

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 8, 2024

MFA FINANCIAL, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	1-13991 (Commission File Number)	13-3974868 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
One Vanderbilt Avenue, 48th Floor New York, New York (Address of principal executive offices)		10017 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 207-6400

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class:	Trading Symbols:	Name of each exchange on which registered:
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	MFA	New York Stock Exchange
7.50% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	MFA/PB	New York Stock Exchange
6.50% Series C Fixed-to-Floating Rate Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	MFA/PC	New York Stock Exchange
8.875% Senior Notes due 2029	MFAN	New York Stock Exchange
9.000% Senior Notes due 2029	MFAO	New York Stock Exchange

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition and
Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

MFA Financial, Inc. (“MFA”) issued a press release, dated August 8, 2024, announcing its financial results for the quarter ended June 30, 2024, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. In addition, in conjunction with the announcement of its financial results, MFA issued additional information relating to its 2024 second quarter financial results. Such additional information is attached to this report as Exhibit 99.2 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information referenced in this Current Report on Form 8-K (including Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2) is being “furnished” and, as such, shall not be deemed to be “filed” for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. The information set forth in this Current Report on Form 8-K (including Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2) is and will not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed by MFA pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), except as may be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

As discussed therein, the press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act and, as such, may involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and assumptions. These forward-looking statements relate to MFA’s current expectations and are subject to the limitations and qualifications set forth in the press release as well as in MFA’s other documents filed with the SEC, including, without limitation, that actual events and/or results may differ materially from those projected in such forward-looking statements.

Exhibit

[99.1 Press Release, dated August 8, 2024, announcing MFA’s financial results for the quarter ended June 30, 2024.](#)

[99.2 Additional information relating to the financial results of MFA for the quarter ended June 30, 2024.](#)

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SIGNATURE

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 hereunto duly authorized.

MFA FINANCIAL, INC.
(REGISTRANT)

By: /s/ Harold E. Schwartz

Name: Harold E. Schwartz

Title: Senior Vice President and General Counsel

Date: August 8, 2024

EXHIBIT INDEX

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PRESS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NEW YORK METRO

NYSE: MFA

MFA Financial, Inc. Announces Second Quarter 2024 Financial Results

NEW YORK - MFA Financial, Inc. (NYSE:MFA) today provided its financial results for the second quarter ended June 30, 2024:

- MFA generated GAAP net income for the second quarter of \$33.7 million, or \$0.32 per basic and diluted common share.
- Distributable earnings, a non-GAAP financial measure, were \$45.6 million, or \$0.44 per basic common share. MFA paid a regular cash dividend of \$0.35 per common share on July 31, 2024.
- GAAP book value at June 30, 2024 was \$13.80 per common share. Economic book value, a non-GAAP financial measure, was \$14.34 per common share.
- Total economic return was 2.6% for the second quarter.
- Net interest spread averaged 2.16% and net interest margin was 3.01%.
- MFA closed the quarter with unrestricted cash of \$289.4 million.

Commenting on the quarter, Craig Knutson, MFA's CEO and President, stated: "We are pleased to announce strong results for what was yet another volatile quarter in the fixed income and mortgage markets. We generated Distributable earnings of \$0.44 per share and our Economic book value rose to \$14.34 per share. We continued to execute our strategy of acquiring residential mortgage assets at attractive levels. During the quarter, we purchased or originated \$688 million residential mortgage loans with an average coupon of 9.6%. We also added \$176 million of Agency MBS."

Mr. Knutson continued: "On the liability side, we repaid the remaining \$170 million balance of our maturing convertible notes and issued \$75 million of 9.00% senior unsecured notes due in August 2029. We completed two securitizations collateralized by \$557 million of Non-QM and Transitional loans. We also securitized \$303 million of primarily re-performing loans subsequent to quarter-end. Finally, we once again benefited from our \$3.3 billion interest rate swap position, which generated a net positive carry of \$29 million."

Q2 2024 Portfolio Activity

- Loan acquisitions were \$688.2 million, including \$422.1 million of funded originations of business purpose loans (including draws on Transitional loans) and \$266.1 million of Non-QM loan acquisitions, bringing MFA's residential whole loan balance to \$9.2 billion.
- Lima One funded \$270.0 million of new business purpose loans with a maximum loan amount of \$412.3 million. Further, \$152.2 million of draws were funded on previously originated Transitional loans. Lima One generated \$7.6 million of origination, servicing, and other fee income.
- MFA added \$175.5 million of Agency MBS during the quarter, bringing its total Securities portfolio to \$863.3 million.
- Asset dispositions included \$12.4 million UPB of single-family rental (SFR) loans and \$26.9 million of MSR-related securities. MFA also continued to reduce its REO portfolio, selling 63 properties in the second quarter for aggregate proceeds of \$25.6 million.
- 60+ day delinquencies (measured as a percentage of UPB) for MFA's residential loan portfolio declined to 6.5% from 6.9% in the first quarter.
- MFA completed two loan securitizations during the quarter, collateralized by \$365.2 million UPB of Non-QM loans and \$191.8 million UPB of Transitional loans, bringing its total securitized debt to approximately \$5.0 billion.
- MFA increased its position in interest rate swaps to a notional amount of approximately \$3.3 billion. At June 30, 2024, these swaps had a weighted average fixed pay interest rate of 1.92% and a weighted average variable receive interest rate of 5.33%.
- MFA estimates the net effective duration of its investment portfolio at June 30, 2024 rose to 1.12 from 0.98 at March 31, 2024.
- MFA's Debt/Net Equity Ratio was 4.7x and recourse leverage was 1.7x at June 30, 2024.

Webcast

MFA Financial, Inc. plans to host a live audio webcast of its investor conference call on Thursday, August 8, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) to discuss its second quarter 2024 financial results. The live audio webcast will be accessible to the general public over the internet at <http://www.mfainancial.com> through the “Webcasts & Presentations” link on MFA’s home page. Earnings presentation materials will be posted on the MFA website prior to the conference call and an audio replay will be available on the website following the call.

About MFA Financial, Inc.

MFA Financial, Inc. (NYSE: MFA) is a leading specialty finance company that invests in residential mortgage loans, residential mortgage-backed securities and other real estate assets. Through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Lima One Capital, MFA also originates and services business purpose loans for real estate investors. MFA has distributed \$4.7 billion in dividends to stockholders since its initial public offering in 1998. MFA is an internally-managed, publicly-traded real estate investment trust.

The following table presents MFA's asset allocation as of June 30, 2024, and the second quarter 2024 yield on average interest-earning assets, average cost of funds and net interest rate spread for the various asset types.

Table 1 - Asset Allocation

At June 30, 2024	Business purpose loans (1)	Non-QM loans	Legacy RPL/NPL loans	Securities, at fair value	Other, net (2)	Total
(Dollars in Millions)						
Asset Amount	\$ 4,016	\$ 3,994	\$ 1,123	\$ 863	\$ 778	\$ 10,774
Financing Agreements with Non-mark-to-market Collateral Provisions	(931)	—	—	—	—	(931)
Financing Agreements with Mark-to-market Collateral Provisions	(651)	(796)	(479)	(731)	(72)	(2,729)
Securitized Debt	(1,843)	(2,747)	(457)	—	(1)	(5,048)
Senior Notes	—	—	—	—	(183)	(183)
Net Equity Allocated	\$ 591	\$ 451	\$ 187	\$ 132	\$ 522	\$ 1,883
Debt/Net Equity Ratio (3)	5.8x	7.9x	5.0x	5.5x		4.7x
For the Quarter Ended June 30, 2024						
Yield on Average Interest Earning Assets (4)	7.99%	5.49%	8.72%	7.03%		6.79%
Less Average Cost of Funds (5)	(5.80)	(3.55)	(3.70)	(3.84)		(4.63)
Net Interest Rate Spread	2.19%	1.94%	5.02%	3.19%		2.16%

(1) Includes \$1.2 billion of Single-family transitional loans, \$1.2 billion of Multifamily transitional loans and \$1.6 billion of Single-family rental loans.

(2) Includes \$289.4 million of cash and cash equivalents, \$252.0 million of restricted cash, \$53.4 million of Other loans and \$18.3 million of capital contributions made to loan origination partners, as well as other assets and other liabilities.

(3) Total Debt/Net Equity ratio represents the sum of borrowings under our financing agreements as a multiple of net equity allocated.

(4) Yields reported on our interest earning assets are calculated based on the interest income recorded and the average amortized cost for the quarter of the respective asset. At June 30, 2024, the amortized cost of our Securities, at fair value, was \$846.8 million. In addition, the yield for residential whole loans was 6.91%, net of one basis point of servicing fee expense incurred during the quarter. For GAAP reporting purposes, such expenses are included in Loan servicing and other related operating expenses in our statement of operations.

(5) Average cost of funds includes interest on financing agreements, Convertible Senior Notes, 8.875% Senior Notes, 9.00% Senior Notes, and securitized debt. Cost of funding also includes the impact of the net carry (the difference between swap interest income received and swap interest expense paid) on our interest rate swap agreements (or Swaps). While we have not elected hedge accounting treatment for Swaps and accordingly net carry is not presented in interest expense in our consolidated statement of operations, we believe it is appropriate to allocate net carry to the cost of funding to reflect the economic impact of our Swaps on the funding costs shown in the table above. For the quarter ended June 30, 2024, this decreased the overall funding cost by 127 basis points for our overall portfolio, 128 basis points for our Residential whole loans, 92 basis points for our Business purpose loans, 163 basis points for our Non-QM loans, 107 basis points for our Legacy RPL/NPL loans and 190 basis points for our Securities, at fair value.

