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First Quarter Market Update

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Quarter Ended:	3/31/2019	12/31/2018	Q/Q	9/30/2018	Q/Q	6/30/2018	Q/Q	3/31/2018	Q/Q	12/31/2017	Q/Q
UST (%)[1]											
2Y UST	2.26	2.49	-0.23	2.82	-0.33	2.53	+0.29	2.27	+0.26	1.88	+0.39
5Y UST	2.23	2.51	-0.28	2.95	-0.44	2.74	+0.21	2.56	+0.18	2.21	+0.35
10Y UST	2.41	2.68	-0.28	3.06	-0.38	2.86	+0.20	2.74	+0.12	2.41	+0.33
30Y UST	2.81	3.01	-0.20	3.21	-0.19	2.99	+0.22	2.97	+0.02	2.74	+0.23
2Y10Y Spread	0.15	0.20	-0.05	0.24	-0.04	0.33	-0.09	0.47	-0.14	0.53	-0.05
US Dollar Swaps (%)[1]											
2Y SWAP	2.38	2.66	-0.27	2.99	-0.33	2.79	+0.20	2.58	+0.21	2.08	+0.50
5Y SWAP	2.29	2.57	-0.28	3.07	-0.50	2.89	+0.18	2.71	+0.18	2.24	+0.47
10Y SWAP	2.41	2.71	-0.30	3.12	-0.41	2.93	+0.19	2.79	+0.14	2.40	+0.39
LIBOR (%)[1]											
1mo	2.49	2.50	-0.01	2.26	+0.24	2.09	+0.17	1.88	+0.21	1.56	+0.32
3mo	2.60	2.81	-0.21	2.40	+0.41	2.34	+0.06	2.31	+0.03	1.69	+0.62
1mo3mo Spread	0.11	0.30	-0.19	0.14	+0.16	0.25	-0.11	0.43	-0.18	0.13	+0.30
Mortgage Rates (%)[2]											
15Y	3.78	4.25	-0.47	4.39	-0.14	4.22	+0.17	4.09	+0.13	3.64	+0.45
30Y	4.06	4.55	-0.49	4.72	-0.17	4.55	+0.17	4.44	+0.11	3.99	+0.45
FNMA Pass-Thrus[1]											
30Y 3.5	$101.39	$99.83	+$1.56	$98.39	+$1.44	$99.45	-$1.06	$100.20	-$0.75	$102.73	-$2.53
30Y 4.0	$102.86	$101.83	+$1.03	$100.95	+$0.88	$101.92	-$0.97	$102.61	-$0.69	$104.61	-$2.00
30Y 4.5	$104.17	$103.45	+$0.72	$103.14	+$0.31	$104.08	-$0.94	$104.70	-$0.62	$106.42	-$1.72
Libor-based OAS (bps)[3]											
FNMA 30Y 3.5 OAS	27.3	29.4	-2.1	22.0	7.4	21.5	0.5	23.8	-2.3	17.2	6.6
FNMA 30Y 4.0 OAS	31.1	30.4	0.7	28.2	2.2	26.9	1.3	28.3	-1.4	19.9	8.4
FNMA 30Y 4.5 OAS	46.9	50.1	-3.2	34.3	15.8	31.3	3.0	32.7	-1.4	15.4	17.3
Libor-based ZSpread (bps)[4]											
FNMA 30Y 3.5 ZSpread	76.4	74.1	2.3	58.3	15.8	62.7	-4.4	67.4	-4.7	65.5	1.9
FNMA 30Y 4.0 ZSpread	75.2	87.8	-12.6	73.1	14.7	75.8	-2.7	78.6	-2.8	67.7	10.9
FNMA 30Y 4.5 ZSpread	79.5	98.8	-19.3	81.0	17.8	78.1	2.9	79.0	-0.9	50.2	28.8

First Quarter Highlights[1]

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Overall Results	▪ Net income: \$15.4 million or \$0.52 per share ▪ Economic return[2]: 2.8% for the quarter or 11.7% annualized ▪ Core Earnings[3] of \$13.3 million or \$0.45 per share
Credit Strategy	▪ Credit gross income: \$16.5 million[4] or \$0.54 per share ▪ Long credit portfolio: \$1.195 billion[5][6], up slightly from previous quarter
Agency RMBS Strategy	▪ Agency gross income: \$5.4 million[4] or \$0.18 per share ▪ Long Agency portfolio: \$1.144 billion, a 17% increase from previous quarter
Equity & BVPS	▪ Total equity: \$592.4 million ▪ Book value per share: \$18.90 after dividends of \$0.41 declared on 2/13/2019 and \$0.14 declared on 3/11/2019
Dividends	▪ As of 3/11/2019 common stock dividends paid on a monthly basis, rather than quarterly ▪ Most recent dividend: \$0.14 per share, declared on 5/7/2019, payable on 6/25/2019 ▪ Annualized dividend yield of 9.3% based on the 5/6/2019 closing price of \$18.08
Leverage	▪ Debt-to-equity ratio: 3.39x[7] ○ Credit: 2.19x[8] ○ Agency: 8.77x[8] ▪ Recourse debt-to-equity ratio: 2.63x[9]
REIT Conversion	▪ Announced intention to be taxed as a REIT for tax year 2019 ▪ Completed conversion to a corporation under Delaware law and renamed Ellington Financial Inc.

Portfolio Summary as of March 31, 2019[1]

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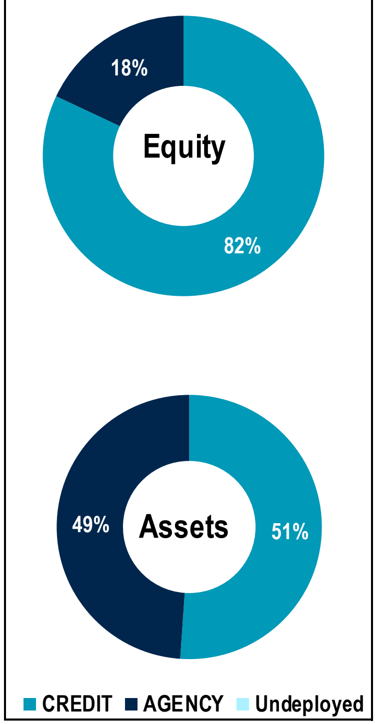
Diversified sources of return to perform across market cycles

Strategy	Allocated Equity	Fair Value ($K)	Average Price (%)[2][6]	WAVG Life[4][6]	WAVG Mkt Yield[5][6]
CREDIT					
CMBS and Commercial Mortgage Loans and REO[8][9]		$ 307,942	79.9	1.7	10.7%
Residential Mortgage Loans and REO[7][8]		307,298	99.1	3.0	6.1%
Consumer Loans and ABS		218,027	-[3]	0.8	8.6%
Non-Agency RMBS		130,372	69.7	4.3	6.0%
CLO[10]		98,497	89.5	5.8	17.4%
Non-Dollar MBS, ABS, CLO and Other[10][11]		94,481	73.5	7.9	8.2%
Investments in Loan Origination Entities		34,849	N/A	N/A	N/A
Corporate Debt and Equity		3,866	18.7	1.1	19.4%
Total - Credit	**82%**	**$ 1,195,332**	**84.3**	**3.0**	**9.0%**
AGENCY					
Fixed-Rate Specified Pools		$ 1,019,982	104.1	6.6	3.3%
Reverse Mortgage Pools		89,345	107.3	6.0	3.0%
IOs		25,428	N/A	3.6	6.6%
Floating-Rate Specified Pools		9,460	103.0	3.2	2.7%
Total - Agency	**18%**	**$ 1,144,215**	**104.4**	**6.5**	**3.3%**
Undeployed	**0%**				

Equity and Asset Allocation by Strategy



Debt-to-Equity Ratio by Strategy and Overall:

Credit: 2.19x[12]

Agency: 8.77x[12]

Overall: 3.39x[13]

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations (Unaudited)

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(In thousands, except per share data)	Three-Month Period Ended March 31, 2019
Net Interest Income	
Interest income	$ 36,016
Interest expense	(17,618)
Total net interest income	18,398
Other Income (Loss)	
Realized gains (losses) on securities and loans, net	(5,322)
Realized gains (losses) on financial derivatives, net	(11,570)
Realized gains (losses) on real estate owned, net	(58)
Unrealized gains (losses) on securities and loans, net	26,388
Unrealized gains (losses) on financial derivatives, net	(5,689)
Unrealized gains (losses) on real estate owned, net	(247)
Other, net	2,002
Total other income (loss)	5,504
EXPENSES	
Base management fee to affiliate (Net of fee rebates of $447)	1,722
Investment related expenses:	
Servicing expenses	2,393
Other	1,083
Professional fees	1,956
Compensation expense	1,072
Other expenses	985
Total expenses	9,211
Net Income (Loss) before Earnings from equity method investments	14,691
Earnings from investments in unconsolidated entities	1,797
Net Income (Loss)	16,488
Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Non-Controlling Interests	1,080
Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Common Stockholders	$ 15,408
Net Income (Loss) per Common Share:	
Basic and diluted	$ 0.52
Weighted average shares outstanding	29,748
Weighted average shares and convertible units outstanding	30,481
Expense Ratio[1]	3.09%

Operating Results by Strategy

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(In thousands, except per share amounts)	Three-Month Period Ended March 31, 2019	Per Share	% of Average Equity
Credit:			
Interest income and other income[1]	$ 29,409	$ 0.97	4.95%
Realized gain (loss), net	(4,299)	(0.14)	-0.72%
Unrealized gain (loss), net	11,713	0.38	1.97%
Interest rate hedges, net[2]	(822)	(0.03)	-0.14%
Credit hedges and other activities, net[3]	(6,556)	(0.22)	-1.10%
Interest expense[4]	(11,246)	(0.37)	-1.89%
Other investment related expenses	(3,476)	(0.11)	-0.59%
Earnings from investments in unconsolidated entities	1,797	0.06	0.30%
Total Credit profit (loss)	16,520	0.54	2.78%
Agency RMBS:			
Interest income	7,562	0.25	1.27%
Realized gain (loss), net	(967)	(0.03)	-0.16%
Unrealized gain (loss), net	14,227	0.47	2.39%
Interest rate hedges and other activities, net[2]	(9,484)	(0.31)	-1.59%
Interest expense	(5,981)	(0.20)	-1.01%
Total Agency RMBS profit (loss)	5,357	0.18	0.90%
Total Credit and Agency RMBS profit (loss)	21,877	0.72	3.68%
Other interest income (expense), net	346	0.01	0.06%
Other expenses	(5,735)	(0.19)	-0.97%
Net income (loss) (before incentive fee)	16,488	0.54	2.77%
Incentive fee	-	-	-
Net Income (loss)	$ 16,488	$ 0.54	2.77%
Less: Net income (loss) attributable to non-controlling interests	1,080		
Net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders[5]	**$ 15,408**	**$ 0.52**	**2.73%**
Weighted average shares and convertible units [6] outstanding	30,481		
Average equity (includes non-controlling interests)[7]	$ 594,206		
Weighted average shares outstanding[8]	29,748		
Average stockholders' equity (excludes non-controlling interests)[7]	$ 563,492		

