

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

FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2005

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: 1-13991

MFA MORTGAGE INVESTMENTS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

13-3974868

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

350 Park Avenue, 21st Floor, New York, New York

(Address of principal executive offices)

10022

(Zip Code)

(212) 207-6400

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934). Yes No

81,661,343 shares of the registrant's common stock, \$0.01 par value, were outstanding as of October 31, 2005.

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MFA MORTGAGE INVESTMENTS, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

(In Thousands, Except Per Share Amounts)

	September 30, 2005	December 31, 2004
	(Unaudited)	
Assets:		
Mortgage-backed securities ("MBS") (Note 4)	\$ 6,306,254	\$ 6,777,574
Cash and cash equivalents	132,834	68,341
Accrued interest receivable	25,753	26,428
Interest rate cap agreements ("Caps") (Note 5)	2,134	1,245
Swap agreements ("Swaps") (Note 5)	2,991	321
Real estate investments (Note 6)	29,564	30,017
Goodwill	7,189	7,189
Receivable under Discount Waiver, Direct Stock Purchase and Dividend Reinvestment Plan ("DRSPP") (Note 9)	--	985
Prepaid and other assets	1,839	1,584
	\$ 6,508,558	\$ 6,913,684
Liabilities:		
Repurchase agreements (Note 7)	\$ 5,741,132	\$ 6,113,032
Accrued interest payable	65,412	28,351
Mortgages payable on real estate	22,602	22,686
Dividends payable	--	18,170
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	5,934	2,611
	5,835,080	6,184,850
 Commitments and Contingencies (Notes 4 and 8)		
Stockholders' Equity:		
Preferred stock, \$.01 par value; series A 8.50% cumulative redeemable; 5,000 shares authorized; 3,840 shares issued and outstanding at September 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004 (\$96,000 aggregate liquidation preference) (Note 9)	38	38
Common stock, \$.01 par value; 370,000 shares authorized; 82,063 and 82,017 shares issued and outstanding at September 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004, respectively (Note 9)	821	820
Additional paid-in capital	781,755	780,406
Accumulated deficit	(11,481)	(17,330)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss (Note 11)	(97,655)	(35,100)
	673,478	728,834
	\$ 6,508,558	\$ 6,913,684

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the Consolidated Financial Statements.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
	(Unaudited)			
Interest Income:				
MBS income	\$ 56,396	\$ 42,210	\$ 178,090	\$ 120,954
Interest income on cash investments	1,135	205	1,822	543
Total Interest Income	57,531	42,415	179,912	121,497
Interest Expense	49,060	21,959	135,334	57,052
Net Interest Income	8,471	20,456	44,578	64,445
Other Income:				
Revenue from operations of real estate	1,079	1,031	3,129	3,068
Gain on sale of securities	10	371	10	371
Miscellaneous other income, net	93	7	125	181
Total Other Income	1,182	1,409	3,264	3,620
Operating and Other Expense:				
Compensation and benefits	1,346	1,368	4,399	4,187
Real estate operating expense	742	739	2,115	2,156
Mortgage interest on real estate	423	426	1,260	1,273
Other general and administrative expense	871	684	2,757	2,196
Total Operating and Other Expense	3,382	3,217	10,531	9,812
Net Income	\$ 6,271	\$ 18,648	\$ 37,311	\$ 58,253
Less: Preferred Stock Dividends	2,040	1,062	6,120	1,818
Net Income Available to Common Stockholders	\$ 4,231	\$ 17,586	\$ 31,191	\$ 56,435
Earnings Per Share of Common Stock:				
Earnings per share – basic	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.76
Weighted average shares outstanding – basic	82,342	78,607	82,324	74,591
Earnings per share – diluted	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.76
Weighted average shares outstanding – diluted	82,370	78,653	82,359	74,640

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Nine Months Ended
September 30, 2005

(Unaudited)

(In Thousands, Except Per Share Amounts)

8.50% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock – Liquidation

Preference \$25.00 Per Share:

Balance at December 31, 2004 (3,840 shares)	\$	38
Balance at September 30, 2005 (3,840 shares)		38

Common Stock, Par Value \$0.01:

Balance at December 31, 2004 (82,017 shares)		820
Issuance of 368 shares		4
Repurchase of 322 shares		(3)
Balance at September 30, 2005 (82,063 shares)		821

Additional Paid-in Capital, in excess of Par:

Balance at December 31, 2004		780,406
Issuance of common stock, net of expenses		2,994
Repurchase of common stock		(2,019)
Compensation expense for common stock options		374
Balance at September 30, 2005		781,755

Accumulated Deficit:

Balance at December 31, 2004		(17,330)
Net income		37,311
Dividends declared on common stock		(25,342)
Dividends declared on preferred stock		(6,120)
Balance at September 30, 2005		(11,481)

Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss:

Balance at December 31, 2004		(35,100)
Unrealized losses on MBS, net		(67,450)
Unrealized gains on Caps, net		2,225
Unrealized gains on Swaps, net		2,670
Balance at September 30, 2005		(97,655)

Total Stockholders' Equity

673,478

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

Nine Months Ended
September 30,

(Dollars In Thousands)

	2005	2004
	(Unaudited)	
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:		
Net income	\$ 37,311	\$ 58,253
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Net gain on sale of portfolio investments	(10)	(371)
Amortization of purchase premiums on MBS, net of accretion of discounts	42,879	35,465
Amortization of premium cost for Caps	1,336	1,713
Decrease/(Increase) in interest receivable	675	(7,449)
Decrease in receivable under DRSP	985	--
Increase in other assets and other	(422)	(3,012)
Increase/(decrease) in accrued expenses and other liabilities	3,084	(13,440)
Depreciation and amortization on real estate and fixed assets	623	602
Increase in accrued interest payable	37,061	12,503
Stock option expense	374	417
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Net cash provided by operating activities	123,896	84,681
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Cash Flows From Investing Activities:		
Principal payments on MBS	1,982,166	1,517,331
Proceeds from sale of MBS	52,340	39,950
Purchases of MBS	(1,673,506)	(3,341,359)
Cash recognized upon consolidation of subsidiary	--	258
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Net cash provided/(used) by investing activities	361,000	(1,783,820)
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Cash Flows From Financing Activities:		
Purchase of Caps	--	(2,394)
Net (decrease)/increase in borrowings under repurchase agreements	(371,900)	1,459,653
Net proceeds from issuance of common stock	2,998	156,324
Net proceeds from issuance of preferred stock	--	48,285
Common stock repurchased	(1,785)	--
Dividends paid on common stock	(43,512)	(55,266)
Dividends paid on preferred stock	(6,120)	(1,818)
Amortization of mortgage principal for real estate	(84)	(139)
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Net cash (used)/provided by financing activities	(420,403)	1,604,645
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Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	64,493	(94,494)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	68,341	139,707
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Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 132,834	\$ 45,213
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MFA MORTGAGE INVESTMENTS, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS)

(Dollars In Thousands)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2005	2004
	(Unaudited)	
Net Income	\$ 37,311	\$ 58,253
Other Comprehensive Income:		
Unrealized losses on MBS, net	(67,450)	(17,772)
Unrealized gains on Caps, net	2,225	433
Unrealized gains/(losses) on Swaps, net	2,670	(1,066)
	\$ (25,244)	\$ 39,848
Comprehensive (loss)/income before preferred stock dividends		
Dividends on preferred stock	(6,120)	(1,818)
Comprehensive (Loss)/Income	\$ (31,364)	\$ 38,030

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. Organization

MFA Mortgage Investments, Inc. (the "Company") was incorporated in Maryland on July 24, 1997 and began operations on April 10, 1998. The Company has elected to be treated as a real estate investment trust ("REIT") for income tax purposes. In order to maintain its status as a REIT, the Company must comply with a number of requirements under federal tax law, including that it must distribute at least 90% of its annual taxable net income to its stockholders, subject to certain adjustments.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Presentation

The accompanying interim unaudited financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). Certain information and note disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") have been condensed or omitted according to such SEC rules and regulations. Management believes, however, that these disclosures are adequate to make the information presented therein not misleading. The accompanying financial statements should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004. In the opinion of management, all normal and recurring adjustments necessary to present fairly the financial condition of the Company at September 30, 2005 and results of operations for all periods presented have been made. The results of operations for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2005 should not be construed as indicative of the results to be expected for the full year.

The accompanying financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with GAAP. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(b) Mortgage-Backed Securities

Financial Accounting Standards ("FAS") No. 115, "Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities," requires that investments in securities be designated as either "held-to-maturity," "available-for-sale" or "trading" at the time of acquisition. All of the Company's MBS are designated as available-for-sale and are carried at their estimated fair value with unrealized gains and losses excluded from earnings and reported in other comprehensive income or loss, a component of stockholders' equity.

Although the Company generally intends to hold its MBS until maturity, it may, from time to time, sell any of its MBS as part of the overall management of its business. The available-for-sale designation provides the Company with the flexibility to sell its MBS in order to act on potential market opportunities or changes in economic conditions to ensure future liquidity and to meet other general corporate purposes as they arise. Gains or losses on the sale of investment securities are based on the specific identification method. (See Note 4.)

The Company's adjustable-rate assets are comprised primarily of hybrid and adjustable-rate MBS (collectively, "ARM-MBS") that are issued or guaranteed as to principal and/or interest by an agency of the U.S. government, such as the Government National Mortgage Association ("Ginnie Mae"), or a federally chartered corporation, such as Fannie Mae or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("Freddie Mac"). MBS that are issued or guaranteed by Ginnie Mae, Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac are commonly referred to herein as "Agency MBS." Hybrid MBS have interest rates that are fixed for a specified period and, thereafter, generally reset annually.

Interest income is accrued based on the outstanding principal balance of the investment securities and their contractual terms. Premiums and discounts associated with the purchase of investment securities are amortized into interest income over the life of such securities using the effective yield method, adjusted for actual prepayment activity.

(c) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in bank accounts and highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less. The carrying amount of cash equivalents approximates their fair value.

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(d) Credit Risk

The Company limits its exposure to credit losses on its investment portfolio by requiring that at least 50% of its investment portfolio consist of Agency MBS. Pursuant to the Company's operating policies, the remainder of its assets may consist of investments in: (i) residential mortgage loans; (ii) residential MBS; (iii) direct or indirect investments in multi-family apartment properties; (iv) investments in limited partnerships, REITs or closed-end funds; or (v) investments in other fixed income instruments (corporate or government). At September 30, 2005, 87.2% of the Company's assets consisted of Agency MBS and related receivables, 10.0% were MBS rated AAA by Standard & Poor's Corporation, a nationally recognized rating agency, and related receivables and 2.0% were cash and cash equivalents; combined, these assets comprised 99.2% of the Company's total assets. At September 30, 2005, the Company held MBS with a par value of approximately \$6.3 million which were rated below AAA, of which approximately \$1.5 million were rated BB and below (with \$231,000 not rated). The MBS rated BB and below, including the non-rated MBS, were purchased at a discount, of which \$341,000 reflects credit protection against future credit losses as of September 30, 2005.

Other-than-temporary impairment losses on investment securities, as measured by the amount of decline in estimated fair value attributable to factors that are considered to be other-than-temporary, are charged against income resulting in an adjustment of the cost basis of such securities. The following are among, but not all of, the factors considered in determining whether and to what extent an other-than-temporary impairment exists: (i) the expected cash flow from the investment; (ii) whether there has been an other-than-temporary deterioration of the credit quality of the underlying mortgages, debtor or the company in which equity interests are held; (iii) the credit protection available to the related mortgage pool for MBS; (iv) any other market information available, including analysts assessments and statements, public statements and filings made by the debtor, counterparty or other relevant party issuing or otherwise collateralizing the particular security; (v) management's internal analysis of the security considering all known relevant information at the time of assessment; and (vi) the historical magnitude and duration of the decline in market value, when available. Because management's assessments are based on factual information as well as subjective information available at the time of assessment, the determination as to whether an other-than-temporary decline exists and, if so, the amount considered impaired is also subjective and, therefore, constitutes material estimates that are susceptible to a significant change. At September 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004, the Company had no assets on which an impairment charge had been made.

At September 30, 2005, the Company's MBS that were rated below BBB had gross unrealized gains (the amount by which the estimated fair value exceeds the amortized cost) of \$64,000 and no unrealized losses. These MBS were purchased at a deep discount, with a portion thereof recorded as credit protection against future credit losses under various economic environments. Through September 30, 2005, the Company had not recognized any additional impairments or credit reserves against any of its MBS, other than credit related discounts discussed above.

(e) Real Estate Investments

At September 30, 2005, the Company indirectly held 100% ownership interests in three multi-family apartment properties known as The Greenhouse, Lealand Place and Cameron at Hickory Grove ("Cameron"), all of which are consolidated with the Company. Each of these properties was acquired through tax-deferred exchanges pursuant to Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). (See Note 6.)

The properties, capital improvements and other assets held in connection with these investments are carried at cost, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization, not to exceed estimated fair value. Depreciation and amortization are computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the related asset. Maintenance, repairs and minor improvements are charged to expense in the period incurred, while capital improvements are capitalized and depreciated over their useful life. The Company intends to hold its remaining real estate investments as long-term investments.

