estimating the duration of our assets and the duration of our liabilities. Duration essentially measures the market price volatility of financial instruments as interest rates change. We generally calculate duration using various financial models and empirical data. Different models and methodologies can produce different duration numbers for the same securities.

Interest Rate Sensitivity Analysis

The following interest rate sensitivity analysis is measured using an option-adjusted spread model combined with a proprietary prepayment model. We shock the curve up and down 100 basis points and analyze the change in interest rates, prepayments and cash flows through a Monte Carlo simulation. We then calculate an average price for each scenario, which is used in our risk management analysis.

The following sensitivity analysis table shows the estimated impact on the fair value of our interest rate-sensitive investments, CDO liabilities, senior mortgage-backed notes, mortgages payable, junior

subordinated notes, secured revolving credit facility indebtedness and swaps, at June 30, 2009, assuming rates instantaneously fall 100 basis points and rise 100 basis points:

	Interest Rates Fall 100 Basis			Interest Ratese Rise 100 Basis		
		Points	Uı	ıchanged		Points
		(Dol	llars	s in thousan	ds)	
Mortgage assets and other investment securities(1)						
Fair value	\$	58,473	\$	57,252	\$	55,956
Change in fair value	\$	1,220			\$	(1,297)
Change as a percent of fair value		2.13%				(2.26)%
Real estate loans, including real estate loans held for sale						
Fair value	\$	7,159	\$	6,974	\$	6,734
Change in fair value	\$	185			\$	(240)
Change as a percent of fair value		2.66%				(3.44)%
Other assets(2)	4	220		220		220
Fair value	\$	330	\$	330	\$	330
Change in fair value		n/m				n/m
Change as a percent of fair value		n/m				n/m
CDO liabilities	Φ.	(40.500)	Φ.	(40.500)	Ф	(40.530)
Fair value	\$	(40,538)	\$	(40,538)	\$	(40,538)
Change in fair value		n/m				n/m
Change as a percent of fair value		n/m				n/m
Mortgages payable	Φ.	(121 200)	Φ.	(106 600)	Ф	(100.005)
Fair value		(131,208)	\$	(126,622)		(120,035)
Change in fair value	\$	(6,586)			\$	6,586
Change as a percent of fair value		5.20%				(5.20)%
Junior subordinated notes	Ф	(11.000)	ф	(10.000)	ф	(10.701)
Fair value	\$	(11,283)	<b>Þ</b>	(10,992)	\$	(10,701)
Change in fair value	\$	(291)			\$	290
Change as a percent of fair value		2.65%				(2.65)%
Secured revolving credit facility, related party	¢	(27.470)	đ	(27.470)	Φ	(27, 470)
Fair value	\$	(27,479)	Э	(27,479)	\$	(27,479)
Change in fair value		n/m				n/m
Change as a percent of fair value		n/m				n/m
Undesignated interest rate swaps	¢	(22.200)	đ	(21.062)	Φ	(10.952)
Fair value	\$ \$	(22,308)	Э	(21,062)	\$ \$	(19,852)
Change in fair value	Ф	(1,247)	1		Ф	1,210
Change as a percent of notional value		(0.44)%	o			0.43%
Credit default swaps Fair value	Ф	(0.860)	\$	(0.600)	Ф	(0.507)
	\$ \$	(9,869)	Ф	(9,690)	\$ \$	(9,507)
Change in fair value	Ф	(179)	7_		Ф	182 1.83%
Change as a percent of notional value		(1.79)%	o			1.83%

<sup>(1)</sup> The fair value of all of our investment securities is included.

n/m = not meaningful

<sup>(2)</sup> The fair value of our other investments that are sensitive to interest rate changes is included.

