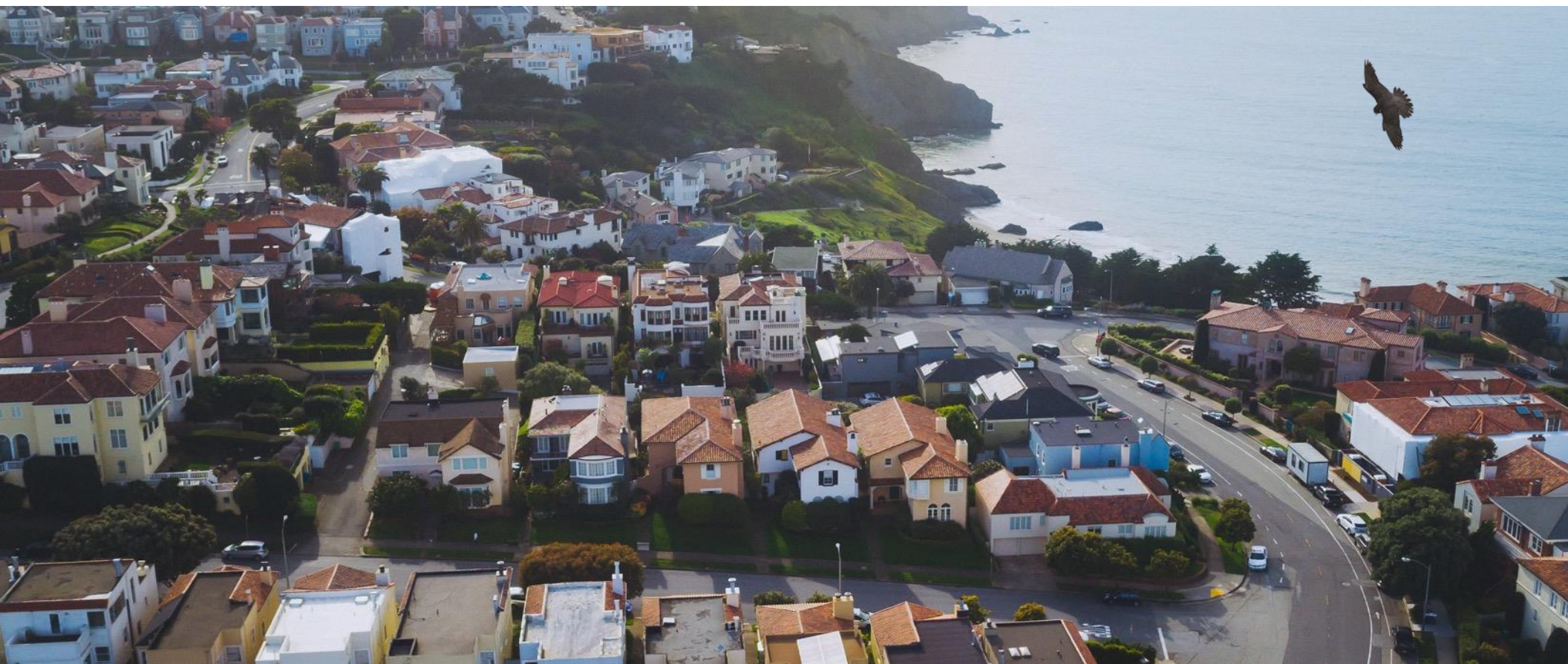


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Financial Information

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Overall Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Net income: \$14.7 million or \$0.14 per share⁽²⁾ • Economic return:⁽³⁾ 1.1% for the quarter, non-annualized • Adjusted Distributable Earnings:⁽⁴⁾ \$51.4 million or \$0.47 per share
Investment Portfolio Segment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Net income: \$42.2 million or \$0.39 per share • Adjustable Distributable Earnings: \$66.4 million or \$0.61 per share • Credit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Net income: \$38.1 million or \$0.35 per share • Adjusted long credit portfolio: \$4.11 billion⁽⁵⁾⁽⁶⁾, a 15% increase from the prior quarter • Agency: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Net income: \$4.1 million or \$0.04 per share • Long Agency portfolio: \$218.4 million, compared to \$220.7 million at 9/30/2025
Longbridge Financial Segment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Net income: \$16.4 million or \$0.15 per share • Adjustable Distributable Earnings: \$14.6 million or \$0.13 per share • Longbridge portfolio⁽⁷⁾: \$617.2 million, an 18% decrease from the prior quarter, driven by the completion of two securitizations during the quarter
Equity & BVPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total stockholders' equity: \$1.83 billion, comprising common equity of \$1.50 billion and preferred equity of \$332.0 million⁽⁸⁾ • Book value per common share: \$13.16 after total dividends declared of \$0.39 for the quarter
Dividends	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dividend yield of 12.5% based on the February 25, 2026 closing stock price of \$12.52 per share, and monthly dividend of \$0.13 per common share declared on February 9, 2026
Leverage Below Sector Average	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recourse debt-to-equity ratio⁽⁹⁾: 1.9:1 • Total debt-to equity ratio⁽⁹⁾: 9.0:1, including all non-recourse borrowings, which primarily consist of securitization-related liabilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased long-term, non-mark-to-market financing through completion of seven securitizations and closing of \$400 million of Moody's- and Fitch-rated senior unsecured notes. • Cash and cash equivalents of \$201.9 million, in addition to other unencumbered assets of \$1.57 billion

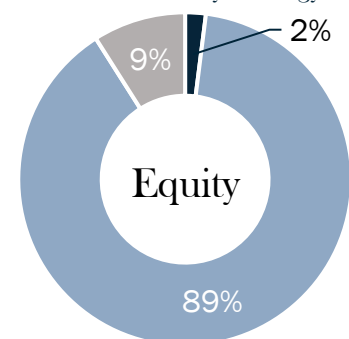
Portfolio Summary as of December 31, 2025⁽¹⁾

Credit	Allocated Equity ⁽²⁾	Fair Value (\$ in \$1,000s)	Average Price (%) ⁽³⁾⁽⁷⁾	WAVG Life ⁽⁵⁾⁽⁷⁾	WAVG Mkt Yield ⁽⁶⁾⁽⁷⁾
Non-QM Loans and Retained RMBS ⁽⁸⁾⁽⁹⁾⁽¹⁰⁾		\$ 1,392,878	94.9	4.5	7.8%
Commercial Mortgage Loans and CMBS ⁽⁸⁾⁽¹²⁾		791,609	94.5	1.2	9.1%
Residential Transition Loans and Other Residential Mortgage Loans and Retained RMBS ⁽⁸⁾⁽⁹⁾⁽¹¹⁾		664,305	99.1	1.5	6.9%
Home Equity Line of Credit and Closed-End Second Lien Loans and Retained RMBS ⁽¹⁰⁾⁽¹³⁾		364,838	103.1	3.6	9.3%
Agency-eligible residential mortgage loans		243,615	103.5	4.7	5.9%
Consumer Loans and ABS backed by Consumer Loans ⁽¹³⁾		143,648	-(4)	1.6	11.2%
CLOs		111,808	79.0	5.4	13.5%
Debt and Equity Investments in Loan Origination Entities ⁽¹⁴⁾		95,688	N/A	N/A	N/A
Non-Agency RMBS		95,240	62.9	6.8	11.9%
Forward MSR-related investments		77,852	N/A	7.7	9.2%
Non-Dollar MBS, ABS, CLO and Other ⁽¹⁵⁾⁽¹⁶⁾		30,248	105.1	4.7	11.7%
Corporate Debt and Equity and Corporate Loans		29,147	49.0	3.1	17.4%
Other investments ⁽¹⁷⁾⁽¹⁸⁾		70,466	81.3	4.1	15.3%
Total - Credit	89%	\$ 4,111,342	97.0	3.1	8.5%
Agency					
Fixed-Rate Specified Pools		203,077	94.9	4.7	4.8%
Reverse Mortgage Pools		556	99.0	4.6	4.7%
IOs		14,734	N/A	8.8	9.0%
Total - Agency	2%	\$ 218,367	94.9	5.0	5.1%

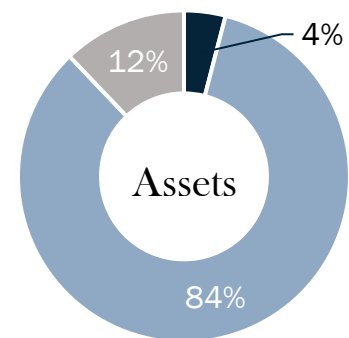
Longbridge ⁽¹⁹⁾		
Proprietary reverse mortgage loans and retained tranches ⁽⁹⁾		291,194
Unsecuritized HECM loans ⁽²⁰⁾		174,046
HMBS MSR Equivalent ⁽²¹⁾		118,320
Reverse MSRs and Unsecuritized REO ⁽²²⁾		33,655
Total - Longbridge	9%	\$ 617,215

Debt-to-Equity Ratio by Strategy and Overall ⁽²³⁾	Recourse	Total
Credit	1.8x	2.7x
Agency	7.0x	7.0x
Longbridge	2.2x	70.1x
Overall	1.9x	9.0x

Equity and Asset Allocation by Strategy



■ Agency ■ Credit ■ Longbridge



- **Residential transition loans and other residential mortgage loans⁽⁸⁾⁽¹¹⁾** consist of residential transition loans (\$550.4mm), retained RTL tranches (\$17.8mm), other residential loans (\$53.9mm), and REO (\$42.2mm)
- **Non-QM loans and retained RMBS⁽⁸⁾⁽⁹⁾⁽¹⁰⁾** consist of non-QM loans (\$1,071.8mm), retained non-QM tranches (\$320.4mm), and REO (\$0.7mm)
- **Debt and Equity Investments in Loan Origination Entities⁽¹⁴⁾** consist of LendSure (\$52.6mm) and other loan origination entities (\$43.1mm)
- **Proprietary reverse mortgage loans and retained tranches⁽⁹⁾** consist of propriety reverse mortgage loans (\$234.4mm), retained tranches (\$51.2mm), and other (\$5.6mm)

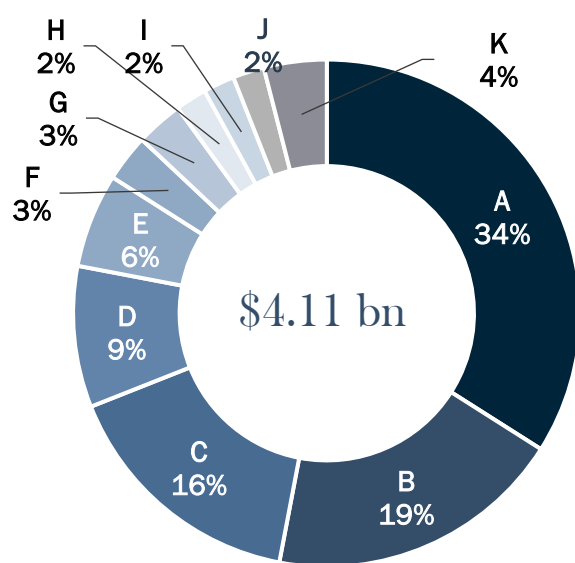
Operating Results by Strategy for the Quarter Ended December 31, 2025

<i>(In thousands, except per share amounts)</i>	Investment Portfolio					Total	Total Per Share
	Credit	Agency	Investment Portfolio Subtotal	Longbridge	Corporate/Other		
Interest income and other income ⁽¹⁾	\$ 99,886	\$ 2,462	\$102,348	\$ 42,510	\$ 1,795	\$ 146,653	\$ 1.34
Interest expense	(46,514)	(1,436)	(47,950)	(24,371)	(10,983)	(83,304)	(0.76)
Realized gain (loss), net	2,291	(29)	2,262	60	-	2,322	0.02
Unrealized gain (loss), net	(19,319)	1,769	(17,550)	8,927	(7,905)	(16,528)	(0.15)
Net change from reverse mortgage loans and HMBS obligations	-	-	-	31,900	-	31,900	0.29
Earnings in unconsolidated entities	18,203	-	18,203	-	-	18,203	0.17
Interest rate hedges and other activity, net ⁽²⁾	(402)	1,339	937	1,767	(661)	2,043	0.02
Credit hedges and other activities, net ⁽³⁾	(4,413)	-	(4,413)	(435)	-	(4,848)	(0.05)
Income tax (expense) benefit	-	-	-	-	(1,353)	(1,353)	(0.01)
Investment and transaction related expenses	(8,213)	-	(8,213)	(16,506)	(5,962)	(30,681)	(0.28)
Other expenses	(2,663)	-	(2,663)	(27,491)	(11,639)	(41,793)	(0.38)
Net income (loss)	\$ 38,856	\$ 4,105	\$ 42,961	\$ 16,361	\$ (36,708)	\$ 22,614	\$ 0.21
Dividends on preferred stock	-	-	-	-	(6,981)	(6,981)	(0.06)
Net (income) loss attributable to non-participating non-controlling interests	(805)	-	(805)	-	(4)	(809)	(0.01)
Net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders and participating non-controlling interests	\$ 38,051	\$ 4,105	\$ 42,156	\$ 16,361	\$ (43,693)	\$ 14,824	\$0.14
Net (income) loss attributable to participating non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	(157)	(157)	-
Net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders	\$ 38,051	\$ 4,105	\$ 42,156	\$ 16,361	\$ (43,850)	\$ 14,667	\$ 0.14
Net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders per share of common stock	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.39	\$ 0.15	\$ (0.40)	\$ 0.14	
Weighted average shares of common stock and convertible units ⁽⁴⁾ outstanding						109,652	
Weighted average shares of common stock outstanding						108,491	