(f) Repurchase Agreements

The Company finances the acquisition of its MBS through the use of repurchase agreements, under which the Company sells securities to a lender and agrees to repurchase the same securities in the future for a price that is higher than the original sales price. The difference between the sale price that the Company receives and the repurchase price that the Company pays represents interest paid to the lender. Although structured as a sale and repurchase obligation, a repurchase agreement operates as a financing under which the Company pledges its securities as collateral to secure a loan which is equal in value to a specified percentage of the estimated fair value of

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the pledged collateral, while the Company retains beneficial ownership of the pledged collateral. At the maturity of a repurchase agreement, the Company is required to repay the loan and concurrently receives back its pledged collateral from the lender or, with the consent of the lender, the Company may renew such agreement at the then prevailing financing rate. Margin calls, whereby a lender requires that the Company pledge additional collateral to secure borrowings under its repurchase agreements with such lender, are routinely experienced by the Company as the current face value (i.e., par value) of MBS decline due to scheduled monthly amortization and prepayments of principal on MBS. In addition, margin calls may also occur when the fair value of the MBS pledged as collateral declines due to increases in market interest rates or other market conditions. Through September 30, 2005, the Company did not have any margin calls on its repurchase agreements that it was not able to satisfy with either cash or additional pledged collateral.

In the event that a counterparty were to decide not to renew a repurchase agreement at maturity, the Company must either refinance elsewhere or be in a position to satisfy this obligation. If, during the term of a repurchase agreement, a lender should file for bankruptcy, the Company might experience difficulty recovering its pledged assets and may have an unsecured claim against the lender's assets for the difference between the amount loaned to the Company and the estimated fair value of the collateral pledged to such lender. In order to mitigate its exposure to any counterparty-related risk associated with its repurchase agreements, the Company's policy is to enter into repurchase agreements only with financial institutions that have a long-term debt rating of, or, to the extent applicable, have a holding or parent company with a long-term debt rating of, single A or better as determined by at least one nationally recognized rating agency, such as Moody's Investors Service, Inc., Standard & Poor's Corporation or Fitch, Inc. (collectively, the "Rating Agencies"), where applicable. If the minimum criterion is not met, the Company will not enter into repurchase agreements with a lender without the specific approval of the Company's Board of Directors (the "Board"). In the event an existing lender is downgraded below single A, the Company will seek the approval of the Board before entering into additional repurchase agreements with that lender. The Company generally seeks to diversify its exposure by entering into repurchase agreements with at least four separate lenders with a maximum loan from any lender of no more than three times the Company's Stockholders' Equity. At September 30, 2005, the Company had repurchase agreements with 15 separate lenders with a maximum net exposure (the difference between the amount loaned to the Company plus accrued interest due to the counterparty and the fair value of the security pledged by the Company as collateral) to a single lender of \$33.7 million. (See Note 7.)

(g) Earnings per Common Share ("EPS")

Basic EPS is computed by dividing net income available to holders of common stock by the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the period. Diluted EPS is computed by dividing net income available to holders of common stock by the weighted average shares of common stock and common equivalent shares outstanding during the period. For the diluted EPS calculation, common equivalent shares outstanding includes the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding adjusted for the effect of dilutive stock options outstanding using the treasury stock method. Under the treasury stock method, common equivalent shares are calculated assuming that all dilutive common stock equivalents are exercised and the proceeds are used to repurchase shares of the Company's outstanding common stock at the average market price during the reported period. No common share equivalents are included in the computation of any diluted per share amount for a period in which a net operating loss is reported. (See Note 10.)

(h) Comprehensive Income

Comprehensive income for the Company includes net income, the change in net unrealized gains and losses on investments and certain derivative instruments reduced by dividends on preferred stock.

(i) Income Taxes

The Company has elected to be taxed as a REIT under the provisions of the Code and the corresponding provisions of state law. The Company expects to operate in a manner that will enable it to continue to be taxed as a REIT. As such, no provision for current or deferred income taxes has been made in the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements.

(j) Derivative Financial Instruments/Hedging Activity

The Company hedges through the use of derivative financial instruments, comprised of Caps and Swaps (collectively, "Hedging Instruments"). The Company accounts for Hedging Instruments in accordance with FAS No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities," ("FAS 133") as amended by FAS No.

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138, "Accounting for Certain Derivative Instruments and Certain Hedging Activities", and FAS No. 149 "Amendment of Statement 133 on Derivative Instrument and Hedging Activities." The Company carries all Hedging Instruments at their fair value, as assets, if their fair value is positive, or as liabilities, if their fair value is negative. Since the Company's derivatives are designated as "cash flow hedges," the change in the fair value of any such derivative is recorded in other comprehensive income or loss for hedges that qualify as effective and is transferred from other comprehensive income or loss to earnings as the hedged liability affects earnings. The ineffective amount of all Hedging Instruments, if any, is recognized in earnings each quarter. To date, the Company has not recognized any change in the value of its Hedging Instruments in earnings as a result of the hedge or a portion thereof being ineffective.

Upon entering into hedging transactions, the Company documents the relationship between the Hedging Instruments and the hedged liability. The Company also documents its risk-management policies, including objectives and strategies, as they relate to its hedging activities. The Company assesses, both at inception of a hedge and on an on-going basis, whether or not the hedge is "highly effective," as defined by FAS 133. The Company discontinues hedge accounting on a prospective basis with changes in the estimated fair value reflected in earnings when: (i) it is determined that the derivative is no longer effective in offsetting cash flows of a hedged item (including hedged items such as forecasted transactions); (ii) it is no longer probable that the forecasted transaction will occur; or (iii) it is determined that designating the derivative as a Hedging Instrument is no longer appropriate. Through September 30, 2005, the Company had not discontinued hedge accounting for any of its Hedging Instruments.

The Company utilizes Hedging Instruments to manage interest rate risk and does not anticipate entering into derivative transactions for speculative or trading purposes. In order to limit credit risk associated with the counterparties to derivative instruments, the Company's policy is to enter into derivative contracts with financial institutions rated single A or better by at least one of the Rating Agencies at the time of purchase. (See Note 5.)

Interest Rate Caps

In order for the Company's Caps to qualify for hedge accounting, upon entering into the Cap, the Company must anticipate that the hedge will be "highly effective," as defined by FAS 133, in limiting the Company's cost beyond the Cap threshold on its matching (on an aggregate basis) anticipated repurchase agreements during the active period of the Cap. As long as the hedge remains effective, changes in the estimated fair value of the Caps are included in other comprehensive income or loss. Upon commencement of the Cap active period, the premium paid to enter into the Cap is amortized and reflected in interest expense. The periodic amortization of the premium expense is based on an estimated allocation of the premium, determined at inception of the hedge, for the monthly components on an estimated fair value basis. Payments received in connection with the Cap, if any, are reported as a reduction to interest expense. If it is determined that a Cap is not effective, the premium would be reduced and a corresponding charge made to interest expense, for the ineffective portion of the Cap. The maximum cost related to the Company's Caps is limited to the original price paid to enter into the Cap.

The Company purchases Caps by incurring a one-time fee or premium. Pursuant to the terms of the Caps, the Company will receive cash payments if the interest rate index specified in any such Cap increases above contractually specified levels. Therefore, such Caps have the effect of capping the interest rate on a portion of the Company's borrowings above a level specified by the Cap.

Interest Rate Swaps

When the Company enters into a Swap, it agrees to pay a fixed rate of interest and to receive a variable interest rate, generally based on the London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR"). The Company's Swaps are designated as cash flow hedges against the benchmark interest rate risk associated with the Company's borrowings.

All changes in the unrealized gains/losses on any Swap are recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income or loss and are reclassified to earnings as interest expense is recognized on the Company's hedged borrowings. If it becomes probable that the forecasted transaction, which in this case refers to interest payments to be made under the Company's short-term borrowing agreements, will not occur by the end of the originally specified time period, as documented at the inception of the hedging relationship, then the related gain or loss in accumulated other comprehensive income or loss would be reclassified to income.

Realized gains and losses resulting from the termination of a Swap are initially recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income or loss as a separate component of stockholders' equity. The gain or loss from a terminated

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Swap remains in accumulated other comprehensive income or loss until the forecasted interest payments affect earnings. If it becomes probable that the forecasted interest payments will not occur, then the entire gain or loss would be recognized through earnings.

(k) Equity Based Compensation

The Company accounts for its stock based compensation in accordance with the fair value method under FAS No. 148, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation – Transition and Disclosure." The Company values stock options based on the Black-Scholes model. (See Note 12a.)

(l) Reclassifications

Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current period presentation.

3. Related Parties

(a) Advisory Services

During the fourth quarter of 2003, the Company formed and became the sole stockholder of MFA Spartan, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Spartan Inc."). Spartan Inc. then formed and, pursuant to an operating agreement dated November 6, 2003, became the sole member of MFA Spartan I, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Spartan I"). On November 7, 2003, Spartan I entered into a sub-advisory agreement, which was subsequently amended and restated on October 1, 2004, with America First Apartment Advisory Corporation ("AFAAC"), a Maryland corporation and the external advisor of America First Apartment Investors, Inc. ("AFAI"), pursuant to which Spartan I agreed, among other things, to provide sub-advisory services to AFAAC with respect to, and to assist AFAAC in connection with, AFAI's acquisition and disposition of MBS and the maintenance of AFAI's MBS portfolio. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005, the Company earned fees of \$13,000 and \$37,000, respectively, related to the sub-advisory services rendered by Spartan I to AFAAC. George H. Krauss, one of the Company's directors, is a member of the board of directors of AFAI and beneficially owns 17% of America First Companies L.L.C. ("AFC"), which owns 100% of the voting stock of AFAAC.

(b) Property Management

America First PM Group, Inc. (the "Property Manager"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of AFAI, provides property management services for each of the multi-family properties in which the Company holds investment interests. In the fourth quarter of 2004, the Property Manager acquired certain property management rights and other assets, including the contractual right to manage the Company's multi-family property interests, from America First Properties Management Companies L.L.C., a wholly-owned subsidiary of AFC. The Property Manager receives a management fee equal to a stated percentage of the gross receipts generated by these properties equal to 3% of gross receipts, increasing to a maximum of 4% of gross receipts upon attaining certain performance goals. The Company paid fees for property management services of approximately \$37,000 and \$106,000, respectively, for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2005 and approximately \$32,000 and \$94,000, respectively, for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2004. George H. Krauss, one of the Company's directors, is a member of the board of directors of AFAI and beneficially owns 17% of AFC.

4. Mortgage-Backed Securities

At September 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004, all of the Company's MBS were classified as available-for-sale and, as such, were carried at their estimated fair value, based on prices obtained from a third-party pricing service or, if pricing was not available for an MBS from such pricing service, the average of broker quotes was used to

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determine the estimated fair value of such MBS. The following table presents certain information about the Company's MBS as of September 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004.

	September 30, 2005			
	Par Value	MBS Amortized Cost (1)	Carrying Value/ Estimated Fair Value (2)	Net Unrealized Gain/(Loss)
<i>(In Thousands)</i>				
Agency MBS:				
Fannie Mae Certificates	\$ 3,999,986	\$ 4,084,819	\$ 4,014,937	\$ (69,882)
Ginnie Mae Certificates	1,125,148	1,147,318	1,132,336	(14,982)
Freddie Mac Certificates	476,862	511,759	504,849	(6,910)
Non-Agency MBS:				
AAA rated	645,954	656,969	648,169	(8,800)
AA rated	2,299	2,299	2,273	(26)
Single A rated	1,609	1,610	1,594	(16)
BBB rated	920	893	883	(10)
BB and below rated	1,265	1,063	1,127	64
Non-rated	231	85	86	1
	\$ 6,254,274	\$ 6,406,815	\$ 6,306,254	\$ (100,561)
December 31, 2004				
	Par Value	MBS Amortized Cost (1)	Carrying Value/ Estimated Fair Value (2)	Net Unrealized Gain/(Loss)
<i>(In Thousands)</i>				
Agency MBS:				
Fannie Mae Certificates	\$ 3,999,461	\$ 4,091,384	\$ 4,067,878	\$ (23,506)
Ginnie Mae Certificates	1,430,568	1,457,554	1,454,450	(3,104)
Freddie Mac Certificates	692,092	734,164	729,866	(4,298)
Non-Agency MBS:				
AAA rated	511,536	521,561	519,390	(2,171)
AA rated	2,324	2,324	2,315	(9)
Single A rated	1,627	1,628	1,619	(9)
BBB rated	930	903	898	(5)
BB and below rated	1,278	1,079	1,070	(9)
Non-rated	234	88	88	--
	\$ 6,640,050	\$ 6,810,685	\$ 6,777,574	\$ (33,111)

(1) Includes principal payments receivable.

(2) MBS with an estimated fair value of \$6.042 billion and \$6.502 billion were pledged as collateral against borrowings under repurchase agreements at September 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004, respectively.

At September 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004, the Company's portfolio of MBS consisted of pools of ARM-MBS with carrying values of approximately \$6.299 billion and \$6.770 billion, respectively, and fixed-rate MBS with carrying values of approximately \$6.8 million and \$7.2 million, respectively.