Long Credit Portfolio

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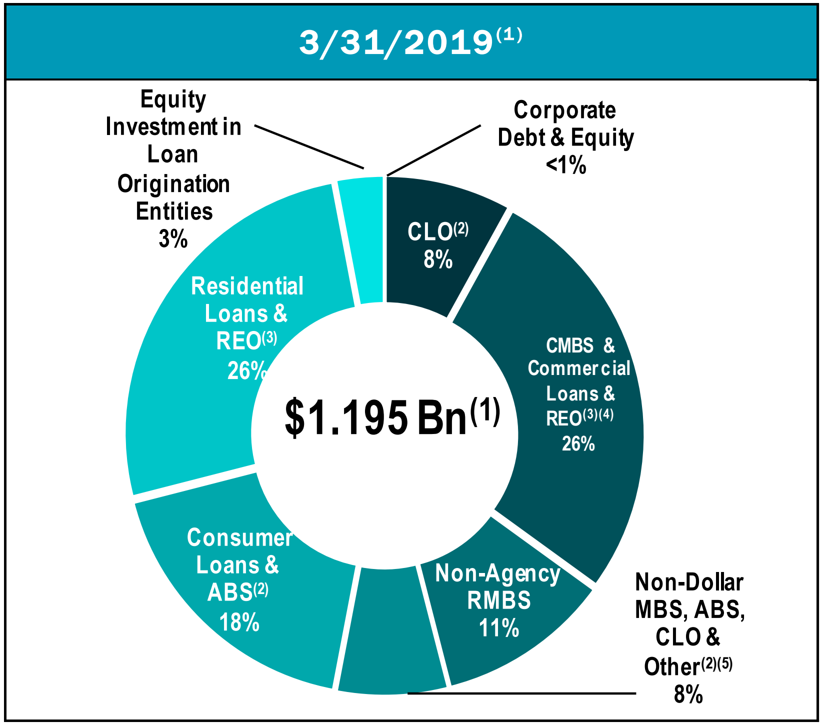

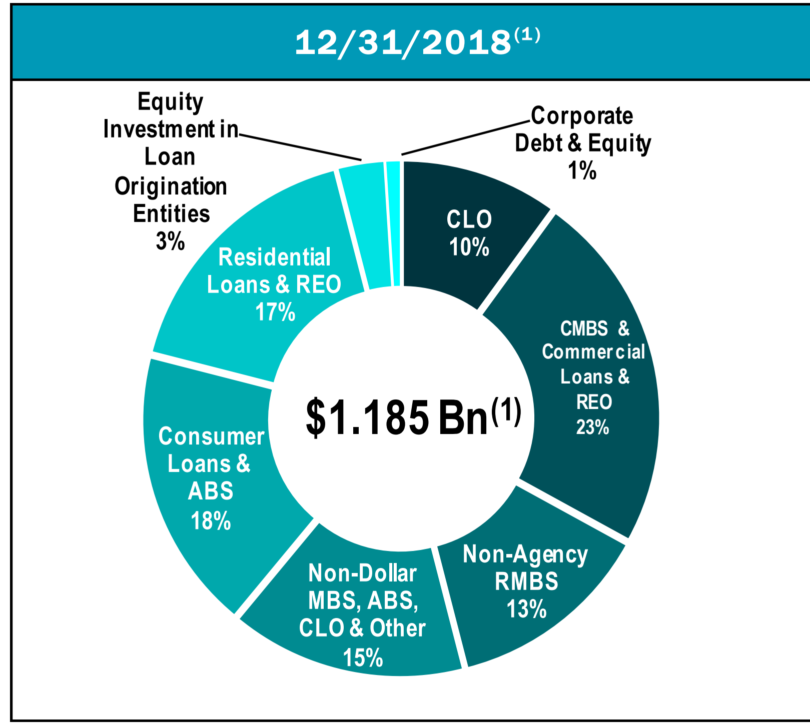

- Long credit portfolio was up slightly quarter over quarter as we continued rotating capital to REIT-qualifying assets
  - Residential Loans & REO, and CMBS & Commercial Loans & REO grew
  - CLO and non-dollar-denominated investments shrank

Note: These charts exclude non-retained tranches of the Company's consolidated non-QM securitization trusts

Long Agency Portfolio

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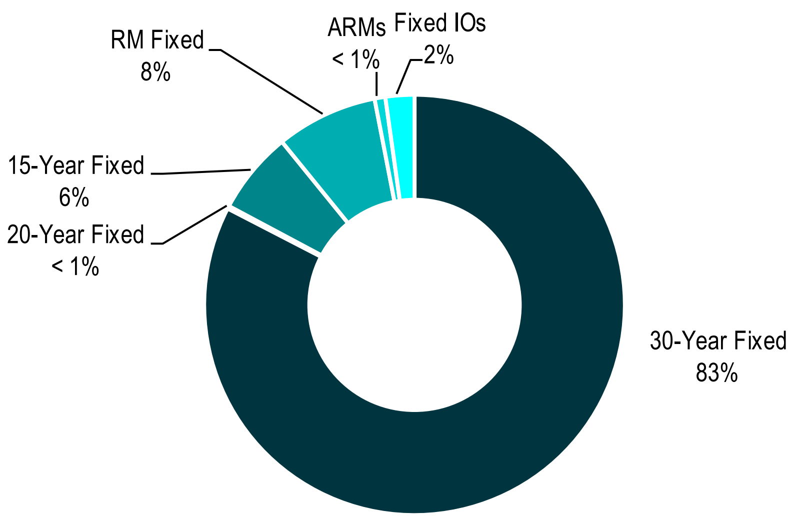
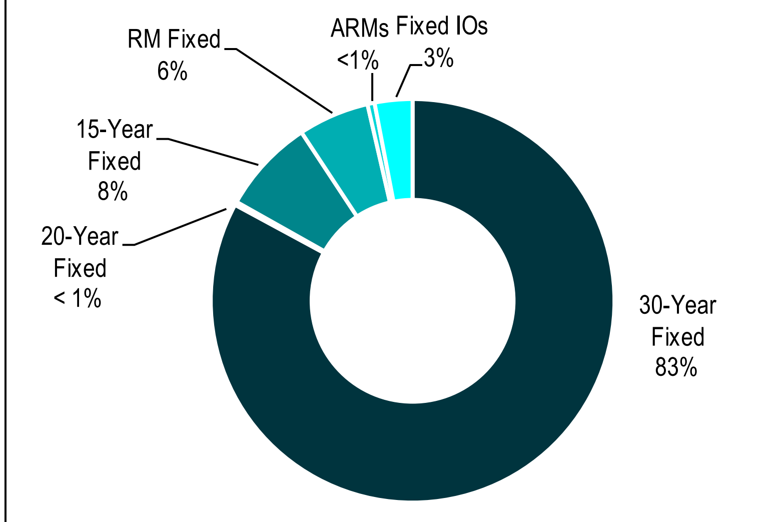
Agency Long Portfolio
As of 3/31/2019: $1,144.2MM[1]



Category	Fair Value[1]	Wtd. Avg. Coupon[2]
30-Year Fixed	$ 945.0	4.20
20-Year Fixed	2.4	4.20
15-Year Fixed	72.6	3.48
RM Fixed	89.3	4.40
Subtotal - Fixed	**1,109.4**	**4.17**
ARMs	9.5	
Fixed IOs	25.4	
Total	**$ 1,144.2**	

Agency Long Portfolio
As of 12/31/2018: $975.4MM[1]



Category	Fair Value[1]	Wtd. Avg. Coupon[2]
30-Year Fixed	$ 808.5	4.21
20-Year Fixed	2.5	4.20
15-Year Fixed	73.9	3.48
RM Fixed	55.5	4.58
Subtotal - Fixed	**940.3**	**4.17**
ARMs	5.5	
Fixed IOs	29.5	
Total	**$ 975.4**	

- **Portfolio increased 17% quarter over quarter as we continued rotating capital to REIT-qualifying assets**

Summary of Borrowings

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($ in thousands)

Collateral Type	As of 3/31/2019 Outstanding Borrowings	As of 3/31/2019 Average Borrowing Rate	For the Quarter Ended 3/31/2019 Average Borrowings	For the Quarter Ended 3/31/2019 Average Cost of Funds
Credit[1]	$978,683	4.18%	$966,679	4.25%
Agency RMBS	941,266	2.71%	893,987	2.74%
Subtotal	**$1,919,949**	**3.46%**	**$1,860,666**	**3.52%**
U.S. Treasury Securities	29,507	2.54%	9,835	2.43%
Subtotal	**$1,949,455**	**3.45%**	**$1,870,501**	**3.52%**
Senior Notes, at par	86,000	5.80%	86,000	5.69%
Total	**$2,035,455**	**3.55%**	**$1,956,501**	**3.50%**

Recourse and Non-Recourse Leverage Summary[2] As of 3/31/2019			
Recourse Borrowings	$1,546,896	**Recourse Debt-to-Equity Ratio[3]**	**2.63:1**
Non-Recourse Borrowings	$488,559		
Total Borrowings	**$2,035,455**	**Total Debt-to-Equity Ratio**	**3.44:1**
Total Equity	$592,434	*Excluding U.S. Treasury Securities*	*3.39:1*