Reconciliation of Net Income (Loss) to Adjusted Distributable Earnings⁽¹⁾

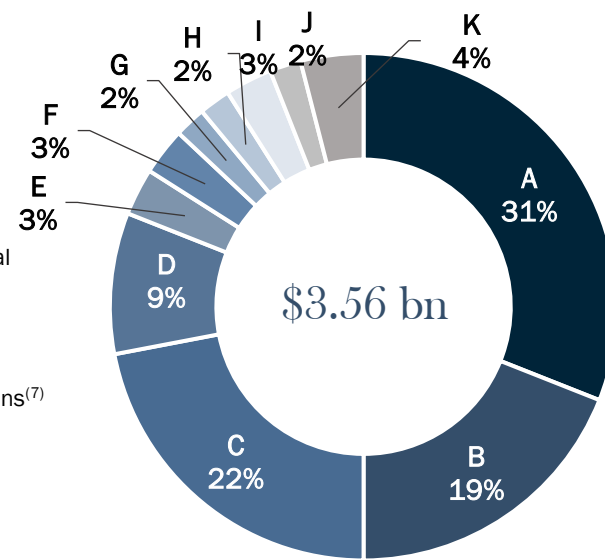
Three-Month Period Ended December 31, 2025

<i>(in thousands, except per share amounts)</i>	Investment Portfolio	Longbridge	Corporate/Other	Total
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 42,961	\$ 16,361	\$ (36,708)	\$ 22,614
Income tax expense (benefit)	-	-	1,353	1,353
Net income (loss) before income tax expense (benefit)	\$ 42,961	\$ 16,361	\$ (35,355)	\$ 23,967
Adjustments:				
Realized (gains) losses, net ⁽²⁾	10,992	-	(1,122)	9,870
Unrealized (gains) losses, net ⁽³⁾	16,277	11,919	8,351	36,547
Unrealized (gains) losses on reverse MSR, net of hedging (gains) losses ⁽⁴⁾	-	(3,004)	-	(3,004)
Negative (positive) component of interest income represented by Catch-up Amortization Adjustment	35	-	-	35
Adjustment related to consolidated proprietary reverse mortgage loan securitizations ⁽⁵⁾	-	(11,647)	-	(11,647)
Non-capitalized transaction costs and other expense adjustments ⁽⁶⁾	4,550	995	5,952	11,497
(Earnings) losses from investments in unconsolidated entities	(18,203)	-	-	(18,203)
Adjusted Distributable Earnings from investments in unconsolidated entities ⁽⁷⁾	10,655	-	-	10,655
Total Adjusted Distributable Earnings	\$ 67,267	\$ 14,624	\$ (22,174)	\$ 59,717
Dividends on preferred stock	-	-	6,981	6,981
Adjusted Distributable Earnings attributable to non-controlling interests	824	-	550	1,374
Adjusted Distributable Earnings Attributable to Common Stockholders	\$ 66,443	\$ 14,624	\$ (29,705)	\$ 51,362
Adjusted Distributable Earnings Attributable to Common Stockholders, per share	\$ 0.61	\$ 0.13	\$ (0.27)	\$ 0.47



As of 12/31/2025⁽¹⁾

- A: Non-QM Loans and Retained RMBS⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾
- B: Commercial Mortgage Loans & CMBS⁽³⁾⁽⁶⁾
- C: Residential Transition Loans and other Residential Mortgage Loans and Retained RMBS⁽³⁾⁽⁵⁾
- D: Closed-End Second Lien Loans & HELOCs⁽⁴⁾⁽⁷⁾
- E: Agency-Eligible Residential Mortgage Loans
- F: Consumer Loans & ABS backed by Consumer Loans⁽⁷⁾
- G: CLOs
- H: Forward MSR-Related Investments
- I: Non-Agency RMBS
- J: Debt and Equity Investments in Loan Originators⁽⁸⁾
- K: Other⁽⁹⁾⁽¹⁰⁾⁽¹¹⁾⁽¹²⁾



As of 9/30/2025⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

Our adjusted long credit portfolio⁽¹³⁾ increased by 15% to \$4.11 billion as of December 31, 2025, compared to \$3.56 billion as of September 30, 2025.

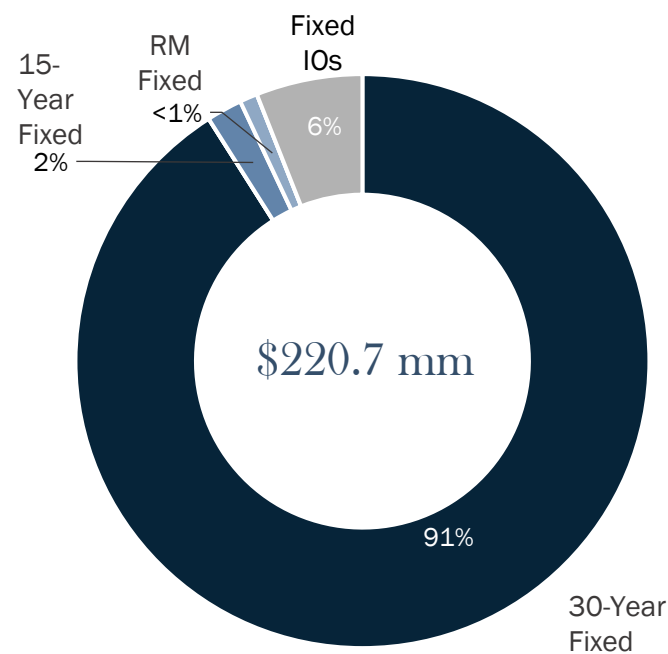
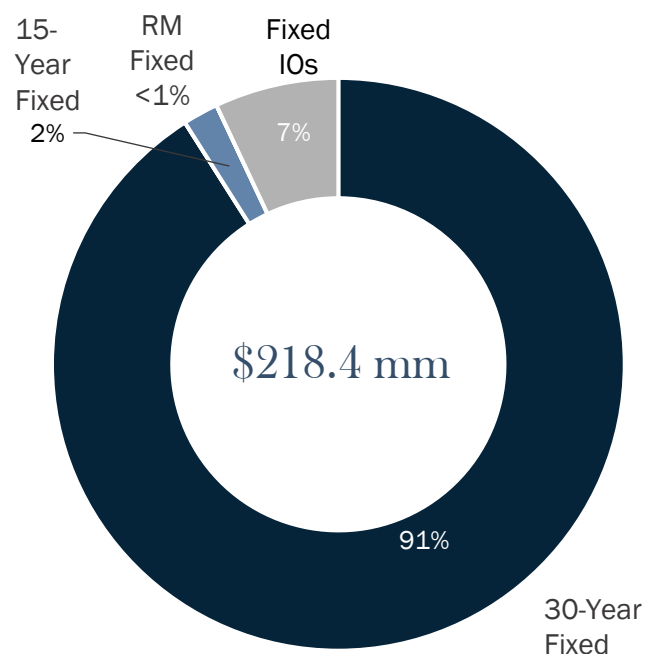
The increase was driven by net purchases of non-QM loans, Agency-eligible loans, closed-end second lien loans, commercial mortgage bridge loans, ABS, and CLOs.

A larger portfolio of retained RBMS also contributed to the increase.

These increases were partially offset by the impact of loans sold into securitizations.

*For consolidated securitization trusts, only includes retained tranches.

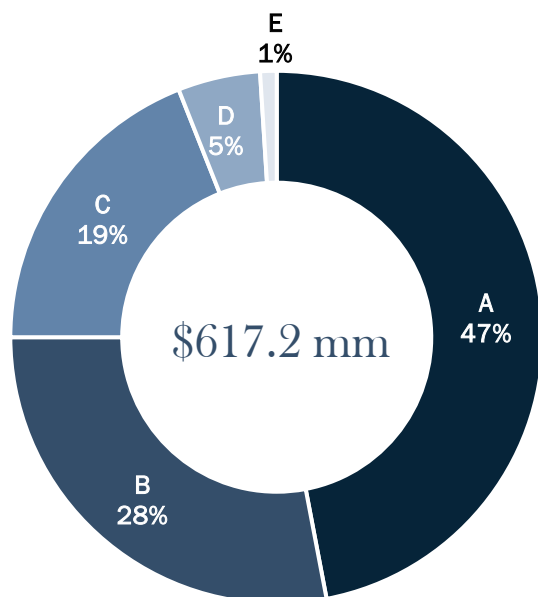
Long Agency Portfolio



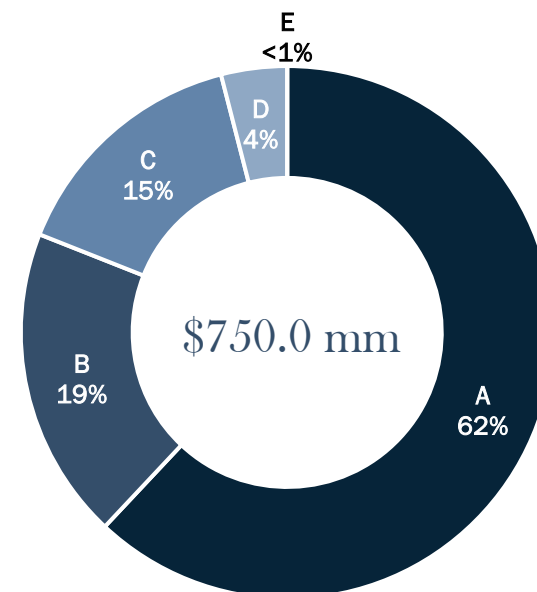
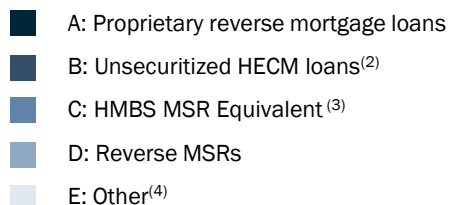
Category	Fair Value ⁽¹⁾ (\$ in MMs)	Wtd. Avg. Coupon ⁽²⁾
30-Year Fixed	\$ 197.9	3.93%
15-Year Fixed	5.2	3.50%
RM Fixed	0.6	3.92%
Subtotal - Fixed	\$ 203.7	3.92%
Fixed IOs	14.7	
Total	\$ 218.4	

Category	Fair Value ⁽¹⁾ (\$ in MMs)	Wtd. Avg. Coupon ⁽²⁾
30-Year Fixed	\$ 201.7	3.93%
15-Year Fixed	5.5	3.50%
RM Fixed	0.9	4.39%
Subtotal - Fixed	\$ 208.1	3.92%
Fixed IOs	12.7	
Total	\$ 220.7	

- Our long Agency portfolio decreased slightly quarter over quarter to \$218.4 million.



As of 12/31/2025⁽¹⁾



As of 9/30/2025⁽¹⁾

- Longbridge originates reverse mortgage loans, including (i) home equity conversion mortgage loans, or "HECMs," which are insured by the FHA, and (ii) "proprietary reverse mortgage loans," which are not insured by the FHA. HECMs are eligible for inclusion in GNMA-guaranteed HECM-backed MBS, or "HMBS." Upon securitization, the HECMs remain on our balance sheet under GAAP.
- We have securitized some of the proprietary reverse mortgage loans originated by Longbridge, and we have retained certain of the securitization tranches in compliance with credit risk retention rules. Longbridge has typically retained the MSRs associated with the loans it has originated.

- In Q4, Longbridge's portfolio decreased by 18%, as continued strong proprietary reverse mortgage loan origination volume was more than offset by the completion of two securitizations.
- Longbridge originated \$529.7 million across HECM and prop, 72% through its wholesale and correspondent channels and 28% through its retail channel.
- Our Longbridge segment reported a net gain, driven by positive contributions from both originations and servicing, and net gains on interest rate hedges.
- In originations, higher overall origination volumes, continued strong origination margins, and net gains related to the proprietary reverse mortgage loan securitizations drove the positive results.
- In servicing, positive results reflected strong tail securitization executions, a net gain on the HMBS MSR Equivalent, driven primarily by improved profits from tail securitizations, along with steady base servicing net income.

*For consolidated proprietary reverse mortgage loan securitization trusts, only includes retained tranches.