Agency MBS: Although not rated, Agency MBS carry an implied AAA rating. Agency MBS are guaranteed as to principal and/or interest by an agency of the U.S. government, such as Ginnie Mae, or federally chartered corporation, such as Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac. The payment of principal and/or interest on Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac MBS is guaranteed by those respective agencies and the payment of principal and/or interest on Ginnie Mae MBS is backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government.

Non-Agency MBS: Non-Agency MBS are certificates that are backed by pools of single-family and multi-family mortgage loans, which are not guaranteed by the U.S. government or any of its agencies or any federally

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chartered corporation. Non-Agency MBS may be rated from AAA to B by one or more of the Rating Agencies. AAA is the highest credit rating given by Rating Agencies and indicates that the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is extremely strong. Certain Non-Agency MBS may also be non-rated.

The following table presents components of amortized cost, gross unrealized gains, gross unrealized losses and estimated fair value of the Company's MBS at September 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004:

<i>(In Thousands)</i>	September 30, 2005	December 31, 2004
Principal balance (par value)	\$ 6,254,274	\$ 6,640,050
Principal payment receivables	23,631	25,799
Unamortized premium	129,284	145,483
Unaccreted discount	(33)	(306)
Amortized cost	6,407,156	6,811,026
Discount designated as a credit reserve	(341)	(341)
Amortized cost, less discount credit reserve	6,406,815	6,810,685
Gross unrealized gains	1,887	7,112
Gross unrealized losses	(102,448)	(40,223)
Net Unrealized Losses	(100,561)	(33,111)
Carrying value/estimated fair value	\$ 6,306,254	\$ 6,777,574

At September 30, 2005, the Company had 149 MBS, with an amortized cost of \$2.577 billion, that had unrealized losses for 12 months or more. All of the Company's MBS that had unrealized losses for 12 months or more were either Agency MBS, which have an implied AAA rating, or Non-Agency MBS that were rated AAA, and as such none of the unrealized losses are considered to be credit related. In addition, the Company expects to retain such MBS in its portfolio. At September 30, 2005, these MBS had gross unrealized losses of \$53.2 million.

The following table presents the gross unrealized losses and estimated fair value of the Company's MBS, aggregated by investment category and length of time that such individual securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position, at September 30, 2005:

<i>(In Thousands)</i>	Unrealized Loss Position for:					
	Less than 12 Months		12 Months or more		Total	
	Estimated Fair Value	Unrealized losses	Estimated Fair Value	Unrealized losses	Estimated Fair Value	Unrealized losses
Agency MBS:						
Fannie Mae	\$ 2,057,231	\$ 32,427	\$ 1,745,023	\$ 38,746	\$ 3,802,254	\$ 71,173
Ginnie Mae	591,948	7,815	450,526	7,545	1,042,474	15,360
Freddie Mac	175,745	949	262,673	6,115	438,418	7,064
AAA rated MBS	582,338	7,971	65,831	829	648,169	8,800
AA rated and below	4,751	51	--	--	4,751	51
Total temporarily impaired securities	\$ 3,412,013	\$ 49,213	\$ 2,524,053	\$ 53,235	\$ 5,936,066	\$ 102,448

During the nine months ended September 30, 2005, the Company sold an Agency MBS with an amortized cost of \$53.1 million, generating a gross gain of \$10,000. The Company did not experience any losses on the sale of MBS during the nine months ended September 30, 2005.

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The following table presents interest income and premium amortization on the Company's MBS portfolio for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005 and 2004:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
<i>(In Thousands)</i>				
Coupon interest on MBS	\$ 73,309	\$ 54,755	\$ 220,968	\$ 156,419
Premium amortization	(16,924)	(12,554)	(42,911)	(35,479)
Discount accretion	11	9	33	14
Interest income on MBS, net	<u>\$ 56,396</u>	<u>\$ 42,210</u>	<u>\$ 178,090</u>	<u>\$ 120,954</u>

5. Hedging Instruments/Hedging Activity

In connection with the Company's interest rate risk management process, the Company periodically hedges a portion of its interest rate risk by entering into derivative financial instrument contracts. Through September 30, 2005, such instruments have been comprised of Caps and Swaps, which in effect modify the repricing characteristics of the Company's repurchase agreements and cash flows for such liabilities. The use of Hedging Instruments creates exposure to credit risk relating to potential losses that could be recognized if the counterparties to these instruments fail to perform their obligations under the contracts. In order to mitigate its exposure to any counterparty-related risk associated with its Hedging Instruments, the Company's policy is to enter into derivative transactions only with financial institutions that have a long-term debt rating of, or, to the extent applicable, have a holding or parent company with a long-term debt rating of, single A or better as determined by at least one of the Rating Agencies at the time any such transaction is entered into. In the event of a default by the counterparty, the Company would not receive payments provided for under the terms of the Hedging Instrument, could incur a loss for the remaining unamortized premium cost of the Cap and could have difficulty obtaining its assets pledged as collateral for Swaps.

The following table sets forth the impact of the Hedging Instruments on the Company's other comprehensive income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005 and 2004, respectively:

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
<i>(In Thousands)</i>				
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Gain/(Loss) from Hedging Instruments:				
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 461	\$ (2,122)	\$ (1,989)	\$ (3,336)
Unrealized gains/(losses) on Hedging Instruments, net	2,445	(1,847)	4,895	(633)
Balance at the end of period	<u>\$ 2,906</u>	<u>\$ (3,969)</u>	<u>\$ 2,906</u>	<u>\$ (3,969)</u>

(a) Interest Rate Caps

The Company's Caps are designated as cash flow hedges against interest rate risk associated with the Company's existing and forecasted repurchase agreements. At September 30, 2005, the Company had seven Caps with an aggregate notional amount of \$360.0 million purchased to hedge against increases in interest rates on \$360.0 million of its current and/or anticipated 30-day term repurchase agreements. The Caps had an amortized cost of approximately \$2.2 million and an estimated fair value of approximately \$2.1 million at September 30, 2005, resulting in a net unrealized loss of approximately \$85,000, which is included as a component of accumulated other comprehensive loss. If the 30-day LIBOR were to increase above the rate specified in the Cap during its effective term, the Company would receive monthly payments from its Cap counterparty. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005, the Company received payments of \$46,000 and \$52,000, respectively, from counterparties related to its Caps. In the unlikely event of a default by the counterparty, the Company would not receive payments provided for under the terms of the Cap and could incur a loss for the remaining unamortized premium cost of the Cap.

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The following table presents the impact on the Company's interest expense related to its Caps for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005 and 2004, respectively:

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
<i>(In Thousands)</i>				
Premium Amortization on Caps	\$ 342	\$ 698	\$ 1,336	\$ 1,713
Payments received on Caps	(46)	--	(52)	--
Net Interest Expense related to Caps	<u>\$ 296</u>	<u>\$ 698</u>	<u>\$ 1,284</u>	<u>\$ 1,713</u>

The following table presents information about the Company's Caps at September 30, 2005:

	Weighted Average Active Period	Weighted Average LIBOR Strike Rate (1)	Notional Amount	Amortized Cost/ Unamortized Premium	Estimated Fair Value/Carrying Value	Gross Unrealized (Loss)
<i>(Dollars in Thousands)</i>						
Currently active	13 Months	3.69%	\$ 310,000	\$ 1,618	\$ 1,542	\$ (76)
Forward start:						
Within six months	18 Months	3.75	50,000	601	592	(9)
Weighted Average/Total	14 Months	3.70%	<u>\$ 360,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,219</u>	<u>\$ 2,134</u>	<u>\$ (85)</u>

(1) The rates presented represent the weighted average 30-day LIBOR strike rate for Caps for the categories presented. Payments are due from the Cap counterparties when the 30-day LIBOR on the measurement day exceeds the LIBOR strike rate specified in the individual Cap agreement. At September 30, 2005, the 30-day LIBOR was 3.86%.

(b) Interest Rate Swaps

The Company's Swaps have the effect of locking in a fixed interest rate related to a portion of its current and anticipated future 30-day term repurchase agreements.

The following table presents information about the Company's Swaps at September 30, 2005:

	Weighted Average Active Period	Notional Amount	Weighted Average Fixed Swap Rate	Estimated Fair Value/Carrying Value	Gross Unrealized Gains
<i>(Dollars in Thousands)</i>					
Currently Active	13 Months	\$ 265,000	3.33%	\$ 2,991	\$ 2,991

6. Real Estate Investments

At September 30, 2005, the Company indirectly held 100% ownership interests in three multi-family apartment properties known as: (i) The Greenhouse, a 128-unit multi-family apartment building located in Omaha, Nebraska; (ii) Lealand Place, a 191-unit apartment complex located in Lawrenceville, Georgia; and (iii) Cameron, a 201-unit multi-family apartment complex in Charlotte, North Carolina.

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Real estate investments, all of which are consolidated with the Company, were as follows at September 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004:

	September 30, 2005	December 31, 2004
<i>(In Thousands)</i>		
Real Estate:		
Land and buildings	\$ 29,564	\$ 30,017
Cash	704	428
Prepaid and other assets	527	509
Mortgages payable (1)	(22,602)	(22,686)
Accrued interest payable	(100)	(101)
Other payables	(381)	(327)
	\$ 7,712	\$ 7,840
Net real estate related assets	\$ 7,712	\$ 7,840

(1) Each of the three properties serves as collateral for its respective mortgage. The mortgages collateralized by The Greenhouse and Lealand Place are non-recourse, subject to customary non-recourse exceptions, which generally means that the lender's final source of repayment in the event of default is foreclosure of the property securing such loan. The mortgage collateralized by Cameron is, under certain limited circumstances, guaranteed by the Company. At September 30, 2005, these mortgages had fixed interest rates ranging from 6.87% to 8.08% and maturities ranging from February 1, 2010 to February 1, 2011. In December 2000, the Company loaned Greenhouse Holdings, LLC (which owns The Greenhouse) \$437,000 to fund building improvements and, in January 2005, loaned Lealand Place \$150,000 to fund operations. These loans remained outstanding at September 30, 2005 and are eliminated in consolidation.

The following table presents the summary results of operations for the Company's real estate investments, all of which are consolidated with the Company, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005 and 2004:

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
<i>(In Thousands)</i>				
Revenue from operations of real estate	\$ 1,079	\$ 1,031	\$ 3,129	\$ 3,068
Interest expense for mortgages on real estate	(423)	(426)	(1,260)	(1,273)
Other real estate operations expense	(742)	(739)	(2,115)	(2,156)
	\$ (86)	\$ (134)	\$ (246)	\$ (361)

7. Repurchase Agreements

The Company's repurchase agreements are collateralized by the Company's MBS and typically bear interest at rates that are LIBOR-based. At September 30, 2005, the Company had outstanding balances of \$5.741 billion under 440 repurchase agreements with 15 separate lenders. Such repurchase agreements had a weighted average borrowing rate of 3.19% and a weighted average remaining contractual maturity of 4.9 months. At September 30, 2005, all of the Company's borrowings were fixed-rate term repurchase agreements. At December 31, 2004, the Company had outstanding balances of \$6.113 billion under 375 repurchase agreements with a weighted average borrowing rate of 2.32%. At September 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004, the repurchase agreements had the following remaining contractual maturities:

	September 30, 2005	December 31, 2004
<i>(In Thousands)</i>		
Within 30 days	\$ 965,800	\$ 996,200
>30 days to 3 months	1,485,700	1,024,859
>3 months to 6 months	1,908,732	1,376,773
>6 months to 12 months	590,300	1,158,300
>12 months to 24 months	790,600	1,556,900
	\$ 5,741,132	\$ 6,113,032

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8. Commitments and Contingencies

(a) Lease Commitments

At September 30, 2005, the Company had a lease through August 31, 2012 for its corporate headquarters, located at 350 Park Avenue, New York, New York. This lease provides for, among other things, monthly payments based on annual rent of \$348,000 from August 1, 2005 through November 30, 2008 and \$357,000 from December 1, 2008 through August 31, 2012. At September 30, 2005, the Company also had a lease for additional space at its corporate headquarters, which commenced in March 2005 and will run through July 31, 2007. This lease provides for, among other things, monthly payments based on annual rent of \$152,000. In addition, the Company had a lease through December 2007 for its off-site back-up facilities located in Rockville Centre, New York, which, among other things, provides for annual rent of \$23,000.

(b) Securities purchase commitments and other commitments

At September 30, 2005, the Company had commitments to purchase five Fannie Mae MBS with a par value of \$620.0 million at an aggregate purchase price of \$633.4 million.

9. Stockholders' Equity

(a) Stock Repurchase Program

On August 11, 2005, the Company announced the implementation of a stock repurchase program (the "Repurchase Program") to repurchase up to 4.0 million shares of its outstanding common stock. Subject to applicable securities laws, repurchases of common stock under the Repurchase Program will be made at times and in amounts as the Company deems appropriate. Repurchases of common stock will be made using the Company's available cash resources. The Repurchase Program may be suspended or discontinued by the Company at any time and without prior notice. During the quarter ended September 30, 2005, the Company repurchased 322,600 shares of common stock at an average cost per share of \$6.27. At September 30, 2005, 3,677,400 shares remained authorized for repurchase. (See Note 13b.)