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The following sensitivity analysis table shows the estimated impact on the fair value of our interest rate-sensitive investments, repurchase agreement liabilities, CDO liabilities, senior mortgage-backed notes, mortgages payable, junior subordinated notes and swaps, at June 30, 2008, assuming rates instantaneously fall 100 basis points and rise 100 basis points:

	I	Interest Rates Fall 100 Basis Points	Uı	nchanged		Interest Rates Rise 100 Basis Points
		(Dol		s in thousan	de)	
Mortgage assets and other investment securities(1)		(Dul	ıaı	s iii tiivusaii	us)	
Fair value	\$	322,406	\$	295,836	\$	283,052
Change in fair value	\$	26,570	Ψ	273,030		(12,784)
Change as a percent of fair value	Ψ	8.98%			Ψ	(4.32)%
Real estate loans, including real estate loans held for sale		0.90 /0				(4.32) //
Fair value	\$	74,619	\$	71,980	\$	69,675
Change in fair value	\$	2,639	Ψ	71,700	\$	(2,305)
Change as a percent of fair value	Ψ	3.67%			Ψ	(3.20)%
Repurchase agreements(2)		3.0770				(3.20) %
Fair value	\$	(22,117)	\$	(22,117)	\$	(22,117)
Change in fair value	Ψ	n/m	Ψ	(22,117)	Ψ	n/m
Change as a percent of fair value		n/m				n/m
CDO liabilities		11/111				11/111
Fair value	\$	(204,769)	\$	(204,769)	\$	(204,769)
Change in fair value	Ψ	n/m	Ψ	(201,70))	Ψ	n/m
Change as a percent of fair value		n/m				n/m
Senior mortgage-backed notes, related party		11/111				11, 111
Fair value	\$	(20,600)	\$	(20,600)	\$	(20,600)
Change in fair value	Ψ	n/m	Ψ	(20,000)	Ψ	n/m
Change as a percent of fair value		n/m				n/m
Mortgages payable		11/111				11/111
Fair value	\$	(204,863)	\$	(194,712)	\$	(184,561)
Change in fair value		(10,151)	Ψ	(171,712)	\$	10,151
Change as a percent of fair value	Ψ	5.21%			Ψ	(5.21)%
Junior subordinated notes		3.2170				(3.21) //
Fair value	\$	(24,126)	\$	(23,036)	\$	(21,946)
Change in fair value	\$	(1,090)	Ψ	(23,030)	\$	1,090
Change as a percent of fair value	Ψ	4.73%			Ψ	(4.73)%
Secured revolving credit facility, related party		11.7570				(1.73)70
Fair value	\$	(38,420)	\$	(38,420)	\$	(38,420)
Change in fair value	Ψ	n/m	Ψ	(30,120)	Ψ	n/m
Change as a percent of fair value		n/m				n/m
Net designated and undesignated interest rate swaps and		11/111				11/111
caps						
Fair value	\$	(36,135)	\$	(12,099)	\$	10,505
Change in fair value	\$	(24,036)	Ψ	(1=,0))	\$	24,604
Change as a percent of notional value	Ψ.	(5.24)%	ó		Ψ	4.93%
Credit default swaps		(8.21)				, 2 /0
Fair value	\$	(18,635)	\$	(18,580)	\$	(18,526)
Change in fair value	\$	(55)	Ψ	(-2,200)	\$	54
Change as a percent of notional value	7	(0.55)%	ó		7	0.54%

(1)

The fair value of all of our investment securities is included.

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(2) The fair value of the repurchase agreements would not change materially due to the short-term nature of these instruments.

n/m = not meaningful

It is important to note that the impact of changing interest rates on fair value can change significantly when interest rates change beyond 100 basis points from current levels. Therefore, the volatility in the fair value of our assets could increase significantly when interest rates change beyond 100 basis points. In addition, other factors affect the fair value of our interest rate-sensitive investments and hedging instruments, such as the shape of the yield curve, market expectations as to future interest rate changes and other market conditions. Accordingly, in the event of changes in actual interest rates, the change in the fair value of our assets would likely differ from that shown above, and such difference might be material and adverse to our stockholders.