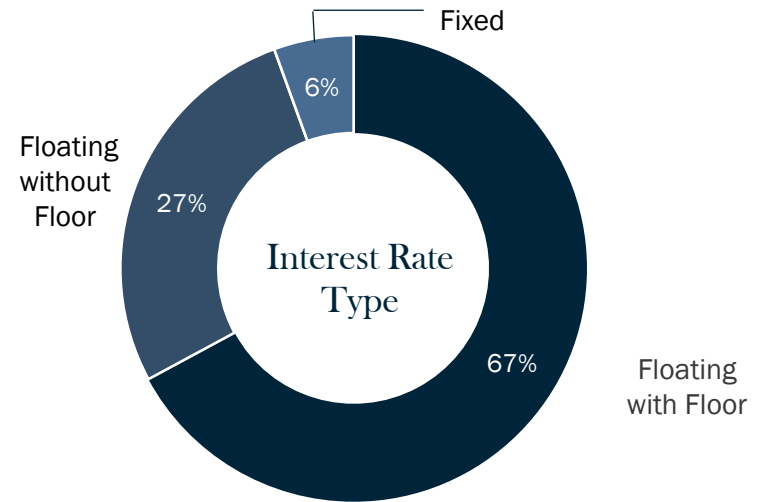
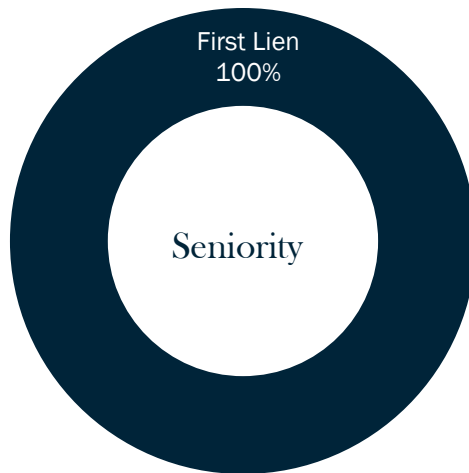
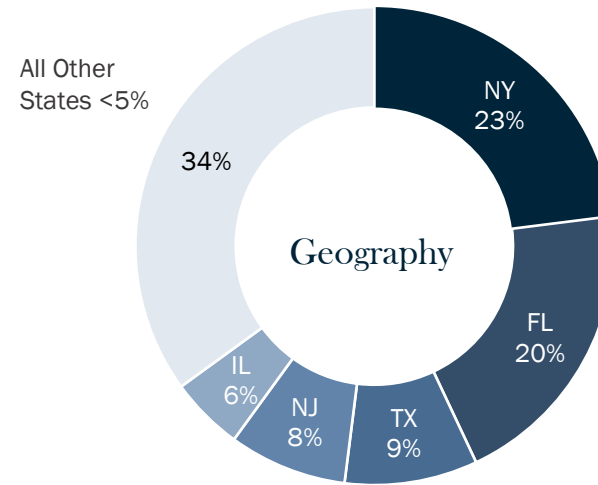
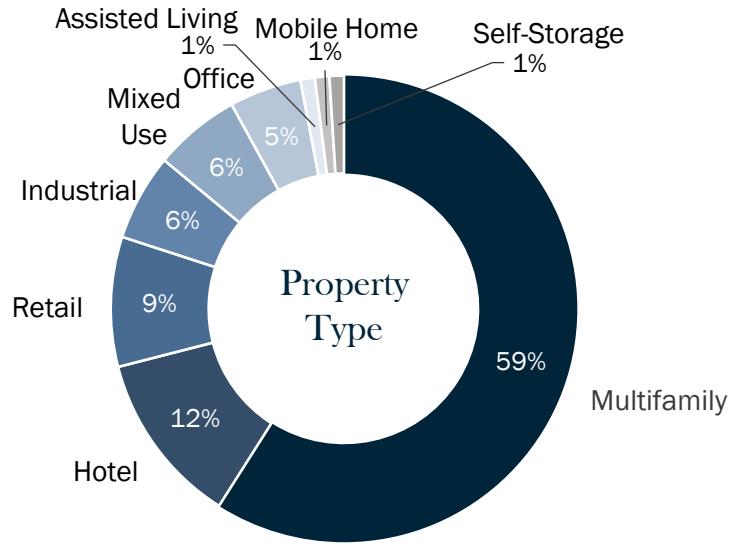
Summary of Borrowings

Recourse Borrowings (\$ in thousands)	As of 12/31/25		Three-Month Period Ended 12/31/25	
	Outstanding Borrowings	Weighted Average Borrowing Rate	Average Borrowings	Average Cost of Funds
Credit ⁽¹⁾	\$ 2,328,665	5.43%	\$ 2,249,518	5.75%
Agency RMBS	201,691	4.01%	137,316	4.15%
Borrowings – Credit and Agency RMBS	\$ 2,530,356	5.31%	\$ 2,386,834	5.66%
U.S. Treasury Securities	33,310	3.99%	39,237	4.17%
Borrowings – including U.S. Treasury Securities	\$ 2,563,666	5.30%	\$ 2,426,071	5.63%
Senior Notes, at par	647,750	6.81%	621,663	6.79%
Subordinated Notes	15,000	6.92%	15,000	6.95%
Longbridge-Related Recourse Borrowings	388,176	6.22%	427,363	5.80%
Total Recourse Borrowings⁽²⁾	\$ 3,614,592	5.67%	\$ 3,490,097	5.87%

Recourse and Non-Recourse Leverage Summary⁽³⁾

As of 12/31/2025

Recourse Borrowings	\$ 3,614,592	Recourse Debt-to-Equity Ratio ⁽⁴⁾	
Non-Recourse HMBS-Related Obligations	\$ 10,406,332	<i>Net of Unsettled Purchases/Sales</i>	1.9:1
Non-Recourse Consolidated Securitizations	\$ <u>2,945,578</u>		
Total Borrowings	\$ 16,966,502	Total Debt-to-Equity Ratio ⁽⁴⁾	
Total Equity	\$ 1,871,155	<i>Net of Unsettled Purchases/Sales</i>	9.0:1



- Commercial mortgage loan portfolio is diversified geographically and across property types, with a tactical focus on multi-family.
- All investments are first liens.

Ellington Financial's vertically integrated, proprietary loan origination businesses are designed to:

- Lock in a steady flow of high-quality loan originations
- Leverage Ellington's core strengths of data analysis and modeling to help shape the underwriting criteria of the loans
- Generate highly attractive ROE profiles
- Represent significant potential upside to book value
- Fill lending void left by banks facing strict regulations

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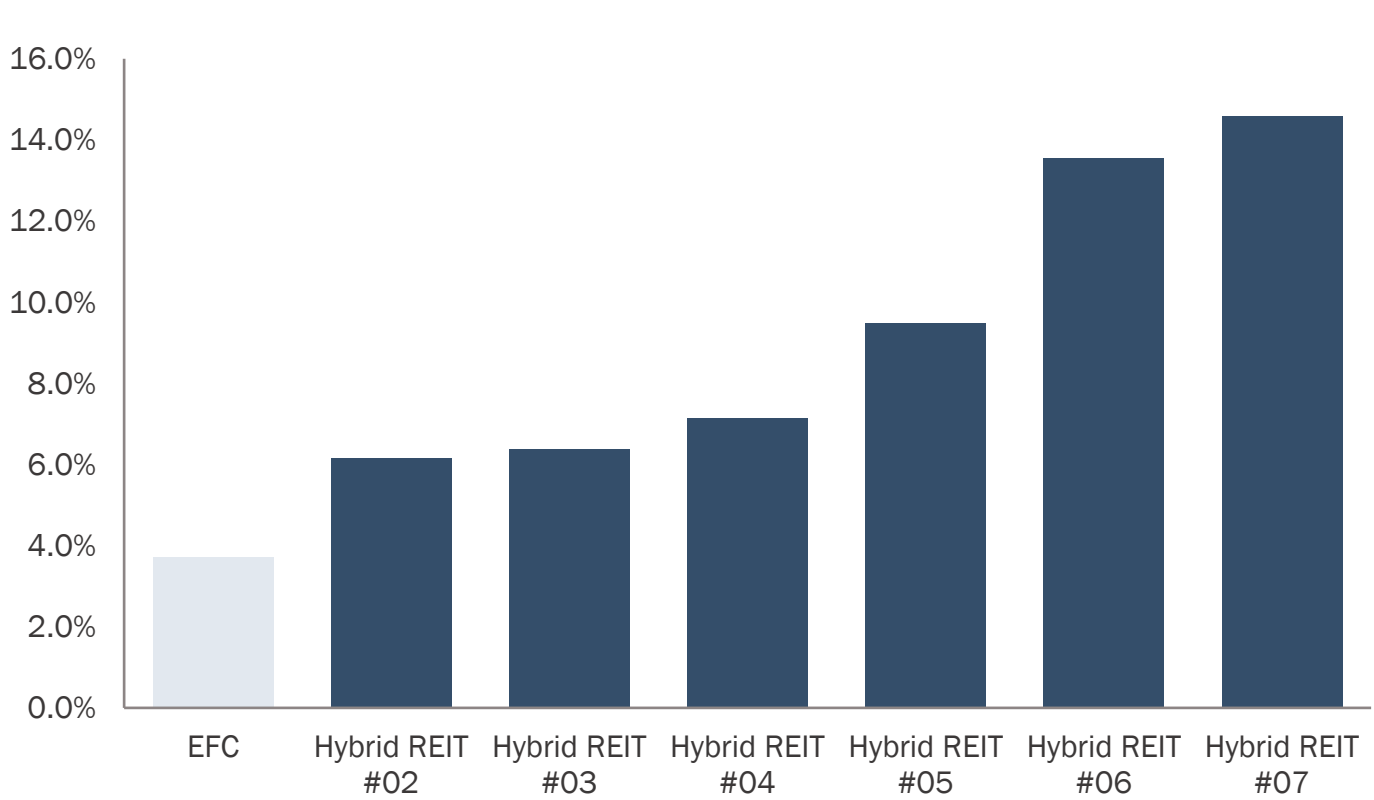
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	Non-QM Loans ⁽¹⁾	Residential Transition Loans	Commercial Mortgage Loans ⁽²⁾	Reverse Mortgage Loans ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾	
Strategic Originator Investment(s)	√	√	√	√	
Joint Ventures and/or Flow Agreements	√	√	√	√	
In-House Origination Team	-	√	√	√	
Servicing Platform and Workout Capabilities	√	√	√	√	
Securitization Program	√	√	-	√	
					Total
Loans Acquired During Q4 2025 (\$mm)	\$1,521.2	\$172.3	\$178.6	\$529.7	\$2,401.8
Total Loan & Retained Tranches FV at 12/31/2025 (\$mm)	\$1,392.2	\$568.2	\$924.0	\$465.2	\$3,349.6

Standard Deviation of Quarterly Economic Returns of Hybrid REITs, Q1-2011 - Q3-2025⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾



Company	Standard Deviation
EFC	3.5%
Hybrid REIT #02	6.1%
Hybrid REIT #03	6.2%
Hybrid REIT #04	6.7%
Hybrid REIT #05	9.2%
Hybrid REIT #06	12.9%
Hybrid REIT #07	13.6%

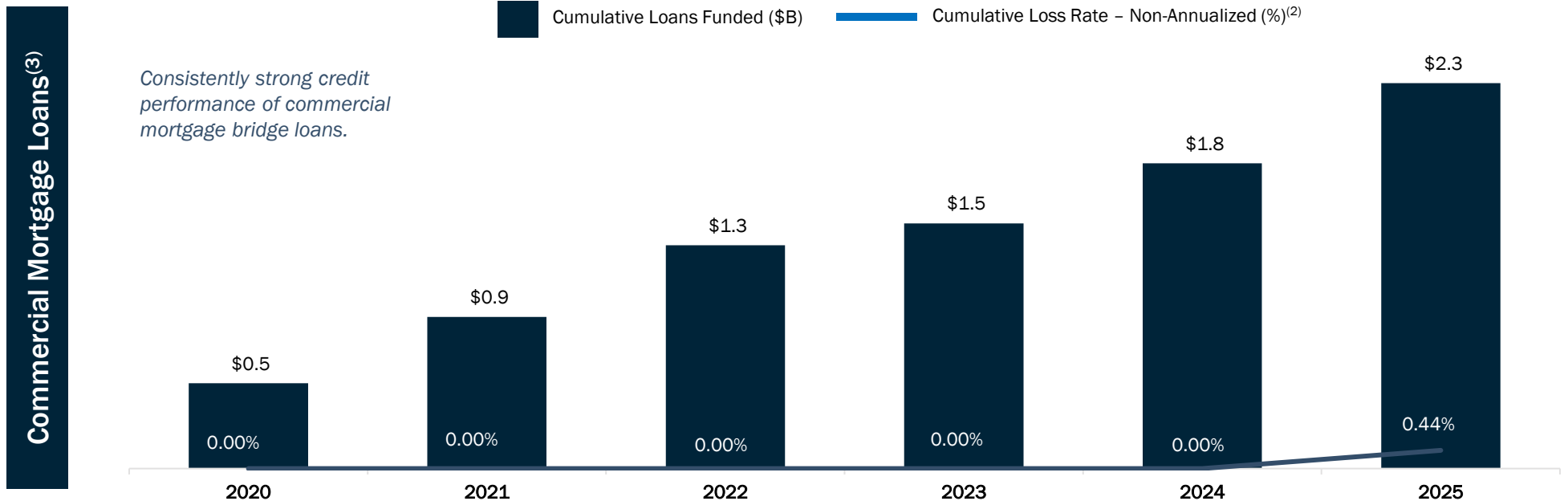
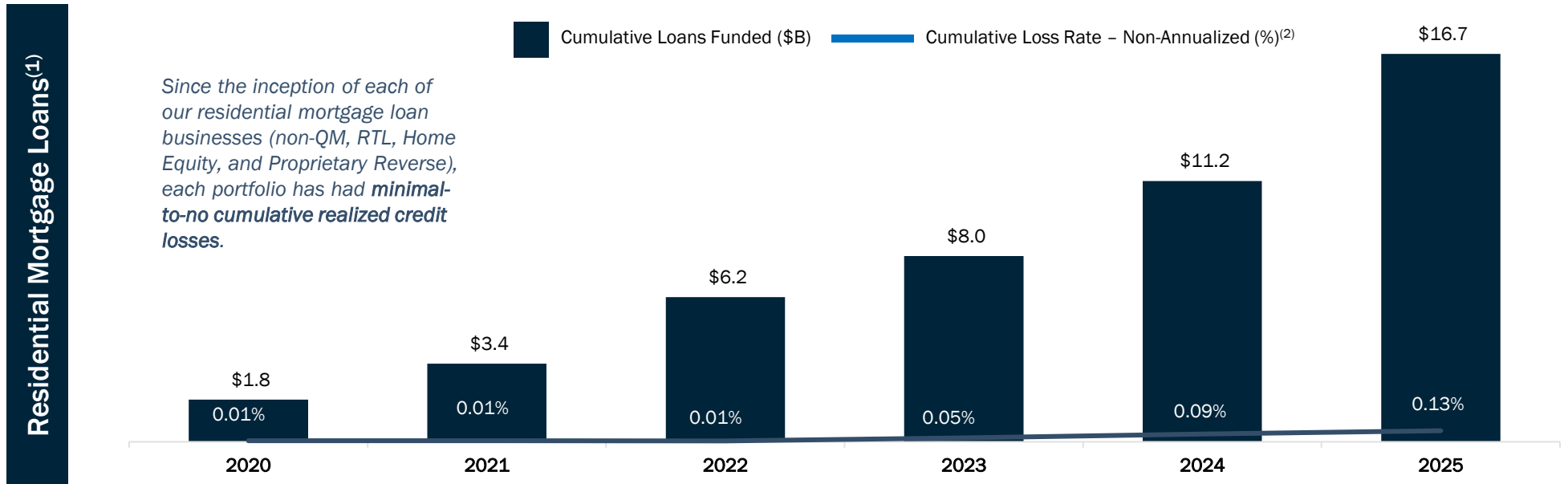
- EFC has produced the most consistent quarterly returns among its peer group with significantly lower earnings volatility, thanks to our dynamic hedging strategies, diversification and active portfolio management