Diversified Credit Portfolio

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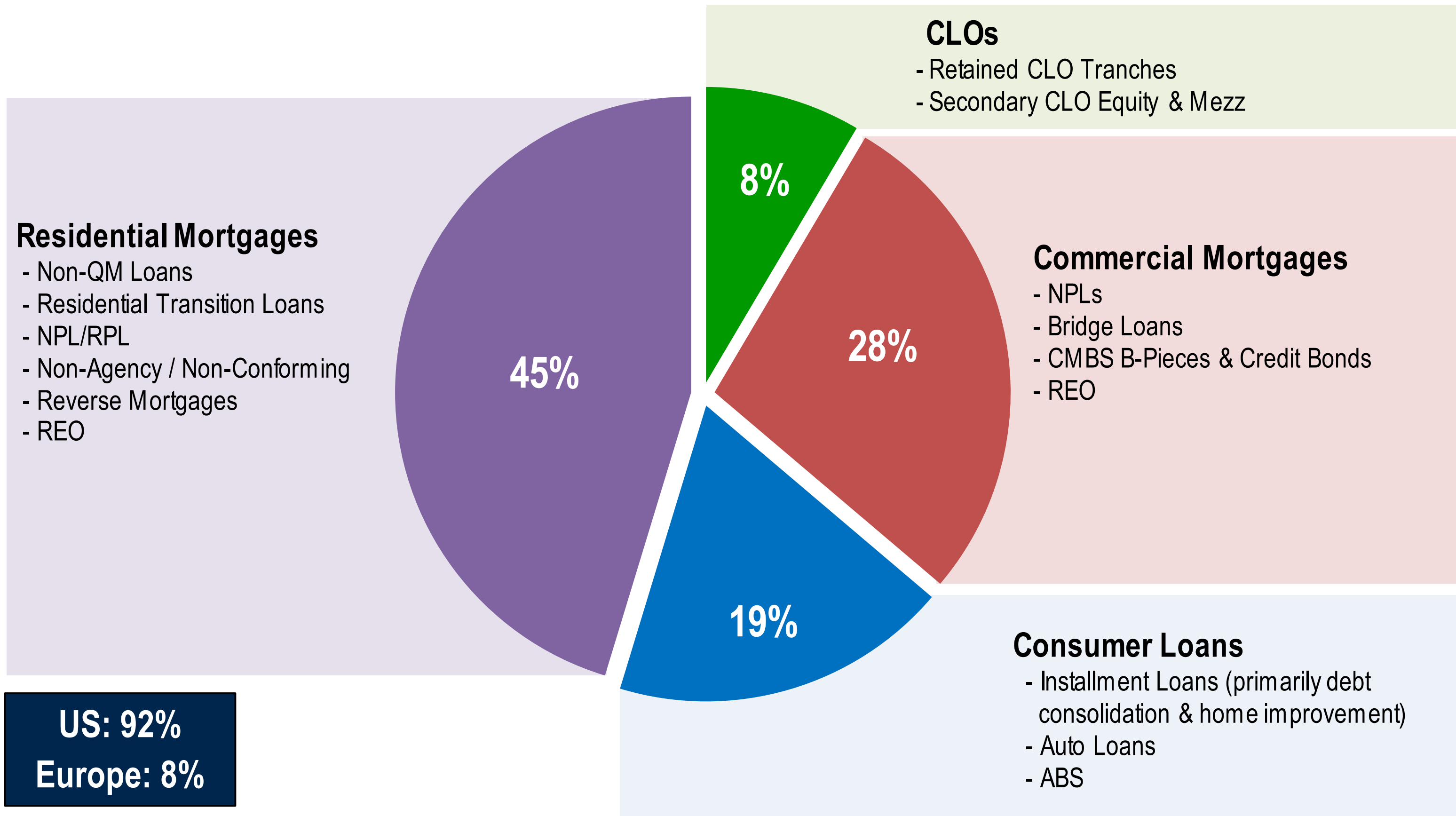

- **Our flexible approach allocates capital to the sectors where we see the best relative value as market conditions change[(1)]**
- **We believe our analytical expertise, research and systems provide an edge that will generate attractive risk-adjusted returns over market cycles**

Note: Percentages shown reflect share of total fair market value of credit portfolio[(2)(3)]

Stable Economic Return

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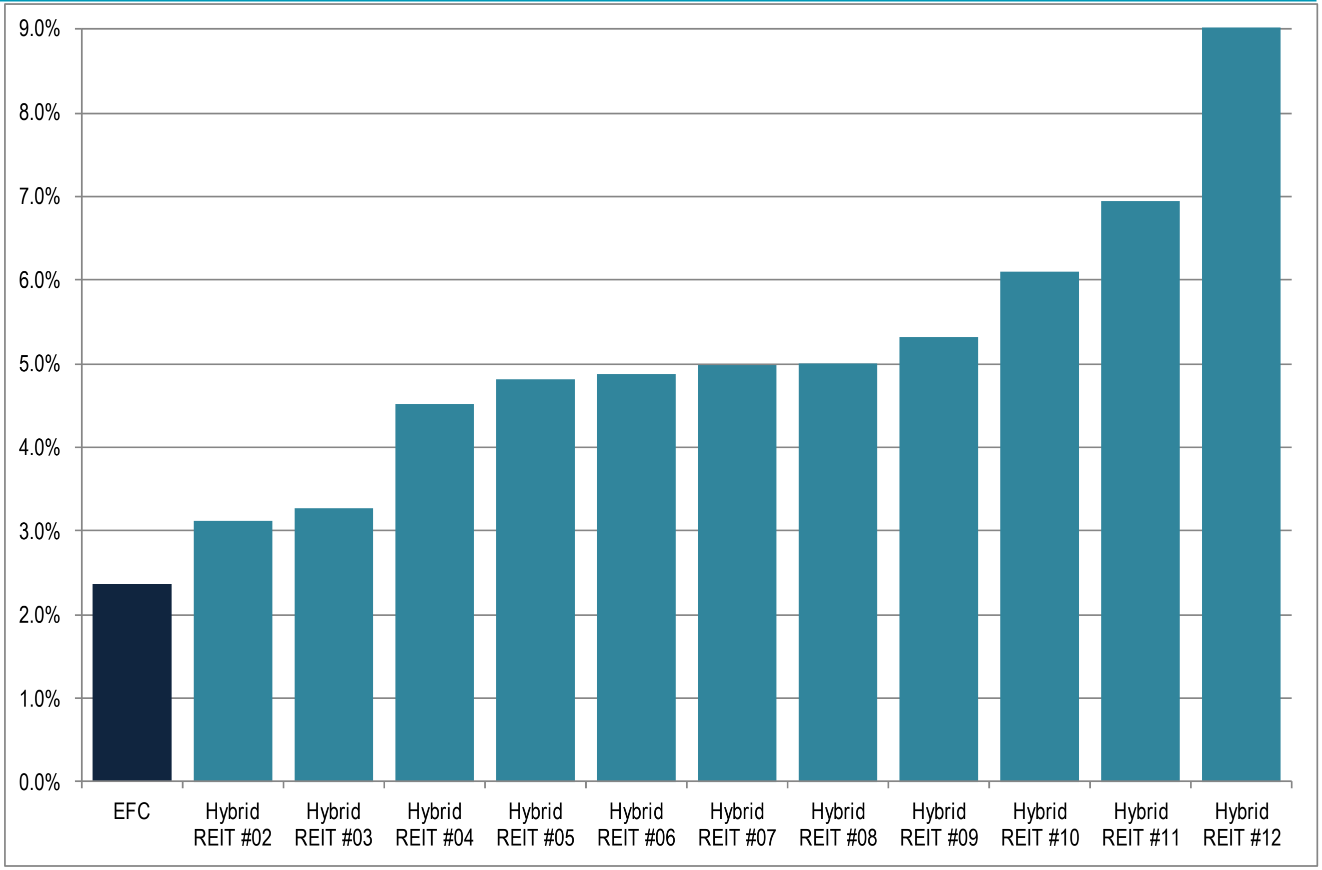
Standard Deviation of Quarterly Economic Returns of Hybrid REITs Q1-2011 – Q4 -2018[(1)(2)]



Standard Deviation of Quarterly Economic Returns of Hybrid REITs Q1-2011 – Q4-2018

Company	Standard Deviation
EFC	2.4%
Hybrid REIT #02	3.1%
Hybrid REIT #03	3.3%
Hybrid REIT #04	4.5%
Hybrid REIT #05	4.8%
Hybrid REIT #06	4.9%
Hybrid REIT #07	5.0%
Hybrid REIT #08	5.0%
Hybrid REIT #09	5.3%
Hybrid REIT #10	6.1%
Hybrid REIT #11	6.9%
Hybrid REIT #12	13.7%

- **The standard deviation of EFC's quarterly economic return is lower than the Hybrid REIT peer group**

Interest Rate Sensitivity Analysis(1)

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($ in thousands)	Estimated Change in Fair Value			
	50 Basis Point Decline in Interest Rates		50 Basis Point Increase in Interest Rates	
	Market Value	% of Total Equity	Market Value	% of Total Equity
Agency RMBS - ARM Pools	$ 131	0.02%	$ (159)	-0.03%
Agency RMBS - Fixed Pools and IOs	13,933	2.35%	(21,089)	-3.56%
TBAs	(6,162)	-1.04%	9,280	1.57%
Non-Agency RMBS, CMBS, Other ABS, and Mortgage Loans	4,607	0.78%	(4,607)	-0.78%
Interest Rate Swaps	(6,495)	-1.09%	6,216	1.05%
U.S. Treasury Securities	315	0.05%	(306)	-0.05%
Futures	(4,961)	-0.84%	4,810	0.81%
Mortgage-Related Derivatives	9	-	(7)	-
Corporate Securities and Derivatives on Corporate Securities	(106)	-0.02%	100	0.02%
Repurchase Agreements and Reverse Repurchase Agreements	(2,575)	-0.43%	2,585	0.43%
Total	**$ (1,304)**	**-0.22%**	**$ (3,177)**	**-0.54%**

- **Diversified fixed income portfolio has effective duration of less than one year**

