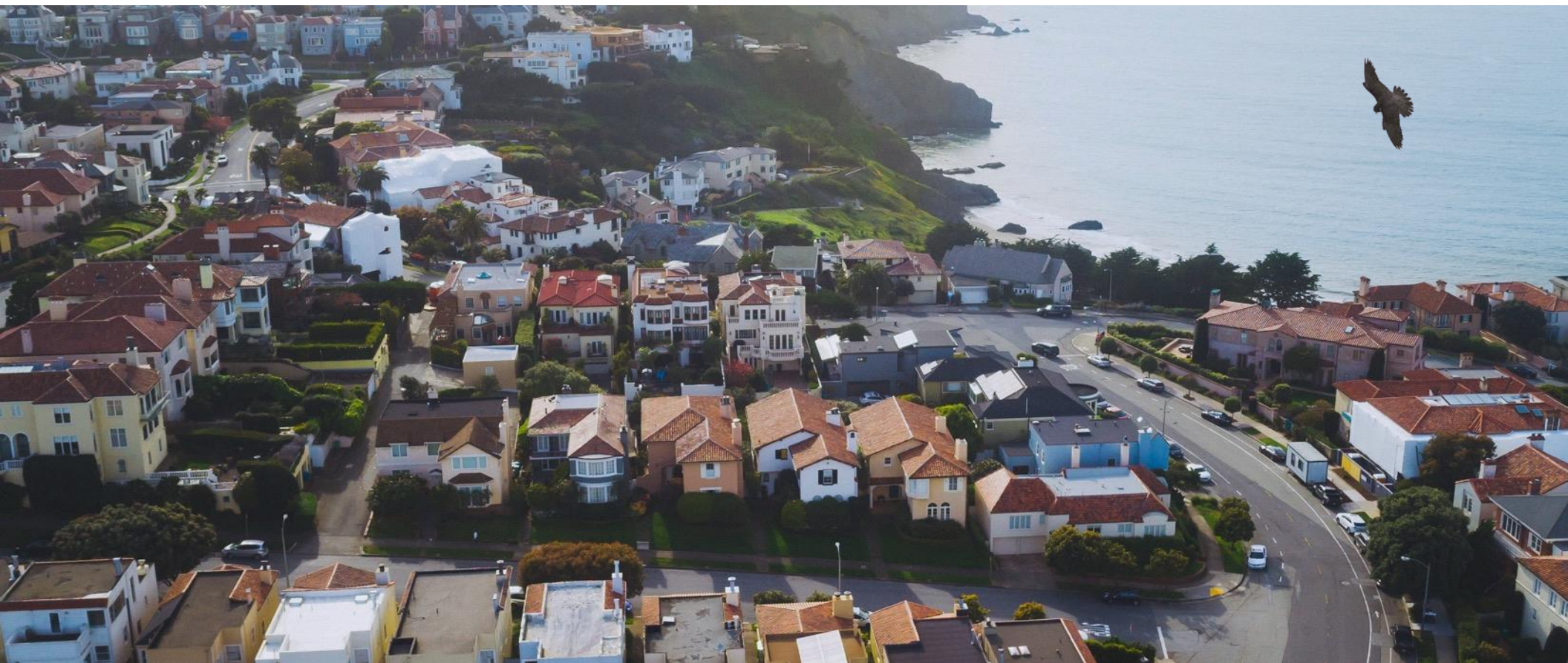


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Example Analyses

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Financial Information

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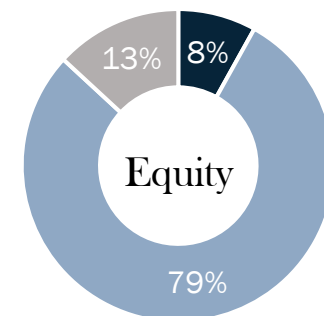
Overall Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Net income: \$12.5 million or \$0.18 per share⁽²⁾ • Economic return:⁽³⁾ (0.3)% for the quarter • Adjusted distributable earnings:⁽⁴⁾ \$18.9 million or \$0.27 per share
Investment Portfolio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Net income: \$27.3 million or \$0.38 per share • Credit strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Net income: \$12.7 million or \$0.18 per share • Long credit portfolio: \$2.74 billion⁽⁵⁾⁽⁶⁾, a 10% increase from the prior quarter • Agency strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Net income: \$14.6 million or \$0.20 per share • Long Agency portfolio: \$853.2 million, a 12% decrease from the prior quarter
Longbridge Financial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Net loss: \$(3.4) million or \$(0.04) per share • Longbridge portfolio⁽⁷⁾: \$552.4 million, a 13% increase from the prior quarter
Equity & BVPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total equity: \$1.536 billion • Book value per common share: \$13.83 after total dividends declared of \$0.45 for the quarter
Dividends	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management expects to recommend to our board of directors a reduction of the monthly dividend from \$0.15 to \$0.13 per share, beginning in March, which would imply a dividend yield of 12.8% based on the February 23, 2024 closing stock price of \$12.16 per share.
Leverage Below Sector Average	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recourse debt-to-equity ratio⁽⁸⁾: 2.0:1, adjusted for unsettled purchases and sales • Total debt-to equity ratio⁽⁹⁾: 8.6:1, including Longbridge’s non-recourse HMBS-related obligations and our non-recourse consolidated non-QM securitization financings • Cash and cash equivalents of \$228.9 million, in addition to other unencumbered assets of \$416.3 million