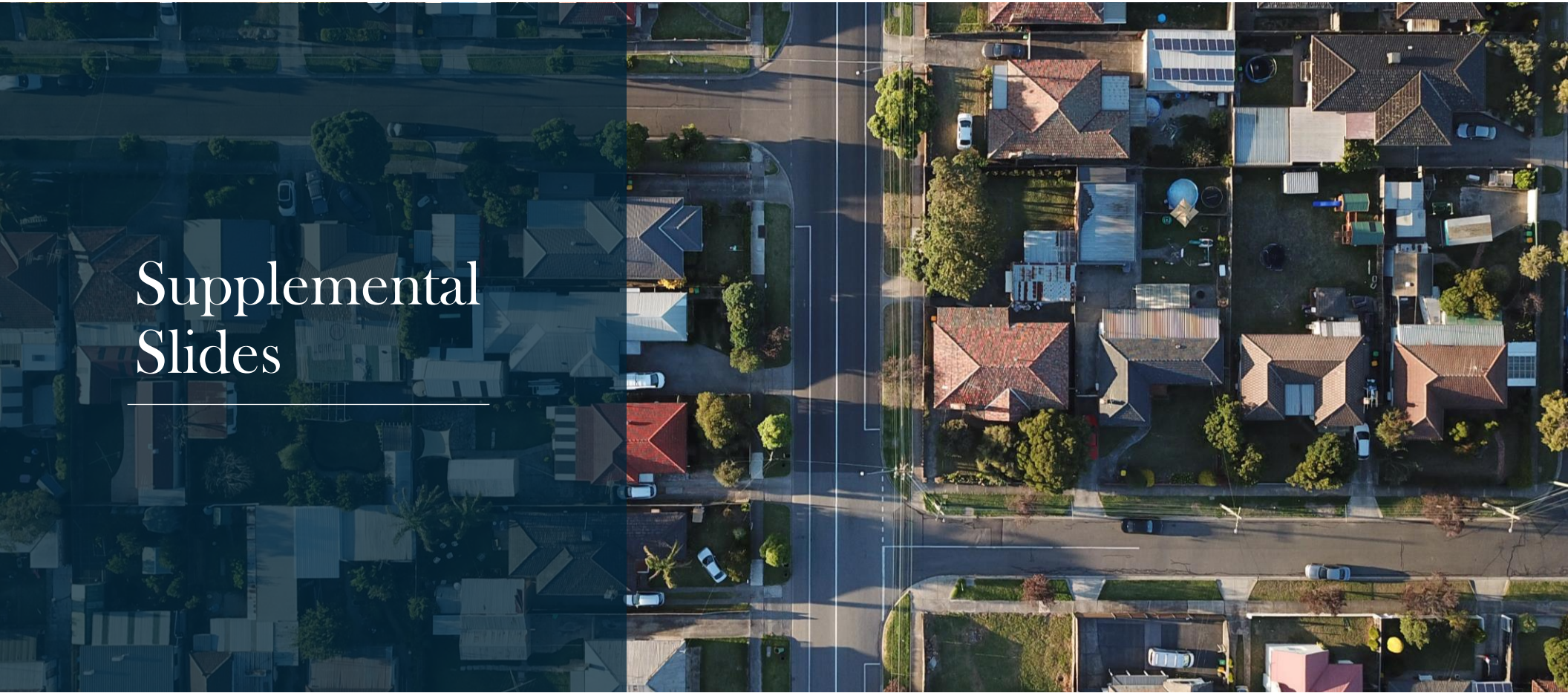
Estimated Change in Fair Value

As of 12/31/2025 (\$ in thousands)	50 Basis Point Decline in Interest Rates		50 Basis Point Increase in Interest Rates	
	Δ Fair Value	% of Total Equity	Δ Fair Value	% of Total Equity
Agency RMBS – Fixed Pools and IOs excluding TBAs	\$ 5,200	0.28%	\$ (5,743)	-0.31%
Long TBAs	2,854	0.15%	(4,219)	-0.23%
Short TBAs	(5,755)	-0.31%	8,158	0.44%
Non-Agency RMBS, CMBS, Other ABS, MSRs, Mortgage and Other Loans	42,279	2.26%	(47,322)	-2.53%
Interest Rate Swaps	(23,963)	-1.28%	23,186	1.24%
U.S. Treasury Securities	(7,513)	-0.40%	7,242	0.39%
Eurodollar and Treasury Futures	(7,141)	-0.38%	6,926	0.37%
Corporate Securities and Other	(20)	0.00%	(15)	0.00%
Repurchase Agreements, Reverse Repurchase Agreements, and Senior Notes Outstanding	(8,262)	-0.44%	8,438	0.45%
Total	\$ (2,321)	-0.12%	\$ (3,349)	-0.18%
Less: Estimated Change in Fair Value attributable to Preferred Stock	(2,141)		2,174	
Estimated Change in Fair Value attributable to Common Stock	\$ (4,462)		\$ (1,175)	
As % of Common Equity	-0.29%		-0.08%	

- EFC's dynamic interest rate hedging, along with the short duration of many of our loan portfolios, is designed to reduce our exposure to fluctuations in interest rates.

Cumulative Loans Funded and Realized Credit Losses (Non-Annualized)





Supplemental Slides



Environmental

- Our offices are conveniently located near mass transportation.
- We provide financial support and incentives to our employees who use public transit.
- To reduce energy usage, we use Energy Star® certified desktops, monitors and printers; and utilize motion sensor lighting and cooling to reduce energy usage in non-peak hours.
- To reduce waste and promote a cleaner environment, we use green cleaning supplies and kitchen products; recycle electronics, ink cartridges, and packaging; provide recycling containers to employees; and use water coolers to reduce waste.
- We have reduced the number of single use cups and plastic water bottles in our offices.



Social

- We invest in home mortgage loans, which support homeownership and stability within communities.
- Ellington and senior members of management sponsor numerous charitable causes, including several devoted to diversity and children in need. We also support employee charitable contributions through matching gift programs, hosting food drives, and other community events.
- Our employees have access to robust health and wellness programs. Ellington also supports various events that support health and wellness.
- We provide opportunities for personal growth with training, including facilitating a lunch & learn series, and reimbursing professional continuing education. We also support professional development through mentorship programs and affinity groups, such as a women's networking group.
- We are in compliance with applicable employment codes and guidelines, including ADA, Equal Opportunity Employment, Non-Discrimination, Anti-Harassment and Non-Retaliation codes.



Governance

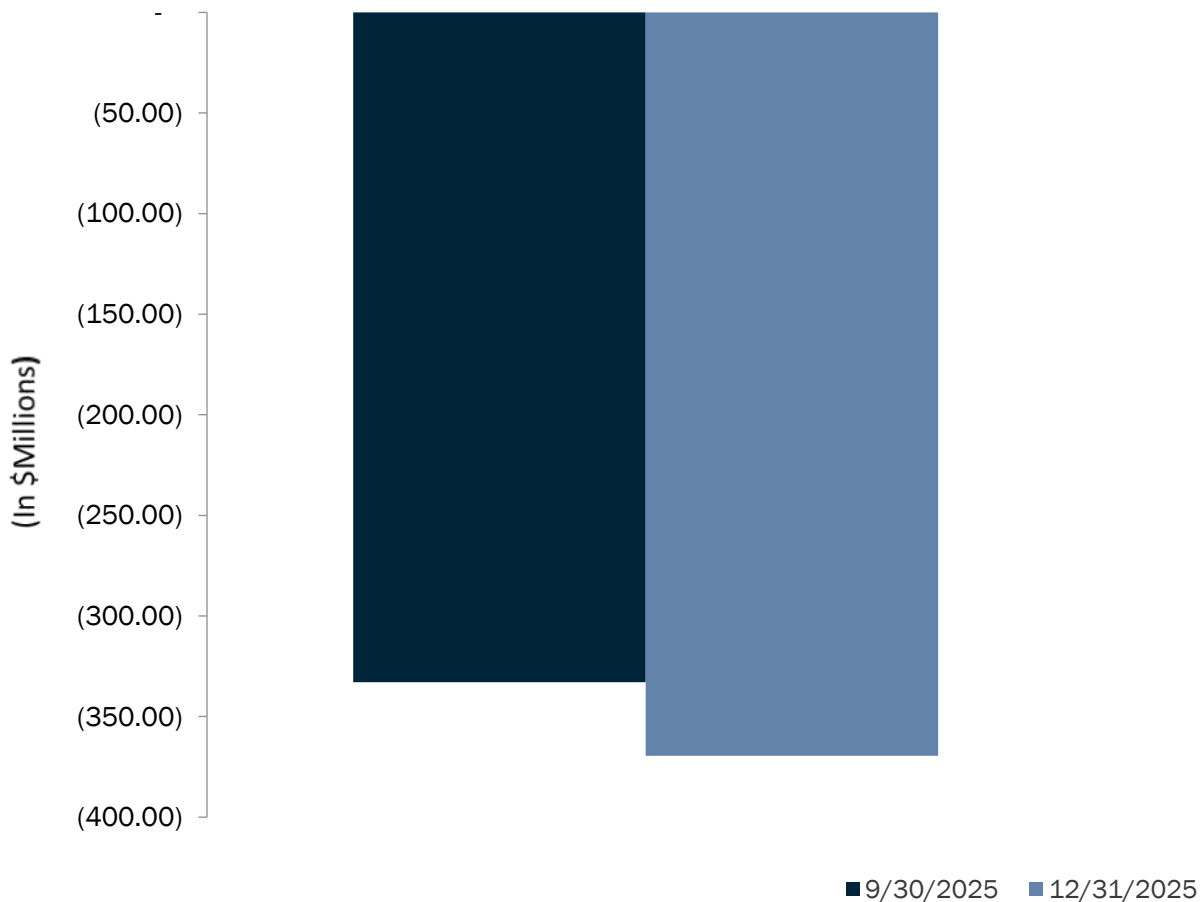
- We operate under a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics.
- EFC has a separate independent Chairman, and the majority of Board members are independent.
- We hold annual elections of Directors.
- We are committed to providing clear and consistent disclosure and maintaining a high level of transparency
- We have an established Whistleblower policy to encourage transparency and accountability.
- Robust process for stockholder engagement.
- Strong alignment through \$54mm co-investment⁽¹⁾

Quarter Ended	12/31/2025	Q4/Q3	9/30/2025	Q3/Q2	6/30/2025	Q2/Q1	3/31/2025
UST (%)⁽¹⁾							
3M UST	3.63	-0.31	3.93	-0.36	4.29	-0.00	4.29
2Y UST	3.47	-0.14	3.61	-0.11	3.72	-0.16	3.88
5Y UST	3.73	-0.02	3.74	-0.06	3.80	-0.15	3.95
10Y UST	4.17	+0.02	4.15	-0.08	4.23	+0.02	4.21
30Y UST	4.84	+0.11	4.73	-0.04	4.77	+0.20	4.57
3M10Y Spread	0.54	+0.32	0.22	+0.28	-0.06	+0.03	-0.09
2Y10Y Spread	0.69	+0.15	0.54	+0.03	0.51	+0.19	0.32
SOFR (%)⁽¹⁾							
1M	3.69	-0.44	4.13	-0.19	4.32	+0.00	4.32
3M	3.65	-0.32	3.98	-0.32	4.29	+0.00	4.29
1M3M Spread	-0.04	+0.12	-0.15	-0.12	-0.03	+0.00	-0.03
Mortgage Rates (%)⁽²⁾							
15Y	5.69	-0.07	5.76	-0.30	6.06	+0.02	6.04
30Y	6.18	-0.12	6.30	-0.47	6.77	+0.12	6.65
Credit Spreads⁽¹⁾							
Markit CDX North America HY Index - Spread	316.50	-4.79	321.29	+3.25	318.04	-58.26	376.31
Markit CDX North America IG Index - Spread	50.01	-2.06	52.07	+1.01	51.06	-10.39	61.45
TSY-based OAS (bps)⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾							
FNMA30Y2.5 OAS	29.1	+1.1	28.0	-2.8	30.8	-1.8	32.6
FNMA30Y4.5 OAS	4.1	-1.4	5.5	-7.8	13.3	+1.0	12.3
FNMA30Y6.0 OAS	21.5	-5.4	26.9	-4.3	31.2	+8.5	22.7
TSY-based ZSpread (bps)⁽³⁾⁽⁵⁾							
FNMA30Y2.5 ZSpread	39.1	-0.6	39.7	-4.1	43.8	-4.9	48.7
FNMA30Y4.5 ZSpread	48.4	-3.9	52.3	-13.4	65.7	-5.6	71.3
FNMA30Y6.0 ZSpread	102.3	-13.7	116.0	-16.5	132.5	+0.1	132.4
FNMA Pass-Thrus⁽¹⁾							
30Y2.5	\$84.62	\$0.36	\$84.26	\$1.17	\$83.09	-\$0.13	\$83.22
30Y4.5	\$97.64	\$0.63	\$97.02	\$1.27	\$95.75	\$0.03	\$95.72
30Y6.0	\$102.67	\$0.53	\$102.14	\$0.48	\$101.66	\$0.13	\$101.52