Expected Effect of REIT Conversion on Investment Strategies

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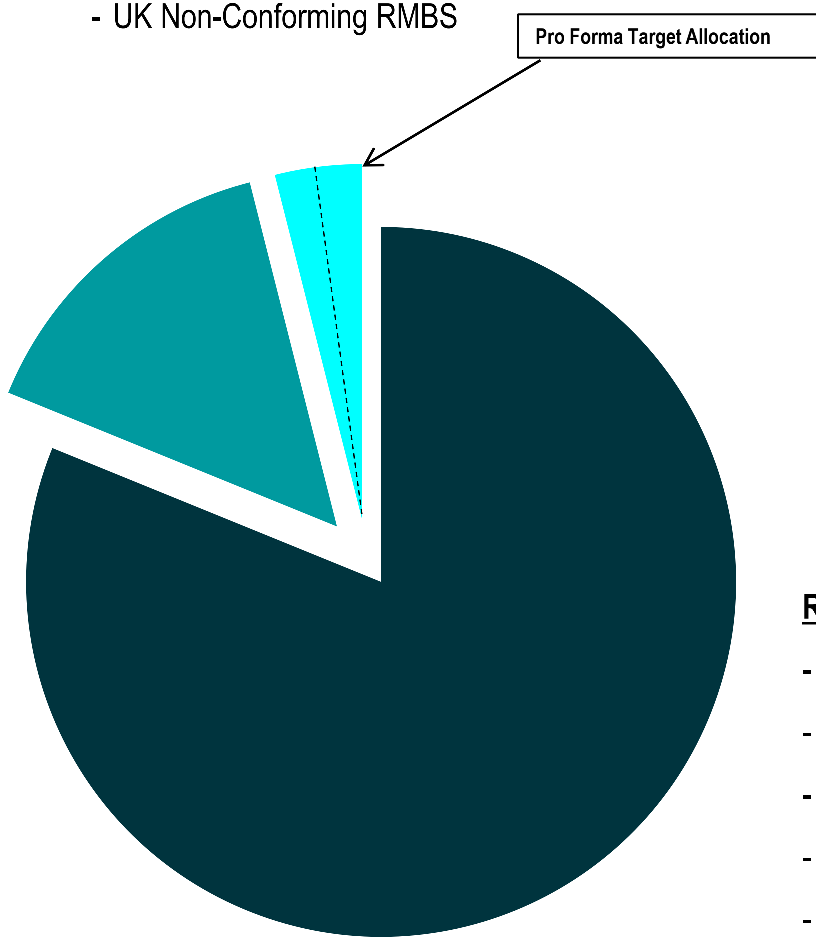

Non-REIT Strategies to Shrink

- Secondary CLO Equity/Notes
- UK Non-Conforming RMBS

Non-REIT Strategies to Maintain

- Consumer Loans & ABS
- Ellington-Sponsored CLOs
- European NPLs
- Equity Investments in Loan-Origination Entities

REIT-Qualifying Strategies

- Residential Mortgage Loans
- Commercial Mortgage Loans
- CMBS
- Agency RMBS
- US Non-Agency RMBS

Note: Chart based on fair market value by strategy as of 3/31/2019

Supplemental Slides

Derivatives Summary as of March 31, 2019[1]

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($ in thousands)	Long Notional	Short Notional	Net Notional	Fair Value
Mortgage-Related Derivatives:				
CDS on MBS and MBS Indices	$ 6,276	$ (37,735)	$ (31,459)	$ 3,687
Total Net Mortgage-Related Derivatives	6,276	(37,735)	(31,459)	3,687
Corporate-Related Derivatives:				
CDS on Corporate Bonds and Corporate Bond Indices	82,954	(245,668)	(162,714)	(8,626)
Total Return Swaps on Corporate Bond Indices[2]	-	(38,210)	(38,210)	123
Total Net Corporate-Related Derivatives	82,954	(283,878)	(200,924)	(8,503)
Interest Rate-Related Derivatives:				
TBAs	193,141	(727,178)	(534,037)	(2,544)
Interest Rate Swaps	263,309	(563,924)	(300,615)	(2,184)
U.S. Treasury Futures[3]	-	(151,600)	(151,600)	(2,380)
Eurodollar Futures[4]	-	(63,000)	(63,000)	(74)
Total Interest Rate-Related Derivatives	-	-	-	(7,182)
Other Derivatives:				
Foreign Currency Forwards[5]	-	(45,833)	(45,833)	308
Foreign Currency Futures[6]	-	(15,840)	(15,840)	138
Other[7]	n/a	n/a	n/a	4
Total Net Other Derivatives				450
Net Total				$ (11,548)

Credit Hedging Portfolio(1)(2)

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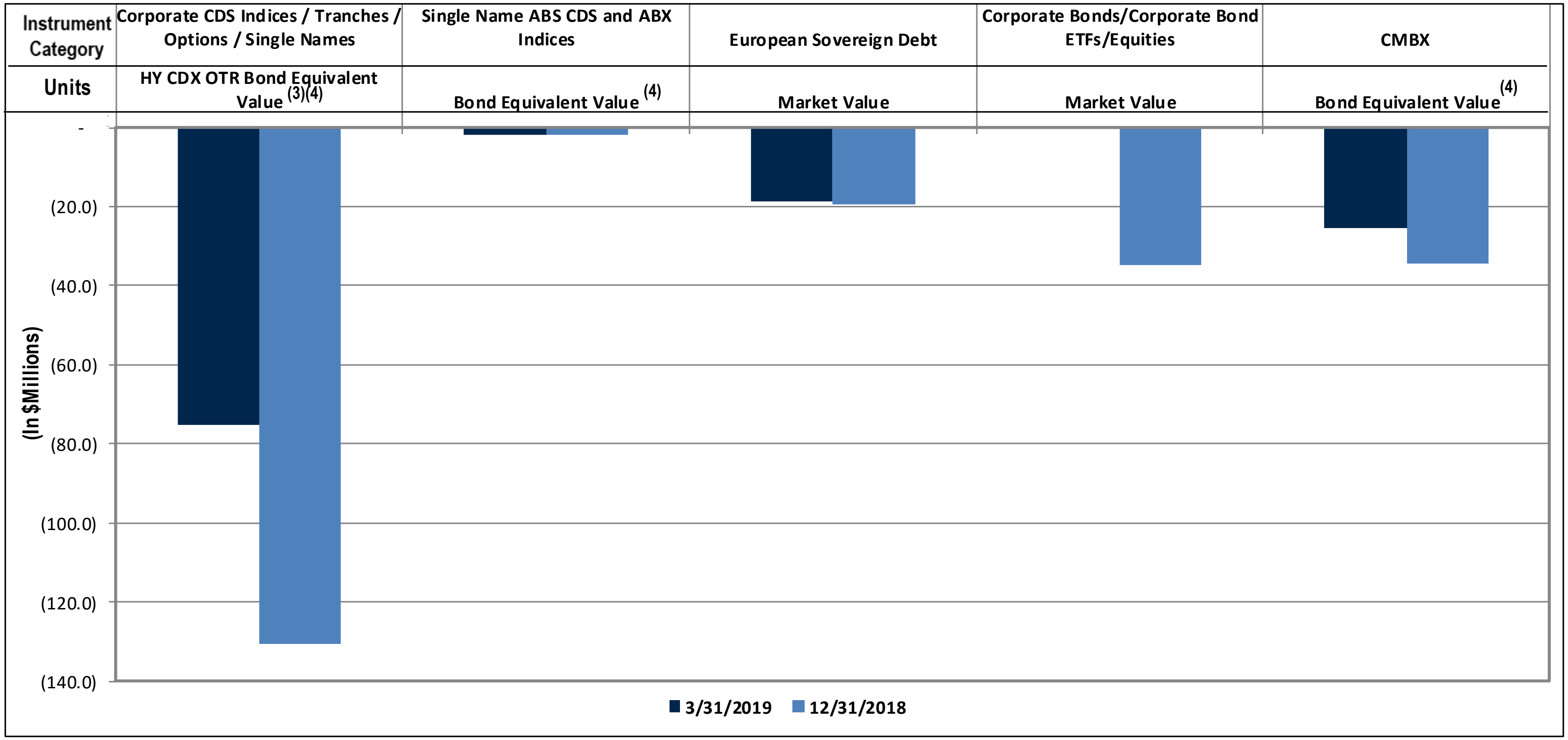

Agency Interest Rate Hedging Portfolio[1]

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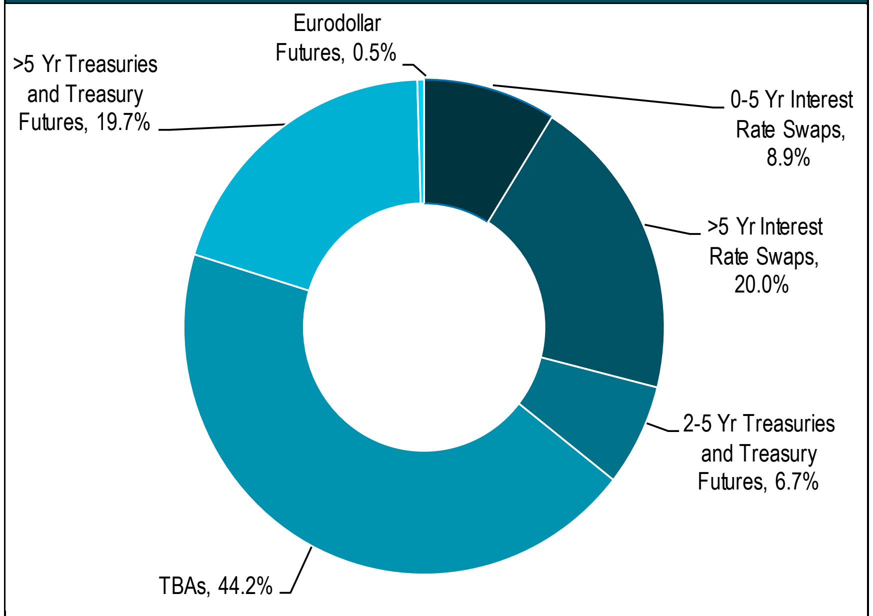
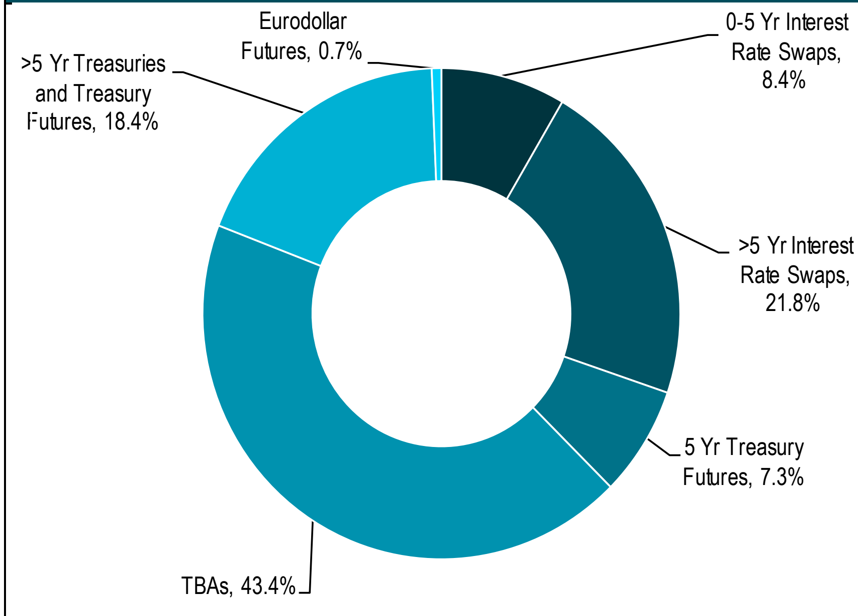
We deploy a dynamic and adaptive hedging strategy to preserve book value