Mergers & Acquisitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed the merger with Arlington Asset Investment Corp. (“Arlington”) on December 14, 2023, which was approximately 1.1% dilutive to book value per share

Portfolio Summary as of December 31, 2023⁽¹⁾

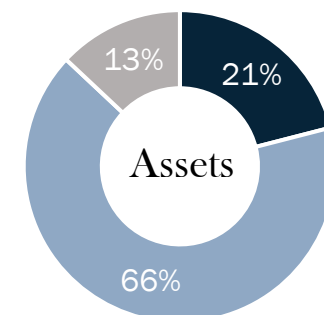
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Credit	Allocated Equity ⁽²⁾	Fair Value (\$ in \$1,000s)	Average Price (%) ⁽³⁾⁽⁷⁾	WAVG Life ⁽⁵⁾⁽⁷⁾	WAVG Mkt Yield ⁽⁶⁾⁽⁷⁾
Residential Transition Loans and Other Residential Mortgage Loans and REO ⁽⁸⁾		\$ 1,113,816	99.5	0.7	10.2%
Non-QM Loans and Retained Non-QM RMBS ⁽⁹⁾⁽¹⁰⁾⁽¹²⁾		613,110	84.9	5.9	9.0%
Commercial Mortgage Loans and REO, and CMBS ⁽⁸⁾⁽¹¹⁾		375,728	92.2	1.2	10.6%
Non-Agency RMBS		253,522	85.5	5.0	9.2%
Forward MSR-related investments		163,336	N/A	7.4	9.8%
Consumer Loans and ABS backed by Consumer Loans ⁽¹²⁾		83,130	- ⁽⁴⁾	1.4	11.9%
Debt and Equity Investments in Loan Origination Entities ⁽¹³⁾		38,528	N/A	N/A	N/A
CLOs ⁽¹²⁾		33,920	72.5	3.7	18.5%
Corporate Debt and Equity and Corporate Loans		29,720	87.9	2.1	16.2%
Non-Dollar MBS, ABS, CLO and Other ⁽¹²⁾⁽¹⁴⁾		24,097	94.8	2.0	11.7%
Other loans and ABS ⁽¹⁵⁾		10,314	64.5	2.5	33.8%
Total - Credit	79%	\$ 2,739,221	92.7	2.7	10.2%
Agency					
Fixed-Rate Specified Pools		798,211	94.9	6.4	4.8%
Reverse Mortgage Pools		37,171	102.7	4.8	5.1%
IOs		12,712	N/A	5.4	10.8%
Floating-Rate Specified Pools		5,130	97.6	4.4	5.2%
Total - Agency	8%	\$ 853,224	95.3	6.3	4.9%
Longbridge⁽¹⁶⁾					
Proprietary reverse mortgage loans		329,576			
Unsecuritized HECM loans ⁽¹⁷⁾		102,553			
HMBS MSR Equivalent ⁽¹⁸⁾		88,447			
Reverse MSRs and Unsecuritized REO		31,798			
Total - Longbridge	13%	\$ 552,374			
Debt-to-Equity Ratio by Strategy and Overall					
		Recourse	Total		
Credit ⁽²⁰⁾		1.6x	2.8x		
Agency ⁽²⁰⁾		8.4x	8.4x		
Longbridge ⁽²⁰⁾		1.8x	42.7x		
Overall		2.2x ⁽¹⁹⁾	8.6x ⁽²¹⁾		