Derivatives Summary as of December 31, 2025⁽¹⁾

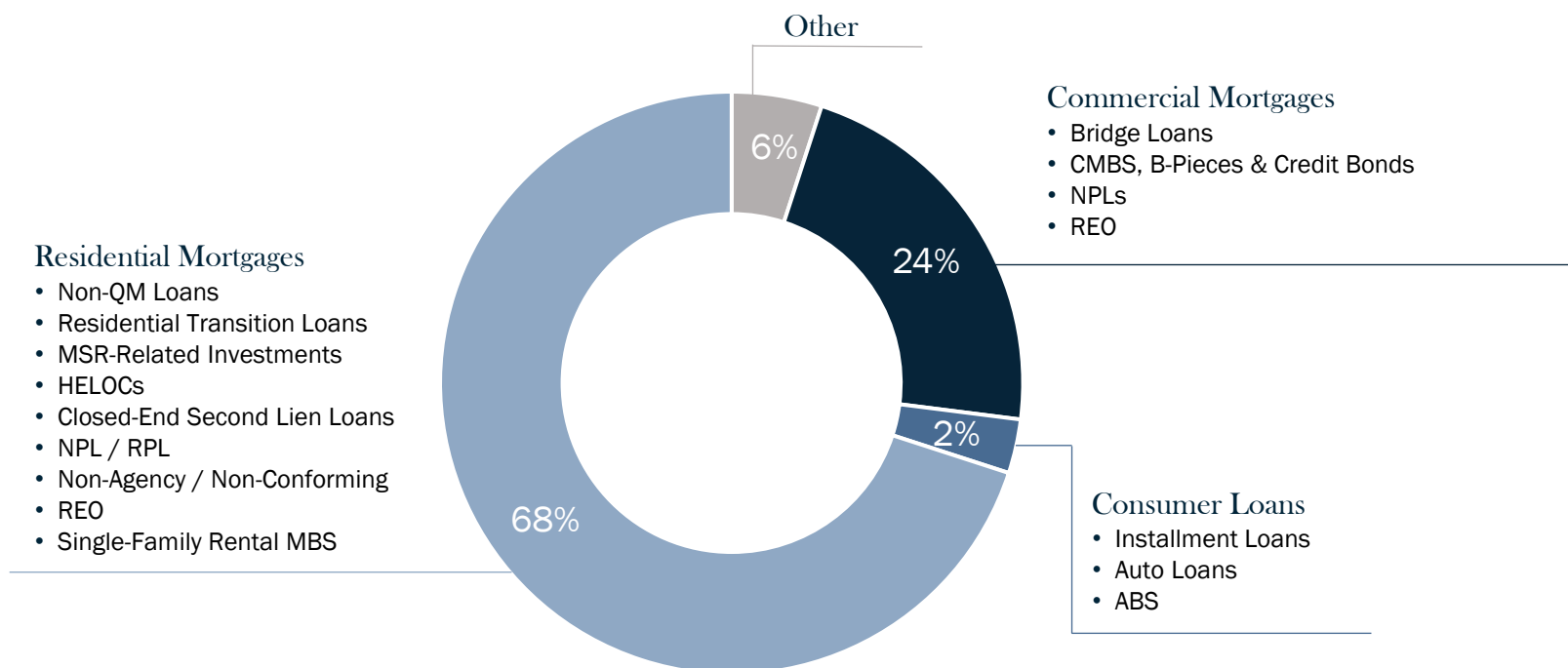
(\$ in thousands)	Long Notional	Short Notional	Net Notional	Fair Value
Mortgage-Related Derivatives:				
CDS on MBS and MBS Indices	\$ 190	\$ (26,739)	\$ (26,549)	\$ 2,204
Total Net Mortgage-Related Derivatives				\$ 2,204
Corporate-Related Derivatives:				
CDS on Corporate Bonds and Corporate Bond Indices	165,010	(1,047,704)	(882,694)	(20,941)
Total Return Swaps on Corporate Bond Indices ⁽²⁾	1,772	-	1,772	24
Options	8,575	-	8,575	5,607
Warrants ⁽²⁾	109	-	109	1
Total Net Corporate-Related Derivatives				\$ (15,309)
Interest Rate-Related Derivatives:				
TBAs	89,488	(328,374)	(238,886)	(341)
Interest Rate Swaps	6,056,495	(8,223,774)	(2,167,279)	102,101
U.S. Treasury Futures ⁽³⁾	1,900	(257,200)	(255,300)	1,050
Total Interest Rate-Related Derivatives				\$ 102,810
Other Derivatives:				
Foreign Currency Forwards ⁽⁴⁾	-	(28,934)	(28,934)	(55)
Total Net Other Derivatives				\$ (55)
Net Total				\$ 89,650

Instrument Category	Corporate CDS Indices/ Tranches/ Options/ Single Names	CMBX
Units	HY CDX OTR Equivalent Value ⁽³⁾	Bond Equivalent Value ⁽⁴⁾



- EFC’s dynamic credit hedging strategy seeks to reduce book value volatility.
- During market-wide negative credit shocks, our credit hedges not only help stabilize our book value, but they also bolster our liquidity, as we have daily access (in cash) to the mark-to-market gains on these positions.

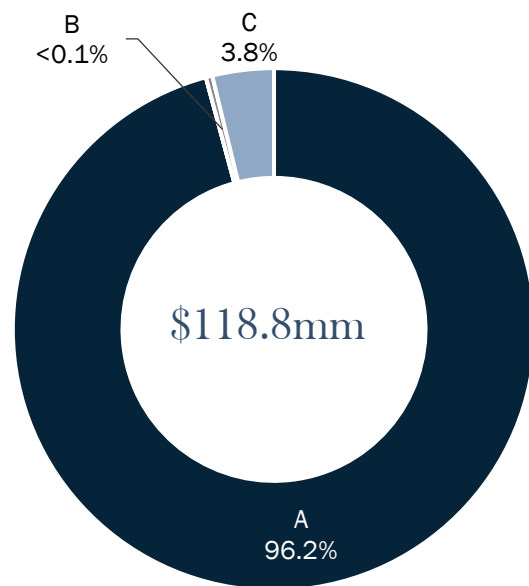
Diversified sources of return to perform over market cycles



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

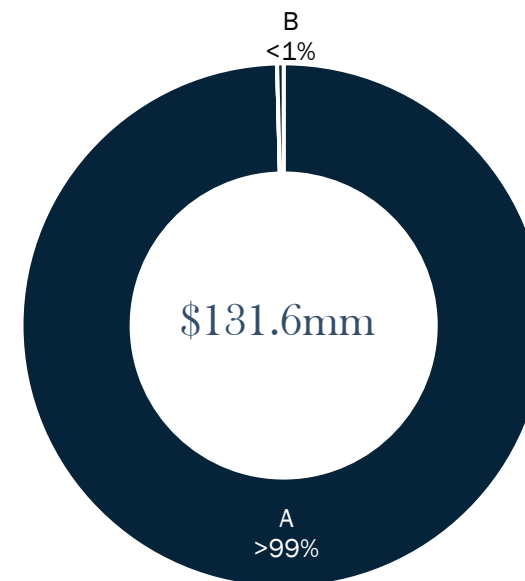
Note: Percentages shown reflect share of total fair market value of credit portfolio⁽²⁾⁽³⁾

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



As of 12/31/2025

Short \$118.8 mm 10-yr equivalents⁽¹⁾

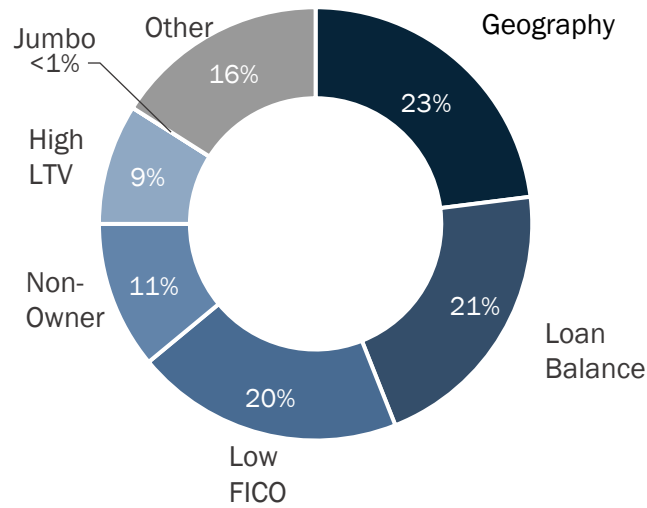


As of 9/30/2025

Short \$131.6 mm 10-yr equivalents⁽¹⁾

- We hedge along the entire yield curve to protect against volatility, defend book value and more thoroughly control interest rate risk.
- Shorting “generic” pools (in the form of TBAs) allows EFC to significantly reduce interest rate risk and basis risk in its Agency portfolio.
 - For those Agency pools hedged with comparable TBAs, the biggest risk is a drop in “pay-ups.”
 - Average pay-ups on our specified pools decreased to 0.79% as of 12/31/2025, as compared to 0.81% as of 9/30/2025.
 - We also hedge interest rate risk with swaps, U.S. Treasury securities, and other instruments.
- As of both 12/31/2025 and 9/30/2025, we had a net long TBA position on a duration-weighted and notional basis associated with the Agency strategy.

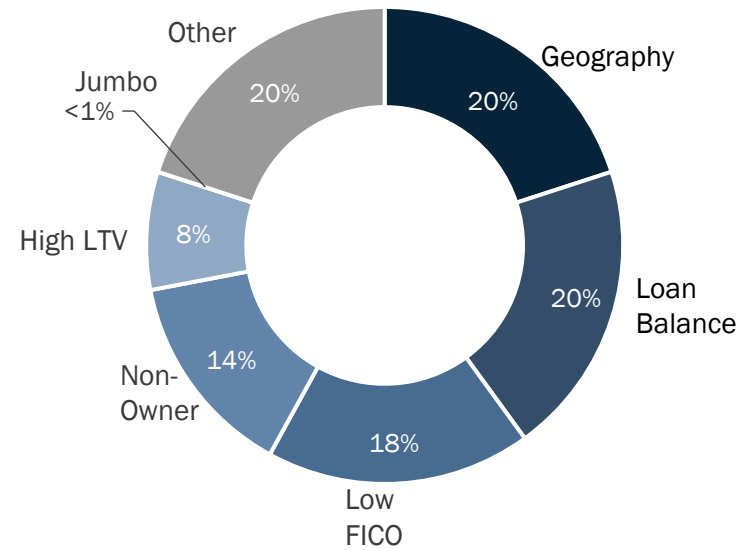
Average for Quarter Ended 12/31/2025⁽¹⁾



Collateral Characteristics and Historical 3-Mo CPR

Characteristic ⁽²⁾	Fair Value ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾	3-Month CPR % ⁽⁴⁾
Geography	\$46.4	5.8
Loan Balance	43.9	7.5
Low FICO	39.9	8.9
Non-Owner	22.3	4.5
High LTV	18.0	5.8
Jumbo	0.4	0.1
Other	33.2	7.7
Total	\$204.1	6.9

Average for Quarter Ended 9/30/2025⁽¹⁾



Collateral Characteristics and Historical 3-Mo CPR

Characteristic ⁽²⁾	Fair Value ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾	3-Month CPR % ⁽⁴⁾
Geography	\$47.6	0.3
Loan Balance	45.9	8.1
Low FICO	41.7	12.7
Non-Owner	33.1	11.6
High LTV	18.1	5.6
Jumbo	0.4	1.7
Other	47.5	11.3
Total	\$234.3	8.4

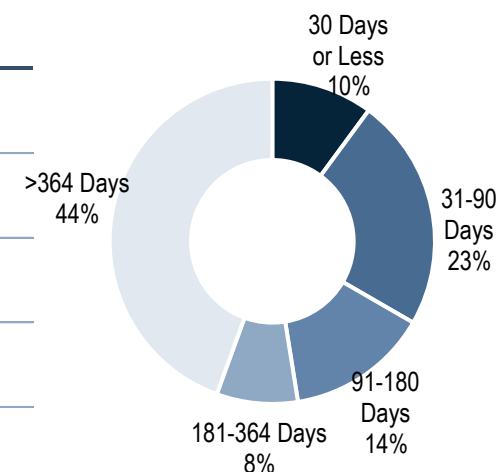
Repo Borrowings⁽¹⁾

(\$ in thousands)