Currency Risk From time to time, we may make investments that are denominated in a foreign currency through which we may be subject to foreign currency exchange risk. Changes in currency rates can adversely affect the fair values and earnings of our non-U.S. holdings. We attempt to mitigate this impact by utilizing currency swaps on our foreign currency-denominated investments or foreign currency forward commitments to hedge the net exposure. As of June 30, 2009, we held no investments denominated in foreign currency and accordingly, we were not exposed to foreign currency exchange risk.

### **Related Party Transactions**

We have entered into a management agreement, as amended (the "Agreement"), with our Manager. The current term of the Agreement expires in December 2009, and the Agreement will be automatically renewed for a one-year term each December 31 thereafter unless we or our Manager terminate the Agreement. The Agreement provides that our Manager will provide us with investment management services and certain administrative services and will perform our day-to-day operations. The monthly base management fee for such services is equal to 1.5% of one-twelfth of our equity, as defined in the Agreement, payable in arrears. We paid the base management fee for the year ended December 31, 2008 in shares of our common stock, rather than in cash.

In addition, under the Agreement, our Manager earns a quarterly incentive fee equal to 25% of the amount by which the quarterly net income per share, as defined in the Agreement (which principally excludes the effect of stock compensation and the unrealized change in derivatives), exceeds an amount equal to the product of the weighted average of the price per share of the common stock we issued in our March 2005 private offering and in our August 2006 initial public offering and the price per share of common stock in any subsequent offerings by us, multiplied by the higher of (i) 2.4375% or (ii) 25% of the then applicable 10 year Treasury note rate plus 0.50%, multiplied by the then weighted average number of outstanding shares for the quarter. The incentive fee is paid quarterly. The Agreement provides that 10% of the incentive management fee is to be paid in shares of our common stock (providing that such payment does not result in our Manager owning directly or indirectly more than 9.8% of our issued and outstanding common stock) and the balance is to be paid in cash. Our Manager may, at its sole discretion, elect to receive a greater percentage of its incentive management fee in shares of our common stock. During the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008 and the three months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, we did not incur any incentive management fees.

The Agreement may be terminated upon the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the independent members of our board of directors after the expiration of the initial term and by providing at least 180 days prior notice based upon either: (i) unsatisfactory performance by our Manager that is materially detrimental to us, or (ii) a determination by the independent members of our board of directors that the management fees payable to our Manager are not fair (subject to our Manager's right to prevent a compensation termination by agreeing to a mutually acceptable reduction of the

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management fees). If we terminate the Agreement, then we must pay our Manager a termination fee equal to twice the sum of the average annual base and incentive fees earned by our Manager during the two twelve-month periods immediately preceding the date of termination, calculated as of the end of the most recently completed fiscal quarter prior to the date of termination.

We issued to our Manager 84,000 shares of our restricted common stock and granted options to purchase 126,000 shares of our common stock for a 10 year period at a price of \$25 per share in March 2005. We issued to certain of our directors a total of 2,000 shares of restricted stock in May 2007, 2,000 shares of restricted stock in June 2008 and 4,000 shares of restricted stock in June 2008, all of which vest on the first anniversary of the date of issuance. For the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008 and the three months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, the base management fee expense was \$0, \$1.1 million, \$0 and \$0.4 million, respectively.

The Agreement provides that we are required to reimburse our Manager for certain expenses incurred by our Manager on our behalf provided that such costs and reimbursements are no greater than that which would be paid to outside professionals or consultants on an arm's length basis. For the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, we were not charged any reimbursable costs by our Manager.

In January 2007, we purchased a \$28.5 million investment in BREF One, LLC (the "Fund"), a real estate finance fund sponsored by Brookfield, the indirect parent of our Manager, and managed by a Brookfield subsidiary, and incurred a \$10.4 million unfunded capital commitment to the Fund. The acquisition was made from two subsidiaries of Brookfield. During the first quarter of 2008, we sold our interest in the Fund to an affiliate of our Manager at its carrying value of \$35.7 million and we were released from our unfunded capital commitment to the Fund. During the six months ended June 30, 2008 and the three months ended June 30, 2008, we had less than \$0.1 million and \$0, respectively, of equity losses from our investment in the Fund.