As of 3/31/2019
Short $386.5MM 10-yr equivalents[1]



As of 12/31/2018
Short $424.3MM 10-yr equivalents[1]



- **Shorting "generic" pools (or TBAs) allows EFC to significantly reduce interest rate risk and basis risk in its Agency portfolio**
  - **We also hedge interest rate risk with swaps, U.S. Treasury securities, and other instruments**
- **For those Agency pools hedged with comparable TBAs, the biggest risk is a drop in "pay-ups"**
  - **Average pay-ups on our specified pools were 0.94% as of 3/31/2019, up from 0.64% as of 12/31/2018**
- **We hedge along the entire yield curve to protect against volatility, defend book value and more thoroughly control interest rate risk**

Agency Interest Rate Hedging Portfolio (continued)

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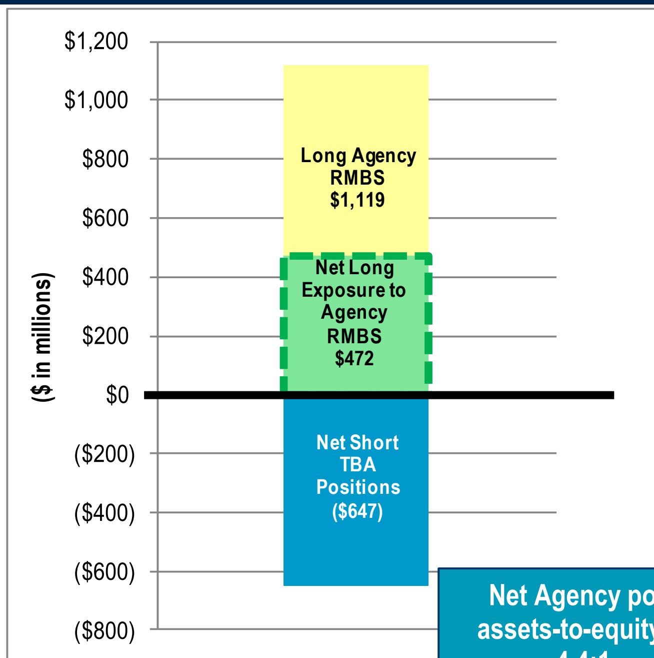
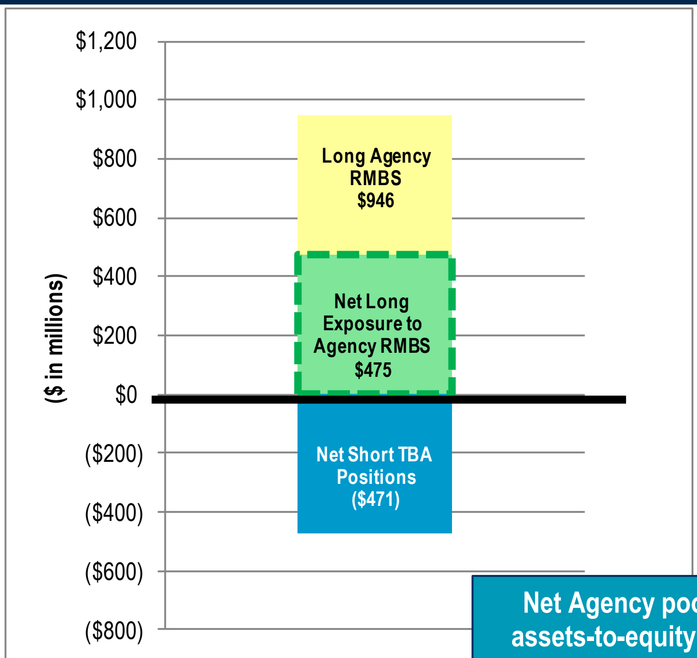
Exposure to Agency Pools Based on Net Fair Value

As of 3/31/2019



Net Agency pool assets-to-equity[1]: 4.4:1

As of 12/31/2018



Net Agency pool assets-to-equity[1]: 4.9:1

- Our net long mortgage exposure was slightly lower quarter over quarter
  - Deducting the amount of the TBA short from our long Agency pool portfolio, our net exposure to pools was ~$472 million, resulting in a 4.4:1 net Agency pool assets-to-equity[1] ratio
- Use of TBA short positions as hedges helps drive outperformance in volatile quarters
  - When interest rates spike, TBA short positions not only extend with specified pool assets, but they tend to extend more than specified pool assets, which dynamically and automatically hedges a correspondingly larger portion of our specified pool portfolio

CPR Breakout of Agency Fixed Long Portfolio

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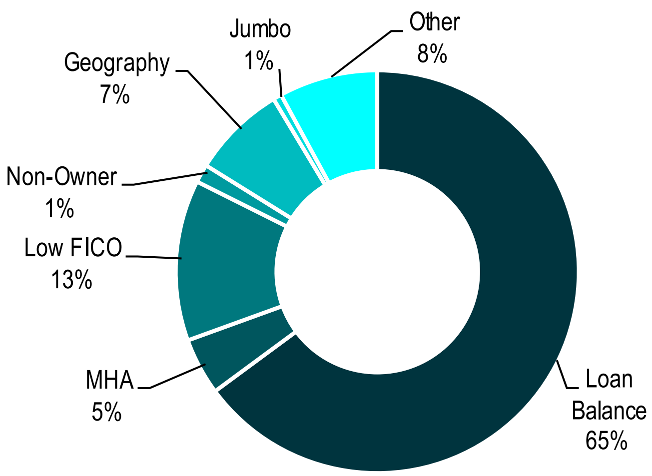
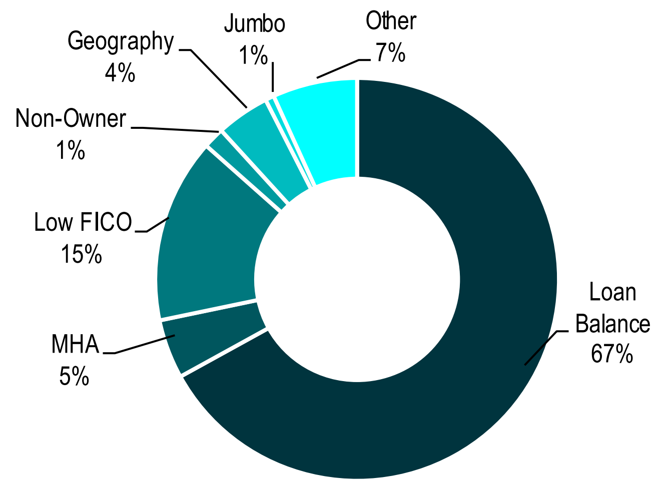
Agency Fixed Long Portfolio
Collateral Characteristics and Historical 3-Mo CPR: Average for Quarter Ended 3/31/2019 [1]



Characteristic [2]	Fair Value [1][3]	3-Month CPR %
Loan Balance	$ 549.9	8.8
MHA [4]	38.8	2.0
Low FICO	109.5	6.9
Non-Owner	12.4	10.8
Geography	64.0	5.4
Jumbo	5.7	0.1
Other	67.1	6.6
Total	**$ 847.6**	**7.8**

Agency Fixed Long Portfolio
Collateral Characteristics and Historical 3-Mo CPR: Average for Quarter Ended 12/31/2018 [1]



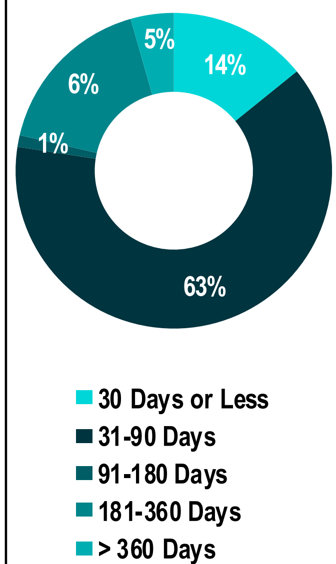
Characteristic [2]	Fair Value [1][3]	3-Month CPR %
Loan Balance	$ 566.4	7.2
MHA [4]	40.2	11.9
Low FICO	125.4	9.4
Non-Owner	14.3	3.9
Geography	36.1	5.0
Jumbo	5.9	0.4
Other	57.4	6.6
Total	**$ 845.6**	**7.5**

Repo Borrowings[(1)]

($ in thousands)

Repo Borrowings as of March 31, 2019					
Remaining Days to Maturity	Credit	Agency	U.S. Treasury	Total	% of Total Borrowings
30 Days or Less	$9,330	$180,657	$29,507	$219,494	14.2%
31-90 Days	227,146	752,206	—	979,352	63.2%
91-180 Days	10,170	8,403	—	18,573	1.2%
181-360 Days	264,458	—	—	264,458	17.0%
> 360 Days	68,139	—	—	68,139	4.4%
Total Borrowings	$579,243	$941,266	$29,507	$1,550,016	100.0%
Weighted Average Remaining Days to Maturity	**236**	**53**	**1**	**121**	

Borrowings by Days to Maturity



- **Repo borrowings with 24 counterparties, with largest representing approximately 17% of total**
- **Weighted average remaining days to maturity of 121 days**
- **Maturities are staggered to mitigate liquidity risk**

Gross Profit and Loss(1)

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Resilient profit generation through market cycles

($ In thousands)	Three-Month Period Ended March 31		Years Ended									
	2019		2018		2017		2016		2015		2014	
Long: Credit	$ 23,898	4.0%	$ 61,201	10.0%	$ 61,136	9.6%	$ 36,203	5.3%	$ 46,892	6.1%	$ 77,636	11.4%
Credit Hedge and Other	(6,556)	-1.1%	8,020	1.3%	(11,997)	-1.9%	(40,548)	-5.9%	10,671	1.4%	(1,197)	-0.2%
Interest Rate Hedge: Credit	(822)	-0.1%	115	0.0%	(851)	-0.1%	(371)	-0.1%	(4,899)	-0.6%	(9,479)	-1.4%
Long: Agency	14,841	2.5%	(5,979)	-1.0%	10,246	1.6%	17,166	2.5%	23,629	3.1%	61,126	9.0%
Interest Rate Hedge and Other: Agency	(9,484)	-1.6%	3,144	0.5%	(5,218)	-0.8%	(8,226)	-1.2%	(17,166)	-2.2%	(47,634)	-7.0%
Gross Profit (Loss)	**$ 21,877**	**3.7%**	**$ 66,501**	**10.9%**	**$ 53,316**	**8.4%**	**$ 4,224**	**0.6%**	**$ 59,127**	**7.7%**	**$ 80,452**	**11.8%**