(b) Dividends on Preferred Stock

The following table presents cash dividends declared by the Company on its preferred stock from April 27, 2004 (the date on which such securities were originally issued) through September 30, 2005:

Declaration Date	Record Date	Payment Date	Dividend Per share
August 19, 2005	September 1, 2005	September 30, 2005	\$ 0.53125
May 20, 2005	June 1, 2005	June 30, 2005	0.53125
February 18, 2005	March 1, 2005	March 31, 2005	0.53125
November 19, 2004	December 1, 2004	December 31, 2004	0.53125
August 24, 2004	September 1, 2004	September 30, 2004	0.53125
May 27, 2004	June 4, 2004	June 30, 2004	0.37780 (1)

(1) Represents dividend for the period of April 27, 2004 through June 30, 2004.

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(c) Dividends/Distributions on Common Stock

The following table presents cash dividends declared by the Company on its common stock from January 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005:

Declaration Date	Record Date	Payment Date	Dividend Per share
2005			
July 1, 2005	July 12, 2005	July 29, 2005	\$ 0.125
April 1, 2005	April 12, 2005	April 29, 2005	0.180
2004			
December 16, 2004	December 27, 2004	January 31, 2005	0.220
October 4, 2004	October 12, 2004	October 29, 2004	0.230
July 1, 2004	July 12, 2004	July 30, 2004	0.250
April 1, 2004	April 12, 2004	April 30, 2004	\$ 0.260 (1)

(1) Includes a special dividend of \$0.01.

On October 3, 2005, the Company declared a dividend on its common stock for the third quarter of 2005 of \$0.05, payable on October 28, 2005 to stockholders of record on October 14, 2005. (See Note 13a.)

(d) Shelf Registrations

On September 25, 2001, the Company filed a shelf registration statement on Form S-3 with the SEC under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act"), with respect to an aggregate of \$300.0 million of common stock and/or preferred stock that may be sold by the Company from time to time pursuant to Rule 415 of the 1933 Act. On October 5, 2001, the SEC declared this shelf registration statement effective. At September 30, 2005, the Company had \$8.7 million remaining on this shelf registration statement.

On June 27, 2003, the Company filed a shelf registration statement on Form S-3 with the SEC under the 1933 Act with respect to an aggregate of \$500.0 million of common stock and/or preferred stock that may be sold by the Company from time to time pursuant to Rule 415 of the 1933 Act. On July 8, 2003, the SEC declared this registration statement effective. On July 21, 2004, the Company filed a post-effective amendment to this shelf registration statement, which was declared effective by the SEC on August 12, 2004. At September 30, 2005, the Company had \$244.1 million available under this shelf registration statement.

On December 17, 2004, the Company filed a shelf registration statement on Form S-3 with the SEC under the 1933 Act for the purpose of registering additional common stock for sale through the DRSP. This shelf registration statement was declared effective by the SEC on January 4, 2005 and, when combined with the unused portion of the Company's previous DRSP shelf registration statement, registered an aggregate of 10 million shares of common stock. At September 30, 2005, 9.5 million shares of common stock remained available for issuance pursuant to the DRSP shelf registration statement.

On December 17, 2004, the Company filed a registration statement on Form S-8 with the SEC under the 1933 Act for the purpose of registering additional common stock for issuance in connection with the exercise of awards under the Company's 2004 Equity Compensation Plan (the "2004 Plan"), which amended and restated the Company's Second Amended and Restated 1997 Stock Option Plan (the "1997 Plan"). This registration statement became effective automatically upon filing and, when combined with the previously registered, but unissued, portions of the Company's prior registration statements on Form S-8 relating to awards under the 1997 Plan, related to an aggregate of 3.3 million shares of common stock.

(e) DRSP

Beginning in September 2003, the Company's DRSP, which is designed to provide existing stockholders and new investors with a convenient and economical way to purchase shares of common stock (through the automatic reinvestment of dividends and/or optional monthly cash investments) became operational. During the nine months ended September 30, 2005, the Company issued 368,702 shares through the DRSP, all of which were issued during the first quarter of 2005, raising net proceeds of \$3.0 million. From the inception of the DRSP through September 30, 2005, the Company issued 8,726,004 shares pursuant to the DRSP raising net proceeds of \$110.8 million.

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(f) Controlled Equity Offering Program

On August 20, 2004, the Company initiated a controlled equity offering program (the "CEO Program") through which it may, from time to time, publicly offer and sell shares of common stock through Cantor Fitzgerald & Co. ("Cantor") in privately negotiated and/or at-the-market transactions. From inception of the CEO Program through September 30, 2005, the Company issued 1,833,215 shares of common stock in at-the-market transactions through this program raising net proceeds of \$16,481,652 and, in connection with such transactions, Cantor received aggregate fees and commissions of \$419,942. The Company did not issue any shares through the CEO Program during the nine months ended September 30, 2005.

10. Common Stock EPS Calculation

The following table presents the reconciliation between basic and diluted shares of common stock outstanding used in calculating basic and diluted EPS for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005 and 2004:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
<i>(In Thousands)</i>				
Weighted average shares outstanding - basic	82,342	78,607	82,324	74,591
Add effect of assumed shares issued under treasury stock method for stock options	28	46	35	49
Weighted average shares outstanding - diluted	<u>82,370</u>	<u>78,653</u>	<u>82,359</u>	<u>74,640</u>

11. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss

Accumulated other comprehensive loss at September 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004 was as follows:

	September 30, 2005	December 31, 2004
<i>(In Thousands)</i>		
Available-for-sale MBS:		
Unrealized gains	\$ 1,887	\$ 7,112
Unrealized (losses)	(102,448)	(40,223)
	<u>(100,561)</u>	<u>(33,111)</u>
Hedging Instruments:		
Unrealized (losses) on Caps	(85)	(2,310)
Unrealized gains on Swaps	2,991	321
	<u>2,906</u>	<u>(1,989)</u>
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss)	<u>\$ (97,655)</u>	<u>\$ (35,100)</u>

12. 2004 Equity Compensation Plan, Employment Agreements and Other Benefit Plans

(a) 2004 Equity Compensation Plan

During the second quarter of 2004, the Company adopted, with the approval of the Company's stockholders, the 2004 Plan. The 2004 Plan amended and restated the 1997 Plan.

In accordance with the terms of the 2004 Plan, directors, officers and employees of the Company and any of its subsidiaries and other persons expected to provide significant services (of a type expressly approved by the Compensation Committee of the Board as covered services for these purposes) for the Company and any of its subsidiaries are eligible to be granted stock options ("Options"), restricted stock, phantom shares, dividend equivalent rights ("DERs") and other stock-based awards under the 2004 Plan.

In general, subject to certain exceptions, stock-based awards relating to a maximum of 3,500,000 shares of common stock may be granted under the 2004 Plan; forfeitures and/or awards that expire unexercised do not count towards such limit. Subject to certain exceptions, a participant may not receive stock-based awards relating to greater than 500,000 shares of common stock in any one-year and no award may be granted to any person who,

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assuming exercise of all Options and payment of all awards held by such person, would own or be deemed to own more than 9.8% of the outstanding shares of the Company's capital stock. At September 30, 2005, the Company had an aggregate of 962,000 shares subject to outstanding stock option awards, of which 711,000 were exercisable. Unless previously terminated by the Board, Option awards may be granted under the 2004 Plan until the tenth anniversary of the date that the Company's stockholders approved such plan.

A DER is a right to receive, as specified by the Compensation Committee at the time of grant, a distribution equal to the cash dividend distributions paid on a share of common stock. DERs may be granted separately or together with other awards and are paid in cash or other consideration at such times, and in accordance with such rules, as the Compensation Committee shall determine in its discretion. Dividends are paid on vested DERs only to the extent of ordinary income. DERs are not entitled to distributions representing a return of capital. Dividends paid on a DER granted with respect to incentive stock options ("ISOs") are charged to Stockholders' Equity when declared and dividends paid on DERs granted with respect to non-qualified stock options are charged to earnings when declared. At September 30, 2005, there were 960,750 DERs outstanding, of which 709,750 were vested.

Pursuant to Section 422 of the Code, in order for Options granted under the 2004 Plan and vesting in any one calendar year to qualify as ISOs for tax purposes, the market value of the common stock, as determined on the date of grant, to be received upon exercise of such Options shall not exceed \$100,000 during any such calendar year. The exercise price of an ISO may not be lower than 100% (110% in the case of an ISO granted to a 10% stockholder) of the fair market value of the common stock on the date of grant. In addition, the exercise price for all other Options issued under the 2004 Plan may not be less than the fair market value on the date of grant. Each Option is exercisable after the vesting period or periods specified in the award agreement and options generally do not exceed ten years from the date of grant. Options will be exercisable at such times and subject to such terms as determined by the Compensation Committee.

At September 30, 2005, the Company had 251,000 Options outstanding that were not yet vested. These unvested Options, which are scheduled to vest through February 2, 2007, had a weighted average vesting period of approximately seven months. During the nine months ended September 30, 2005, no Options expired unexercised nor were any Options granted or exercised.

(b) Employment Agreements

The Company has an employment agreement with each of its five senior officers, with varying terms that provide for, among other things, base salary, bonuses and change-in-control provisions, subject to certain events.

(c) Deferred Compensation Plans

On December 19, 2002, the Board adopted the MFA Mortgage Investments, Inc. 2003 Non-employee Directors' Deferred Compensation Plan and the MFA Mortgage Investments, Inc. Senior Officers Deferred Bonus Plan (collectively, the "Deferred Plans"). Pursuant to the Deferred Plans, directors and senior officers of the Company may elect to defer a certain percentage of their compensation. The Deferred Plans are intended to provide non-employee Directors and senior officers of the Company with an opportunity to defer up to 100% of certain compensation, as defined in the Deferred Plans, while at the same time aligning their interests with the interests of the Company's stockholders. Amounts deferred are considered to be converted into "stock units" of the Company, which do not represent stock of the Company, but rather the right to receive a cash payment equal to the fair market value of an equivalent number of shares of the common stock. Deferred accounts increase or decrease in value as would equivalent shares of the common stock and are settled in cash at the termination of the deferral period, based on the value of the stock units at that time. The Deferred Plans are non-qualified plans under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended and are not funded. Prior to the time that the deferred accounts are settled, participants are unsecured creditors of the Company.

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At the time a participant's deferral of compensation is made, it is intended that such participant will not recognize income for federal income tax purposes, nor will the Company receive a deduction until such time that the compensation is actually distributed to the participant. At September 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004, the Company had the following liability under the Deferred Plans, which included amounts deferred by participants, as well as the market value adjustments for the equivalent stock units:

<i>(In Thousands)</i>	September 30, 2005	December 31, 2004
Directors' deferred	\$ 357	\$ 282
Officers' deferred	213	127
	\$ 570	\$ 409
	570	409

(d) Savings Plan

Effective October 1, 2002, the Company adopted a tax-qualified employee savings plan (the "Savings Plan"). Pursuant to Section 401(k) of the Code, eligible employees of the Company are able to make deferral contributions, subject to limitations under applicable law. Participants' accounts are self-directed and the Company bears all costs associated with administering the Savings Plan. The Company matches 100% of the first 3% of eligible compensation deferred by employees and 50% of the next 2%, with a maximum match of \$8,400 for the year ended December 31, 2005. Substantially all of the Company's employees are eligible to participate in the Savings Plan. The Company has elected to operate the Savings Plan under applicable safe harbor provisions of the Code, whereby among other things, the Company must make contributions for all eligible employees regardless of whether or not such individuals make deferrals and all matches contributed by the Company immediately vest 100%.

13. Subsequent Events

a. Common Stock Dividend Declared

On October 3, 2005, the Company declared a dividend on its common stock for the third quarter of 2005 of \$0.05, payable on October 28, 2005 to stockholders of record on October 14, 2005. The total dividend of \$4.1 million was paid on October 28, 2005.

b. Repurchases of Common Stock

Pursuant to the Repurchase Program, the Company repurchased 401,500 shares of common stock between October 1, 2005 and October 31, 2005, at an aggregate cost of \$2.3 million, or \$5.64 per share. At October 31, 2005, an aggregate of 724,100 shares of common stock were repurchased pursuant to the Repurchase Program at an aggregate cost of \$4.3 million, or \$5.92 per share such that 3,275,900 shares of common stock remained authorized for repurchase.

Item 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto included in Item 1 of this quarterly report on Form 10-Q as well as in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004.

GENERAL

The Company is primarily engaged in the business of investing, on a leveraged basis, in Agency ARM-MBS and, to a lesser extent, other high quality ARM-MBS rated in one of the two highest rating categories by at least one nationally recognized Rating Agency. The Company's principal business objective is to generate net income for distribution to its stockholders resulting from the spread between the interest and other income it earns on its investments and the cost of financing such investments and its operating costs.

The Company has elected to be taxed as a REIT for income tax purposes. In order to maintain its status as a REIT, the Company must comply with a number of requirements under federal tax law, including that it must distribute at least 90% of its annual taxable income to its stockholders, subject to certain adjustments.