The following table presents the activity for our residential mortgage asset portfolio for the three months ended June 30, 2024:

Table 2 - Investment Portfolio Activity Q2 2024

(In Millions)	March 31, 2024	Runoff (1)	Acquisitions (2)	Other (3)	June 30, 2024	Change
Residential whole loans and REO	\$ 9,225	\$ (624)	\$ 688	\$ 5	\$ 9,294	\$ 69
Securities, at fair value	737	(19)	176	(31)	863	126
Totals	\$ 9,962	\$ (643)	\$ 864	\$ (26)	\$ 10,157	\$ 195

(1) Primarily includes principal repayments and sales of REO.

(2) Includes draws on previously originated Transitional loans.

(3) Primarily includes sales, changes in fair value and changes in the allowance for credit losses.

The following tables present information on our investments in residential whole loans:

Table 3 - Portfolio Composition/Residential Whole Loans

(Dollars in Thousands)	Held at Carrying Value		Held at Fair Value		Total	
	June 30, 2024	December 31, 2023	June 30, 2024	December 31, 2023	June 30, 2024	December 31, 2023
Business purpose loans:						
Single-family transitional loans (1)	\$ 27,857	\$ 35,467	\$ 1,190,699	\$ 1,157,732	\$ 1,218,556	\$ 1,193,199
Multifamily transitional loans	—	—	1,155,198	1,168,297	1,155,198	1,168,297
Single-family rental loans	129,471	172,213	1,514,219	1,462,583	1,643,690	1,634,796
Total Business purpose loans	\$ 157,328	\$ 207,680	\$ 3,860,116	\$ 3,788,612	\$ 4,017,444	\$ 3,996,292
Non-QM loans	791,746	843,884	3,203,845	2,961,693	3,995,591	3,805,577
Legacy RPL/NPL loans	477,826	498,671	655,230	705,424	1,133,056	1,204,095
Other loans	—	—	53,416	55,779	53,416	55,779
Allowance for Credit Losses	(13,271)	(20,451)	—	—	(13,271)	(20,451)
Total Residential whole loans	\$ 1,413,629	\$ 1,529,784	\$ 7,772,607	\$ 7,511,508	\$ 9,186,236	\$ 9,041,292
Number of loans	5,973	6,326	19,848	19,075	25,821	25,401

(1) Includes \$476.9 million and \$471.1 million of loans collateralized by new construction projects at origination as of June 30, 2024 and December 31, 2023, respectively.

Table 4 - Yields and Average Balances/Residential Whole Loans

(Dollars in Thousands)	For the Three-Month Period Ended								
	June 30, 2024			March 31, 2024			June 30, 2023		
	Interest	Average Balance	Average Yield	Interest	Average Balance	Average Yield	Interest	Average Balance	Average Yield
Business purpose loans:									
Single-family transitional loans	\$ 30,242	\$ 1,241,300	9.75%	\$ 28,018	\$ 1,239,558	9.04%	\$ 18,749	\$ 885,057	8.47%
Multifamily transitional loans	25,291	1,213,450	8.34%	25,198	1,209,393	8.33%	13,872	769,528	7.21%
Single-family rental loans	27,564	1,703,334	6.47%	27,102	1,746,058	6.21%	23,141	1,587,636	5.83%
Total business purpose loans	\$ 83,097	\$ 4,158,084	7.99%	\$ 80,318	\$ 4,195,009	7.66%	\$ 55,762	\$ 3,242,221	6.88%
Non-QM loans	58,749	4,280,761	5.49%	55,861	4,149,257	5.39%	45,518	3,879,175	4.69%
Legacy RPL/NPL loans	23,346	1,070,629	8.72%	20,969	1,100,553	7.62%	26,250	1,208,036	8.69%
Other loans	525	67,771	3.10%	517	68,490	3.02%	518	72,875	2.84%
Total Residential whole loans	\$ 165,717	\$ 9,577,245	6.92%	\$ 157,665	\$ 9,513,309	6.63%	\$ 128,048	\$ 8,402,307	6.10%

Table 5 - Net Interest Spread/Residential Whole Loans

	For the Three-Month Period Ended		
	June 30, 2024	March 31, 2024	June 30, 2023
Business purpose loans			
Net Yield (1)		7.99%	7.66%
Cost of Funding (2)		5.80%	5.67%
Net Interest Spread		2.19%	1.99%
Non-QM loans			
Net Yield (1)		5.49%	5.39%
Cost of Funding (2)		3.55%	3.44%
Net Interest Spread		1.94%	1.95%
Legacy RPL/NPL loans			
Net Yield (1)		8.72%	7.62%
Cost of Funding (2)		3.70%	3.44%
Net Interest Spread		5.02%	4.18%
Total Residential whole loans			
Net Yield (1)		6.92%	6.63%
Cost of Funding (2)		4.54%	4.43%
Net Interest Spread		2.38%	2.20%

(1) Reflects annualized interest income on Residential whole loans divided by average amortized cost of Residential whole loans. Excludes servicing costs.

(2) Reflects annualized interest expense divided by average balance of agreements with mark-to-market collateral provisions (repurchase agreements), agreements with non-mark-to-market collateral provisions, and securitized debt. Cost of funding shown in the table above includes the impact of the net carry (the difference between swap interest income received and swap interest expense paid) on our Swaps. While we have not elected hedge accounting treatment for Swaps, and, accordingly, net carry is not presented in interest expense in our consolidated statement of operations, we believe it is appropriate to allocate net carry to the cost of funding to reflect the economic impact of our Swaps on the funding costs shown in the table above. For the quarter ended June 30, 2024, this decreased the overall funding cost by 128 basis points for our Residential whole loans, 92 basis points for our Business purpose loans, 163 basis points for our Non-QM loans, and 107 basis points for our Legacy RPL/NPL loans. For the quarter ended March 31, 2024, this decreased the overall funding cost by 132 basis points for our Residential whole loans, 227 basis points for our Business purpose loans, 168 basis points for our Non-QM loans, and 238 basis points for our Legacy RPL/NPL loans. For the quarter ended June 30, 2023, this decreased the overall funding cost by 144 basis points for our Residential whole loans, 222 basis points for our Business purpose loans, 175 basis points for our Non-QM loans, and 297 basis points for our Legacy RPL/NPL loans.

Table 6 - Credit-related Metrics/Residential Whole Loans

June 30, 2024

(Dollars In Thousands)	Asset Amount	Fair Value	Unpaid Principal Balance ("UPB")	Weighted Average Coupon (1)	Weighted Average Term to Maturity (Months)	Weighted Average LTV Ratio (2)	Weighted Average Original FICO (3)	Aging by UPB				60+ DQ %	60+ LTV (4)
								Current	Past Due Days				
									30-59	60-89	90+		
Business purpose loans:													
Single-family transitional (4)	\$ 1,217,255	\$ 1,217,599	\$ 1,226,736	10.39%	6	67%	748	\$ 1,100,554	\$ 20,416	\$ 8,837	\$ 96,929	8.6%	87%
Multifamily transitional (4)	1,155,198	1,155,198	1,184,613	8.87%	11	66%	748	1,097,323	33,188	15,544	38,558	4.6%	69%
Single-family rental	1,643,081	1,642,760	1,712,879	6.62%	330	69%	739	1,637,918	12,197	4,627	58,137	3.7%	112%
Total Business purpose loans	\$ 4,015,534	\$ 4,015,557	\$ 4,124,228	8.39%		68%		\$ 3,835,795	\$ 65,801	\$ 29,008	\$ 193,624	5.4%	
Non-QM loans	3,994,236	3,949,676	4,183,917	6.16%	341	64%	735	3,975,323	82,676	34,121	91,797	3.0%	62%
Legacy RPL/NPL loans	1,123,050	1,140,736	1,284,232	5.12%	257	56%	647	874,319	134,000	43,974	231,939	21.5%	64%
Other loans	53,416	53,416	65,671	3.44%	326	66%	758	65,671	—	—	—	—%	—%
Residential whole loans, total or weighted average	<u>\$ 9,186,236</u>	<u>\$ 9,159,385</u>	<u>\$ 9,658,048</u>	6.98%		64%		<u>\$ 8,751,108</u>	<u>\$ 282,477</u>	<u>\$ 107,103</u>	<u>\$ 517,360</u>	6.5%	

- (1) Weighted average is calculated based on the interest bearing principal balance of each loan within the related category. For loans acquired with servicing rights released by the seller, interest rates included in the calculation do not reflect loan servicing fees. For loans acquired with servicing rights retained by the seller, interest rates included in the calculation are net of servicing fees.
- (2) LTV represents the ratio of the total unpaid principal balance of the loan to the estimated value of the collateral securing the related loan as of the most recent date available, which may be the origination date. Excluded from the calculation of weighted average LTV are certain low value loans secured by vacant lots, for which the LTV ratio is not meaningful. 60+ LTV has been calculated on a consistent basis.
- (3) Excludes loans for which no Fair Isaac Corporation ("FICO") score is available.
- (4) For Single-family and Multifamily transitional loans, the LTV presented is the ratio of the maximum unpaid principal balance of the loan, including unfunded commitments, to the estimated "after repaired" value of the collateral securing the related loan, where available. At June 30, 2024, for certain Single-family and Multifamily Transitional loans totaling \$467.2 million and \$498.7 million, respectively, an after repaired valuation was not available. For these loans, the weighted average LTV is calculated based on the current unpaid principal balance and the as-is value of the collateral securing the related loan.