($ In thousands)	Years Ended											
	2013		2012		2011		2010		2009		2008	
Long: Credit	$ 109,536	18.5%	$ 129,830	30.0%	$ 1,505	0.4%	$ 70,840	21.9%	$101,748	36.3%	$ (64,565)	-26.2%
Credit Hedge and Other	(19,286)	-3.3%	(14,642)	-3.4%	19,895	5.2%	(7,958)	-2.5%	10,133	3.6%	78,373	31.8%
Interest Rate Hedge: Credit	8,674	1.5%	(3,851)	-0.9%	(8,171)	-2.1%	(12,150)	-3.8%	(1,407)	-0.5%	(3,446)	-1.4%
Long: Agency	(14,044)	-2.4%	37,701	8.7%	63,558	16.5%	21,552	6.7%	22,171	7.9%	4,763	1.9%
Interest Rate Hedge and Other: Agency	19,110	3.2%	(20,040)	-4.6%	(54,173)	-14.0%	(14,524)	-4.5%	(8,351)	-3.0%	(6,414)	-2.6%
Gross Profit (Loss)	**$ 103,990**	**17.6%**	**$ 128,998**	**29.8%**	**$ 22,614**	**5.9%**	**$ 57,760**	**17.8%**	**$124,294**	**44.4%**	**$ 8,711**	**3.5%**

Note: Percentages of average equity during period

Total Return Since Inception

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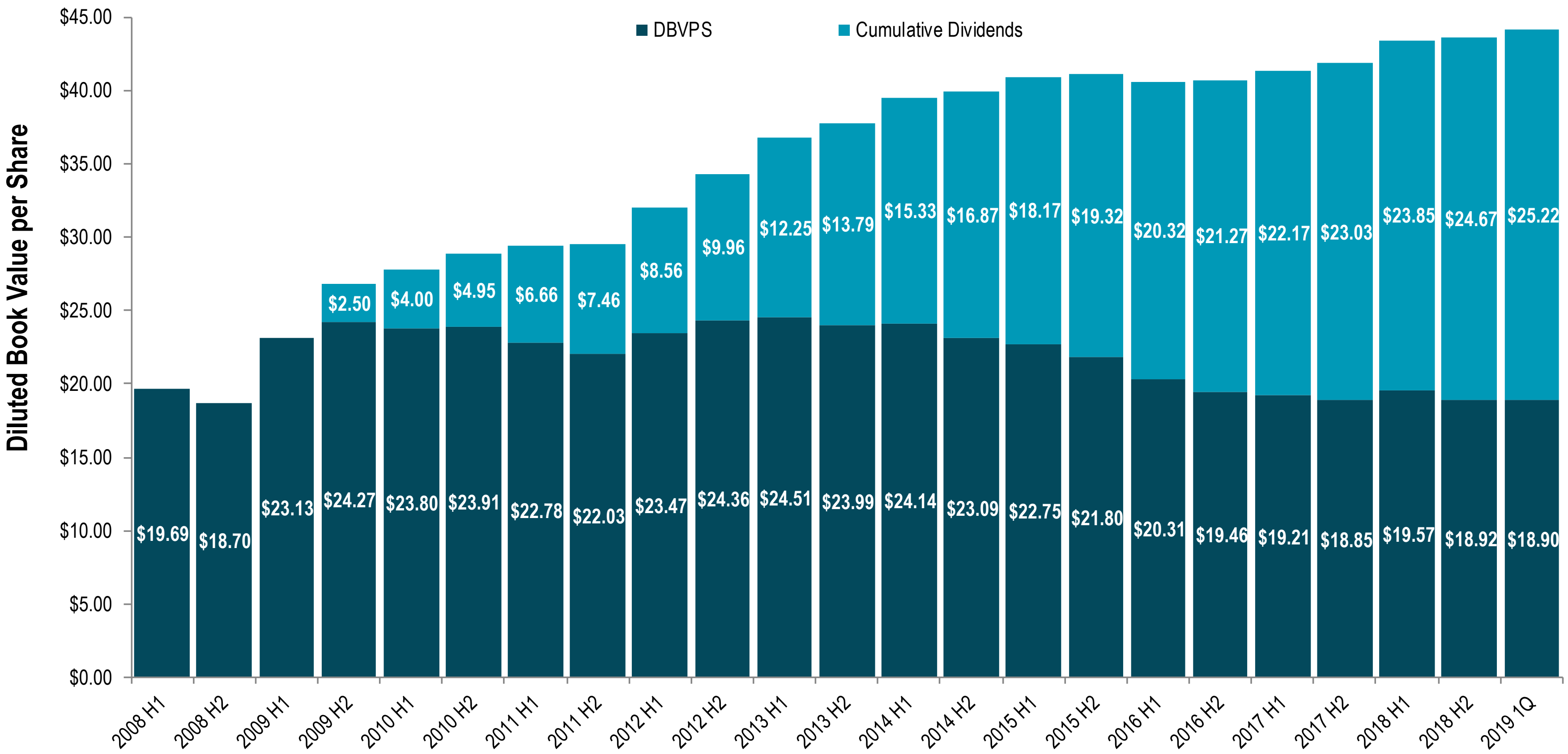
EFC has successfully preserved book value through market cycles, while producing strong results for investors

- **EFC life-to-date diluted net asset value-based total return from inception in August 2007 through Q1 2019 is approximately 207%, or 10.1% annualized[(1)]**



Capital, Leverage & Portfolio Composition

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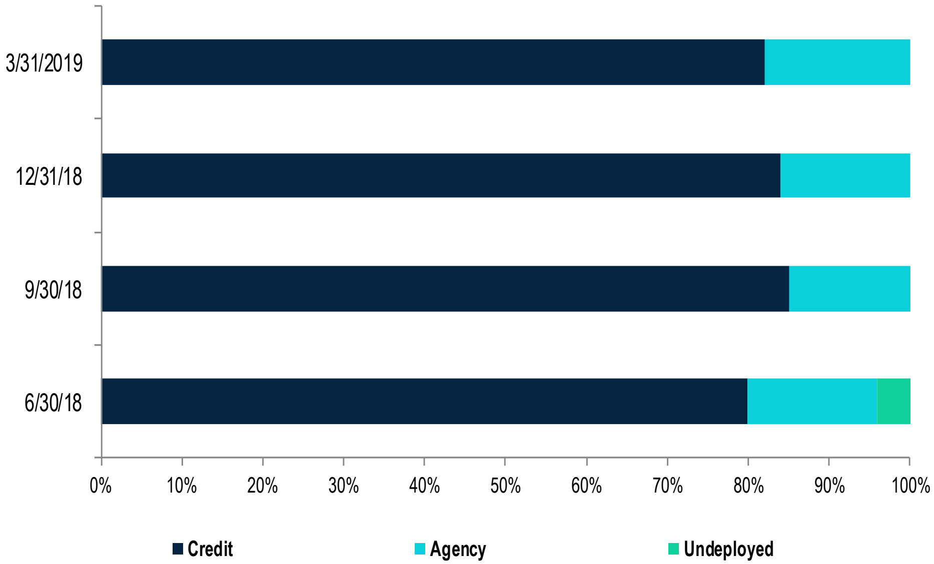
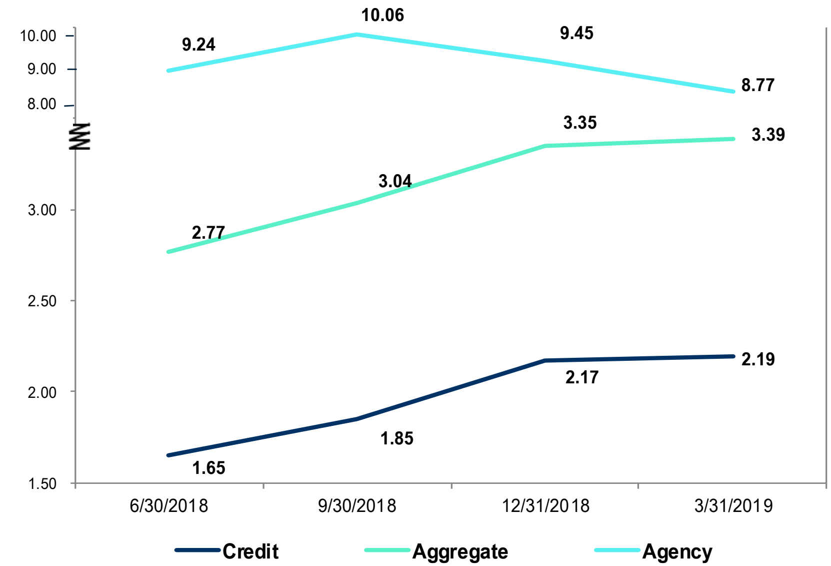
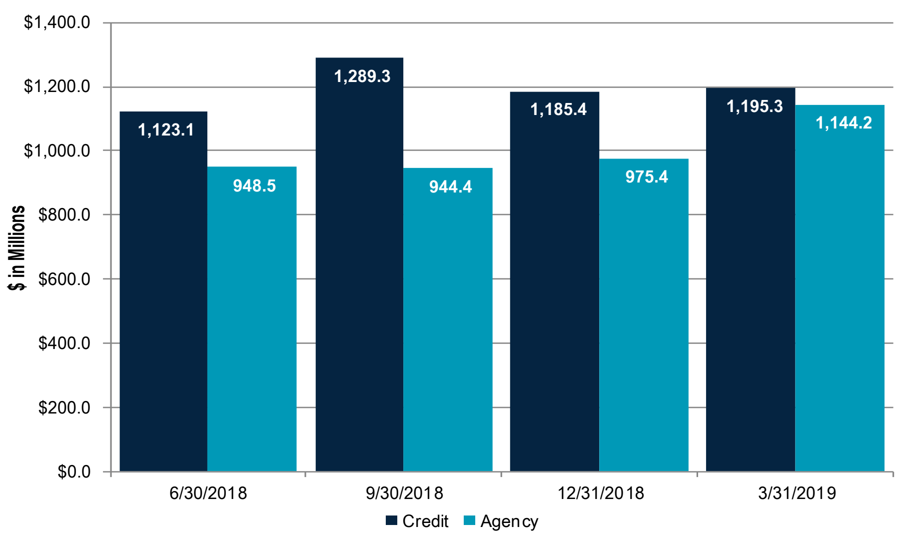
Capital Usage Across Entire Portfolio[1]