The Company's total assets were \$6.509 billion at September 30, 2005, compared to \$6.914 billion at December 31, 2004. At September 30, 2005, 99.2% of the Company's assets consisted of Agency MBS, AAA-rated MBS, MBS-related receivables and cash. At September 30, 2005, the Company also had indirect interests in three multi-family apartment properties, containing a total of 520 rental units, located in Georgia, North Carolina and Nebraska, and \$6.0 million of Non-Agency MBS rated below AAA and Hedging Instruments.

The results of the Company's operations are affected by various factors, many of which are beyond the control of the Company, and primarily depend on, among other things, the level of the Company's net interest income, the market value of its assets and the supply of, and demand for, MBS assets in the market place. The Company's net interest income varies primarily as a result of changes in interest rates, the slope of the yield curve, borrowing costs and prepayment speeds on the Company's MBS portfolio, the behavior of which involves various risks and uncertainties. Interest rates and prepayment speeds, as measured by the Constant Prepayment Rate ("CPR"), vary according to the type of investment, conditions in financial markets, competition and other factors, none of which can be predicted with certainty. For the Company, increases in interest rates, in general, may over time cause: (i) the cost of borrowings to increase; (ii) the value of the Company's MBS portfolio and stockholders' equity to decline; (iii) prepayments on the MBS portfolio to slow, thereby reducing premium amortization; and (iv) coupons on the MBS assets to reset to higher interest rates. Conversely, decreases in interest rates, in general, may over time cause: (i) prepayments on the MBS portfolio to increase, thereby increasing premium amortization; (ii) coupons on the MBS assets to reset to lower interest rates; (iii) the cost of borrowings to decrease; and (iv) the value of the MBS portfolio and stockholders' equity to increase. In addition, borrowing costs are further affected by the Company's creditworthiness.

While the Company generally intends to hold its MBS as long-term investments, sales of MBS may occur in the course of managing MFA's portfolio, including managing interest rate risk and meeting liquidity needs. As such, all of the Company's MBS are designated as available-for-sale. The timing and impact of future sales of MBS, if any, cannot be predicted with certainty. However, if the Company were to sell, or make a decision to sell, MBS on which significant unrealized losses exist, there would be an adverse impact on the Company's results of operations. At September 30, 2005, the Company had unrealized losses of \$102.4 million and unrealized gains of \$1.9 million on its MBS portfolio.

Increases in the target federal funds rate are expected to continue to increase the cost of the Company's liabilities at a more rapid pace than the yield on its assets, leading to a narrowing of spreads. As a result of the Federal Reserve's continued efforts to tighten monetary policy and the fact that, in general, the yields on the Company's assets reset annually, but only after an initial fixed rate period, the Company anticipates that it will experience a period of reduced earnings over the next several quarters. In addition, due to the flattening yield curve, cash-out refinancing opportunities and the availability of lower monthly payment interest-only mortgages, the Company's prepayment rates continue to be at elevated levels, further impacting already narrowed spreads.

The Company expects that over time ARM-MBS experience higher prepayment rates than fixed-rate MBS. This expectation is based on the assumption that homeowners with adjustable-rate and hybrid mortgages are generally self-selected borrowers and are expected to exhibit more rapid housing turnover levels or refinancing activity compared to fixed-rate borrowers. In addition, the Company believes that prepayments on ARM-MBS accelerate significantly as the coupon reset date approaches. At September 30, 2005, the Company had net purchase premiums of \$129.3 million, or 2.07% of par value, compared to \$145.2 million of net purchase premiums, or 2.19% of par value, at December 31, 2004.

Over the past five years, MFA's quarterly net spreads have averaged 1.41%, varying from a low of .15%, which was experienced during the quarter ended September 30, 2005, to a high of 2.15%. Since the second quarter of 2004, the differential between short-term and long-term benchmark interest rates has narrowed significantly (i.e., a flattening of the yield curve). In addition to the rising short-term interest rate environment, this trend has, and is expected to continue to, negatively impact the Company's net interest income, interest rate spread and net interest margin, key determinants of the Company's net income.

The following table presents the quarterly average of certain benchmark interest rates over the last five quarters:

Quarter Ended	30 Day LIBOR	6 Month LIBOR	12 Month LIBOR	1 Year CMT (1)	2 Year Treasury	10 Year Treasury
September 30, 2005	3.60%	3.97%	4.18%	3.79%	3.94%	4.20%
June 30, 2005	3.11	3.50	3.76	3.34	3.63	4.15
March 31, 2005	2.64	3.08	3.43	3.07	3.44	4.30
December 31, 2004	2.14	2.48	2.76	2.47	2.81	4.17
September 30, 2004	1.60	1.97	2.33	2.08	2.53	4.29

(1) CMT – constant maturity treasury.

The operating results of the Company depend, to a great extent, upon its ability to effectively manage its interest rate and prepayment risks while maintaining its status as a REIT. The Company also has risks inherent in its other assets, comprised primarily of interests in multi-family apartment properties, Non-Agency MBS rated below AAA and derivative financial instruments. Although these assets represent a small portion of the Company's total assets, less than 1.0% of the Company's total assets at September 30, 2005, such assets, nonetheless, have the potential of materially impacting the Company's operating performance in future periods.

The Company, through wholly-owned subsidiaries, currently provides investment advisory services to third-party investors with respect to their MBS portfolio investments. Commencing in June 2005, MFA Spartan II, LLC ("Spartan II"), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, began to act as investment advisor in connection with Adjustable Rate MBS Trust (TSX:ADJ.UN), a newly-formed Canadian investment trust (the "Canadian Fund"). In June and July of 2005, the Canadian Fund completed its initial public offering of 5,360,000 trust units, including units sold upon exercise of the underwriters' over-allotment option, raising an aggregate of CDN\$134 million (US\$102 million) in Canada. The Canadian Fund obtains exposure to the performance of a portfolio primarily consisting of adjustable rate and hybrid MBS issued or guaranteed by an agency of the U.S. Government, such as Ginnie Mae, or a federally chartered corporation, such as Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac, and other MBS rated "AAA." In addition, the Company, through Spartan I, continues to provide third-party advisory services as a sub-advisor to AFAI with respect to AFAI's acquisition and disposition of MBS and the maintenance of AFAI's MBS portfolio. The Company earned aggregate fees of \$161,000 and \$193,000 related to such businesses during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005, respectively. The investment advisory services being provided to the Canadian Fund are expected to increase the Company's advisory income over time; however, the amount of which is not currently expected to have a material impact to the Company.

The Company continues to explore alternative business strategies, investments and financing sources and other strategic initiatives, including, among other things, the acquisition and securitization of ARMs, the expansion of third-party advisory services, and the creation and/or acquisition of a third-party asset management business to complement the Company's core business strategy of investing, on a leveraged basis, in high quality ARM-MBS.

No assurance, however, can be provided that any such strategic initiatives will or will not be implemented in the future or, if undertaken, that any such strategic initiatives will favorably impact the Company.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The overall decrease in net income available to common stockholders reflects the decrease in the Company's net interest spread and margin as a result of rising short-term interest rates. As a result, the Company's cost of borrowings has increased more rapidly than has the yield on its MBS portfolio. In addition, during this rising interest rate cycle, the differential between long and short-term market interest rates has narrowed, producing a relatively flat yield curve. The Company believes that when the yield curve is relatively flat, borrowers have an incentive to refinance into hybrid mortgages with longer initial fixed rate periods and fixed rate products. Further, the acceleration in refinancing activity has been facilitated by the availability of alternative mortgage products, an efficient refinancing market and a cycle of rising property values that has promoted cash out refinancing. Elevated refinancing activity results in higher mortgage prepayments, as reflected by the higher CPR experienced on the MBS portfolio, causing amortization of purchase premiums on the MBS portfolio to accelerate. The impact of such market conditions on each component of the Company's net interest income is further detailed below for the periods presented.

Three Month Period Ended September 30, 2005 Compared to the Three Month Period Ended September 30, 2004

Net income decreased to \$6.3 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2005 compared to net income of \$18.6 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2004, or a decrease of 66.4%, while net income available to common stockholders (which is after dividends declared on preferred stock) decreased to \$4.2 million from \$17.6 million, or 75.9%. Basic and diluted earnings per common share decreased to \$0.05 for the quarter ended September 30, 2005, from \$0.22 per share for the quarter ended September 30, 2004.

Interest income for the third quarter of 2005 increased by \$15.1 million, or 35.6%, to \$57.5 million compared to \$42.4 million earned during the third quarter of 2004. This increase in interest income primarily reflects growth in the Company's average MBS portfolio, which was funded through the investment, on a leveraged basis, of equity capital raised during 2004 and the first quarter of 2005. The Company's average investment in MBS (excluding changes in the estimated fair value) increased by \$1.183 billion, or 21.0%, to \$6.806 billion for the third quarter of 2005 from \$5.623 billion for the third quarter of 2004. In addition, the net yield on the MBS portfolio increased to 3.31% for the third quarter of 2005, from 3.00% for the third quarter for 2004. This increase primarily reflects an increase in the gross yield (i.e., stated coupon) on the MBS portfolio of 44 basis points to 4.55% for the third quarter of 2005 from 4.11% for the third quarter of 2004 which was partially offset by an 11 basis point increase in the cost of net premium amortization to 105 basis points, compared to 94 basis points for the third quarter of 2004. The increase in the cost of premium amortization reflects the increase in the CPR to 34.9% for the third quarter of 2005 from 29.0% CPR for the third quarter of 2004. The CPR experienced on the Company's MBS has trended upward since April 2005.

The following table presents the components of the net yield earned on the Company's MBS portfolio for the quarterly periods presented:

Quarter Ended	Stated Coupon	Cost of Premium	Net Premium Amortization	Cost of Delay for Principal Receivable	Net Yield
September 30, 2005	4.55%	(0.10)%	(1.05)%	(0.09)%	3.31%
June 30, 2005	4.48	(0.09)	(0.86)	(0.08)	3.45
March 31, 2005	4.36	(0.09)	(0.70)	(0.06)	3.51
December 31, 2004	4.25	(0.09)	(0.78)	(0.07)	3.31
September 30, 2004	4.11	(0.09)	(0.94)	(0.08)	3.00

The following table presents the CPR experienced on the Company's MBS portfolio, on an annualized basis, for the quarterly periods presented:

Quarter Ended	CPR
September 30, 2005	34.9%
June 30, 2005	29.1
March 31, 2005	24.1
December 31, 2004	26.0
September 30, 2004	29.0

Interest income from short-term cash investments (i.e., money market/sweep accounts) increased by \$930,000 to \$1.1 million for the third quarter of 2005 from \$205,000 for the third quarter of 2004. The Company's average cash investments earned an average yield of 3.31% for the third quarter of 2005, compared to 1.40% for the third quarter of 2004, reflecting the increase in short-term interest rates, while the average invested in such assets increased by \$78.3 million, to \$136.3 million for the third quarter of 2005 compared to \$58.0 million for the third quarter of 2004. In general, the Company manages its cash investments to meet the needs of its investing, financing and operating requirements.

The following table provides quarterly information regarding the Company's average balances, interest income, interest expense, yield on assets, cost of funds and net interest income for the quarterly periods presented.

For the Quarter Ended	Average Amortized Cost of MBS (1)	Interest Income on MBS	Average Cash and Cash Equivalents	Total Interest Income	Yield on Average Interest- Earning Assets	Average Balance of Repurchase Agreements	Interest Expense	Average Cost of Funds	Net Interest Income
<i>(Dollars in Thousands)</i>									
September 30, 2005	\$ 6,806,005	\$ 56,396	\$ 136,274	\$ 57,531	3.31%	\$ 6,150,582	\$ 49,060	3.16%	\$ 8,471
June 30, 2005	7,035,784	60,752	57,180	61,142	3.45	6,312,122	46,508	2.96	14,634
March 31, 2005	6,945,280	60,942	57,935	61,239	3.50	6,234,969	39,766	2.59	21,473
December 31, 2004	6,531,922	54,003	51,189	54,267	3.30	5,849,657	31,836	2.17	22,431
September 30, 2004	5,622,860	42,210	57,972	42,415	2.99	5,000,688	21,959	1.75	20,456

(1) Does not reflect unrealized gains and losses.

Interest expense for the third quarter of 2005 increased by 1.23x to \$49.1 million, from \$22.0 million for the third quarter of 2004. The Company's average repurchase agreements increased by \$1.150 billion, or 23.0%, to \$6.151 billion for the third quarter of 2005, from \$5.001 billion for the third quarter of 2004. The increase in borrowings reflects the leveraging of additional equity capital raised during 2004 and the first quarter of 2005. The Company's cost of borrowings increased to 3.16% for the third quarter of 2005, compared to 1.75% for the third quarter of 2004, reflecting the increase in short-term market interest rates. The cost of the Company's Hedging Instruments decreased to \$120,000, or one basis point, from \$881,000, or seven basis points, for the third quarter of 2004. The Company's Hedging Instruments result in additional interest expense or a reduction to interest expense depending on the rates specified in such instruments relative to each instrument's benchmark market rate. (See Notes 2j and 5 to the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements, included under Item 1.) The Company expects that the recent and anticipated increases in short-term market interest rates will cause the Company's cost of funding to continue to increase during the remainder of 2005.