Equity and Asset Allocation by Strategy



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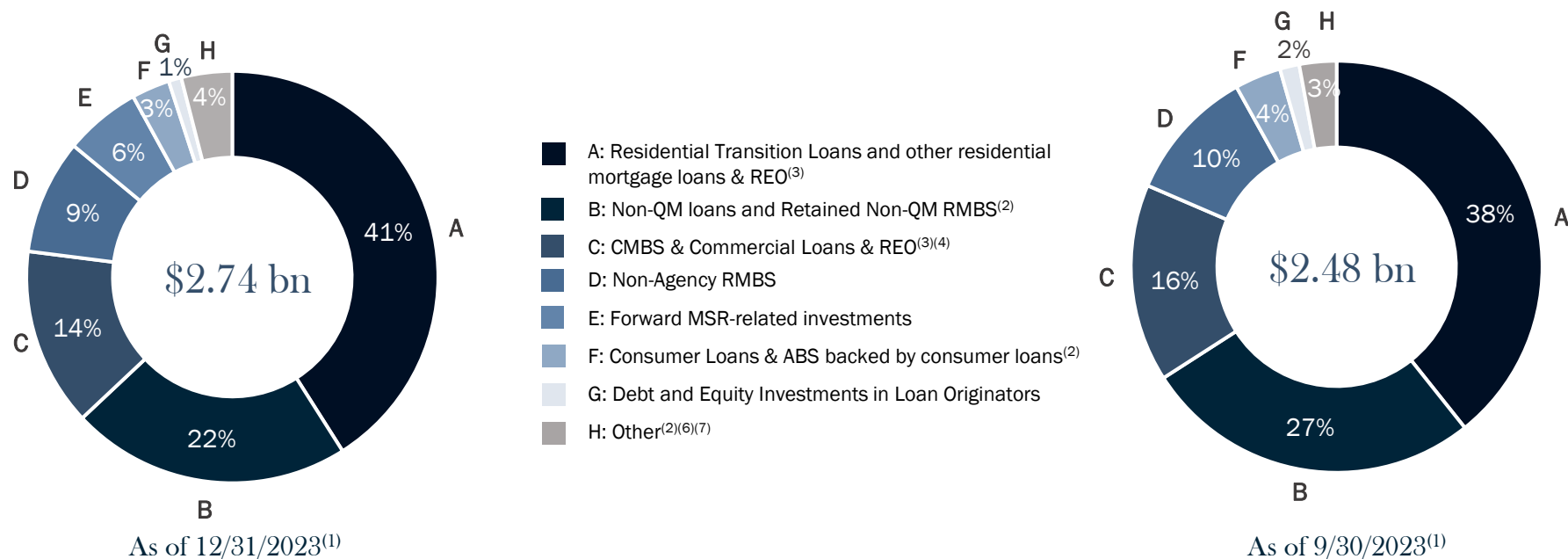
- **Residential transition loans and other residential mortgage loans and REO⁽⁸⁾** consist of residential transition loans (\$1,090.9mm), other residential loans (\$6.9mm), and REO (\$16.1mm)
- **Non-QM loans and retained non-QM RMBS⁽⁹⁾⁽¹⁰⁾⁽¹²⁾** consist of non-QM loans (\$440.8mm) and retained non-QM tranches (\$172.3mm)
- **Debt and Equity Investments in Loan Origination Entities⁽¹³⁾** consist of LendSure (\$23.8mm) and other loan origination entities (\$14.7mm)