In August 2007, we entered into a \$100.0 million unsecured 364-day credit facility with Brookfield US Corporation, an affiliate of our Manager. Under the terms of the credit facility, if our current manager, Hyperion Brookfield Crystal River Capital Advisors, LLC, or another wholly owned subsidiary of Brookfield Asset Management Inc. is not acting as our manager, then Brookfield US Corporation may accelerate all amounts due under our revolving credit facility. Indebtedness outstanding under the unsecured credit facility bore interest at LIBOR + 4.00%. In November 2007, we and Brookfield US Corporation amended the terms of the facility, effective as of September 30, 2007, to convert the facility to a secured revolving credit facility that provides for borrowings of up to \$100.0 million in the aggregate and to reduce the interest rate to LIBOR + 2.50%. On March 7, 2008, we and Brookfield US Corporation amended the terms of the facility, effective as of December 31, 2007, to extend the term of the facility from November 2008 to May 2009, to revise the financial covenant relating to minimum net worth and to eliminate the financial covenants relating to minimum net income (as defined in the facility), compliance with a maximum leverage ratio and compliance with an interest rate sensitivity requirement. On August 7, 2008, we and Brookfield US Corporation amended the terms of the facility, effective as of June 30, 2008, to revise the financial covenant relating to minimum net worth. On February 26, 2009, we and Brookfield US Corporation amended the terms of the facility to extend the term of the facility from May 2009 to May 2010, to lower the borrowing capacity under the facility from \$100.0 million to \$50.0 million and, effective as of December 31, 2008, to delete the financial covenant relating to minimum net worth. The secured facility bears interest at LIBOR + 2.50%. The credit facility and the amendments were approved by the independent members of our board of directors. As of June 30, 2009, we owed \$28.9 million under this facility, we had pledged MBS, real estate loans and a portion of the equity in our commercial real estate investments with an aggregate carrying value of \$29.4 million to secure the \$28.9 million of borrowings outstanding at such date and we had \$8.5 million of unused availability under this facility. The credit agreement contains customary representations, warranties and covenants, including covenants requiring us to

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maintain our REIT status and limiting dividends, liens, mergers, asset sales and other fundamental changes. As of June 30, 2009, we were in compliance with all of the covenants under the credit agreement.

We and our Manager have entered into sub-advisory agreements with other affiliated entities and the fees payable under such agreements will be paid from any management fees earned by our Manager. In addition, certain of these affiliated sub-advisory entities introduce investments to us for purchase from time to time.

#### Risk Management

To the extent consistent with maintaining our REIT status, we seek to manage our interest rate risk exposure to protect our portfolio of RMBS and other mortgage securities and related debt against the effects of major interest rate changes. We generally seek to manage our interest rate risk by:

monitoring and adjusting, if necessary, the reset indices and interest rates related to our MBS and our borrowings;

attempting to structure our borrowing agreements to have a range of different maturities, terms, amortizations and interest rate adjustment periods;

using derivatives, financial futures, swaps, options, caps, floors and forward sales, to adjust the interest rate sensitivity of our MBS and our borrowings; and

actively managing, on an aggregate basis, the interest rate indices, interest rate adjustment periods, and gross reset margins of our MBS and the interest rate indices and adjustment periods of our borrowings.

#### **Note on Forward-Looking Statements**

Except for historical information contained herein, this quarterly report on Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), which involve certain risks and uncertainties. Forward-looking statements are included with respect to, among other things, our current business plan, business and investment strategy and portfolio management. These forward-looking statements are identified by their use of such terms and phrases as "intends," "intended," "estimate," "estimates," "expects," "expect," "expected," "projected," "projections," "anticipates," "anticipated," "should," "designed to," "foreseeable future," "believe" and "believes" and similar expressions. Our actual results or outcomes may differ materially from those anticipated. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date the statement was made. We assume no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Important factors that we believe might cause actual results to differ from any results expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements are discussed in the risk factors contained in Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 10-Q, which are incorporated herein by reference. In assessing forward-looking statements contained herein, readers are urged to read carefully all cautionary statements contained in this Form 10-Q.

#### Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

See the discussion of quantitative and qualitative disclosures about market risk in the "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk" section of Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations above.

#### Item 4. Controls and Procedures

#### **Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in our Exchange Act reports is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure based closely on the definition of "disclosure controls and procedures" in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e). Notwithstanding the foregoing, no matter how well a control system is designed and operated, it can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that it will detect or uncover failures within our Company to disclose material information otherwise required to be set forth in our periodic reports. Also, we may have investments in certain unconsolidated entities. Because we do not control these entities, our disclosure controls and procedures with respect to such entities are necessarily substantially more limited than those we maintain with respect to our consolidated subsidiaries.

As of the end of the period covered by this quarterly report, we carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures. Based upon that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of June 30, 2009.

#### **Changes in Internal Controls**

There have been no changes in our "internal control over financial reporting" (as defined in paragraph (f) of Rule 13a-15 promulgated under the Exchange Act) that occurred during the period covered by this quarterly report that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

#### PART II.

#### OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

None

Item 1A. Risk Factors

The most significant risk factors applicable to us are described in Item 1A of our amended Annual Report on Form 10-K/A (Amendment No. 1) for the year ended December 31, 2008 filed with the SEC on June 5, 2009, which we refer to as our 2008 Form 10-K. A copy of those risk factors, updated for June 30, 2009, is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. The following risk factors disclose material changes to the risk factors disclosed in our 2008 Form 10-K.

We are currently not making new investments and it is uncertain whether we will be able to make additional investments in the future, which increases the risk that we will be unable to continue as a going concern.

We have observed a number of IPO filings by recently formed entities with investment strategies focused on commercial and residential real estate debt markets. As permitted by our management agreement (which contains policies to ensure that potential conflicts of interest are managed appropriately), our Manager has indicated that its parent company may pursue opportunities to sponsor new ventures and raise investment capital to be deployed in the real estate debt sector. Our Board of Directors will continue to exercise oversight of our Manager and our Manager will continue to have the same obligation to manage our portfolio as set forth in our management agreement (which contains policies to ensure that potential conflicts of interest are managed appropriately). Our board of directors is currently considering the potential impact on us if our Manager's parent company pursues such an opportunity and the potential effect, if any, that it could have on the management of our portfolio.

Given current market conditions and our lack of investable cash, currently, we are unable to take advantage of new investment opportunities. We will, however, continue to manage our portfolio in accordance with our stated objectives of maximizing the cash flow from our investment portfolio and eliminating our short term debt.

In the event that negative market conditions persist or deteriorate further, and we are not able to achieve a successful disposition of assets or increase our liquidity through alternative channels, then the risk increases as to whether we can continue as a going concern. The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared in conformity with GAAP applicable to a going concern, which contemplates the realization of assets and the satisfaction of liabilities in the normal course of business. Accordingly, our consolidated financial statements do not reflect any adjustments related to the recoverability of assets and satisfaction of liabilities that might be necessary should we be unable to continue as a going concern.

Recently adopted amendments to accounting standards will require us to consolidate previous and any potential future securitization transactions, which will have a significant impact on our consolidated financial statements and net worth.

In June 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board, or the FASB, issued SFAS No. 166, Accounting for Transfers of Financial Assets, or SFAS 166, and SFAS No. 167, Amendments to FASB Interpretation No. 46(R), or SFAS 167, which significantly change the accounting for transfers of financial assets and the criteria for determining whether to consolidate a variable interest entity, or a VIE. SFAS 166 eliminates the qualifying special purpose entity, or the QSPE, concept, establishes conditions for reporting a transfer of a portion of a financial asset as a sale, clarifies the financial asset derecognition criteria, revises how interests retained by the transferor in a sale of financial assets

initially are measured, and removes the guaranteed mortgage securitization recharacterization provisions. SFAS 167 requires reporting entities to evaluate former QSPEs for consolidation, changes the approach to determining a VIE's primary beneficiary from a mainly quantitative assessment to an exclusively qualitative assessment designed to identify a controlling financial interest, and increases the frequency of required reassessments to determine whether a company is the primary beneficiary of a VIE. We have evaluated the provisions of these two statements and believe that their application will result in the consolidation of our QSPEs, or more specifically the underlying trusts for certain of the subordinate CMBS that we own. Implementation of these standards requires us to make major operational and system changes.