Table 7 - Shock Table

The information presented in the following "Shock Table" projects the potential impact of sudden parallel changes in interest rates on the value of our portfolio, including the impact of Swaps and securitized debt, based on the assets in our investment portfolio at June 30, 2024. Changes in portfolio value are measured as the percentage change when comparing the projected portfolio value to the base interest rate scenario at June 30, 2024.

Change in Interest Rates	Percentage Change in Portfolio Value	Percentage Change in Total Stockholders' Equity
+100 Basis Point Increase	(1.37)%	(7.96)%
+ 50 Basis Point Increase	(0.62)%	(3.62)%
Actual at June 30, 2024	—%	—%
- 50 Basis Point Decrease	0.50%	2.90%
-100 Basis Point Decrease	0.87%	5.08%

**MFA FINANCIAL, INC.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

(In Thousands, Except Per Share Amounts)	June 30, 2024 (unaudited)	December 31, 2023
Assets:		
Residential whole loans, net (\$7,772,607 and \$7,511,508 held at fair value, respectively) (1)	\$ 9,186,236	\$ 9,041,292
Securities, at fair value	863,289	746,090
Cash and cash equivalents	289,412	318,000
Restricted cash	252,015	170,211
Other assets	485,973	497,097
Total Assets	\$ 11,076,925	\$ 10,772,690
Liabilities:		
Financing agreements (\$5,082,181 and \$4,633,660 held at fair value, respectively)	\$ 8,891,042	\$ 8,536,745
Other liabilities	302,641	336,030
Total Liabilities	\$ 9,193,683	\$ 8,872,775
Stockholders' Equity:		
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value; 7.5% Series B cumulative redeemable; 8,050 shares authorized; 8,000 shares issued and outstanding (\$200,000 aggregate liquidation preference)	\$ 80	\$ 80
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value; 6.5% Series C fixed-to-floating rate cumulative redeemable; 12,650 shares authorized; 11,000 shares issued and outstanding (\$275,000 aggregate liquidation preference)	110	110
Common stock, \$0.01 par value; 874,300 and 874,300 shares authorized; 102,083 and 101,916 shares issued and outstanding, respectively	1,021	1,019
Additional paid-in capital, in excess of par	3,707,886	3,698,767
Accumulated deficit	(1,843,507)	(1,817,759)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	17,652	17,698
Total Stockholders' Equity	\$ 1,883,242	\$ 1,899,915
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$ 11,076,925	\$ 10,772,690

(1) Includes approximately \$6.0 billion and \$5.7 billion of Residential whole loans transferred to consolidated variable interest entities ("VIEs") at June 30, 2024 and December 31, 2023, respectively. Such assets can be used only to settle the obligations of each respective VIE.

MFA FINANCIAL, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(In Thousands, Except Per Share Amounts)	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2024 (Unaudited)	2023 (Unaudited)	2024 (Unaudited)	2023 (Unaudited)
Interest Income:				
Residential whole loans	\$ 165,717	\$ 128,048	\$ 323,382	\$ 247,558
Securities, at fair value	13,629	9,948	26,621	17,256
Other interest-earning assets	1,177	2,622	2,340	4,973
Cash and cash equivalent investments	6,308	3,732	11,319	6,768
Interest Income	\$ 186,831	\$ 144,350	\$ 363,662	\$ 276,555
Interest Expense:				
Asset-backed and other collateralized financing arrangements	\$ 126,755	\$ 95,884	\$ 250,197	\$ 184,764
Other interest expense	6,587	3,961	12,162	7,917
Interest Expense	\$ 133,342	\$ 99,845	\$ 262,359	\$ 192,681
Net Interest Income	\$ 53,489	\$ 44,505	\$ 101,303	\$ 83,874
Reversal/(Provision) for Credit Losses on Residential Whole Loans	\$ 1,079	\$ (294)	\$ 1,539	\$ (281)
Reversal/(Provision) for Credit Losses on Other Assets	(26)	—	(1,135)	—
Net Interest Income after Reversal/(Provision) for Credit Losses	\$ 54,542	\$ 44,211	\$ 101,707	\$ 83,593
Other Income/(Loss), net:				
Net gain/(loss) on residential whole loans measured at fair value through earnings	\$ 16,430	\$ (130,703)	\$ 4,917	\$ (1,529)
Impairment and other net gain/(loss) on securities and other portfolio investments	(2,842)	(4,569)	(7,618)	(1,638)
Net gain/(loss) on real estate owned	1,880	2,153	2,871	6,095
Net gain/(loss) on derivatives used for risk management purposes	16,087	60,451	66,028	39,243
Net gain/(loss) on securitized debt measured at fair value through earnings	(10,642)	27,394	(33,104)	(24,331)
Lima One - origination, servicing and other fee income	7,619	11,477	15,547	20,453
Net realized gain/(loss) on residential whole loans held at carrying value	—	—	418	—
Other, net	1,317	5,492	3,192	8,506
Other Income/(Loss), net	\$ 29,849	\$ (28,305)	\$ 52,251	\$ 46,799
Operating and Other Expense:				
Compensation and benefits	\$ 21,747	\$ 21,771	\$ 47,215	\$ 42,401
Other general and administrative expense	10,835	11,522	22,830	21,199
Loan servicing, financing and other related costs	8,717	7,598	15,759	17,137
Amortization of intangible assets	800	1,300	1,600	2,600
Operating and Other Expense	\$ 42,099	\$ 42,191	\$ 87,404	\$ 83,337
Income/(loss) before income taxes	\$ 42,292	\$ (26,285)	\$ 66,554	\$ 47,055
Provision for/(benefit from) income taxes	346	(357)	1,395	199
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ 41,946	\$ (25,928)	\$ 65,159	\$ 46,856
Less Preferred Stock Dividend Requirement	8,218	8,218	16,437	16,437
Net Income/(Loss) Available to Common Stock and Participating Securities	\$ 33,728	\$ (34,146)	\$ 48,722	\$ 30,419
Basic Earnings/(Loss) per Common Share	\$ 0.32	\$ (0.34)	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.30
Diluted Earnings/(Loss) per Common Share	\$ 0.32	\$ (0.34)	\$ 0.46	\$ 0.29

Segment Reporting

At June 30, 2024, the Company's reportable segments include (i) mortgage-related assets and (ii) Lima One. The Corporate column in the table below primarily consists of corporate cash and related interest income, investments in loan originators and related economics, general and administrative expenses not directly attributable to Lima One, interest expense on unsecured convertible senior notes, securitization issuance costs, and preferred stock dividends.

The following tables summarize segment financial information, which in total reconciles to the same data for the Company as a whole:

(In Thousands)	Mortgage- Related Assets	Lima One	Corporate	Total
Three months ended June 30, 2024				
Interest Income	\$ 101,216	\$ 81,780	\$ 3,835	\$ 186,831
Interest Expense	70,009	56,746	6,587	133,342
Net Interest Income/(Expense)	\$ 31,207	\$ 25,034	\$ (2,752)	\$ 53,489
Reversal/(Provision) for Credit Losses on Residential Whole Loans	1,079	—	—	1,079
Reversal/(Provision) for Credit Losses on Other Assets	(26)	—	—	(26)
Net Interest Income/(Expense) after Reversal/(Provision) for Credit Losses	\$ 32,260	\$ 25,034	\$ (2,752)	\$ 54,542
Net gain/(loss) on residential whole loans measured at fair value through earnings	\$ 28,474	\$ (12,044)	\$ —	\$ 16,430
Impairment and other net gain/(loss) on securities and other portfolio investments	(1,358)	—	(1,484)	(2,842)
Net gain on real estate owned	2,167	(287)	—	1,880
Net gain/(loss) on derivatives used for risk management purposes	11,296	4,791	—	16,087
Net gain/(loss) on securitized debt measured at fair value through earnings	(6,620)	(4,022)	—	(10,642)
Lima One - origination, servicing and other fee income	—	7,619	—	7,619
Net realized gain/(loss) on residential whole loans held at carrying value	—	—	—	—
Other, net	(85)	914	488	1,317
Other Income/(Loss), net	\$ 33,874	\$ (3,029)	\$ (996)	\$ 29,849
Compensation and benefits	\$ —	\$ 10,765	\$ 10,982	\$ 21,747
Other general and administrative expense	115	4,936	5,784	10,835
Loan servicing, financing and other related costs	4,796	615	3,306	8,717
Amortization of intangible assets	—	800	—	800
Income/(loss) before income taxes	\$ 61,223	\$ 4,889	\$ (23,820)	\$ 42,292
Provision for/(benefit from) income taxes	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 346	\$ 346
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ 61,223	\$ 4,889	\$ (24,166)	\$ 41,946
Less Preferred Stock Dividend Requirement	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 8,218	\$ 8,218
Net Income/(Loss) Available to Common Stock and Participating Securities	\$ 61,223	\$ 4,889	\$ (32,384)	\$ 33,728