Operating Results by Strategy for the Quarter Ended December 31, 2023

<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⁾	\$ 74,769	\$ 11,580	\$ 86,349	\$ 10,930	\$ 1,996	\$ 99,275	\$ 1.38
Interest expense	(43,503)	(12,923)	(56,426)	(7,819)	(3,454)	(67,699)	(0.94)
Realized gain (loss), net ⁽²⁾	(19,064)	(11,075)	(30,139)	(27)	28,175	(1,991)	(0.03)
Unrealized gain (loss), net	28,364	57,043	85,407	15,661	(5,604)	95,464	1.32
Net change from reverse mortgage loans and HMBS obligations	-	-	-	28,903	-	28,903	0.40
Earnings in unconsolidated entities	2,547	-	2,547	-	-	2,547	0.04
Interest rate hedges and other activity, net ⁽³⁾	(20,238)	(30,067)	(50,305)	(25,684)	9,730	(66,259)	(0.92)
Credit hedges and other activities, net ⁽⁴⁾	(4,525)	-	(4,525)	-	1,463	(3,062)	(0.04)
Income tax (expense) benefit	-	-	-	-	(129)	(129)	-
Investment related expenses	(3,169)	-	(3,169)	(6,386)	-	(9,555)	(0.13)
Other expenses ⁽⁵⁾	(1,877)	-	(1,877)	(18,940)	(37,352)	(58,169)	(0.81)
Net income (loss)	\$ 13,304	\$ 14,558	\$ 27,862	\$ (3,362)	\$ (5,175)	\$ 19,325	\$ 0.27
Dividends on preferred stock	-	-	-	-	(6,104)	(6,104)	(0.08)
Net (income) loss attributable to non-participating non-controlling interests	(586)	-	(586)	6	(5)	(585)	(0.01)
Net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders and participating non-controlling interests	\$ 12,718	\$ 14,558	\$ 27,276	\$ (3,356)	\$ (11,284)	\$ 12,636	\$ 0.18
Net (income) loss attributable to participating non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	(139)	(139)	-
Net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders	\$ 12,718	\$ 14,558	\$ 27,276	\$ (3,356)	\$ (11,423)	\$ 12,497	\$ 0.18
Net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders per share of common stock	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.38	\$ (0.04)	\$ (0.16)	\$ 0.18	
Weighted average shares of common stock and convertible units ⁽⁶⁾ outstanding						72,136	
Weighted average shares of common stock outstanding						71,338	

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

	Three-Month Period Ended December 31, 2023			
<i>(in thousands, except per share amounts)</i>	Investment Portfolio	Longbridge	Corporate/Other	Total
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 27,862	\$ (3,362)	\$ (5,175)	\$ 19,325
Income tax expense (benefit)	-	-	129	129
Net income (loss) before income tax expense (benefit)	\$ 27,862	\$ (3,362)	\$ (5,046)	\$ 19,454
Adjustments:				
Realized (gains) losses, net ⁽²⁾	22,001	-	(2,166)	19,835
Unrealized (gains) losses, net ⁽³⁾	(7,904)	-	(6,210)	(14,114)
Unrealized (gains) losses on MSRs, net of hedging (gains) losses ⁽⁴⁾	-	3,178	-	3,178
Negative (positive) component of interest income represented by Catch-up Amortization Adjustment	(530)	-	-	(530)
Non-capitalized transaction costs and other expense adjustments ⁽⁵⁾	105	731	5,019	5,855
Bargain purchase (gain) net of expenses related to the Arlington Merger ⁽⁶⁾	-	-	(6,058)	(6,058)
(Earnings) losses from investments in unconsolidated entities	(2,547)	-	-	(2,547)
Adjusted Distributable Earnings from investments in unconsolidated entities ⁽⁷⁾	429	-	-	429
Total Adjusted Distributable Earnings	\$ 39,416	\$ 547	\$ (14,461)	\$ 25,502
Dividends on preferred stock	-	-	6,104	6,104
Adjusted Distributable Earnings attributable to non-controlling interests	280	2	211	493
Adjusted Distributable Earnings Attributable to Common Stockholders	\$ 39,136	\$ 545	\$ (20,776)	\$ 18,905
Adjusted Distributable Earnings Attributable to Common Stockholders, per share	\$ 0.55	\$ 0.01	\$ (0.29)	\$ 0.27