For the quarter ended September 30, 2005, the Company's net interest income decreased by \$12.0 million, to \$8.5 million, from \$20.5 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2004. The Company's net interest spread and net interest margin decreased to 0.15% and 0.51%, respectively, for the quarter ended September 30, 2005, compared to 1.24% and 1.45%, respectively, for the quarter ended September 30, 2004.

For the quarter ended September 30, 2005, other income of \$1.2 million was primarily comprised of revenue from operations of real estate. Net of real estate related expenses, the Company's real estate investments generated net losses of \$86,000 and \$134,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2005 and September 30, 2004, respectively. The Company does not anticipate that the net result from operations of its real estate investments will have a significant impact on the future results of the Company. (See Note 6 to the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements, included under Item 1.) For the third quarter of 2005, the Company realized a net gain of \$10,000 on the sale of MBS, compared to a net gain of \$371,000 for the third quarter of 2004. The Company may

sell securities as part of its overall management of the MBS portfolio. Commencing in June 2005, Spartan II began to act as investment advisor in connection with the Canadian Fund. The Company expects its revenue from advisory services to increase over time as a result of managing the Canadian Fund. For the third quarter of 2005, the Company earned \$161,000 for advisory services, compared to \$15,000 for the third quarter of 2004, which is included in miscellaneous other income, net.

For the third quarter of 2005, the Company incurred operating and other expense of \$3.4 million, which includes an aggregate of \$1.2 million of operating expenses and mortgage interest for its three real estate investments. The Company's core operating expenses, comprised of costs for compensation and benefits and other general and administrative items, were \$2.2 million for the third quarter of 2005, or 0.13% of average assets, compared to \$2.1 million, or 0.14% of average assets, for the third quarter of 2004. Other general and administrative expense, are comprised primarily of fees for professional services, including legal and accounting fees, the cost of complying with the provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as amended, corporate insurance, office rent, Board fees and miscellaneous other operating overhead. In connection with the Company's asset growth and increase in personnel during the past two years, the Company leased additional office space in New York, New York during the first quarter of 2005.

Nine-Month Period Ended September 30, 2005 Compared to the Nine-Month Period Ended September 30, 2004

Net income decreased to \$37.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 compared to net income of \$58.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2004, while net income available to common stockholders decreased to \$31.2 million from \$56.4 million, or 44.7%. Basic and diluted earnings per common share decreased to \$0.38 for the nine months ended September 30, 2005, from \$0.76 per basic and diluted share for the nine months ended September 30, 2004.

Interest income for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 increased by \$58.4 million, or 48.1%, to \$179.9 million compared to \$121.5 million for the first nine months in 2004. This increase in interest income primarily reflects growth in the Company's average MBS portfolio, which was funded through the investment, on a leveraged basis, of equity capital raised during 2004 and the first quarter of 2005. Excluding the impact of fair value adjustments, the Company's average investment in MBS increased by \$1.577 billion, or 29.5%, to \$6.929 billion for the first nine months of 2005 from \$5.351 billion for the first nine months of 2004. In addition, the net yield on the MBS portfolio increased to 3.43% for the first nine months of 2005 from 3.01% for the first nine months of 2004. The increase to the net yield on MBS primarily reflects the increase in the gross yield on the MBS portfolio of 36 basis points to 4.47% for the first nine months of 2005 from 4.11% for the first nine months of 2004. The cost of premium amortization on the Company's MBS, was 87 basis points for the first nine months of 2005 compared to 93 basis points for the comparable 2004 period. The Company experienced a CPR for the first nine months ended September 30, 2005 of 29.4% and had an average purchase premium of 2.17%, compared to a CPR of 28.3% and an average purchase premium of 2.31% for the nine months ended September 30, 2004.

Interest income from short-term cash investments (i.e., money market/sweep accounts) increased by \$1.3 million to \$1.8 million for the first nine months of 2005 from \$543,000 for the first nine months of 2004. The Company's average cash investments earned an average yield of 2.90% for the first nine months of 2005, compared to 0.93% for first nine months of 2004, reflecting the market increase in short-term interest rates, while the average in such assets increased by \$6.3 million, to \$84.1 million for the first nine months of 2005 compared to \$77.7 million for the first nine months of 2004. In general, the Company manages its cash investments to meet the needs of its investing, financing and operating requirements.

Interest expense for the first nine months of 2005 increased by 1.4x to \$135.3 million, from \$57.1 million for the first nine months of 2004, while the average balance of repurchase agreements for the first nine months of 2005 increased by 29.6% to \$6.232 billion, from \$4.809 billion for the first nine months of 2004. The increase in borrowings reflects the leveraging of additional equity capital raised during 2004 and the first quarter of 2005. The Company's cost of borrowings increased to 2.90% for the first nine months of 2005, compared to 1.58% for the first nine months of 2004; primarily reflecting the increase in short-term market interest rates. The cost of the Company's Hedging Instruments decreased to \$1.7 million, which increased the cost of funds by four basis points for the first nine months of 2005, from \$1.9 million, or five basis points, for the first nine months of 2004. (See

Notes 2j and 5 to the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements, included under Item 1.) In general, the Company's interest-bearing liabilities tend to reprice faster than the Company's interest-earning assets.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2005, the Company's net interest income decreased by \$19.9 million, to \$44.6 million, from \$64.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2004, reflecting growth in the Company's MBS portfolio and repurchase agreements, the impact of the increase in interest rates, along with the flattening of the yield curve. The Company's net interest spread and net interest margin decreased to 0.52% and 0.84%, respectively, for the nine months ended September 30, 2005, compared to 1.40% and 1.58%, respectively, for the first nine months of 2004.

Other income decreased by \$356,000, primarily reflecting a decrease in the gain on sale of MBS. For the first nine months of 2005, the Company realized a net gain on sale of MBS of \$10,000, compared to a net gain on sale of MBS of \$371,000 for the first nine months of 2004. In connection with managing the portfolio, the Company may, from time to time, sell MBS. Such sales may result in the Company realizing gains or losses, the timing and amount of which cannot be predicted. Revenue from operations of the Company's three real estate investments less operating expenses and mortgage interest resulted in net losses of \$246,000 and \$361,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 and September 30, 2004, respectively. The Company has reduced its investments in real estate over time, such that the operations of its remaining three real estate investments are not expected to have a significant impact on the future results of the operations of the Company. Commencing in June 2005, Spartan II began to act as investment advisor in connection with the Canadian Fund. The Company expects its revenue from advisory services to increase over time as a result of managing the Canadian Fund. Included in miscellaneous other income, net for the first nine months of 2005 was advisory income of \$193,000, compared to \$50,000 for the first nine months of 2004.

During the first nine months of 2005, the Company incurred operating and other expense of \$10.5 million, which includes an aggregate of \$3.4 million for real estate operating expenses and mortgage interest related to its three real estate investments. (See Note 6 to the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements, included under Item 1.) The Company's core operating expenses, comprised of costs for compensation and benefits and other general and administrative items, were \$7.2 million for the first nine months of 2005, or 0.14% of average assets on an annualized basis, compared to \$6.4 million, or 0.16% of average assets on an annualized basis, for the first nine months of 2004. The increase in compensation and benefits primarily reflects increases in compensation rates and the cost of additional hires made during the latter part of 2004 and into 2005 to meet the needs of the Company as it continues to grow. Other general and administrative expense, which were \$2.8 million for the first nine months of 2005 compared to \$2.2 million for the first nine months of 2004, are comprised primarily of fees for professional services, including legal and accounting fees, the cost of complying with the provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as amended, corporate insurance, office rent, Board fees and miscellaneous other operating overhead.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

The Company's principal sources of liquidity consist of borrowings under repurchase agreements, principal payments received on its portfolio of MBS, cash flows generated by operations and proceeds from capital market transactions. The Company's most significant uses of cash include purchases of MBS and dividend payments on its capital stock. In addition, the Company also uses cash to fund operations, enter into hedging transactions and make such other investments that it considers appropriate.

Borrowings under repurchase agreements were \$5.741 billion at September 30, 2005 compared to \$6.113 billion at December 31, 2004. At September 30, 2005, repurchase agreements had a weighted average borrowing rate of 3.19%, on loan balances of between \$115.000 and \$129.0 million. The Company's repurchase agreements have interest rates that are typically based off of LIBOR. To date, the Company has not had any margin calls on its repurchase agreements that it was unable to satisfy with either cash or additional pledged collateral. In addition, at September 30, 2005, the Company held cash of \$132.8 million and had unpledged MBS with an estimated fair value of \$263.8 million.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2005, principal payments on MBS generated cash of \$1.982 billion and operations provided \$123.9 million. As part of its core investing activities, during the nine months ended September 30, 2005, the Company acquired \$1.674 billion of MBS, all of which were either Agency MBS or AAA rated. During the nine months ended September 30, 2005, the Company paid dividends on its common stock of

\$43.5 million and, on October 3, 2005, declared dividends on its common stock of \$4.1 million, which was paid on October 28, 2005 to stockholders of record on October 14, 2005. During the nine months ended September 30, 2005, the Company also declared and paid dividends on its preferred stock of \$6.1 million.

While the Company generally intends to hold its MBS as long-term investments, sales of MBS may occur in the course of managing MFA's portfolio, including managing interest rate risk and meeting liquidity needs. As such, all of the Company's MBS are designated as available-for-sale. The timing and impact of future sales of MBS, if any, cannot be predicted with certainty. During the nine months ended September 30, 2005 and September 30, 2004, the Company received cash proceeds from the sale of MBS of \$52.3 million and \$40.0 million, respectively. Such sales resulted in net gains of \$10,000 and \$371,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 and September 30, 2004, respectively.

The Company employs diverse capital raising strategy involving the issuance of both common and preferred stock. At September 30, 2005, the Company had an aggregate of \$252.8 million available under its two effective shelf registration statements on Form S-3. The Company may, as market conditions permit, issue additional shares of common stock and/or preferred stock pursuant to these registration statements. In addition, at September 30, 2005, the Company had approximately 9.5 million shares of common stock available under its DRSPS shelf registration statement on Form S-3 for issuance in connection with the DRSPS.

To the extent additional equity capital is raised, the Company currently anticipates using the net proceeds for general corporate purposes, including, among other things, the acquisition of additional MBS consistent with its investment policy and the repayment of its repurchase agreements. The Company may also consider acquiring other assets consistent with its investment strategies and operating policies. There can be no assurance, however, that the Company will be able to raise additional equity capital at any particular time or on any particular terms.

On August 11, 2005, the Company implemented the Repurchase Program to repurchase up to 4.0 million shares of its outstanding common stock. Subject to applicable securities laws, repurchases under the Repurchase Program will be made at times and in amounts as the Company deems appropriate. Repurchases of common stock will be made using the Company's available cash resources. The Repurchase Program may be suspended or discontinued by the Company at any time and without prior notice. During the quarter ended September 30, 2005, the Company used \$1.8 million, and was committed to use an additional \$239,000, to repurchase 322,600 shares of common stock at an average cost per share of \$6.27. At September 30, 2005, 3,677,400 shares of common stock remained authorized for repurchase.

In order to reduce interest rate risk exposure, the Company may enter into Hedging Instruments (i.e., derivative financial instruments), such as Caps and Swaps. The Company's Caps and Swaps are designated as cash-flow hedges against the Company's current and anticipated 30-day LIBOR term repurchase agreements. During the nine months ended September 30, 2005, the Company did not purchase any Caps and had \$200.0 million of Caps that expired. The Company's Caps, which had an aggregate notional amount of \$360.0 million at September 30, 2005, will generate future cash payments to the Company if interest rates were to increase beyond the rate specified in any of the individual Caps. During the nine months ended September 30, 2005, the Company received payments of \$52,000 related to its Caps. At September 30, 2005, the Company had Swaps with an aggregate notional amount of \$265.0 million, with maturities extending through February 2, 2007. Pursuant to the Swaps outstanding at September 30, 2005, the Company was required to pay a weighted average fixed rate of 3.33% and receive a variable rate based on 30-day LIBOR. (See Note 5 to the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements, included under Item 1.)

Under its repurchase agreements, the Company may be required to pledge additional assets to its repurchase agreement counterparties (i.e., lenders) in the event the estimated fair value of the existing pledged collateral under such agreements declines and such lenders demand additional collateral (a "margin call"), which may take the form of additional securities or cash. Specifically, margin calls result from a decline in the value of the Company's MBS collateralizing its repurchase agreements, generally due to changes in the estimated fair value of such MBS resulting from changes in market interest rates and other market factors and principal reduction of such MBS from scheduled amortization and prepayments on the mortgages securing such MBS. From time to time, the Company may have restricted cash which represents cash held on deposit as collateral with lenders and, at the time a repurchase agreement rolls (i.e., matures), generally will be applied against the outstanding balance of such repurchase agreement, thereby reducing the borrowing. The Company believes it has adequate financial resources to meet its obligations as they come due, including margin calls, and to fund dividends declared as well as to actively pursue its

investment strategies. Through September 30, 2005, the Company did not have any margin calls on its repurchase agreements that it was not able to satisfy with either cash or additional pledged collateral. However, should market interest rates and/or prepayment speeds on the mortgages underlying the Company's MBS suddenly increase, margin calls on the Company's repurchase agreements could result, causing an adverse change in the Company's liquidity position.