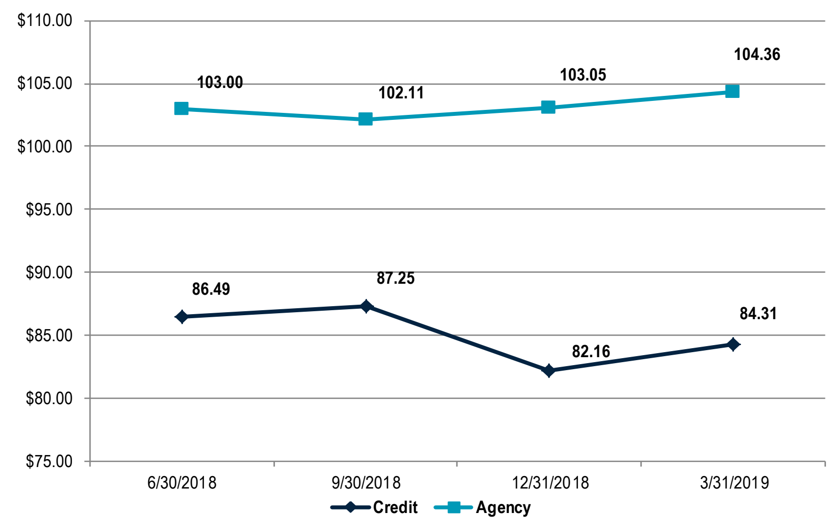
Leverage by Strategy (Debt-to-Equity)[1]



Credit and Agency Portfolios by Fair Value[3]



Average Price – Credit and Agency[2][3]



Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet
(Unaudited)

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(In thousands, except share amounts)	As of March 31, 2019
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 55,876
Restricted cash	175
Securities, at fair value	1,529,485
Loans, at fair value	1,014,990
Investments in unconsolidated entities, at fair value	58,152
Real estate owned	31,003
Financial derivatives - assets, at fair value	15,356
Reverse repurchase agreements	25,381
Due from brokers	58,145
Investment related receivables	78,223
Other assets	3,779
Total assets	$ 2,870,565
LIABILITIES	
Securities sold short, at fair value	$ 26,212
Repurchase agreements	1,550,016
Financial derivatives - liabilities, at fair value	26,904
Due to brokers	4,820
Investment related payables	168,211
Other secured borrowings	117,315
Other secured borrowings, at fair value	282,124
Senior notes, net	85,100
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	6,167
Base management fee payable to affiliate	1,722
Dividend payable	4,267
Interest payable	4,995
Other liabilities	278
Total liabilities	2,278,131
EQUITY	
Common stock, par value $0.001 per share, 100,000,000 shares authorized;	
29,745,776 shares issued and outstanding	30
Additional paid-in capital	664,654
Retained earnings (accumulated deficit)	(102,475)
Total Stockholders' Equity	562,209
Non-controlling interests	30,225
Total Equity	592,434
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	$ 2,870,565
PER SHARE INFORMATION:	
Common stock	$ 18.90

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

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(In thousands, except per share amounts)	Three-Month Period Ended March 31, 2019
Net income (loss)	$16,488
Adjustments:	
Realized (gains) losses on securities and loans, net	5,322
Realized (gains) losses on financial derivatives, net [2]	12,289
Realized (gains) losses on real estate owned, net	58
Unrealized (gains) losses on securities and loans, net	(26,388)
Unrealized (gains) losses on financial derivatives, net [3]	5,414
Unrealized (gains) losses on real estate owned, net	247
Other realized and unrealized (gains) losses, net [4]	(386)
Non-cash equity compensation expense	116
Catch-up Premium Amortization Adjustment	507
Miscellaneous non-recurring expenses [5]	1,075
(Earnings) losses from investments in unconsolidated entities [6]	(364)
Total Core Earnings	$14,378
Core Earnings attributable to non-controlling interests	1,029
Core Earnings Attributable to Common Stockholders	$13,349
Core Earnings Attributable to Common Stockholders, per share	$0.45

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Ellington Profile

As of 3/31/2019

Founded:	1994
Employees:	>150
Investment Professionals:	65
Global offices:	3

$8.1
Billion in assets under management as of 3/31/2019[(1)]

16
Employee-partners own the firm[(2)]

26
Years of average industry experience of senior portfolio managers

12%
Management's ownership of EFC, representing strong alignment[(3)]

Ellington and its Affiliated Management Companies

- Our external manager Ellington Financial Management LLC is part of the Ellington family of SEC-registered investment advisors[(4)]. Ellington Management Group and its affiliates manage Ellington Financial Inc. (EFC), Ellington Residential Mortgage REIT (EARN), multi-investor hedge funds, separately managed accounts, and opportunistic private funds
- Time-tested infrastructure and proprietary resources in trading, research, risk management, and operational support
- Founding partners each have advanced academic training in mathematics and engineering, including among them several Ph.D.'s and Master's degrees

Industry-Leading Research & Trading Expertise

- Sophisticated proprietary models for prepayment and credit analysis
- Approximately 22% of employees dedicated to research and infrastructure development
- Structured credit trading experience and analytical skills developed since the firm's founding 24 years ago
- Ellington's portfolio managers are among the most experienced in the MBS sector and the firm's analytics have been developed over its 24-year history

Investment Highlights of EFC

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- ✓ Diversified investment portfolio across residential mortgage, commercial mortgage, consumer loan, and corporate loan sectors
    - Diverse range of strategies designed to generate a high-quality earnings stream
    - Ability to shift capital allocation across asset classes as credit and liquidity trends evolve(1)
    - Flexibility to capitalize on investment opportunities that emerge during times of volatility
- ✓ Dynamic interest-rate and credit hedging designed to reduce volatility of book value and earnings
- ✓ Growing proprietary portfolio of high-yielding, short-duration loans
- ✓ Supplement earnings with book value accretion via share repurchases when stock price is deeply discounted
- ✓ Diversified sources of financing, including long term non mark-to-market financing facilities and securitizations
- ✓ Strong manager alignment: management owns approximately 12% of EFC

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Slide 3 – First Quarter Market Update

(1) Source: Bloomberg
(2) Source: Mortgage Bankers Association via Bloomberg
(3) LIBOR-based OAS measures the additional yield spread over LIBOR that an asset provides at its current market price after taking into account any interest rate options embedded in the asset.
(4) LIBOR-based Zero-volatility spread (Z-spread) measures the additional yield spread over LIBOR that the projected cash flows of an asset provide at the current market price of the asset.

Slide 4 – First Quarter Highlights

(1) Holdings, leverage and book value amounts are as of March 31, 2019.
(2) Total Economic return is based on book value per share.
(3) Core Earnings is a non-GAAP financial measure. See slide 26 for a reconciliation of Core Earnings to Net Income (Loss).
(4) Gross income includes interest income and other income, net realized and change in net unrealized gains (losses), net interest rate hedges, net credit hedges and other activities, interest expense, and other investment related expenses, and earnings from investments in unconsolidated entities, if applicable. It excludes other interest income (expense), management fees, and other expenses.
(5) Excludes hedges and other derivative positions.
(6) For our consolidated non-QM securitization trusts, excludes tranches that were sold to third parties, but that are consolidated for GAAP purposes. Including such tranches, the Company's total long credit portfolio was $1.473 billion as of March 31, 2019.
(7) Excludes repo borrowings on U.S. Treasury securities.
(8) In determining the debt-to-equity ratio for an individual strategy, equity usage for such strategy is based on an internal calculation that reflects the actual amount of capital posted to counterparties in connection with such strategy's positions (whether in the form of haircut, initial margin, prime brokerage requirements, or otherwise) plus additional capital allocated to support such strategy's positions, net of adjustments for readily financeable assets and securities that may be sold to increase liquidity on short notice. The Company refers to the excess of its total equity over the total risk capital of its strategies as its "risk capital buffer". If the debt-to-equity ratios for individual strategies were computed solely based on the actual amount of capital posted to counterparties, such ratios would typically be higher. The debt-to-equity ratio does not account for liabilities other than debt financings.
(9) Includes borrowings at certain unconsolidated entities that are recourse to us.

Slide 5 – Portfolio Summary as of March 31, 2019

(1) See endnote (5) on slide 4.
(2) Average price excludes interest only, principal only, equity tranches and other similar securities and non-exchange traded corporate equity. All averages in this table are weighted averages using fair value, except for average price which uses current principal balance.
(3) Average price of consumer loans and ABS is proprietary.
(4) Weighted average life assumes "projected" cashflows using Ellington's proprietary models. Excludes interest only, principal only, equity tranches.
(5) Estimated yields at market prices are management's estimates derived from Ellington's proprietary models based on prices and market environment as of March 31, 2019 and include the effects of future estimated losses. The above analysis should not be considered a recommendation to purchase or sell any security or class of securities. Results are based on forward-looking models, which are inherently imperfect, and incorporate various simplifying assumptions. Therefore, the table is for illustrative purposes only and the actual performance of our portfolio may differ from the data presented, and such differences might be significant and adverse.
(6) REO and equity investments in loan origination entities are excluded from total average calculations.
(7) See endnote (6) on slide 4.
(8) REO is not considered a financial instrument and as a result is included at the lower of cost or fair value.
(9) Includes equity investments in a limited liability companies holding small balance commercial mortgage loans and REO.
(10) Includes equity investment in securitization-related vehicles.
(11) Includes European RMBS secured by non-performing loans and REO, and an investment in an unconsolidated entity holding European RMBS.
(12) See endnote (8) on slide 4.
(13) Overall debt-to-equity ratio is computed by dividing EFC's total debt by EFC's total equity. The debt-to-equity ratio does not account for liabilities other than debt financings. Excludes repo borrowings on U.S. Treasury securities.

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Slide 6 – Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations (unaudited)

(1) Expense ratio is defined as our annualized base management fee and other operating expenses, but excluding interest expense, other investment related expenses, incentive fees, and REIT conversion costs, as a percentage of average equity.

Slide 7 – Operating Results by Strategy

(1) Other income primarily consists of rental income on real estate owned and loan origination fees.
(2) Includes U.S. Treasury securities, if applicable.
(3) Includes equity and other relative value trading strategies and related hedges and net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on foreign currency.
(4) Includes interest expense on the Company's Senior Notes.
(5) Per share information is calculated using weighted average common shares outstanding. Percentage of average equity is calculated using average stockholders' equity, which excludes non-controlling interests.
(6) Convertible units include Operating Partnership units attributable to non-controlling interests.
(7) Average equity and average stockholders' equity are calculated using month end values.
(8) Excludes Operating Partnership units attributable to non-controlling interests.