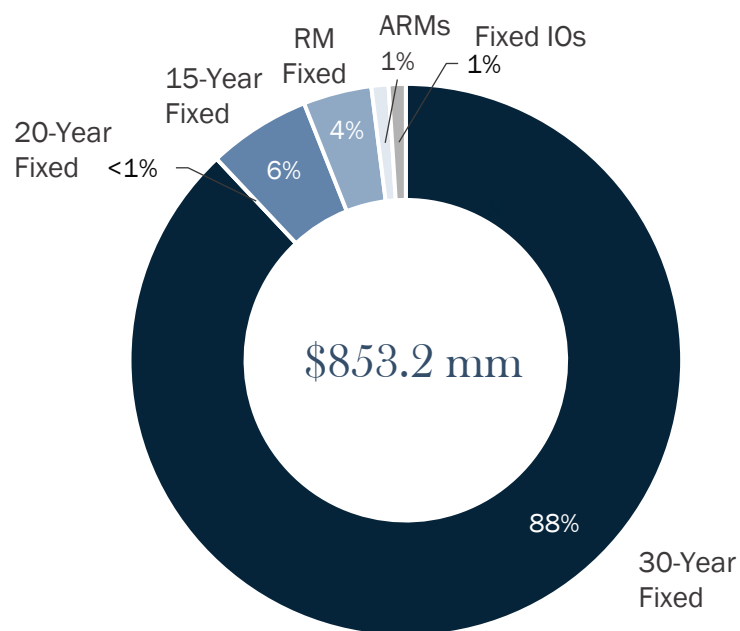
The size of our long credit portfolio increased by 10% in the fourth quarter.

The residential transition loan portfolio expanded, as net purchases exceeded paydowns.

The addition of Arlington's MSR-related portfolio also contributed to the sequential growth.

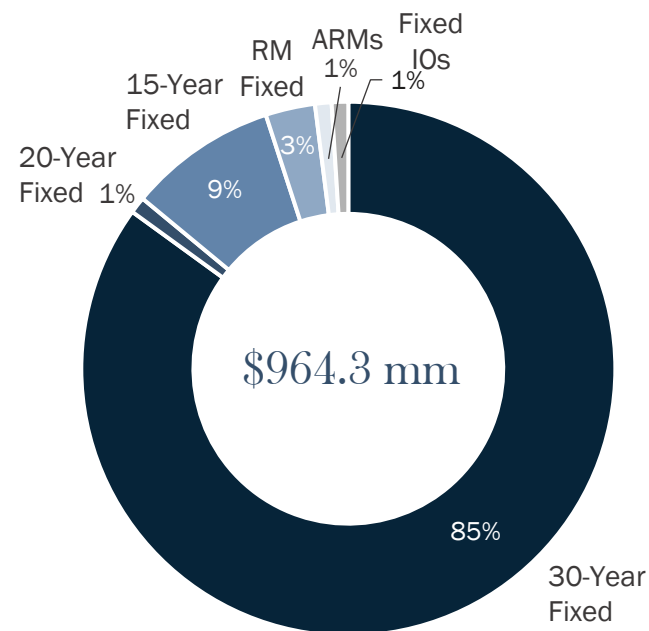
The increase was partially offset by smaller commercial bridge loan and non-QM loan portfolios, as loan paydowns (and in the case of non-QM, loan sales) exceeded new originations.

*For consolidated non-QM securitization trusts, only includes retained tranches.



As of 12/31/2023⁽¹⁾

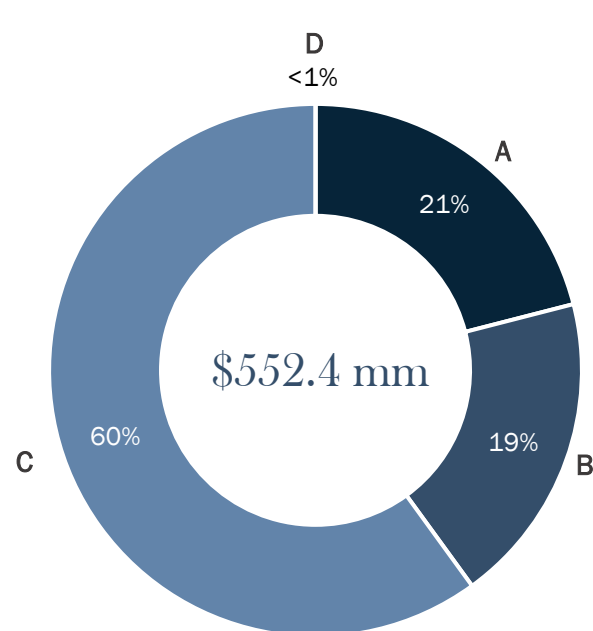
Category	Fair Value ⁽¹⁾ (\$ in MMs)	Wtd. Avg. Coupon ⁽²⁾
30-Year Fixed	\$ 742.1	4.04%
20-Year Fixed	2.1	2.29%
15-Year Fixed	54.0	2.58%
RM Fixed	37.2	5.37%
Subtotal - Fixed	\$ 835.4	3.99%
ARMs	5.1	
Fixed IOs	12.7	
Total	\$ 853.2	