Repo Borrowings as of December 31, 2025

Remaining Days to Maturity	Credit	Agency	U.S. Treasury	Reverse Mortgage Loans	Total	% of Total Borrowings
30 Days or Less	\$ 40,822	\$ 193,105	\$ 33,310	\$ -	\$ 267,237	10.1%
31-90 Days	595,005	6,923	-	15,604	617,532	23.3%
91-180 Days	372,710	1,663	-	-	374,373	14.1%
181-364 Days	164,965	-	-	52,935	217,900	8.2%
>364 Days	1,125,943	-	-	52,459	1,178,402	44.3%
Total Borrowings	\$2,299,445	\$ 201,691	\$ 33,310	\$ 120,998	\$ 2,655,444	100.0%
Weighted Average Remaining Days to Maturity	302	8	2	356	268	

Borrowings by Days to Maturity



- Repo borrowings with 21 counterparties, with the largest representing approximately 19% of total repo borrowings
- Weighted average remaining days to maturity of 268 days, a substantial increase of 74 days from September 30, 2025
- Maturities are staggered to mitigate liquidity risk

Resilient Profit Generation Over Market Cycles⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

(\$ in thousands)

Years Ended

COVID
Pandemic

	2025	2024	2023 ⁽³⁾	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Long: Credit	\$ 198,378 11.7%	\$ 156,663 9.9%	\$ 103,239 7.7%	\$ (74,934) -6.0%	\$188,562 18.1%	\$53,736 6.2%	\$73,919 11.1%	\$61,201 10.0%	\$61,136 9.6%
Credit Hedge and Other	(24,397) -1.4%	(13,724) -0.9%	(7,095) -0.5%	3,227 0.3%	(1,887) -0.2%	8,027 0.9%	(11,237) -1.7%	8,020 1.3%	(11,997) -1.9%
Interest Rate Hedge: Credit	(7,433) -0.4%	8,813 0.6%	(3,824) -0.3%	34,397 2.7%	4,738 0.5%	(7,938) -0.9%	(1,345) -0.2%	115 0.0%	(851) -0.1%
Long: Agency	14,341 0.8%	(14,904) -0.9%	2,768 0.2%	(181,913) -14.5%	(17,885) -1.7%	45,957 5.3%	48,175 7.2%	(5,979) -1.0%	10,246 1.6%
Interest Rate Hedge and Other: Agency	(2,815) -0.2%	16,984 1.1%	8,297 0.6%	150,395 12.0%	17,031 1.6%	(33,672) -3.9%	(25,309) -3.8%	3,144 0.5%	(5,218) -0.8%
Longbridge Financial	34,673 2.0%	37,345 2.4%	9,695 0.7%	14,492 1.2%	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
Gross Profit (Loss)	\$ 212,747 12.5%	\$ 191,177 12.1%	\$ 113,080 8.4%	\$ (54,336) -4.3%	\$190,559 18.3%	\$66,110 7.6%	\$84,203 12.7%	\$66,501 10.9%	\$53,316 8.4%

(\$ in thousands)

Years Ended

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Long: Credit	\$36,203 5.3%	\$46,892 6.1%	\$77,636 11.4%	\$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	(40,548) -5.9%	10,671 1.4%	(1,197) -0.2%	(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	(371) -0.1%	(4,899) -0.6%	(9,479) -1.4%	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	17,166 2.5%	23,629 3.1%	61,126 9.0%	(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	(8,226) -1.2%	(17,166) -2.2%	(47,634) -7.0%	19,110 3.2%	(20,040) -4.6%	(54,173) -14.0%	(14,524) -4.5%	(8,351) -3.0%	(6,414) -2.6%
Longbridge Financial	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
Gross Profit (Loss)	\$4,224 0.6%	\$59,127 7.7%	\$80,452 11.8%	\$103,990 17.6%	\$128,998 29.8%	\$22,614 5.9%	\$57,760 17.8%	\$124,294 44.4%	\$8,711 3.5%

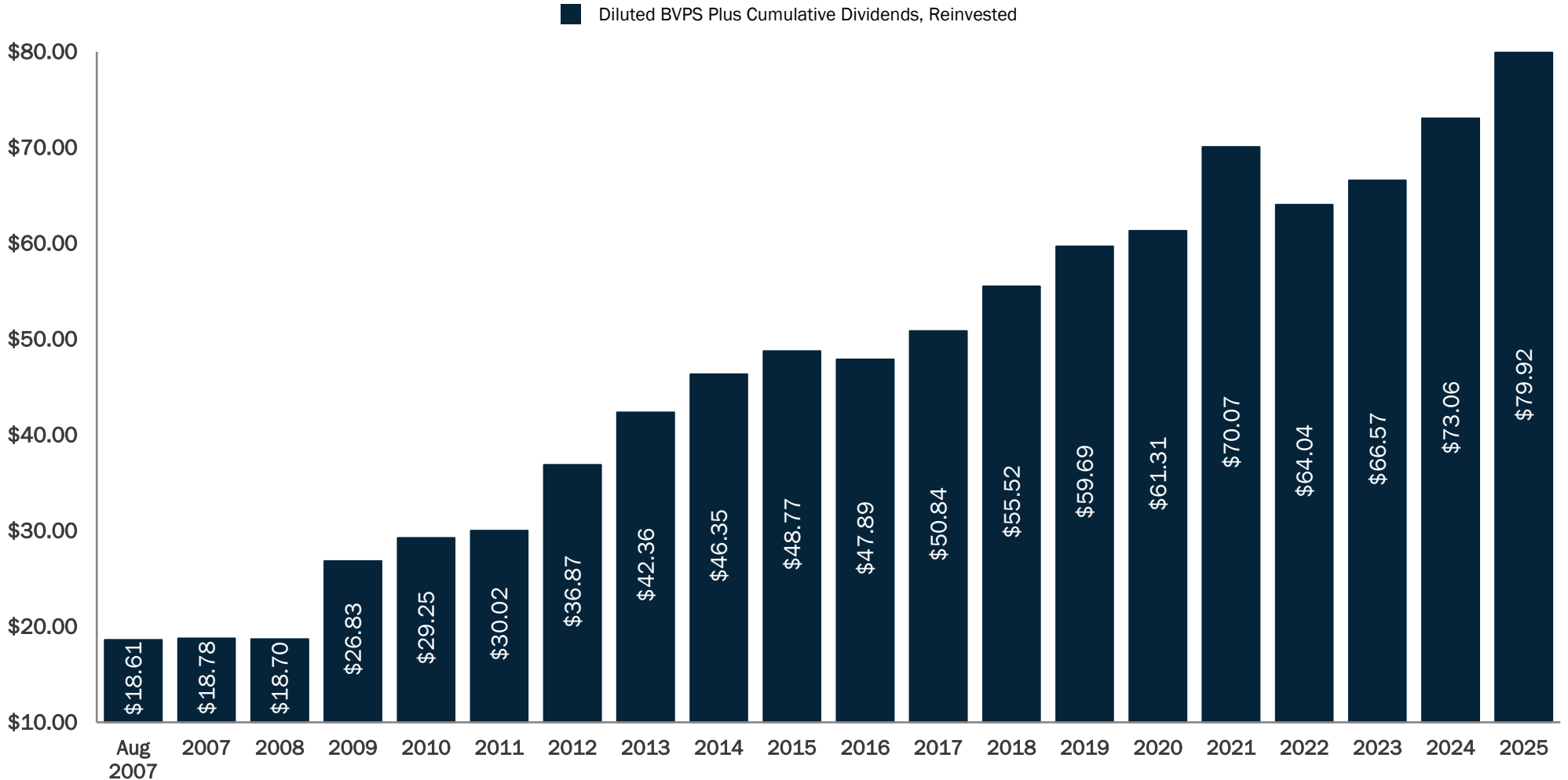
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Credit
Crisis

Note: Percentages of average total equity during the period.

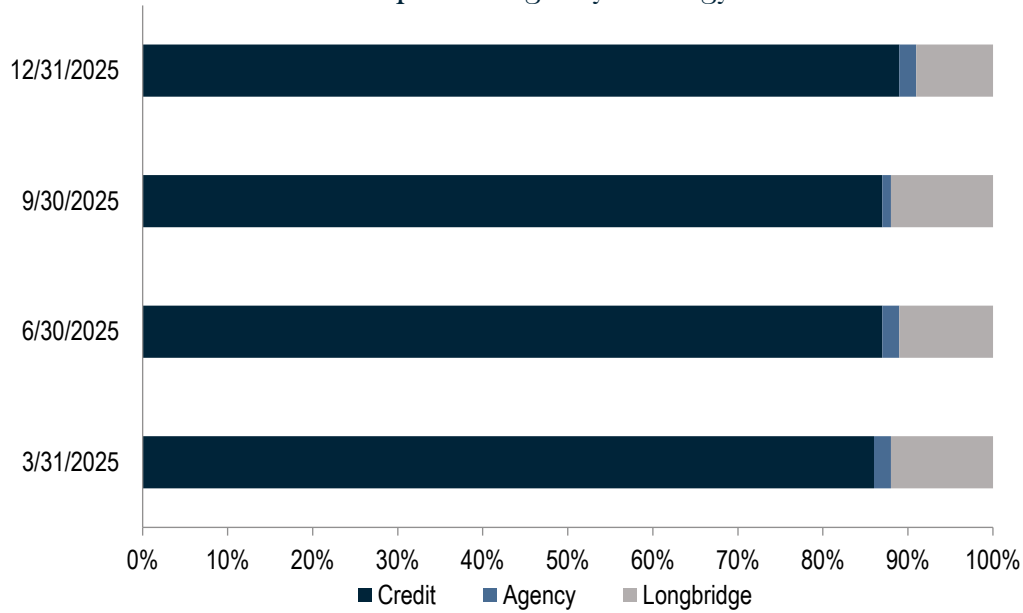
EFC has successfully preserved book value over market cycles, while producing strong results for investors

- EFC life-to-date economic return, with dividends reinvested, from inception in August 2007 through Q4 2025 is approximately 329.5%, or 8.3% annualized⁽¹⁾

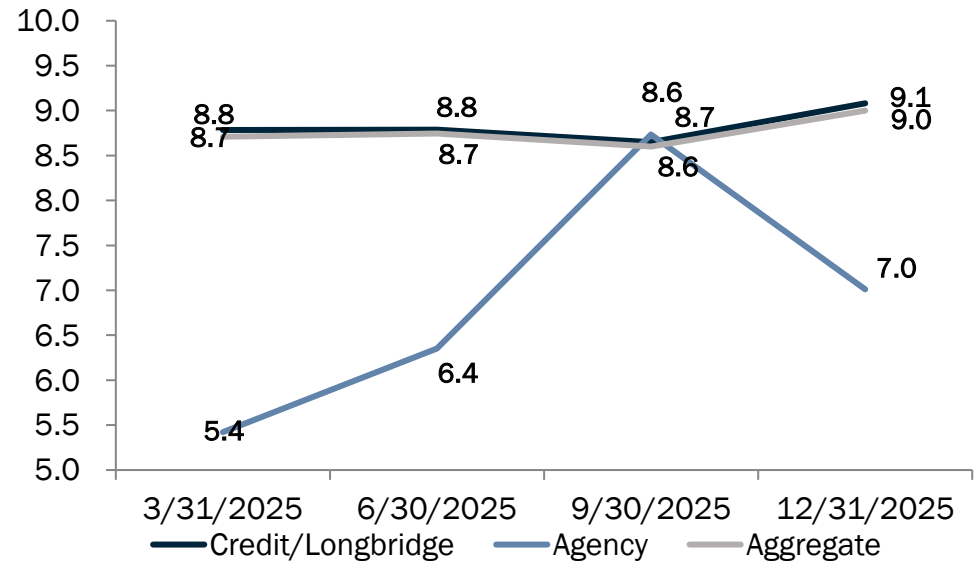


Capital, Leverage & Portfolio Composition

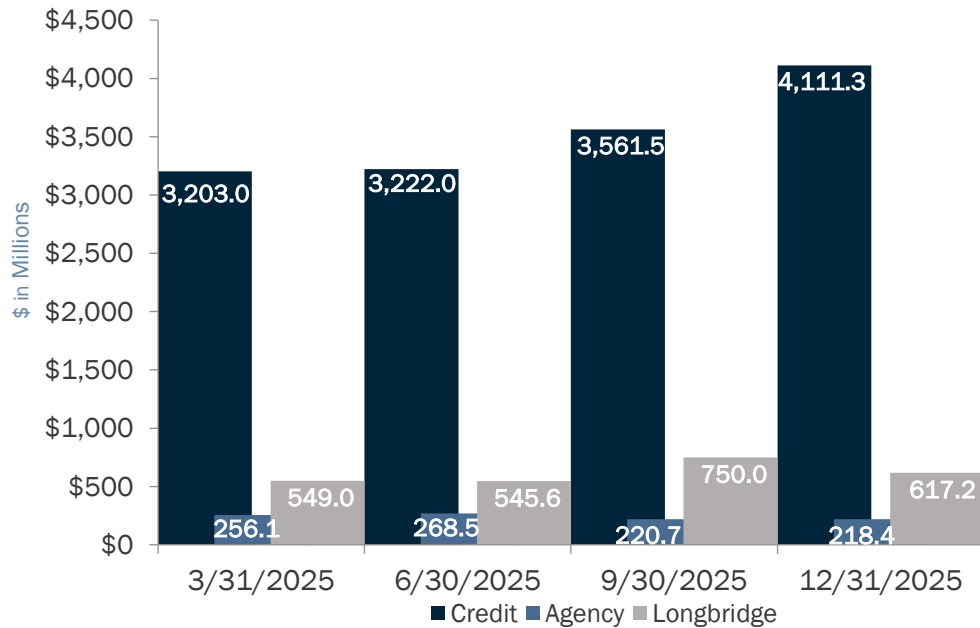
Capital Usage By Strategy⁽¹⁾



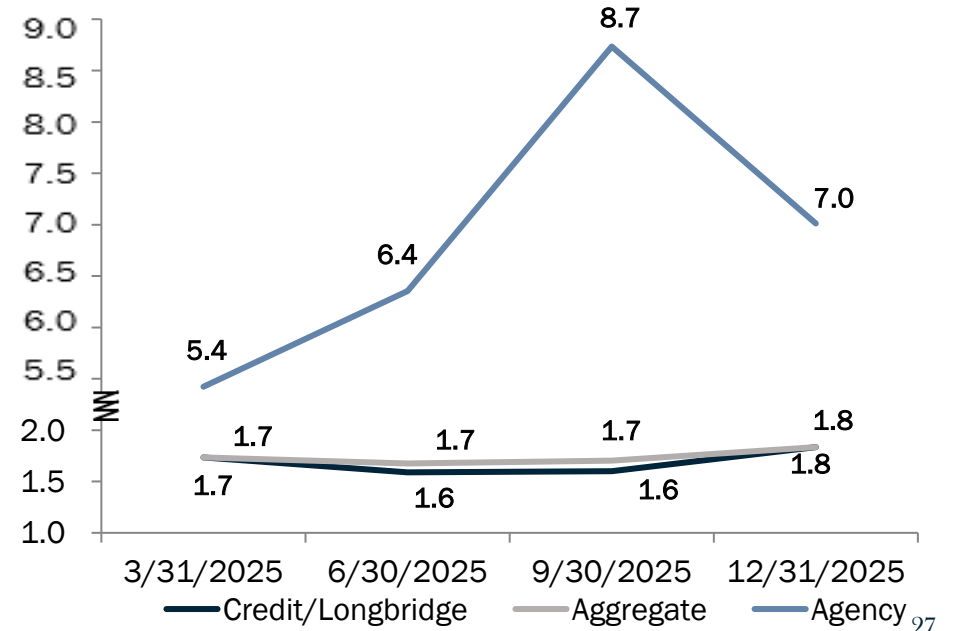
Leverage by Strategy (Debt-to-Equity)⁽¹⁾