Slide 8 – Long Credit Portfolio

(1) See endnotes (5) and (6) on slide 4.
(2) Includes equity investment in securitization-related vehicles.
(3) REO is not considered a financial instrument and as a result is included at the lower of cost or fair value.
(4) Includes equity investments in a limited liability companies holding small balance commercial mortgage loans and REO.
(5) Includes European RMBS secured by non-performing loans and REO, and an investment in an unconsolidated entity holding European RMBS.

Slide 9 – Long Agency Portfolio

(1) Agency long portfolio includes $1,118.8 million of long Agency securities and $25.4 million of interest only securities as of March 31, 2019 and $945.8 million of long Agency securities and $29.5 million of interest only securities as of December 31, 2018.
(2) Represents weighted average net pass-through rate. Excludes interest only securities.

Slide 10 – Summary of Borrowings

(1) Includes Other secured borrowings and Other secured borrowings, at fair value.
(2) All of our non-recourse borrowings are secured by collateral. In the event of default under a non-recourse borrowing, the lender has a claim against the collateral but not any of our other assets. In the event of default under a recourse borrowing, the lender's claim is not limited to the collateral (if any).
(3) Includes borrowings at certain unconsolidated entities that are recourse to us.

Slide 11 – Diversified Credit Portfolio

(1) Subject to qualifying and maintaining our qualification as a REIT.
(2) Excludes hedges and other derivative positions
(3) For our consolidated non-QM securitization trusts, only retained tranches are included (i.e., excludes tranches sold to third parties).

Slide 12 – Stable Economic Return

(1) Source: Company filings.
(2) Economic return is computed by adding back dividends to ending book value per share, and comparing that amount to book value per share as of the beginning of the quarter.

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Slide 13 – Interest Rate Sensitivity Analysis

(1) The table reflects the estimated effects on the value of our portfolio, both overall and by category, of hypothetical, immediate, 50 basis point downward and upward parallel shifts in interest rates, based on the market environment as of March 31, 2019. The preceding analysis does not include sensitivities to changes in interest rates for instruments which we believe that the effect of a change in interest rates is not material to the value of the overall portfolio and/or cannot be accurately estimated. In particular, this analysis excludes certain corporate securities and derivatives on corporate securities, and reflects only sensitivity to U.S. interest rates. Results are based on forward-looking models, which are inherently imperfect, and incorporate various simplifying assumptions. Therefore, the table is for illustrative purposes only and actual changes in interest rates would likely cause changes in the actual value of our portfolio that would differ from those presented, and such differences might be significant and adverse.

Slide 16 – Derivatives Summary

(1) In the table, fair value of certain derivative transactions are shown on a net basis. The accompanying financial statements separate derivative transactions as either assets or liabilities. As of March 31, 2019, derivative assets and derivative liabilities were $15.4 million and $(26.9) million, respectively, for a net fair value of $(11.5) million, as reflected in "Net Total".
(2) Notional value represents the number of underlying index units multiplied by the reference price.
(3) Notional value represents the total face amount of U.S. Treasury securities underlying all contracts held. As of March 31, 2019 a total of 1,516 short U.S. Treasury futures contracts were held.
(4) Every $1,000,000 in notional value represents one contract.
(5) Short notional value represents U.S. Dollars to be received by us at the maturity of the forward contract. Long notional value represents U.S. Dollars to be paid by us at the maturity of the forward contract.
(6) Notional value represents the total face amount of currency futures underlying all contracts held. As of March 31, 2019 a total of 113 short foreign currency futures contracts were held.
(7) As of March 31, 2019 includes interest rate caps and interest rate "basis" swaps whereby the Company pays one floating rate and receives a different floating rate.

Slide 17 – Credit Hedging Portfolio

(1) The Credit Hedging Portfolio excludes both legs of certain relative value trades which we believe do not affect the overall hedging position of the portfolio. Consequently, the amounts shown here may differ materially (i) from those that would be shown were all positions in the included instruments displayed and (ii) from that presented on the Derivatives Summary shown on slide 16.
(2) There can be no assurance that instruments in the Credit Hedging Portfolio will be effective portfolio hedges.
(3) Corporate derivatives displayed in HY CDX OTR Equivalents represent the net, on-the-run notional equivalents of Markit CDX North American High Yield Index (the "HY Index") of those derivatives converted to equivalents based on techniques used by the Company for estimating the price relationships between them and the HY Index. These include estimations of the relationships between different credits and even different sectors (such as the US high yield, European high yield, and US investment grade debt markets). The Company's estimations of price relationships between instruments may change over time. Actual price relationships experienced may differ from those previously estimated.
(4) Bond Equivalent Value represents the investment amount of a corresponding position in the reference obligation or index constituents, calculated assuming a price equal to the difference between (i) par and (ii) the tear up price. Corporate CDS Indices, Tranches, Options and Single Names are converted to HY CDX OTR Equivalents prior to being displayed as Bond Equivalent Values.

Slide 18 – Agency Interest Rate Hedging Portfolio

(1) Agency interest rate hedges are shown in normalized units of risk, with each group of positions measured in "10-year equivalents; "10-year equivalents" for a group of positions represent the amount of 10-year U.S. Treasury securities that would be expected to experience a similar change in market value under a standard parallel move in interest rates.

Slide 19 – Agency Interest Rate Hedging Portfolio (continued)

(1) We define our net Agency pool assets-to-equity ratio as the net aggregate market value of our Agency pools of $1.12 billion and our long and short TBA positions of $(647) million, divided by the equity allocated to our Agency strategy of $107 million. See endnote (8) on slide 4.

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Slide 20 – CPR Breakout of Agency Fixed Long Portfolio

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

Slide 21 – Repo Borrowings

(1) Included in the table, using the original maturity dates, are any repos involving underlying investments we sold prior to March 31, 2019 for settlement following March 31, 2019 even though the company may expect to terminate such repos early. Not included are any repos that we may have entered into prior to March 31, 2019, for which delivery of the borrowed funds is not scheduled until after March 31, 2019. Remaining maturity for a repo is based on the contractual maturity date in effect as of March 31, 2019. Some repos have floating interest rates, which may reset before maturity.

Slide 22 – Gross Profit and Loss

(1) Gross profit excludes expenses other than interest expense and other investment related expenses. Figures in "%" columns are as a percentage of average equity for the period.

Slide 23 – Total Return Since Inception

(1) Total return is based on $18.61 net diluted book value per share at inception in August 2007 and is calculated assuming the reinvestment of dividends at diluted book value per share and assumes all convertible units were converted into common shares at their issuance dates. Dividends were paid in the quarter following the period related to such performance.

Slide 24 – Capital, Leverage & Portfolio Composition

(1) Excludes U.S. Treasury securities. See endnote (8) on slide 4.
(2) Excludes interest only, principal only, equity tranches and other similar investments and REO.
(3) See endnotes (5) and (6) on slide 4.

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Slide 26 – Reconciliation of Net Income (Loss) to Core Earnings

(1) We calculate Core Earnings as U.S. GAAP net income (loss) as adjusted for: (i) realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments, REO, financial derivatives (excluding net accrued periodic (payments) receipts on interest rate swaps), other secured borrowings, at fair value, and foreign currency transactions; (ii) incentive fee to affiliate; (iii) Catch-up Premium Amortization Adjustment (as defined below); (iv) non-cash equity compensation expense; (v) miscellaneous non-recurring expenses; (vi) provision for income taxes and (vii) certain other income or loss items that are of a non-recurring nature. For certain investments in unconsolidated entities, we include the relevant net operating income in core earnings. The Catch-up Premium Amortization Adjustment is a quarterly adjustment to premium amortization triggered by changes in actual and projected prepayments on our Agency RMBS (accompanied by a corresponding offsetting adjustment to realized and unrealized gains and losses). The adjustment is calculated as of the beginning of each quarter based on our then-current assumptions about cashflows and prepayments, and can vary significantly from quarter to quarter. Core Earnings is a supplemental non-GAAP financial measure. We believe that the presentation of Core Earnings provides a consistent measure of operating performance by excluding the impact of gains and losses and other adjustments listed above from operating results. We believe that Core Earnings provides information useful to investors because it is a metric that we use to assess our performance and to evaluate the effective net yield provided by the portfolio. In addition, we believe that presenting Core Earnings enables our investors to measure, evaluate, and compare our operating performance to that of our peers. However, because Core Earnings is an incomplete measure of our financial results and differs from net income (loss) computed in accordance with U.S. GAAP, it should be considered as supplementary to, and not as a substitute for, net income (loss) computed in accordance with U.S. GAAP. The table above provides U.S. GAAP measures of net income (loss) and details with respect to reconciling the aforementioned line items to Core Earnings for the three-month period ended March 31, 2019.

(2) Adjustment excludes net realized gain (losses) on accrued periodic settlements of interest rate swaps of $0.7 million for the three-month period ended March 31, 2019.

(3) Adjustment excludes net unrealized gains (losses) on accrued periodic settlements of interest rate swaps of ($0.3) million for the three-month period ended March 31, 2019.

(4) Includes realized and unrealized gains (losses) on foreign currency and unrealized gain (loss) on other secured borrowings, at fair value included in Other, net, on the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations.

(5) Miscellaneous non-recurring expenses consist mostly of professional fees related to our conversion to a corporation and intended election to be taxed as a REIT.

(6) Adjustment represents, for certain investments in unconsolidated entities, the net realized and unrealized gains and losses of the underlying investments of such entities.

Slide 27 – About Ellington Management Group

(1) $8.1 billion in assets under management includes approximately $1.5 billion in Ellington-managed CLOs. For these purposes, the Ellington-managed CLO figure represents the aggregate outstanding balance of CLO notes and market value of CLO equity, excluding any notes and equity held by other Ellington-managed funds and accounts.

(2) Does not include partners formerly employed by Ellington who may have residual capital balances but who no longer have voting rights in the partnership.

(3) Management ownership includes shares held by principals of EMG and family trusts, and operating partnership units attributable to non-controlling interests.

(4) Registration with the SEC does not imply that the firm or any of its principals or employees possess a particular level of skill or training in the investment advisory or any other business.

Slide 28 – Investment Highlights of EFC

(1) Subject to qualifying and maintaining our qualification as a REIT.

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