(Dollars in Thousands)	Mortgage-Related Assets	Lima One	Corporate	Total
June 30, 2024				
Total Assets	\$ 6,575,888	\$ 4,167,768	\$ 333,269	\$ 11,076,925
December 31, 2023				
Total Assets	\$ 6,370,237	\$ 4,000,932	\$ 401,521	\$ 10,772,690

Reconciliation of GAAP Net Income to non-GAAP Distributable Earnings

“Distributable earnings” is a non-GAAP financial measure of our operating performance, within the meaning of Regulation G and Item 10(e) of Regulation S-K, as promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission. Distributable earnings is determined by adjusting GAAP net income/(loss) by removing certain unrealized gains and losses, primarily on residential mortgage investments, associated debt, and hedges that are, in each case, accounted for at fair value through earnings, certain realized gains and losses, as well as certain non-cash expenses and securitization-related transaction costs. The transaction costs are primarily comprised of costs only incurred at the time of execution of our securitizations and include costs such as underwriting fees, legal fees, diligence fees, bank fees and other similar transaction related expenses. These costs are all incurred prior to or at the execution of our securitizations and do not recur. Recurring expenses, such as servicing fees, custodial fees, trustee fees and other similar ongoing fees are not excluded from distributable earnings. Management believes that the adjustments made to GAAP earnings result in the removal of (i) income or expenses that are not reflective of the longer term performance of our investment portfolio, (ii) certain non-cash expenses, and (iii) expense items required to be recognized solely due to the election of the fair value option on certain related residential mortgage assets and associated liabilities. Distributable earnings is one of the factors that our Board of Directors considers when evaluating distributions to our shareholders. Accordingly, we believe that the adjustments to compute Distributable earnings specified below provide investors and analysts with additional information to evaluate our financial results.

Distributable earnings should be used in conjunction with results presented in accordance with GAAP. Distributable earnings does not represent and should not be considered as a substitute for net income or cash flows from operating activities, each as determined in accordance with GAAP, and our calculation of this measure may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies.

The following table provides a reconciliation of our GAAP net income/(loss) used in the calculation of basic EPS to our non-GAAP Distributable earnings for the quarterly periods below:

(In Thousands, Except Per Share Amounts)	Quarter Ended				
	June 30, 2024	March 31, 2024	December 31, 2023	September 30, 2023	June 30, 2023
GAAP Net income/(loss) used in the calculation of basic EPS	\$ 33,614	\$ 14,827	\$ 81,527	\$ (64,657)	\$ (34,146)
Adjustments:					
Unrealized and realized gains and losses on:					
Residential whole loans held at fair value	(16,430)	11,513	(224,272)	132,894	130,703
Securities held at fair value	4,026	4,776	(21,371)	13,439	3,698
Residential whole loans and securities at carrying value	(2,668)	(418)	332	—	—
Interest rate swaps	10,237	(23,182)	97,400	(9,433)	(37,018)
Securitized debt held at fair value	7,597	20,169	108,693	(40,229)	(30,908)
Investments in loan origination partners	1,484	—	254	722	872
Expense items:					
Amortization of intangible assets	800	800	800	800	1,300
Equity based compensation	3,899	6,243	3,635	4,447	3,932
Securitization-related transaction costs	3,009	1,340	2,702	3,217	2,071
Total adjustments	11,954	21,241	(31,827)	105,857	74,650
Distributable earnings	\$ 45,568	\$ 36,068	\$ 49,700	\$ 41,200	\$ 40,504
GAAP earnings/(loss) per basic common share	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.80	\$ (0.64)	\$ (0.34)
Distributable earnings per basic common share	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.49	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.40
Weighted average common shares for basic earnings per share	103,446	103,175	102,266	102,255	102,186

The following table presents our non-GAAP Distributable earnings by segment for the quarterly periods below:

(In Thousands)	Mortgage- Related Assets	Lima One	Corporate	Total
Three months ended June 30, 2024				
GAAP Net income/(loss) used in the calculation of basic EPS	\$ 61,223	\$ 4,876	\$ (32,485)	\$ 33,614
Adjustments:				
Unrealized and realized gains and losses on:				
Residential whole loans held at fair value	(28,474)	12,044	—	(16,430)
Securities held at fair value	4,026	—	—	4,026
Residential whole loans and securities at carrying value	(2,668)	—	—	(2,668)
Interest rate swaps	7,863	2,374	—	10,237
Securitized debt held at fair value	4,179	3,418	—	7,597
Investments in loan origination partners	—	—	1,484	1,484
Expense items:				
Amortization of intangible assets	—	800	—	800
Equity based compensation	—	279	3,620	3,899
Securitization-related transaction costs	(197)	—	3,206	3,009
Total adjustments	\$ (15,271)	\$ 18,915	\$ 8,310	\$ 11,954
Distributable earnings	\$ 45,952	\$ 23,791	\$ (24,175)	\$ 45,568

(In Thousands)	Mortgage- Related Assets	Lima One	Corporate	Total
Three Months Ended March 31, 2024				
GAAP Net income/(loss) used in the calculation of basic EPS	\$ 36,363	\$ 10,655	\$ (32,191)	\$ 14,827
Adjustments:				
Unrealized and realized gains and losses on:				
Residential whole loans held at fair value	8,699	2,814	—	11,513
Securities held at fair value	4,776	—	—	4,776
Residential whole loans and securities at carrying value	(418)	—	—	(418)
Interest rate swaps	(17,068)	(6,114)	—	(23,182)
Securitized debt held at fair value	9,591	10,578	—	20,169
Investments in loan origination partners	—	—	—	—
Expense items:				
Amortization of intangible assets	—	800	—	800
Equity based compensation	—	261	5,982	6,243
Securitization-related transaction costs	197	—	1,143	1,340
Total adjustments	\$ 5,777	\$ 8,339	\$ 7,125	\$ 21,241
Distributable earnings	\$ 42,140	\$ 18,994	\$ (25,066)	\$ 36,068

Reconciliation of GAAP Book Value per Common Share to non-GAAP Economic Book Value per Common Share

“Economic book value” is a non-GAAP financial measure of our financial position. To calculate our Economic book value, our portfolios of Residential whole loans and securitized debt held at carrying value are adjusted to their fair value, rather than the carrying value that is required to be reported under the GAAP accounting model applied to these financial instruments. These adjustments are also reflected in the table below in our end of period stockholders’ equity. Management considers that Economic book value provides investors with a useful supplemental measure to evaluate our financial position as it reflects the impact of fair value changes for all of our investment activities, irrespective of the accounting model applied for GAAP reporting purposes. Economic book value does not represent and should not be considered as a substitute for Stockholders’ Equity, as determined in accordance with GAAP, and our calculation of this measure may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies.

The following table provides a reconciliation of our GAAP book value per common share to our non-GAAP Economic book value per common share as of the quarterly periods below:

(In Millions, Except Per Share Amounts)	Quarter Ended:				
	June 30, 2024	March 31, 2024	December 31, 2023	September 30, 2023	June 30, 2023
GAAP Total Stockholders’ Equity	\$ 1,883.2	\$ 1,884.2	\$ 1,899.9	\$ 1,848.5	\$ 1,944.8
Preferred Stock, liquidation preference	(475.0)	(475.0)	(475.0)	(475.0)	(475.0)
GAAP Stockholders’ Equity for book value per common share	1,408.2	1,409.2	1,424.9	1,373.5	1,469.8
Adjustments:					
Fair value adjustment to Residential whole loans, at carrying value	(26.8)	(35.4)	(35.6)	(85.3)	(58.3)
Fair value adjustment to Securitized debt, at carrying value	82.3	88.4	95.6	122.5	129.8
Stockholders’ Equity including fair value adjustments to Residential whole loans and Securitized debt held at carrying value (Economic book value)	\$ 1,463.7	\$ 1,462.2	\$ 1,484.9	\$ 1,410.7	\$ 1,541.3
GAAP book value per common share	\$ 13.80	\$ 13.80	\$ 13.98	\$ 13.48	\$ 14.42
Economic book value per common share	\$ 14.34	\$ 14.32	\$ 14.57	\$ 13.84	\$ 15.12
Number of shares of common stock outstanding	102.1	102.1	101.9	101.9	101.9

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MFA at a glance

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Q2 2024 financial snapshot

<p>GAAP book value</p> <p>\$13.80</p> <p>per common share</p>	<p>Economic book value²</p> <p>\$14.34</p> <p>per common share</p>	<p>GAAP net income³</p> <p>\$0.32</p> <p>per common share</p>	<p>Distributable earnings⁴</p> <p>\$0.44</p> <p>per common share</p>
<p>Recourse leverage⁵</p> <p>1.7x</p>	<p>Unrestricted cash</p> <p>\$289M</p>	<p>Q2 Dividend</p> <p>\$0.35</p> <p>per common share</p>	<p>Total economic return⁶</p> <p>2.6%</p> <p>Q2 2024</p>