INFLATION

Substantially all of the Company's assets and liabilities are financial in nature. As a result, changes in interest rates and other factors impact the Company's performance far more than does inflation. The Company's financial statements are prepared in accordance with GAAP and its dividends are based upon net income as calculated for tax purposes; in each case, the Company's results of operations and reported assets, liabilities and equity are measured with reference to historical cost or estimated fair value without considering inflation.

OTHER MATTERS

The Company intends to conduct its business so as to maintain its exempt status under, and not to become regulated as an investment company for purposes of, the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Investment Company Act"). If the Company failed to maintain its exempt status under the Investment Company Act and became regulated as an investment company, the Company's ability to, among other things, use leverage would be substantially reduced and, as a result, the Company would be unable to conduct its business as described in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004 and this quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2005. The Investment Company Act exempts entities that are "primarily engaged in the business of purchasing or otherwise acquiring mortgages and other liens on and interests in real estate" ("Qualifying Interests"). Under the current interpretation of the staff of the SEC, in order to qualify for this exemption, the Company must maintain (i) at least 55% of its assets in Qualifying Interests (the "55% Test") and (ii) at least 80% of its assets in real estate related assets (including Qualifying Interests) (the "80% Test"). MBS that do not represent all of the certificates issued (i.e., an undivided interest) with respect to the entire pool of mortgages (i.e., a whole pool) underlying such MBS may be treated as securities separate from such underlying mortgage loans and, thus, may not be considered Qualifying Interests for purposes of the 55% Test; however, such MBS would be considered real estate related assets for purposes of the 80% Test. Therefore, for purposes of the 55% Test, the Company's ownership of these types of MBS is limited by the provisions of the Investment Company Act. In meeting the 55% Test, the Company treats as Qualifying Interests those MBS issued with respect to an underlying pool as to which it owns all of the issued certificates. If the SEC or its staff were to adopt a contrary interpretation, the Company could be required to sell a substantial amount of its MBS under potentially adverse market conditions. Further, in order to insure that it at all times qualifies for this exemption from the Investment Company Act, the Company may be precluded from acquiring MBS whose yield is higher than the yield on MBS that could be otherwise purchased in a manner consistent with this exemption. Accordingly, the Company monitors its compliance with both of the 55% Test and the 80% Test in order to maintain its exempt status under the Investment Company Act. As of September 30, 2005, the Company had determined that it was in and had maintained compliance with both of the 55% Test and the 80% Test.

FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

When used in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q, in future filings with the SEC or in press releases or other written or oral communications, statements which are not historical in nature, including those containing words such as "anticipate," "estimate," "should," "expect," "believe," "intend" and similar expressions, are intended to identify "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the 1933 Act and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ("1934 Act"), and, as such, may involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and assumptions.

These forward-looking statements are subject to various risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to, those relating to: changes in interest rates and the market value of the Company's MBS; changes in the prepayment

rates on the mortgage loans collateralizing the Company's MBS; the Company's ability to use borrowings to finance its assets; changes in government regulations affecting the Company's business; the Company's ability to maintain its qualification as a REIT for income tax purposes; and risks associated with investing in real estate, including changes in business conditions and the general economy. These and other risks, uncertainties and factors, including those described in reports that the Company files from time to time with the SEC, could cause the Company's actual results to differ materially from those projected in any forward-looking statements it makes. All forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made and the Company does not undertake, and specifically disclaims, any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances occurring after the date of such statements.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

The Company seeks to manage the interest rate, market value, liquidity, prepayment and credit risks inherent in all financial institutions in a prudent manner designed to insure the longevity of the Company while, at the same time, seeking to provide an opportunity to stockholders to realize attractive total rates of return through stock ownership of the Company. While the Company does not seek to avoid risk, it does seek to assume risk that can be quantified from historical experience, to actively manage such risk, to earn sufficient returns to justify the taking of such risks and to maintain capital levels consistent with the risks it does undertake.

INTEREST RATE RISK

The Company primarily invests in ARM-MBS, which include hybrid MBS, that have interest rates that are fixed for a specified period and, thereafter, generally reset annually. The Company expects that over time its ARM-MBS will experience higher prepayment rates than would fixed-rate MBS. This is based on the assumption that homeowners with adjustable-rate and hybrid mortgages are generally self-selected borrowers and are expected to exhibit more rapid housing turnover levels or refinancing activity compared to fixed-rate borrowers. In addition, the Company believes that prepayments on ARM-MBS accelerate significantly as the coupon reset date approaches. Over the last consecutive eight quarters, ending with September 30, 2005, the CPR on the Company's MBS portfolio ranged from a low of 22.9% to a high of 34.9%, with an average quarterly CPR of 28.8%. The Company experienced a CPR of 34.9% for the quarter ended September 30, 2005.

The Company takes into account both anticipated coupon resets and expected prepayments when measuring sensitivity of its ARM-MBS portfolio to changes in interest rates. In measuring its assets-to-borrowings repricing gap (the "Repricing Gap"), the Company measures the difference between: (a) the weighted average months until coupon adjustment or projected prepayment on the ARM-MBS portfolio; and (b) the months remaining on its repurchase agreements applying the same projected prepayment rate (to the extent that prepayments are contractually permissible) and including the impact of Swaps. Assuming a 25% CPR, the weighted average term to repricing or assumed prepayment for the Company's ARM-MBS portfolio, as of September 30, 2005, was approximately 16 months and the average term remaining on the Company's repurchase agreements, including the impact of Swaps, was approximately six months, resulting in Repricing Gap of ten months. The CPR is applied in order to reflect, to a certain extent, the prepayment characteristics inherent in the Company's interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities. As of September 30, 2005, based on contractual terms (i.e., assuming no prepayments), the Company's ARM-MBS portfolio had a weighted average term to repricing of approximately 23 months and its repurchase agreements, including the impact of Swaps, had a weighted average term remaining of approximately six months, resulting in a Repricing Gap of approximately 17 months. Based on historical results, the Company believes that applying a 25% CPR assumption provides a reasonable approximation of the Repricing Gap for the Company's ARM-MBS portfolio over time.

The Company's financing obligations are generally in the form of repurchase agreements with remaining terms of two years or less. Upon contractual maturity or an interest-reset date, these borrowings are refinanced at then prevailing market rates.

The interest rates for most of the Company's adjustable-rate assets are primarily dependent on the one-year CMT rate or LIBOR, while its debt obligations, in the form of repurchase agreements, are generally priced off of LIBOR. While LIBOR and CMT generally move together, there can be no assurance that such movements will be

parallel, such that the magnitude of the movement of one index will match that of the other index. At September 30, 2005, the Company had 41.6% of its ARM-MBS portfolio repricing from the one-year CMT index, 53.3% repricing from the one-year LIBOR index, 3.8% repricing from the 12 month CMT moving average and 1.3% repricing from the 11th District Cost of Funds Index ("COFI").

The Company's adjustable-rate assets reset on various dates that are not matched to the reset dates on the Company's borrowings (i.e., repurchase agreements). In general, the repricing of the Company's debt obligations occurs more quickly than the repricing of its assets. Therefore, on average, the Company's cost of borrowings may rise or fall more quickly in response to changes in market interest rates than does the yield on its interest-earning assets.

The mismatch between repricings or maturities of assets and liabilities within a time period is commonly referred to as the "gap" for that period. A positive gap, where repricing of interest-rate sensitive assets exceeds the maturity of interest-rate sensitive liabilities, generally will result in the net interest margin increasing in a rising interest rate environment and decreasing in a falling interest rate environment. At September 30, 2005, the Company had a negative gap, which will generally have the opposite results on the net interest margin. As discussed above, the gap analysis is prepared assuming a CPR of 25%; however, actual prepayment speeds could vary significantly such assumptions. The gap analysis does not assess (i) the constraints on the repricing of ARM-MBS in a given period resulting from any interim or lifetime cap features imbedded in these securities, (ii) the behavior of various indexes applicable to the Company's assets and liabilities, (iii) the relative sensitivity of assets and liabilities to changes in interest rates or (iv) assets and liabilities that are not interest rate sensitive or the impact of the Company's Hedging Instruments.

The following table presents the Company's interest rate risk using the gap methodology applying a 25% CPR at September 30, 2005:

	At September 30, 2005					
	Less than 3 Months	Three Months to One Year	One Year to Two Years	Two Years to Year Three	Beyond Three Years	Total
<i>(In Thousands)</i>						
Interest-Earning Assets:						
Adjustable Rate - MBS	\$ 1,289,219	\$ 2,100,176	\$ 1,497,131	\$ 735,311	\$ 677,628	\$ 6,299,465
Fixed-Rate - MBS	--	--	--	--	6,789	6,789
Cash	132,834	--	--	--	--	132,834
Total interest-earning assets	\$ 1,422,053	\$ 2,100,176	\$ 1,497,131	\$ 735,311	\$ 684,417	\$ 6,439,088
Interest-Bearing Liabilities:						
Repurchase agreements	\$ 2,451,500	\$ 2,499,032	\$ 790,600	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 5,741,132
Mortgage loans	--	--	--	--	22,602	22,602
Total interest-bearing liabilities	\$ 2,451,500	\$ 2,499,032	\$ 790,600	\$ --	\$ 22,602	\$ 5,763,734
Gap before Hedging Instruments	\$ (1,029,447)	\$ (398,856)	\$ 706,531	\$ 735,311	\$ 661,815	\$ 675,354
Notional Amounts of Swaps	265,000	--	--	--	--	265,000
Cumulative Difference Between Interest-Earnings Assets and Interest Bearing Liabilities after Hedging Instruments	\$ (764,447)	\$ (1,163,303)	\$ (456,772)	\$ 278,539	\$ 940,354	

As part of its overall interest rate risk management strategy, the Company periodically uses Hedging Instruments to mitigate the impact of fluctuations in earnings and cash flows caused by interest rate volatility. The interest rate risk management strategy at times involves modifying the repricing characteristics of certain assets and liabilities utilizing derivatives. At September 30, 2005, the Company had Caps with an aggregate notional amount of \$360.0 million, of which \$310.0 million were active, and Swaps with a notional amount of \$265.0 million, all of which are active. The notional amount of the Swaps is presented in the table above, as it impacts the cost of a

portion of the Company's repurchase agreements. The notional amounts of the Company's Caps, which hedge against increases in interest rates on the Company's LIBOR-based repurchase agreements, are not considered in the gap analysis, as they do not effect the timing of the repricing of the instruments they hedge, but rather, to the extent of the notional amount, limit the amount of interest rate change that can occur relative to the hedged liability. In addition, the notional amounts of the Company's Hedging Instruments are not reflected in the Company's consolidated statements of financial condition. The Company's Caps, at the time of purchase, are intended to serve as a hedge against future interest rate increases on the Company's repurchase agreements, which are typically priced off of LIBOR.

MARKET VALUE RISK

Substantially all of the Company's MBS are designated as "available-for-sale" assets. As such, MBS are carried at their estimated fair value, with the difference between amortized cost and estimated fair value reflected in accumulated other comprehensive income or loss, a component of stockholders' equity. (See Note 11 to the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements, included under Item 1.) The estimated fair value of the Company's MBS fluctuate primarily due to changes in interest rates and other factors; however, given that at September 30, 2005, these securities were primarily Agency MBS or AAA rated MBS, such changes in the estimated fair value of the Company's MBS are generally not credit related. To a limited extent, the Company is exposed to credit-related market value risk as the Company. At September 30, 2005, the Company held Non-Agency MBS with an aggregate par value of approximately \$6.3 million (carrying value of \$6.0 million) that were rated below AAA, of which \$231,000 were non-rated. Generally, in a rising interest rate environment, the estimated fair value of the Company's MBS would be expected to decrease; conversely, in a decreasing interest rate environment, the estimated fair value of such MBS would be expected to increase. If the estimated fair value of the Company's MBS collateralizing its repurchase agreements decreases, the Company may receive margin calls from its repurchase agreement counterparties (i.e., lenders) for additional collateral or cash due to such decline. If such margin calls were not met, the lender could liquidate the securities collateralizing the Company's repurchase agreements with such lender, resulting in a loss to the Company. In such a scenario, the Company could apply a strategy of reducing borrowings and assets, by selling assets or not replacing securities as they amortize and/or prepay, thereby "shrinking the balance sheet." Such an action would likely reduce interest income, interest expense and net income, the extent of which would be dependent on the level of reduction in assets and liabilities as well as the sale price of the assets sold. Further, such a decrease in the Company's net interest income could negatively impact cash available for distributions, which in turn could reduce the market price of the Company's issued and outstanding common stock and preferred stock. If the Company were to sell, or make a decision to sell, MBS on which significant unrealized losses exist, there would be an adverse impact on the Company's results of operations. At September 30, 2005, the Company had unrealized losses of \$102.4 million and unrealized gains of \$1.9 million on its MBS portfolio.