Credit, Agency, and Longbridge Portfolios by Fair Value⁽²⁾



Recourse Leverage by Strategy (Debt-to-Equity)⁽³⁾



Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet (Unaudited)

Ellington Financial

(in thousands, except share and per share amounts)

December 31, 2025

September 30, 2025

	December 31, 2025	September 30, 2025
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 201,893	\$ 184,809
Restricted cash	136,297	20,769
Securities, at fair value	1,034,882	909,851
Loans, at fair value	16,640,647	15,531,299
Loan commitments, at fair value	9,124	8,827
Forward MSR-related investments, at fair value	77,852	74,694
Mortgage servicing rights, at fair value	28,913	29,055
Investments in unconsolidated entities, at fair value	312,421	287,686
Real estate owned	75,548	52,083
Financial derivatives – assets, at fair value	142,723	151,155
Reverse repurchase agreements	453,037	365,716
Due from brokers	35,919	40,714
Investment related receivables	177,208	159,614
Other assets	26,446	28,276
Total Assets	\$ 19,352,910	\$ 17,844,548
Liabilities		
Securities sold short, at fair value	272,702	234,046
Repurchase agreements	2,655,444	2,800,964
Financial derivatives – liabilities, at fair value	53,073	60,763
Due to brokers	48,104	43,001
Investment related payables	36,092	41,321
Other secured borrowings	296,398	189,203
Other secured borrowings, at fair value	2,945,578	2,213,994
HMBS-related obligations, at fair value	10,406,332	10,117,649
Unsecured borrowings, at fair value	659,832	251,927
Base management fee payable to affiliate	6,869	6,173
Dividends payable	19,428	18,597
Interest payable	26,798	20,612
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	55,105	50,478
Total Liabilities	\$ 17,481,755	\$ 16,048,728
Equity		
Preferred stock, par value \$0.001 per share, 100,000,000 shares authorized; 13,800,089 and 13,800,089 shares issued and outstanding, and \$345,002 and \$345,002 aggregate liquidation preference, respectively	\$ 331,958	\$ 331,958
Common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, 300,000,000 shares authorized, respectively; 113,138,860 and 106,066,429 shares issued and outstanding, respectively ⁽¹⁾	113	106
Additional paid-in-capital	1,915,152	1,818,381
Retained earnings (accumulated deficit)	(412,964)	(384,724)
Total Stockholders' Equity	\$ 1,834,259	\$ 1,765,721
Non-controlling interests	36,896	30,099
Total Equity	\$ 1,871,155	\$ 1,795,820
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 19,352,910	\$ 17,844,548
Supplemental Per Share Information:		
Book Value Per Common Share ⁽²⁾	\$ 13.16	\$ 13.40

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations (Unaudited)

<i>(In thousands, except per share amounts)</i>	Three-Month Period Ended	
	December 31, 2025	September 30, 2025
Net Interest Income		
Interest income	\$ 140,260	\$ 122,846
Interest expense	(86,623)	(73,126)
Total net interest income	\$ 53,637	\$ 49,720
Other Income (Loss)		
Realized gains (losses) on securities and loans, net	4,263	9,335
Realized gains (losses) on financial derivatives, net	(8,467)	(8,335)
Realized gains (losses) on real estate owned, net	(1,968)	(3,402)
Unrealized gains (losses) on securities and loans, net	3,671	24,416
Unrealized gains (losses) on financial derivatives, net	5,385	(3,197)
Unrealized gains (losses) on real estate owned, net	(1,215)	736
Unrealized gains (losses) on other secured borrowings, at fair value, net	(14,371)	(21,144)
Unrealized gains (losses) on unsecured borrowings, at fair value	(7,905)	(2,890)
Net change from HECM reverse mortgage loans, at fair value	156,532	205,973
Net change related to HMBS obligations, at fair value	(124,632)	(171,019)
Other, net	13,308	2,563
Total other income (loss)	24,601	33,036
Expenses		
Base management fee to affiliate, net of rebates	6,869	6,173
Investment and transaction related expenses:		
Servicing expense	7,123	7,198
Debt issuance costs related to Other secured borrowings, at fair value	6,462	1,397
Debt issuance costs related to unsecured borrowings, at fair value	5,962	-
Other	11,134	9,218
Professional fees	3,333	2,862
Compensation and benefits	23,643	21,716
Other expenses	7,948	8,448
Total expenses	72,474	57,012
Net Income (Loss) before Income Tax Expense (Benefit) and Earnings from Investments in Unconsolidated Entities	5,764	25,744
Income tax expense (benefit)	1,353	1,060
Earnings (losses) from investments in unconsolidated entities	18,203	13,074
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 22,614	\$ 37,758
Net Income (Loss) attributable to non-controlling interests	966	1,180
Dividends on preferred stock	6,981	7,074
Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Common Stockholders	\$ 14,667	\$ 29,504
Net Income (Loss) per Common Share:		
Basic and Diluted	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.29
Weighted average shares of common stock outstanding	108,491	101,589
Weighted average shares of common stock and convertible units outstanding	109,652	102,726

Ellington Profile

As of 12/31/2025

Founded:	1994
Employees:	>170
Investment Professionals:	>60
Global offices:	3

\$20.1

Billion in
assets under
management⁽¹⁾

10

Employee-partners
own
the firm⁽²⁾

31

Years of average
industry experience
of senior portfolio
managers

\$54mm

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 Credit Company (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

Industry-Leading Research & Trading Expertise

- Sophisticated proprietary models for prepayment and credit analysis
- Approximately 20% of employees dedicated to research and technology
- Structured credit trading experience and analytical skills developed since the firm's founding over 30 years ago
- Ellington's portfolio managers are among the most experienced in the MBS sector



Diversified investment portfolio across residential mortgage, commercial mortgage, consumer loan, and corporate loan sectors



Proprietary portfolio of high-yielding, short-duration loans



Dynamic interest-rate and credit hedging designed to reduce volatility of book value and earnings



Strategic debt and equity investments in multiple loan originators, including reverse mortgage originator and servicer Longbridge Financial



Diversified sources of financing, including long term non mark-to-market financing facilities and securitizations



Strong alignment with \$54mm co-investment⁽¹⁾

Slide 3 - Fourth Quarter Highlights

- (1) Holdings, leverage, equity and book value amounts are as of December 31, 2025.
- (2) Represents \$58.5 million of aggregate net income from the investment portfolio and Longbridge segments, less \$43.9 million of preferred dividends accrued and certain corporate/other income and expense items not attributed to either the investment portfolio or Longbridge segments.
- (3) Economic return is based on book value per share and is non-annualized.
- (4) Adjusted Distributable Earnings, is a non-GAAP financial measure. See slide 6 for a reconciliation of Adjusted Distributable Earnings to Net Income (Loss). Represents \$81.1 million of aggregate Adjusted Distributable Earnings from the investment portfolio and Longbridge segments, less net of \$29.7 million of certain corporate/other items not attributed to either the investment portfolio or Longbridge segments.
- (5) Includes related REO. In accordance with U.S. GAAP, REO is not considered a financial instrument and as a result is included at the lower of cost or fair value. Excludes hedges and other derivative positions.
- (6) Excludes non-retained tranches of consolidated securitization trusts.
- (7) This information does not include financial derivatives or loan commitments.
- (8) The aggregate liquidation preference for our preferred stock was \$345.0 million as of December 31, 2025.
- (9) Excludes borrowings collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities.

Slide 4 - Portfolio Summary as of December 31, 2025

- (1) Includes REO at the lower of cost or fair value. Excludes hedges and other derivative positions.
- (2) Of deployed capital, 89% allocated to credit, 2% to agency, and 9% to Longbridge.
- (3) 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.
- (4) Average price of consumer loans and ABS backed by consumer loans is proprietary.
- (5) Weighted average life assumes "projected" cashflows using Ellington's proprietary models. Excludes interest only, principal only, equity tranches.
- (6) Estimated yields at market prices are management's estimates derived from Ellington's proprietary models based on prices and market environment as of December 31, 2025 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.
- (7) REO and equity investments in loan origination entities are excluded from total average calculations.
- (8) Includes related REO. In accordance with U.S. GAAP, REO is not considered a financial instrument and as a result is included at the lower of cost or fair value.
- (9) For our consolidated securitization trusts, excludes tranches that were sold to third parties, but that are consolidated for GAAP purposes.
- (10) Retained RMBS represents RMBS issued by non-consolidated Ellington-sponsored loan securitization trusts, and interests in entities holding such RMBS.
- (11) Other residential mortgage loans includes secondary market purchases of non-performing and re-performing mortgage loans.
- (12) Includes equity investments in unconsolidated entities holding commercial mortgage loans and REO and corporate loans secured by commercial mortgage loans. Including our allocable portion of the fair value of small-balance commercial loans and REO of the equity investments in unconsolidated entities, our total CMBS and Commercial Mortgage Loans and REO was \$1.014 billion.
- (13) Includes equity investments in securitization-related vehicles.
- (14) Includes corporate loans to certain loan origination entities in which we hold an equity investment.
- (15) Includes equity investment in an unconsolidated entity holding European RMBS.
- (16) Includes loan to an entity which purchases residential mortgage loans for eventual securitization.
- (17) Includes equity investment in Ellington affiliate.
- (18) Includes equity investment in an unconsolidated entity which purchases certain other loans for eventual securitization.
- (19) This information does not include financial derivatives or loan commitments.
- (20) As of December 31, 2025, includes \$28.5 million of active HECM buyout loans, \$19.0 million of inactive HECM buyout loans, and \$6.1 million of other inactive HECM loans.
- (21) HMBS assets are consolidated for GAAP reporting purposes, and HMBS-related obligations are accounted for on our balance sheet as secured borrowings. The fair value of HMBS assets less the fair value of the HMBS-related obligations approximate fair value of the HMBS MSR Equivalent.
- (22) In accordance with U.S. GAAP, REO is not considered a financial instrument and as a result is included at the lower of cost or fair value.
- (23) Excludes borrowings collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities. Recourse and overall debt-to-equity ratios are computed by dividing outstanding recourse and overall borrowings, respectively, by total equity. Debt-to-equity ratios do not account for liabilities other than debt financings.

Slide 5 – Operating Results by Strategy for the Quarter Ended December 31, 2025

- (1) Other income primarily consists of rental income on real estate owned, loan origination fees, and servicing income.
- (2) Includes U.S. Treasury securities, if applicable.
- (3) Other activities include certain equity and other trading strategies and related hedges, and net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on foreign currency.
- (4) Convertible units include Operating Partnership units attributable to non-controlling interests.