Q2 2024 Company Highlights

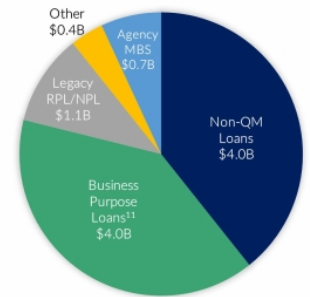
- Protected book value during another volatile quarter for interest rates
 - GAAP book value remained unchanged and Economic book value rose to \$14.34 per share
- Generated Distributable earnings of \$0.44 per share
 - Net interest income rose to \$53.5M, up from \$47.8M in Q1
 - Declared \$0.35 dividend
 - Ended Q2 with \$289M of unrestricted cash
- Acquired or originated \$688M of high-yielding residential mortgage loans
 - Lima One originated loans with a maximum UPB of \$412M⁷ at average coupon of 10%
- Continued to prioritize non-mark-to-market (non-MTM)⁸ funding sources
 - Issued two securitizations collateralized by \$557M UPB of residential loans
 - Issued \$75M of 9.00% senior unsecured notes due in August 2029

Q2 2024 Investment Activity

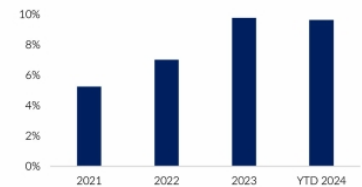
- Acquired \$864M of residential loans and securities, growing investment portfolio to \$10.2B
 - Lima One funded \$422M⁹ of new business purpose loans (BPLs) and draws on existing loans
 - Purchased \$266M of non-qualified mortgage (Non-QM) loans
 - Added \$176M of Agency MBS
 - Sold \$12M of single-family rental (SFR) loans, \$27M of MSR-related securities and \$26M of REO properties
 - Portfolio runoff was \$643M, up from \$422M in Q1

- High interest rates continue to provide opportunities to add new residential mortgage assets at attractive yields
 - Average coupon on all loans acquired in Q2 was 9.6%
 - Average coupon in Lima One origination pipeline exceeds 10%
 - Incremental ROE for new investments expected to be mid-teens

Investment Portfolio at June 30¹⁰

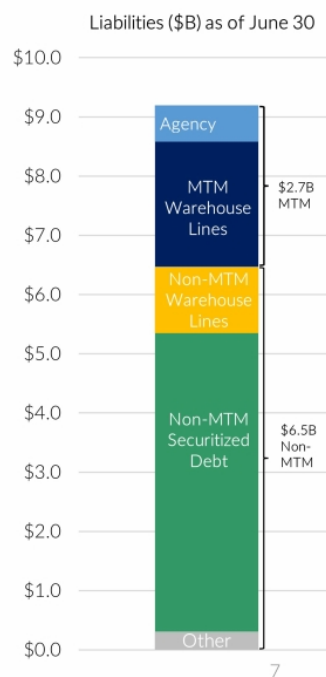


Average Coupon on Loan Acquisitions



Q2 2024 Liability Highlights

- ▣ Most of our borrowing costs remain stable due to fixed-rate securitizations and interest rate hedges
 - Effective cost of funds in Q2 was 4.63%
- ▣ Issued two securitizations during the quarter
 - Collateralized by \$557M UPB of Transitional and Non-QM loans
 - Called NPL securitization in May and subsequently issued a rated RPL securitization in July
- ▣ Overall leverage was 4.7x and recourse leverage was 1.7x at June 30
 - \$2.7B of unused financing capacity across all loan product types
- ▣ Paid off \$170M remaining balance of convertible notes that matured in June
- ▣ Issued \$75M of 9.00% senior unsecured notes due in August 2029
 - Follows \$115M offering in Q1 of 8.875% notes due in February 2029
 - Both issuances are callable in 2026

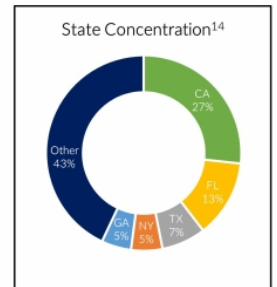
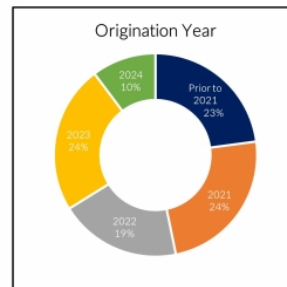
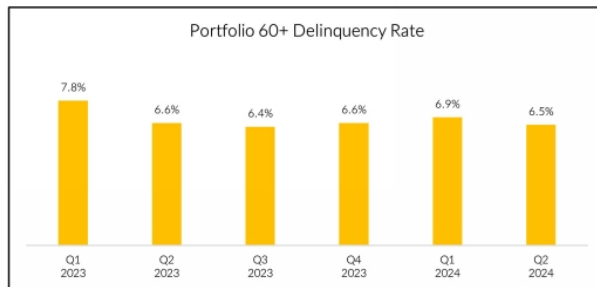
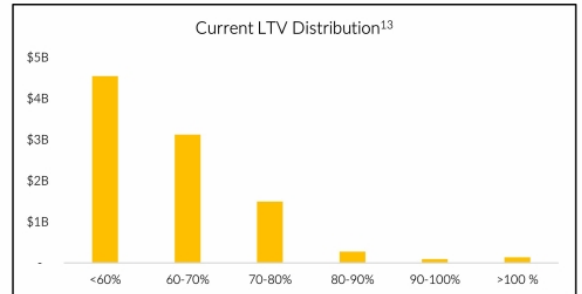
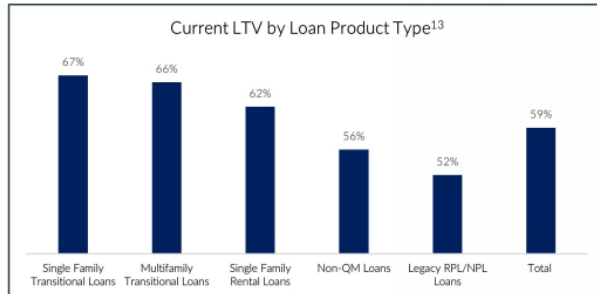


Q2 2024 Interest Rate Swaps

- Positive carry on our interest rate swap position is nearly 350 bps
 - \$3.3B interest rate hedge placed primarily in late 2021 and early 2022
 - Weighted average fixed pay rate was 1.92% and variable receive rate was 5.33%¹² at June 30
 - Net positive swap carry of \$29M in Q2
- \$3.3B swap position vs. \$3.7B of floating-rate liabilities
 - \$1B of rate swaps mature between Q4 2024 and Q1 2025
- Net portfolio duration of 1.12 at June 30

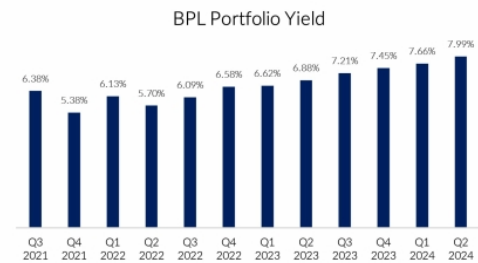


Q2 2024 Portfolio Credit Metrics



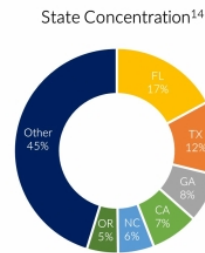
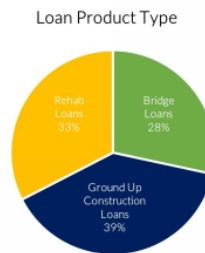
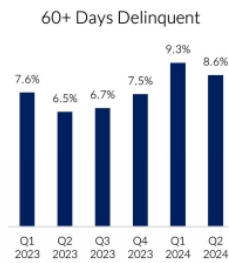
Q2 2024 Lima One Highlights

- ▣ \$412M of origination volume in Q2⁷
 - Average LTV¹⁵ of 66% and FICO score of 753
 - Origination fees, servicing fees and other fee income totaled \$7.6M
- ▣ Lima One has originated \$6.4B⁷ of BPLs for MFA's balance sheet in the three years since our acquisition in Q3 2021
 - Lima offers a broad range of loan products to real estate investors nationwide including rehab loans, bridge loans, construction loans, rental loans and small-balance multifamily loans
- ▣ 60+ day delinquency rate rose modestly to 4.8% for BPLs originated by Lima One



Q2 2024 Single-family Transitional Loans

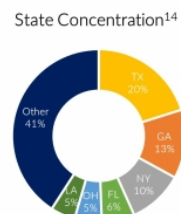
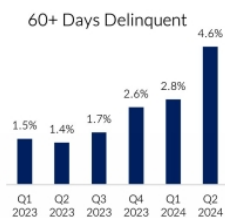
- Lima One originated \$279M⁷ of new loans
 - Average ARV-LTV of 66% and average coupon of 10.7%
- Issued our fifth Transitional loan securitization in May
 - Collateral includes \$48M UPB of Single-family transitional loans
 - \$1.1B UPB of Single-family transitional loans have been financed via these revolving structures since 2022



	Portfolio statistics	
	6/30/24	3/31/24
UPB (\$M)	\$1,227	\$1,265
Maximum loan amount (\$M)	\$1,634	\$1,691
Average maximum loan amount	\$577K	\$561K
Gross coupon	10.39%	10.18%
Quarterly yield	9.75%	9.04%
LTV ¹⁵	67%	66%
Original FICO score	748	746
Loan age (months)	11	11
Ground-up construction	39%	40%
3-month repayment rate ¹⁶	66 CPR	52 CPR
60+ days delinquent	8.6%	9.3%
REO properties ¹⁷	\$23M	\$27M