Although we are still assessing the impact of these new accounting standards, we currently expect that the adoption of these accounting standards will require that we consolidate onto our balance sheet the assets and liabilities of the underlying trusts for certain of the subordinate CMBS that we own. Because of the magnitude and complexity of the operational and system changes that we are making and the limited amount of time available to complete and test our systems development, there is a risk that unexpected developments could make it difficult for us to implement all of the necessary system changes and internal control processes by the January 1, 2010 effective date. Failure to make these changes by the effective date could have a material adverse impact on us, including on our ability to produce financial reports on a timely basis or to remain in compliance with the financial covenants in our credit agreement. In addition, making the necessary operational and system changes in a compressed time frame diverts resources from our other business requirements and corporate initiatives, which could have a material adverse impact on our operations.

#### Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

None

#### Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None

#### Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

On June 9, 2009, we held our annual meeting of stockholders (the "Meeting") in New York, New York for the purpose of (i) electing three Class I directors to serve on the board until our 2012 annual meeting of stockholders and until their successors are duly elected and qualified; (ii) electing one Class III director to serve on the board until our 2011 annual meeting of stockholders and until his successor is duly elected and qualified; and (iii) ratifying the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009. The total number of shares of common stock entitled to vote at the Meeting was 24,905,253, of which 22,155,446 shares, or 89.0%, were present in person or by proxy.

The following table sets forth the number of votes in favor and the votes withheld with respect to the election of directors. There were no broker non-votes.

		Votes in Favor	Votes Withheld
Class I Director Nominees			
Janet Graham		21,770,426	385,020
Harald R. Hansen		21,731,780	423,666
William M. Powell		21,776,511	378,935
Class III Director Nominee			
Craig J. Laurie		21,678,812	476,634
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There was no solicitation in opposition to the foregoing nominees by stockholders. The terms of office for William F. Paulsen and Louis P. Salvatore, our Class II directors, and Rodman L. Drake, our other Class III director, continued after the Meeting.

The ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009 was approved by our stockholders with 21,938,191 votes "For," 107,812 votes "Against" and 109,443 votes "Abstained," none of which such abstentions were actually broker non-votes that were treated as abstentions.

### Item 5. Other Information

None

#### Item 6. Exhibits

- 3.1 Charter of Crystal River Capital, Inc. (filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006 (File No. 001-32958) filed on March 30, 2007 and incorporated herein by reference)
- 3.2 Amended and Restated Bylaws of Crystal River Capital, Inc. (filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-32958) filed on May 14, 2007 and incorporated herein by reference)
- 10.1\* Crystal River Capital, Inc. 2005 Long Term Incentive Plan, as amended
- 11.1 Statements regarding Computation of Earnings per Share (Data required by Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 128, Earnings per Share, is provided in Note 15 to the consolidated financial statements contained in this report)
- 31.1\* Certification of William M. Powell, President and Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to Exchange Act Rules 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
- 31.2\* Certification of Craig J. Laurie, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, pursuant to Exchange Act Rules 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
- 32.1\* Certification of William M. Powell, President and Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
- 32.2\* Certification of Craig J. Laurie, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

99.1*	Risk Factors
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	Filed herewith.

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### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

CRYSTAL RIVER CAPITAL, INC.

August 10, 2009 /s/ WILLIAM M. POWELL

Date

William M. Powell

Chairman of the Board, President and Chief

Executive Officer

August 10, 2009 /s/ CRAIG J. LAURIE

Date

Craig J. Laurie

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

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