Slide 6 – Reconciliation of Net Income (Loss) to Adjusted Distributable Earnings

- (1) We calculate Adjusted Distributable Earnings as U.S. GAAP net income (loss) as adjusted for: (i) realized and unrealized gain (loss) on securities and loans, REO, mortgage servicing rights, financial derivatives (excluding periodic settlements on interest rate swaps), any borrowings carried at fair value, and foreign currency transactions; (ii) incentive fee to affiliate; (iii) Catch-up Amortization Adjustment (as defined below); (iv) non-cash equity compensation expense; (v) provision for income taxes; (vi) certain non-capitalized transaction costs; and (vii) other income or loss items that are of a non-recurring nature. For certain investments in unconsolidated entities, we include the relevant components of net operating income in Adjusted Distributable Earnings. The Catch-up Amortization Adjustment is a quarterly adjustment to premium amortization or discount accretion 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. Non-capitalized transaction costs include expenses, generally professional fees, incurred in connection with the acquisition of an investment or issuance of long-term debt. We also include in Adjusted Distributable Earnings, for all loans that we originate through Longbridge, any realized and unrealized gains (losses) on such loans up to the point of loan sale or securitization, net of sale or securitization costs. Adjusted Distributable Earnings is a supplemental non-GAAP financial measure. We believe that the presentation of Adjusted Distributable Earnings provides information useful to investors, because: (i) we believe that it is a useful indicator of both current and projected long-term financial performance, in that it excludes the impact of certain current-period earnings components that we believe are less useful in forecasting long-term performance and dividend-paying ability; (ii) we use it to evaluate the effective net yield provided by our investment portfolio, after the effects of financial leverage and by Longbridge, to reflect the earnings from its reverse mortgage origination and servicing operations; and (iii) we believe that presenting Adjusted Distributable Earnings assists investors in measuring and evaluating our operating performance, and comparing our operating performance to that of our residential mortgage REIT and mortgage originator peers. Please note, however, that: (I) our calculation of Adjusted Distributable Earnings may differ from the calculation of similarly titled non-GAAP financial measures by our peers, with the result that these non-GAAP financial measures might not be directly comparable; and (II) Adjusted Distributable Earnings excludes certain items that may impact the amount of cash that is actually available for distribution. In addition, because Adjusted Distributable 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 supplementary to, and not as a substitute for, net income (loss) computed in accordance with U.S. GAAP. Furthermore, Adjusted Distributable Earnings is different from REIT taxable income. As a result, the determination of whether we have met the requirement to distribute at least 90% of our annual REIT taxable income (subject to certain adjustments) to our stockholders, in order to maintain our qualification as a REIT, is not based on whether we distributed 90% of our Adjusted Distributable Earnings. The following table reconciles, for the three-month period ended December 31, 2025, our Adjusted Distributable Earnings to the line on our Consolidated Statement of Operations entitled Net Income (Loss), which we believe is the most directly comparable U.S. GAAP measure.
- (2) Includes realized (gains) losses on securities and loans, REO, financial derivatives (excluding periodic settlements on interest rate swaps), and foreign currency transactions which are components of Other Income (Loss) on the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations.
- (3) Includes unrealized (gains) losses on securities and loans, REO, financial derivatives (excluding periodic settlements on interest rate swaps), borrowings carried at fair value, MSR-related investments, and foreign currency translations which are components of Other Income (Loss) on the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations.
- (4) Represents net change in fair value of the HMBS MSR Equivalent and Reverse MSRs attributable to changes in market conditions and model assumptions. This adjustment also includes net (gains) losses on certain hedging instruments (including interest rate swaps, futures, and short U.S. Treasury securities), which are components of realized and/or unrealized gains (losses) on financial derivatives, net, realized and/or unrealized gains (losses) on securities and loans, net, interest income, and interest expense on the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations.
- (5) Represents the effect of replacing mortgage loan interest income (net of securitization debt expense) with interest income of the retained tranches.
- (6) For the three-month period ended December 31, 2025, includes \$6.0 million of debt issuances costs related to unsecured borrowings, at fair value, \$1.9 million of debt issuance costs related to Other secured borrowings at fair value, \$2.1 million of other non-capitalized transaction costs, \$1.2 million of non-cash equity compensation and depreciation expense, and \$0.3 million of various other expenses.
- (7) Includes the Company's proportionate share of net interest income, net loan origination income (expense), and operating expenses for certain investments in unconsolidated entities, including certain of its non-consolidated equity investments in loan originators that have been making (or are expected to make) distributions to the Company.

Slide 7 – Long Credit Portfolio

- (1) Includes REO at the lower of cost or fair value. Excludes hedges and other derivative positions. For our consolidated securitization trusts, excludes tranches that were sold to third parties, but that are consolidated for GAAP purposes. Including such tranches, our total long credit portfolio was \$5.545 billion as of December 31, 2025 and \$4.843 billion as of September 30, 2025 .
- (2) Conformed to current period presentation.
- (3) Includes related REO. In accordance with U.S GAAP, REO is not considered a financial instrument and as a result is included at the lower of cost or fair value.
- (4) Retained RMBS represents RMBS issued by non-consolidated Ellington-sponsored loan securitization trusts, and interests in entities holding such RMBS.
- (5) Other residential mortgage loans includes secondary market purchases of non-performing and re-performing mortgage loans.
- (6) Includes equity investments in unconsolidated entities holding small balance commercial mortgage loans and REO and corporate loans secured by commercial mortgage loans. Including our allocable portion of the fair value of small-balance commercial loans and REO of the equity investments in unconsolidated entities, our total CMBS and Commercial Mortgage Loans and REO were \$1.014 billion as of December 31, 2025 and \$912.5 million as of September 30, 2025.
- (7) Includes equity investments in securitization-related vehicles.
- (8) Includes corporate loans to certain loan origination entities in which we hold an equity investment.
- (9) Includes equity investment in Ellington affiliate.
- (10) Includes equity investment in an unconsolidated entity holding European RMBS.
- (11) Includes equity investments in an unconsolidated entity which purchases certain other loans for eventual securitization.
- (12) Includes loan to an entity which purchases residential mortgage loans for eventual securitization.
- (13) Excludes non-retained tranches of consolidated securitization trusts.

Slide 8 – Long Agency Portfolio

- (1) Agency long portfolio includes \$203.7 million of long Agency securities and \$14.7 million of interest only securities as of December 31, 2025 and \$208.1 million of long Agency securities and \$12.7 million of interest only securities as of September 30, 2025 .
- (2) Represents weighted average net pass-through rate. Excludes interest only securities.

Slide 9 – Longbridge Portfolio

- (1) This information does not include financial derivatives or loan commitments.
- (2) As of December 31, 2025, includes \$28.5 million of active HECM buyout loans, \$19.0 million of inactive HECM buyout loans, and \$6.1 million of other inactive HECM loans. As of September 30, 2025, includes \$19.6 million of active HECM buyout loans, \$17.3 million of inactive HECM buyout loans, and \$5.7 million of other inactive HECM loans
- (3) HMBS assets are consolidated for GAAP reporting purposes, and HMBS-related obligations are accounted for on our balance sheet as secured borrowings. The fair value of HMBS assets less the fair value of the HMBS-related obligations approximate fair value of the HMBS MSR Equivalent.
- (4) Includes Unsecuritized REO. In accordance with U.S GAAP, REO is not considered a financial instrument and as a result is included at the lower of cost or fair value.

Slide 10 – Summary of Borrowings

- (1) Includes Other secured borrowings. Excludes Other secured borrowings, at fair value related to consolidated securitizations which are non-recourse borrowings.
- (2) Excludes Other secured borrowings, at fair value and HMBS-related obligations, at fair value which are non-recourse borrowings.
- (3) 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 the Operating Partnership's other assets. In the event of default under a recourse borrowing, the lender's claim is not limited to the collateral (if any).
- (4) Excludes borrowings collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities. Recourse and overall debt-to-equity ratios are computed by dividing outstanding recourse and overall borrowings, respectively, by total equity. Debt-to-equity ratios do not account for liabilities other than debt financings.

Slide 11- Commercial Mortgage Loan Portfolio – Detail as of 12/31/2025

- (1) Percentages are of unpaid principal balance.
- (2) Includes our allocable portion of certain small-balance commercial loans, based on our ownership percentage, held in entities in which we and certain affiliates of Ellington have equity interests. Our equity investments in such entities are included in Investments in unconsolidated entities, at fair value on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Slide 12- Proprietary Loan Origination Businesses

- (1) For our consolidated non-QM and proprietary reverse mortgage securitization trusts, excludes loans in consolidated securitization trusts that were sold to third parties.
- (2) Includes our allocable portion of the fair value of certain small-balance commercial loans, based on our ownership percentage, held in entities in which we and certain affiliates of Ellington have equity interests. Our equity investments in such entities are included in Investments in unconsolidated entities, at fair value on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet.
- (3) We originate reverse mortgage loans through Longbridge. For reverse mortgage loans, Total Loan Fair Value at Quarter-End includes \$174.0 million in Unsecuritized HECM loans and \$291.2 million in Proprietary reverse mortgage loans. Loans acquired during the quarter represent initial borrowing amounts on newly originated reverse mortgage loans. Amounts exclude HECM tail loans.

Slide 13 – 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.

Slide 14 – 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 December 31, 2025. 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. Furthermore, the fair value of each of the instruments comprising our portfolio is impacted by many other factors, each of which may or may not be correlated, or may only be loosely correlated, with interest rates. Depending on the nature of the instrument, these additional factors may include credit spreads, yield spreads, option-adjusted spreads, real estate prices, collateral adequacy, borrower creditworthiness, inflation, unemployment, general macroeconomic conditions, and other factors. Our analysis makes many simplifying assumptions as to the response of each of these additional factors affecting fair value to a hypothetical immediate shift in interest rates, including, for many if not most such additional factors, that such factor is unaffected by such shift in 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 15 – Loan Portfolios Have Consistently Delivered Strong Credit Performance Across Sectors

- (1) For our proprietary reverse mortgage loans, loans funded represent initial borrowing amounts on newly originated reverse mortgage loans and exclude activity subsequent to initial funding; cumulative since consolidation of Longbridge in Q4 2022.
- (2) Realized credit losses are net of realized gains on REOs, and for loans, represent resolutions for less than UPB due to collateral performance.
- (3) Includes our allocable portion of certain commercial mortgage loans held by entities in which we and certain affiliates of Ellington have equity interests.

Slide 17 – Corporate Responsibility

- (1) Management and directors' ownership includes common shares, operating partnership units, and LTIP units held by officers and directors of EFC, and partners and affiliates of Ellington (including families and family trusts of the foregoing).

Slide 18 – Fourth Quarter Market Update

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

Slide 19– Derivatives Summary

- (1) In the table, fair value of certain derivative transactions are shown on a net basis. The financial statements separate derivative transactions as either assets or liabilities. As of December 31, 2025, derivative assets and derivative liabilities were \$142.7 million and \$(53.1) million, respectively, for a net fair value of \$89.7 million, as reflected in "Net Total".
- (2) Notional value represents the maximum number of shares available to be purchased upon exercise.
- (3) Notional value represents the total face amount of U.S. Treasury securities underlying all contracts held. As of December 31, 2025 a total of 19 long and 2,323 short U.S. Treasury futures contracts were held.
- (4) Short notional value represents U.S. Dollars to be received by us at the maturity of the forward contract.

Slide 20 – Credit Hedging Portfolio

- (1) The Credit Hedging Portfolio may exclude 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 18.
- (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 sectors (such as the US high yield, European high yield, and US investment grade debt markets). Our 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.

Slide 21 – Diversified Credit Portfolio

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

Slide 22 – 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 23 – CPR Breakout of Agency Fixed Long Portfolio

- (1) Does not include long TBA positions, reverse mortgage pools, or fixed rate IOs. Fair values reflect the average of fair values at the beginning of each month during the quarter.
- (2) Classification methodology may change over time as market practices change.
- (3) Fair value shown in millions.
- (4) Excludes recent purchases of fixed rate Agency pools with no prepayment history.

Slide 24 – Repo Borrowings

- (1) Included in the table, using the original maturity dates, are any repos involving underlying investments we sold prior to December 31, 2025 for settlement following December 31, 2025 even though we may expect to terminate such repos early. Not included are any repos that we may have entered into prior to December 31, 2025, for which delivery of the borrowed funds is not scheduled until after December 31, 2025. Remaining maturity for a repo is based on the contractual maturity date in effect as of December 31, 2025. Some repos have floating interest rates, which may reset before maturity.

Slide 25 – Resilient Profit Generation Over Market Cycles

- (1) Gross profit excludes expenses other than interest expense and other investment related expenses. Figures in “%” columns are as a percentage of average total equity for the period which includes common and preferred equity as well as non-controlling interests.
- (2) Interest expense on senior notes, unrealized gain/(loss), net and interest rate hedges and other activity, net related to corporate/other are allocated to credit and Agency based on average capital.
- (3) Gross profit excludes the bargain purchase gain and transaction expenses associated with the Arlington merger, as well as net gains on our hedges and expenses related to the terminated merger with Great Ajax, including the initial markdown on the Great Ajax common shares we purchased in connection with that termination.

Slide 26 – 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.

Slide 27 – Capital, Leverage & Portfolio Composition

- (1) Excludes U.S. Treasury securities. 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. We refer 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.
- (2) Includes REO at the lower of cost or fair value. Excludes hedges and other derivative positions. Excludes tranches of our securitization trusts that were sold to third parties but that are consolidated for GAAP purposes.
- (3) Excludes borrowings collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities.

Slide 28– Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet (Unaudited)

- (1) Common shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2025 includes 7,064,774 shares of common stock issued under our ATM program during the three-month period ended December 31, 2025.
- (2) Based on total stockholders’ equity less the aggregate liquidation preference of our preferred stock outstanding.

Slide 30- About Ellington Management Group

- (1) \$20.1 billion AUM includes approximately \$0.3 billion of Ellington-sponsored CLO equity and notes. Ellington-sponsored CLO AUM includes the face amount of CLO notes and market value of CLO equity, excluding amounts of notes and equity held by other Ellington-managed funds and accounts. AUM includes uncalled capital commitments, if any, and accounts holding solely loans.
- (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 and directors' ownership includes common shares, operating partnership units, and LTIP units held by officers and directors of EFC, and partners and affiliates of Ellington (including families and family trusts of the foregoing).
- (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 31- Investment Highlights of EFC

- (1) Management and directors' ownership includes common shares, operating partnership units, and LTIP units held by officers and directors of EFC, and partners and affiliates of Ellington (including families and family trusts of the foregoing).

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