Q2 2024 Multifamily Transitional Loans

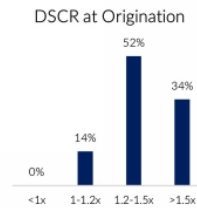
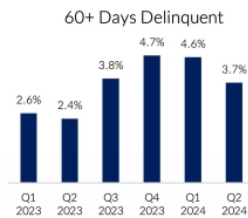
- Multifamily loan portfolio of \$1.2B UPB
 - Lima One originated \$23M⁷ of new loans at average ARV-LTV of 61% and average coupon of 10.8%
 - Portfolio is comprised of short-term rehab and bridge loans
- Issued our fifth Transitional loan securitization in May
 - Collateral includes \$143M UPB of multifamily loans
 - \$622M UPB of multifamily loans have been financed via these revolving structures since 2022



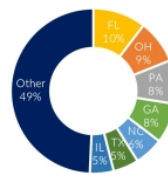
	Portfolio statistics	
	6/30/24	3/31/24
UPB (\$M)	\$1,184	\$1,237
Maximum loan amount (\$M)	\$1,267	\$1,340
Average maximum loan amount	\$3.3M	\$3.3M
Gross coupon	8.98%	8.72%
Quarterly yield	8.34%	8.33%
LTV ¹⁵	66%	63%
Original FICO score	748	747
Loan age (months)	15	13
3-month repayment rate ¹⁶	24 CPR	10 CPR
60+ days delinquent	4.6%	2.8%
Extended UPB	11%	9%
REO properties ¹⁷	\$3M	—

Q2 2024 Single-family Rental Loans

- Single-family rental (SFR) loan portfolio surpassed \$1.7B UPB
 - Lima One originated \$110M UPB of SFR loans with average LTV of 68% and average coupon of 8.0%
 - Sold \$12M UPB of SFR loans with average coupon of 8.04%
- Issued seven securitizations collateralized by \$1.6B UPB of SFR loans since 2021
 - 85% of financing for SFR loans is non-MTM⁸



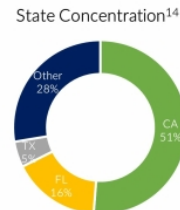
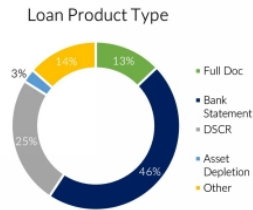
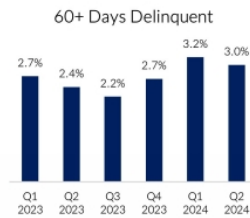
State Concentration¹⁴



	Portfolio statistics	
	6/30/24	3/31/24
UPB (\$M)	\$1,713	\$1,666
Average loan balance	\$227K	\$231K
Gross coupon	6.62%	6.57%
Quarterly yield	6.47%	6.21%
Original LTV	69%	69%
Current LTV ¹³	62%	64%
Original FICO score	739	738
DSCR ¹⁸	1.45x	1.45x
Loan age (months)	23	22
Hybrid ARMs	28%	27%
Cash-out refinance	68%	69%
3-month prepayment rate ¹⁶	7 CPR	6 CPR
60+ days delinquent	3.7%	4.6%
REO properties ¹⁷	\$13M	\$6M

Q2 2024 Non-QM Loans

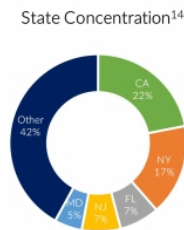
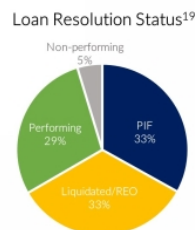
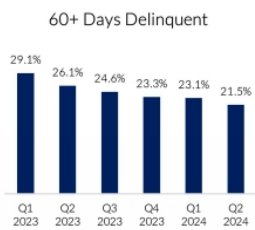
- Non-QM loan portfolio grew to \$4.2B UPB
 - Acquired \$261M UPB of new loans with average LTV of 63% and average coupon of 8.4%
- Issued our 14th Non-QM securitization in April collateralized by \$365M UPB of loans
 - 78% of Non-QM loan portfolio is financed via securitization
 - \$5.2B UPB securitized since strategy inception



	Portfolio statistics	
	6/30/24	3/31/24
UPB (\$M)	\$4,184	\$4,060
Average loan balance	\$508K	\$498K
WA gross coupon	6.30%	6.16%
Quarterly yield	5.49%	5.39%
Original LTV	66%	66%
Current LTV ¹³	56%	56%
Original FICO score	735	734
Loan age (months)	28	27
Fixed rate	80%	80%
Hybrid ARMs	20%	20%
Purchase	52%	52%
Cash-out refinance	37%	37%
3-month prepayment rate ¹⁶	11 CPR	8 CPR
60+ days delinquent	3.0%	3.2%
REO properties ¹⁷	\$2M	\$2M

Q2 2024 Legacy RPL/NPL Loans

- Achieving favorable outcomes due to home price appreciation and intensive asset management
 - 95% of Legacy RPL/NPL loans purchased since 2014 (\$4.4B UPB) were performing, paid in full (PIF), REO or liquidated as of June 30
 - 77% of loans modified by MFA were either performing or PIF
 - LTV has declined to 52%¹³
- Issued rated securitization in July 2024 collateralized by \$303M UPB of primarily re-performing loans



	Portfolio statistics	
	6/30/24	3/31/24
UPB (\$M)	\$1,284	\$1,325
Average loan balance	\$196K	\$199K
Gross coupon	5.12%	5.06%
Quarterly yield	8.72%	7.62%
Current LTV ¹³	52%	53%
Original FICO score	647	647
Fixed rate	82%	82%
Hybrid ARMs	18%	18%
24-month clean pay	44%	43%
WA loan age (months)	216	213
3-month prepayment rate ¹⁶	11 CPR	9 CPR
60+ days delinquent	21.5%	23.1%
REO properties ¹⁷	\$67M	\$71M

Appendix

James Casebere, *Landscape with Houses*
(Dutchess County, NY) #2, 2010

MFA Financial Overview

- ❑ MFA Financial, Inc. (NYSE: MFA) is an internally managed real estate investment trust (REIT) that invests in U.S. residential mortgage loans and mortgage-backed securities
- ❑ MFA focuses primarily on mortgage subsectors in which it tries to avoid direct competition with banks and government-sponsored enterprises
- ❑ MFA owns a diversified portfolio of business purpose loans (BPLs), non-qualified mortgage (Non-QM) loans, re-performing/non-performing loans (Legacy RPL/NPLs) and residential mortgage-backed securities
- ❑ In 2021, MFA acquired Lima One Capital, a leading nationwide BPL originator and servicer with nearly \$10B⁷ in originations since its formation in 2010
- ❑ MFA originates BPLs directly through Lima One and acquires Non-QM loans through flow and mini-bulk arrangements with a select group of originators with which it holds strong relationships
- ❑ MFA operates a leading residential credit securitization platform with \$9.5B of issuance since inception
- ❑ MFA has deep expertise in residential credit as well as a long history of investing in new asset classes when compelling opportunities arise
- ❑ Since its IPO in 1998, MFA has distributed \$4.7 billion of dividends to its stockholders

Lima One: Leading Nationwide BPL Originator and Servicer

Fully Integrated BPL Platform

- Lima One, a wholly-owned subsidiary of MFA, is an industry-leading, fully integrated business purpose lending platform
- Lima operates an efficient and scalable platform with over 300 employees headquartered in Greenville, SC
- Lima has originated \$6.4B⁷ since MFA's acquisition in 2021 and nearly \$10B⁷ since its formation in 2010
- Origination volume of \$2.3B⁷ in both 2022 and 2023
- Lima provides MFA with access to organically-created, high-yielding loans, substantially below the cost to purchase from third parties

Credit Quality

- Strong focus on credit quality, with disciplined underwriting, in-house servicing and construction management teams
- Conservative underwriting with average FICO score of 745 and average LTV of 68%¹⁵ as of June 30, 2024
- 60+ day delinquency rate of 4.8% as of June 30, 2024²⁰

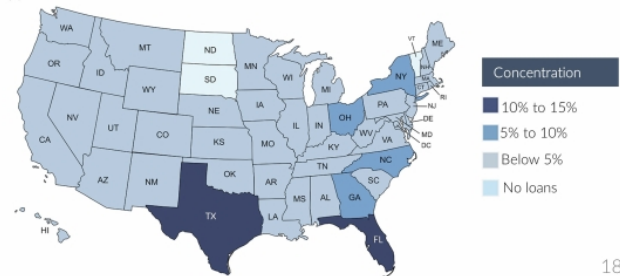
Product Offerings

- Lima One offers a diverse selection of both short-term and long-term financing solutions to experienced real estate investors across the U.S.
- Products include rehab loans, construction loans, single-family rental loans and small-balance multifamily loans