LIQUIDITY RISK

The primary liquidity risk for the Company arises from financing long-maturity assets, which have interim and lifetime interest rate adjustment caps, with shorter-term borrowings in the form of repurchase agreements. Although the interest rate adjustments of these assets and liabilities are matched within the guidelines established by the Company's operating policies, maturities are not required to be, nor are they, matched.

The Company's assets which are pledged to secure repurchase agreements are high-quality, liquid assets. As a result, the Company has not had difficulty rolling over (i.e., renewing) these agreements as they mature. However, there can be no assurances that the Company will always be able to roll over its repurchase agreements. At September 30, 2005, the Company had cash and cash equivalents of \$132.8 million and unpledged securities of \$257.9 million available to meet margin calls on its repurchase agreements and for other corporate purposes. However, should market interest rates and/or prepayment speeds on the mortgage loans underlying the Company's MBS suddenly increase, margin calls on the Company's repurchase agreements could result, causing an adverse change in the Company's liquidity position.

PREPAYMENT AND REINVESTMENT RISK

As the Company receives repayments of principal on its MBS, premiums paid on such securities are amortized against interest income and discounts, other than credit related discounts, on MBS are accreted to interest income. Premiums arise when the Company acquires a MBS at a price in excess of the principal balance of the mortgages securing such MBS or the par value of such MBS if purchased at the original issue. Conversely, discounts arise when the Company acquires a MBS at a price below the principal balance of the mortgages securing such MBS, or the par value of such MBS, if purchased at the original issue. For financial accounting purposes, interest income is accrued based on the outstanding principal balance of the investment securities and their contractual terms. Purchase premiums on the Company's investment securities, currently comprised of MBS, are amortized against interest income over the lives of the securities using the effective yield method, adjusted for actual prepayment activity. In general, an increase in the prepayment rate, as measured by the CPR, will accelerate the amortization of purchase premiums, thereby reducing the yield/interest income earned on such assets.

For tax accounting purposes, the purchase premiums are amortized based on the constant effective yield at the purchase date. Therefore, on a tax basis, amortization of premiums will differ from those reported for financial purposes under GAAP. At September 30, 2005, the gross unamortized premium for ARM-MBS for financial accounting purposes was \$129.3 million (2.1% of the principal balance of MBS) while the gross unamortized premium for federal tax purposes was estimated at \$127.2 million.

In general, the Company believes that it will be able to reinvest proceeds from scheduled principal payments and prepayments at acceptable yields; however, no assurances can be given that, should significant prepayments occur, market conditions would be such that acceptable investments could be identified and the proceeds timely reinvested.

TABULAR PRESENTATION

The information presented in the following table projects the potential impact of sudden parallel changes in interest rates on net interest income and portfolio value, including the impact of Hedging Instruments, over the next twelve months based on the assets in the Company's investment portfolio on September 30, 2005. The Company acquires interest-rate sensitive assets and funds them with interest-rate sensitive liabilities. The Company generally plans to retain such assets and the associated interest rate risk to maturity. All changes in income and value are measured as percentage change from the projected net interest income and portfolio value at the base interest rate scenario.

Change in Interest Rates	Percentage Change in Net Interest Income	Percentage Change in Portfolio Value
+1.00%	(26.10%)	(1.60%)
+0.50%	(9.57%)	(0.71%)
-0.50%	26.27%	.52%
-1.00%	33.83%	.84%

Certain assumptions have been made in connection with the calculation of the information set forth in the above table and, as such, there can be no assurance that assumed events will occur or that other events will not occur that would affect the outcomes. The analysis presented utilizes assumptions and estimates based on management's judgment and experience. Furthermore, future sales, acquisitions and restructuring could materially change the Company's interest rate risk profile. It should be specifically noted that the information set forth in the above table and all related disclosure constitutes forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the 1933 Act and Section 21E of the 1934 Act. Actual results could differ significantly from those estimated in the table and changes in interest rates over any period could be greater than the changes in interest rates shown in the above table.

The table quantifies the potential changes in net interest income and portfolio value should interest rates immediately change ("Shock"). The table presents the estimated impact of interest rates instantaneously rising 50 and 100 basis points, and falling 50 and 100 basis points. The cash flows associated with the portfolio of MBS for each rate Shock are calculated based on assumptions, including, but not limited to, prepayment speeds, yield on future acquisitions, slope of the yield curve and size of the portfolio. Assumptions made on the interest-rate sensitive liabilities, which are assumed to be repurchase agreements, include anticipated interest rates, collateral requirements as a percent of the repurchase agreement, amount and term of borrowing.

The impact on portfolio value is approximated using the calculated effective duration (i.e., the price sensitivity to changes in interest rates) of 1.22 and effective convexity (i.e., approximates the change in duration relative to the change in interest rates) of (.76). Duration and convexity can change significantly over time, the timing and severity of which are primarily driven by changes and volatility in the interest rate environment. The impact on net interest income is driven mainly by the difference between portfolio yield and cost of funding of the Company's repurchase agreements, which includes the cost and/or benefit from Hedging Instruments that hedge such repurchase agreements. The Company's asset/liability structure is generally such that an increase in interest rates would be expected to result in a decrease in net interest income, as the Company's repurchase agreements are generally shorter term than the Company's interest-earning assets. When interest rates are Shocked, prepayment assumptions are adjusted based on management's expectations along with the results from the prepayment model. For example, under current market conditions, a 100 basis point increase in interest rates is estimated to result in a 6.54% decrease in the CPR of the MBS portfolio.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

A review and evaluation was performed by the Company's management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer (the "CEO") and Chief Financial Officer (the "CFO"), of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the 1934 Act) as of the end of the period covered by this quarterly report. Based on that review and evaluation, the CEO and CFO have concluded that the Company's current disclosure controls and procedures, as designed and implemented, were effective. There have been no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the quarter ended September 30, 2005 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, its internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

There are no material pending legal proceedings to which the Company is a party or any of its assets are subject.

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

The following table presents information regarding the shares of common stock repurchased under the Company's Repurchase Program during the three months ended September 30, 2005.

2005 Monthly Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Weighted Average Price Paid per Share ⁽¹⁾	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Repurchase Program ⁽²⁾	Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet be Purchased Under the Repurchase Program
August 11 through August 31	45,000	\$ 6.42	45,000	3,955,000
September 1 through September 30	277,600	6.25	277,600	3,677,400
Total	322,600	\$ 6.27	322,600	

(1) Includes brokerage commissions.

(2) On August 11, 2005, the Company publicly announced the implementation of the Repurchase Program to repurchase up to 4.0 million shares of its outstanding common stock.

Item 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K

(a) Exhibits

3.1 Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Registrant (incorporated herein by reference to Form 8-K dated April 10, 1998, filed by the Registrant pursuant to the 1934 Act (Commission File No. 1-13991)).

3.2 Articles of Amendment to the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Registrant, dated August 6, 2002 (incorporated herein by reference to Form 8-K, dated August 13, 2002, filed by the Registrant pursuant to the 1934 Act (Commission File No. 1-13991)).

3.3 Articles of Amendment to the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Registrant, dated August 16, 2002 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.3 of the Form 10-Q, for the quarter ended September 30, 2002, filed by the Registrant pursuant to the 1934 Act (Commission File No. 1-13991)).

3.4 Articles Supplementary of the Registrant, dated April 22, 2004, designating the Registrant's 8.50% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.4 of the Form 8-A, dated April 23, 2004, filed by the Registrant pursuant to the 1934 Act (Commission File No. 1-13991)).

3.5 Amended and Restated Bylaws of Registrant (incorporated herein by reference to Form 8-K dated August 13, 2002, filed by the Registrant pursuant to the 1934 Act (Commission File No. 1-13991)).

4.1 Specimen of Common Stock Certificate of the Registrant (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of the Registration Statement on Form S-4, dated February 12, 1998, filed by the Registrant pursuant to the 1933 Act (Commission File No. 333-46179)).

4.2 Specimen of Stock Certificate representing the 8.50% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock of the Registrant (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4 of the Form 8-A, dated April 23, 2004, filed by the Registrant pursuant to the 1934 Act (Commission File No. 1-13991)).

10.1 Employment Agreement of Stewart Zimmerman, dated September 25, 2003 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the Form 10-Q, dated September 30, 2003, filed by the Registrant pursuant to the 1934 Act (Commission File No. 1-13991)).

- 10.2** Employment Agreement of William S. Gorin, dated September 25, 2003 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 of the Form 10-Q, dated September 30, 2003, filed by the Registrant pursuant to the 1934 Act (Commission File No. 1-13991)).
- 10.3** Employment Agreement of Ronald A. Freyberg, dated March 30, 2004 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.3 of the Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2004, filed by the Registrant pursuant to the 1934 Act (Commission File No. 1-13991)).
- 10.4** Employment Agreement of Teresa D. Covello, dated November 1, 2003 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.4 of the Form 10-K, dated December 31, 2003, filed by the Registrant pursuant to the 1934 Act (Commission File No. 1-13991)).
- 10.5** Employment Agreement of Timothy W. Korth II, dated August 1, 2003 (incorporated herein by reference to the Form 8-K, dated August 7, 2003, filed by the Registrant pursuant to the 1934 Act (Commission File No. 1-13991)).
- 10.6** 2004 Equity Compensation Plan of the Company (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-3, dated July 21, 2004, filed by the Registrant pursuant to the 1933 Act (Commission File No. 333-106606)).
- 10.7** MFA Mortgage Investments, Inc. Senior Officers Deferred Compensation Plan, adopted December 19, 2002 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.7 of the Form 10-K, dated December 31, 2002, filed by the Registrant pursuant to the 1934 Act (Commission File No. 1-13991)).
- 10.8** MFA Mortgage Investments, Inc. 2003 Non-Employee Directors Deferred Compensation Plan, adopted December 19, 2002 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.8 of the Form 10-K, dated December 31, 2002, filed by the Registrant pursuant to the 1934 Act (Commission File No. 1-13991)).
- 10.9** Form of Incentive Stock Option Award Agreement relating to the Registrant's 2004 Equity Compensation Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.9 of the Form 10-Q, dated September 30, 2004, filed by the Registrant pursuant to the 1934 Act (Commission File No. 1-13991)).
- 10.10** Form of Non-Qualified Stock Option Award Agreement relating to the Registrant's 2004 Equity Compensation Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.10 of the Form 10-Q, dated September 30, 2004, filed by the Registrant pursuant to the 1934 Act (Commission File No. 1-13991)).
- 10.11** Form of Restricted Stock Award Agreement relating to the Registrant's 2004 Equity Compensation Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.11 of the Form 10-Q, dated September 30, 2004, filed by the Registrant pursuant to the 1934 Act (Commission File No. 1-13991)).
- 31.1** Certification of the Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 31.2** Certification of the Chief Financial Officer, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 32.1** Certification of the 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 the Chief Financial Officer, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements 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.

Date: November 1, 2005

MFA MORTGAGE INVESTMENTS, INC.

By: /s/ Stewart Zimmerman
Stewart Zimmerman
President and Chief Executive Officer

By: /s/ William S. Gorin
William S. Gorin
Executive Vice President
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

By: /s/ Teresa D. Covello
Teresa D. Covello
Senior Vice President
Chief Accounting Officer and Treasurer
(Principal Accounting Officer)

CERTIFICATIONS

I, Stewart Zimmerman, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of MFA Mortgage Investments, Inc. (the "Registrant");
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the Registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The Registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal controls over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the Registrant and have:
 - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the Registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the Registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the Registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The Registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the Registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the Registrant's board of directors:
 - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the Registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 1, 2005

/s/ Stewart Zimmerman

Name: Stewart Zimmerman
Title: Chief Executive Officer and President

CERTIFICATIONS

I, William S. Gorin, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of MFA Mortgage Investments, Inc. (the "Registrant");
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the Registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The Registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal controls over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the Registrant and have:
 - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the Registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the Registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the Registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The Registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the Registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the Registrant's board of directors:
 - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the Registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 1, 2005

/s/ William S. Gorin

Name: William S. Gorin
Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Certification of Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to Section 906 of The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

The undersigned, the Chief Executive Officer of MFA Mortgage Investments, Inc. (the "Company"), hereby certifies on the date hereof, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1350(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that the quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter period ended September 30, 2005 (the "Form 10-Q"), filed herewith by the Company, fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and that the information contained in the Form 10-Q fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

By: /s/ Stewart Zimmerman
Stewart Zimmerman
Title: Chief Executive Officer

Dated: November 1, 2005

Certification of Chief Financial Officer

Pursuant to Section 906 of The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

The undersigned, the Chief Financial Officer of MFA Mortgage Investments, Inc. (the "Company"), hereby certifies on the date hereof, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1350(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that the quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2005 (the "Form 10-Q"), filed herewith by the Company, fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and that the information contained in the Form 10-Q fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

By: /s/ William S. Gorin
William S. Gorin

Dated: November 1, 2005

Title: Chief Financial Officer