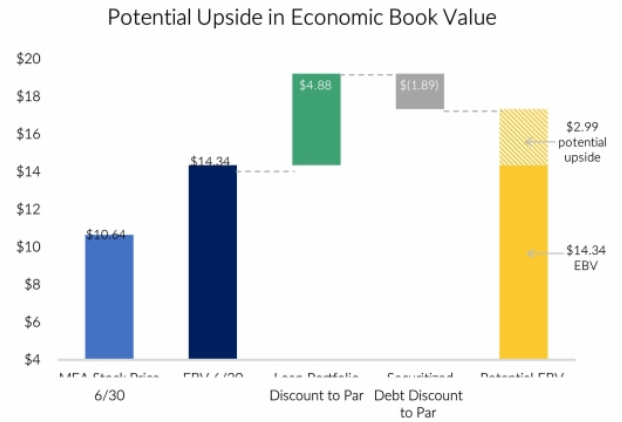
Geographic and Borrower Diversity

- No state concentration above 15% and no borrower concentration above



Book Value Potential Upside

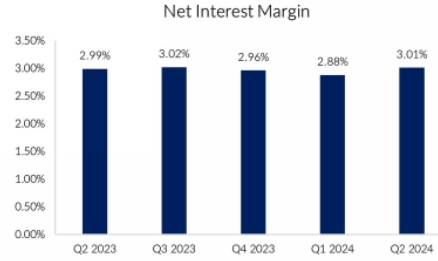
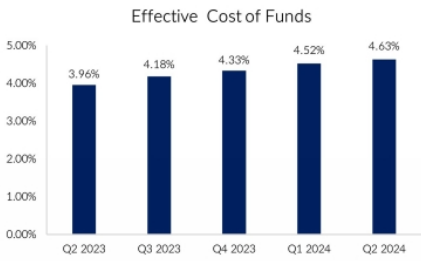
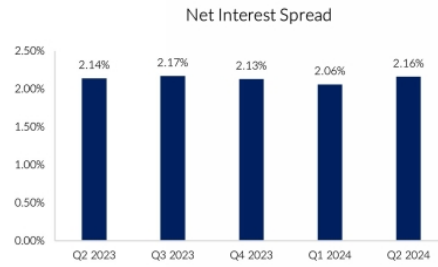
- Economic book value has nearly \$3 per share of potential upside
 - Much of our loan portfolio is marked at a substantial discount to par due to impact of higher interest rates
 - We recoup these unrealized losses as borrowers make scheduled principal payments and as loans pay off
- Economic book value would be \$17.33 per share if all loans and securitized debt were repaid at par
 - Any realized credit losses or loan sales below par would reduce potential upside



MFA-Issued Securitizations Outstanding

Securitization Name	Loan Product Type	Settlement Date	Original Collateral UPB (\$M) ²¹	Current Collateral UPB (\$M) ²¹	Bonds Sold (\$M)	Original UPB Sold (%) ²²	Outstanding Balance of Bonds Sold (\$M)	Weighted Average Coupon (WAC) of Outstanding Bonds Sold	WAC of Underlying Loans	Callable Date
MFRA 2020-NQM1	Non-QM	Sep-20	391	104	373	95%	86	2.35%	6.18%	Currently Callable
MFRA 2020-NQM2	Non-QM	Oct-20	570	165	535	94%	130	2.19%	6.56%	Currently Callable
MFRA 2020-NQM3	Non-QM	Dec-20	381	118	359	94%	95	1.84%	5.68%	Currently Callable
MFRA 2021-INV1	SFR	Feb-21	217	70	198	91%	51	1.46%	7.19%	Currently Callable
MFRA 2021-NQM1	Non-QM	Apr-21	394	134	371	94%	111	1.74%	5.63%	Currently Callable
MFRA 2021-RPL1	RPL	Jun-21	473	280	435	92%	244	1.44%	5.19%	20% Clean-up Call
MFRA 2021-NQM2	Non-QM	Aug-21	289	146	277	96%	133	1.37%	5.17%	Currently Callable
MFRA 2021-AEINV1	Agency Eligible	Oct-21	312	262	297	95%	N/A	1.43%	3.27%	N/A
MFRA 2021-INV2	SFR	Nov-21	284	225	260	92%	202	2.20%	5.13%	Oct-24
MFRA 2021-AEINV2	Agency Eligible	Dec-21	340	295	323	95%	N/A	1.52%	3.46%	N/A
MFRA 2022-CHM1	Non-QM	Mar-22	237	169	204	86%	135	3.93%	5.11%	Currently Callable
MFRA 2022-NQM1	Non-QM	Mar-22	333	258	310	93%	235	4.15%	4.55%	Mar-25
MFRA 2022-INV1	SFR	Apr-22	258	217	224	87%	184	4.02%	4.83%	Apr-25
MFRA 2022-RTL1	Transitional	Apr-22	265	265	239	90%	213	5.24%	8.43%	Currently Callable
MFRA 2022-NQM2	Non-QM	Jun-22	541	453	398	74%	322	4.00%	4.26%	Jun-25
MFRA 2022-RPL1	RPL	Jul-22	336	248	307	91%	234	3.42%	5.02%	Jul-25
MFRA 2022-INV2	SFR	Jul-22	214	190	169	79%	146	4.95%	5.63%	Jul-25
MFRA 2022-NQM3	Non-QM	Sep-22	342	286	274	80%	217	5.57%	5.87%	Sep-25
MFRA 2022-INV3	SFR	Oct-22	235	210	160	68%	142	6.00%	6.53%	Oct-25
MFRA 2023-NQM1	Non-QM	Jan-23	314	271	253	81%	211	5.75%	6.03%	Jan-26
MFRA 2023-RTL1	Transitional	Feb-23	155	155	116	75%	116	7.58%	9.56%	Aug-24
MFRA 2023-INV1	SFR	Feb-23	204	184	154	75%	135	6.10%	6.95%	Feb-26
MFRA 2023-NQM2	Non-QM	May-23	372	325	309	83%	262	4.66%	5.61%	May-26
MFRA 2023-INV2	SFR	Sep-23	215	207	191	89%	184	7.05%	8.05%	Sep-26
MFRA 2023-NQM3	Non-QM	Sep-23	387	335	343	89%	292	6.74%	7.80%	Aug-26
MFRA 2023-RTL2	Transitional	Oct-23	230	230	184	80%	184	8.50%	10.06%	Oct-25
MFRA 2023-NQM4	Non-QM	Dec-23	295	272	268	91%	246	6.32%	8.04%	Dec-26
MFRA 2024-RTL1	Transitional	Feb-24	200	200	160	80%	160	7.09%	10.77%	Feb-26
MFRA 2024-NQM1	Non-QM	Apr-24	365	359	331	92%	325	6.70%	8.24%	Apr-27
MFRA 2024-RTL2	Transitional	May-24	205	205	164	80%	164	7.25%	10.08%	May-26
MFRA 2024-RPL1	RPL	Jul-24	303	303	259	85%	259	4.26%	5.11%	Jul-28
Total			9,657	7,141	8,445	88%	5,418	4.85%	6.33%	

Select Financial Metrics



Reconciliation of GAAP net income to non-GAAP Distributable earnings

"Distributable earnings" is a non-GAAP financial measure of our operating performance, within the meaning of Regulation G and Item 10(e) of Regulation S-K, as promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission. Distributable earnings is determined by adjusting GAAP net income/(loss) by removing certain unrealized gains and losses, primarily on residential mortgage investments, associated debt, and hedges that are, in each case, accounted for at fair value through earnings, certain realized gains and losses, as well as certain non-cash expenses and securitization-related transaction costs. The transaction costs are primarily comprised of costs only incurred at the time of execution of our securitizations and include costs such as underwriting fees, legal fees, diligence fees, bank fees and other similar transaction related expenses. These costs are all incurred prior to or at the execution of our securitizations and do not recur. Recurring expenses, such as servicing fees, custodial fees, trustee fees and other similar ongoing fees are not excluded from distributable earnings. Management believes that the adjustments made to GAAP earnings result in the removal of (i) income or expenses that are not reflective of the longer term performance of our investment portfolio, (ii) certain non-cash expenses, and (iii) expense items required to be recognized solely due to the election of the fair value option on certain related residential mortgage assets and associated liabilities. Distributable earnings is one of the factors that our Board of Directors considers when evaluating distributions to our shareholders. Accordingly, we believe that the adjustments to compute Distributable earnings specified below provide investors and analysts with additional information to evaluate our financial results.

(\$ in millions, except per share amounts)	Q2 2024	Q1 2024	Q4 2023	Q3 2023	Q2 2023
GAAP Net income/(loss) used in the calculation of basic EPS	\$ 33.6	\$ 14.8	\$ 81.5	\$ (64.7)	\$ (34.2)
Adjustments:					
Unrealized and realized gains and losses on:					
Residential whole loans held at fair value	(16.4)	11.5	(224.2)	132.9	130.7
Securities held at fair value	4.0	4.8	(21.4)	13.4	3.7
Residential whole loans and securities at carrying value	(2.7)	(0.4)	0.3	-	-
Interest rate swaps	10.2	(23.1)	97.4	(9.4)	(37.0)
Securitized debt held at fair value	7.6	20.2	108.7	(40.2)	(30.9)
Investments in loan origination partners	1.5	-	0.3	0.8	0.9
Expense items:					
Amortization of intangible assets	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.3
Equity based compensation	3.9	6.2	3.6	4.4	3.9
Securitization-related transaction costs	3.0	1.3	2.7	3.2	2.1
Total adjustments	\$ 11.9	\$ 21.3	\$ (31.8)	\$ 105.9	\$ 74.7
Distributable earnings	\$ 45.5	\$ 36.1	\$ 49.7	\$ 41.2	\$ 40.5
GAAP earnings/(loss) per basic common share	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.80	\$ (0.64)	\$ (0.34)
Distributable earnings per basic common share	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.49	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.40
Weighted average common shares for basic earnings per share	103.4	103.2	102.3	102.3	102.2

Reconciliation of GAAP Book Value to Economic Book Value

"Economic book value" is a non-GAAP financial measure of our financial position. To calculate our Economic book value, our portfolios of Residential whole loans and securitized debt held at carrying value are adjusted to their fair value, rather than the carrying value that is required to be reported under the GAAP accounting model applied to these financial instruments. These adjustments are also reflected in the table below in our end of period stockholders' equity. Management considers that Economic book value provides investors with a useful supplemental measure to evaluate our financial position as it reflects the impact of fair value changes for all of our investment activities, irrespective of the accounting model applied for GAAP reporting purposes. Economic book value does not represent and should not be considered as a substitute for Stockholders' Equity, as determined in accordance with GAAP, and our calculation of this measure may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies.

The following table provides a reconciliation of GAAP book value per common share to our non-GAAP Economic book value per common share as of the end of each quarter since Q2 2023.

(\$ in millions, except per share amounts)	6/30/24	3/31/24	12/31/23	9/30/23	6/30/23
GAAP Total Stockholders' Equity	\$ 1,883.2	\$ 1,884.2	\$ 1,899.9	\$ 1,848.5	\$ 1,944.8
Preferred Stock, liquidation preference	(475.0)	(475.0)	(475.0)	(475.0)	(475.0)
GAAP Stockholders' Equity for book value per common share	\$ 1,408.2	\$ 1,409.2	1,424.9 ^{\$}	\$ 1,373.5	\$ 1,469.8
Adjustments:					
Fair value adjustment to Residential whole loans, at carrying value	(26.8)	(35.4)	(35.6)	(85.3)	(58.3)
Fair value adjustment to Securitized debt, at carrying value	82.3	88.4	95.6	122.5	129.8
Stockholders' Equity including fair value adjustments to Residential whole loans and Securitized debt held at carrying value (Economic book value)	\$ 1,463.7	\$ 1,462.2	\$ 1,484.9	\$ 1,410.7	\$ 1,541.3
GAAP book value per common share	\$ 13.80	\$ 13.80	\$ 13.98	\$ 13.48	\$ 14.42
Economic book value per common share	\$ 14.34	\$ 14.32	\$ 14.57	\$ 13.84	\$ 15.12
Number of shares of common stock outstanding	102.1	102.1	101.9	101.9	101.9

Book Value and Economic Book Value Rollforward

	GAAP	Economic
Book value per common share as of 3/31/24	\$13.80	\$14.32
Net income available to common shareholders	0.33	0.33
Common stock dividends declared	(0.35)	(0.35)
Fair value changes attributable to residential mortgage securities and other	0.02	0.02
Change in fair value of residential whole loans reported at carrying value under GAAP	—	0.08
Change in fair value of securitized debt at carrying value under GAAP	—	(0.06)
Book value per common share as of 6/30/24	\$13.80	\$14.34

GAAP Segment Reporting

(Dollars in millions)	Mortgage-Related Assets	Lima One	Corporate	Total
Three months ended June 30, 2024				
Interest Income	\$ 101.2	\$ 81.7	\$ 3.8	\$ 186.7
Interest Expense	70.0	56.7	6.6	133.3
Net Interest Income/(Expense)	\$ 31.2	\$ 25.0	\$ (2.8)	\$ 53.4
Provision for Credit Losses on Other Assets	-	-	-	-
(Provision)/Reversal of Provision for Credit Losses on Residential Whole Loans	1.0	-	-	1.0
Net Interest Income/(Expense) after Reversal of Provision/(Provision) for Credit Losses	\$ 32.2	\$ 25.0	\$ (2.8)	\$ 54.4
Net gain/(loss) on residential whole loans measured at fair value through earnings	28.5	(12.0)	-	16.5
Net Realized Loss on Residential Whole Loan Held at Carrying Value	-	-	-	-
Impairment and other net gain on securities and other portfolio investments	(1.4)	-	(1.5)	(2.9)
Net gain on real estate owned	2.2	(0.3)	-	1.9
Net gain on derivatives used for risk management purposes	11.3	4.8	-	16.1
Net gain on securitized debt measured at fair value through earnings	(6.6)	(4.0)	-	(10.6)
Lima One - origination, servicing and other fee income	-	7.6	-	7.6
Other, net	(0.1)	0.9	0.5	1.3
Total Other Income/(Loss), net	\$ 33.9	\$ (3.0)	\$ (1.0)	\$ 29.9
Compensation and benefits	-	10.8	11.0	21.8
General and administrative expenses	0.1	4.9	5.8	10.8
Loan servicing, financing, and other related costs	4.8	0.6	3.3	8.7
Amortization of intangible assets	-	0.8	-	0.8
Income/(loss) before income taxes	\$ 61.2	\$ 4.9	\$ (23.9)	\$ 42.2
Provision for/(benefit from) income taxes	-	-	0.3	0.3
Net Income/(Loss)	61.2	4.9	(24.2)	41.9
Less Preferred Stock Dividend Requirement	-	-	8.2	8.2
Net Income/(Loss) Available to Common Stock and Participating Securities	\$ 61.2	\$ 4.9	\$ (32.4)	\$ 33.7

Distributable Earnings by Operating Segment

(Dollars in millions)	Mortgage-Related Assets	Lima One	Corporate	Total
Three months ended June 30, 2024				
GAAP Net income/(loss) used in the calculation of basic EPS	\$ 61.2	\$ 4.9	\$ (32.5)	\$ 33.6
Adjustments:				
Unrealized and realized gains and losses on:				
Residential whole loans held at fair value	(28.5)	12.0	—	(16.5)
Securities held at fair value	4.0	—	—	4.0
Residential Whole Loans and Securities at carrying value	(2.7)	—	—	(2.7)
Interest rate swaps	7.9	2.4	—	10.3
Securitized debt held at fair value	4.2	3.4	—	7.6
Investments in loan originators	—	—	1.5	1.5
Expense items:				
Amortization of intangible assets	—	0.8	—	0.8
Equity based compensation	—	0.3	3.6	3.9
Securitization-related transaction costs	(0.2)	—	3.2	3.0
Total adjustments	\$ (15.3)	\$ 18.9	\$ 8.3	\$ 11.9
Distributable earnings	\$ 45.9	\$ 23.8	\$ (24.2)	\$ 45.5

Endnotes

- 1) Purchased value of all residential whole loans acquired by MFA since 2014.
- 2) Economic book value is a non-GAAP financial measure. Refer to slide 23 for further information regarding the calculation of this measure and a reconciliation to GAAP book value.
- 3) GAAP net income presented per basic common share.
- 4) Distributable earnings is a non-GAAP financial measure. Refer to slide 22 for further information regarding the calculation of this measure and a reconciliation to GAAP net income. Distributable earnings presented per basic common share.
- 5) Recourse leverage is the ratio of MFA's financing liabilities (excluding non-recourse debt) to net equity. Including Securitized Debt, MFA's overall leverage ratio at June 30, 2024 was 4.7x.
- 6) Total economic return is calculated as the quarterly change in Economic Book Value (EBV) plus common dividends declared during the quarter divided by EBV at the start of the quarter.
- 7) Origination amounts are based on the maximum loan amount, which includes amounts initially funded plus any committed but undrawn amounts.
- 8) Non-MTM refers to financing arrangements not subject to margin calls based on changes in the fair value of the financed residential whole loans. Such agreements may experience changes in advance rates or collateral eligibility as a result of factors such as changes in the delinquency status of the financed residential whole loans.
- 9) Includes \$270M of funded originations during Q2 plus \$152M of draws funded during Q2 on previously originated Transitional loans.
- 10) Amounts presented reflect the aggregation of fair value and carrying value amounts as presented in MFA's consolidated balance sheet at June 30, 2024.
- 11) Business Purpose Loans is comprised of \$2.4B of Transitional loans and \$1.6B of SFR loans at June 30, 2024.
- 12) Swap variable receive rate is the Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR).
- 13) Current LTV reflects principal amortization and estimated home price appreciation (or depreciation) since acquisition. Zillow Home Value Index (ZHVI) is utilized to estimate updated LTVs for Non-QM, SFR and Legacy RPL/NPL assets. For Transitional loans, Current LTV reflects either the current UPB divided by the most recent as-is property valuation available or the maximum UPB divided by the most recent after repaired value (ARV) available.
- 14) State concentration measured by loan balance. All states in "Other" category have concentrations below 5%.
- 15) LTV reflects either the current UPB divided by the most recent as-is property valuation available or the maximum UPB divided by the most recent ARV available.
- 16) Includes all principal repayments.
- 17) Balance sheet carrying value of REO properties at June 30, 2024.
- 18) Weighted average debt service coverage ratio (DSCR).
- 19) Represents status at June 30, 2024 of all Legacy RPL/NPL loans ever acquired. Non-performing status includes all active loans greater than 60 days delinquent. Liquidated/REO status includes both sold and active REO properties as well as short payoff liquidations and loans sold to third-parties.
- 20) 60+ day delinquency rate for loans originated by Lima One and held by MFA.
- 21) Collateral UPB includes cash for Transitional loan securitizations.
- 22) Bonds sold relative to certificates issued.