As of 9/30/2023⁽¹⁾

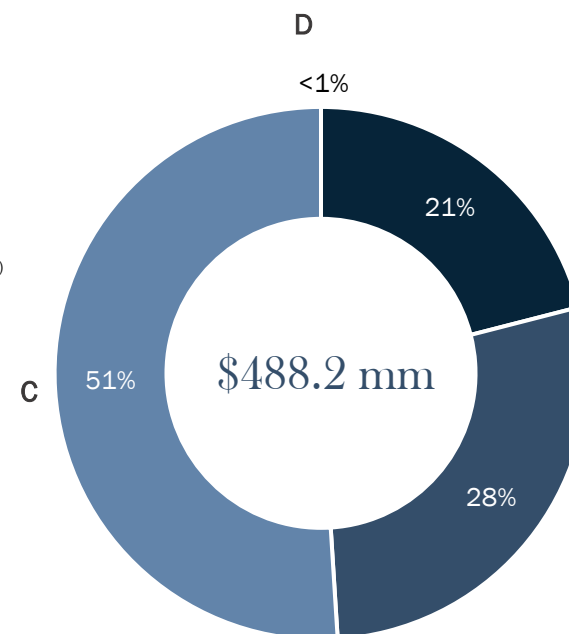
Category	Fair Value ⁽¹⁾ (\$ in MMs)	Wtd. Avg. Coupon ⁽²⁾
30-Year Fixed	\$ 826.4	4.09%
20-Year Fixed	5.6	2.41%
15-Year Fixed	82.3	2.57%
RM Fixed	33.5	5.14%
Subtotal - Fixed	\$ 947.8	3.98%
ARMs	5.2	
Fixed IOs	11.3	
Total	\$ 964.3	

- Our long Agency portfolio decreased by 12% quarter over quarter, as principal repayments and net sales exceeded net gains.
- More than three-quarters of our net Agency sales occurred in November and December, as spreads tightened.



As of 12/31/2023⁽¹⁾

- A: Reverse MSRs (HMBS and proprietary)⁽²⁾
- B: Unsecuritized HECM loans⁽³⁾
- C: Proprietary reverse mortgage loans
- D: Other



As of 9/30/2023⁽¹⁾

- Longbridge originates reverse mortgage loans, including home equity conversion mortgage loans, or "HECMs," which are insured by the FHA and which are eligible for inclusion in GNMA-guaranteed HECM- backed MBS, or "HMBS."
 - Upon securitization, the HECMs remain on our balance sheet under GAAP, and Longbridge retains the mortgage servicing rights associated with the HMBS.
 - In addition, Longbridge originates proprietary reverse mortgage loans, which are not insured by the FHA, and has typically retained the associated MSRs.
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- In Q4, our Longbridge portfolio increased by 13%, driven primarily by proprietary reverse mortgage loan originations.
 - Longbridge originated \$262.2 million across HECM and prop, 82% through its wholesale and correspondent channel and 18% through its retail channel.
 - Net losses in originations and on interest rate hedges, which exceeded net gains on proprietary loans and on our HMBS MSR Equivalent and MSRs on reverse mortgage loans ("Reverse MSRs") and servicing income, drove a net loss for the quarter.
 - Lower volumes driven by seasonal and macro factors drove the loss in originations; however, gain-on-sale margins improved on both HECM and proprietary loans.

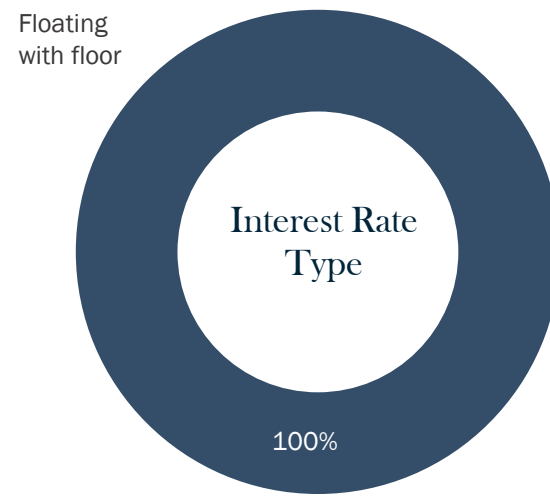
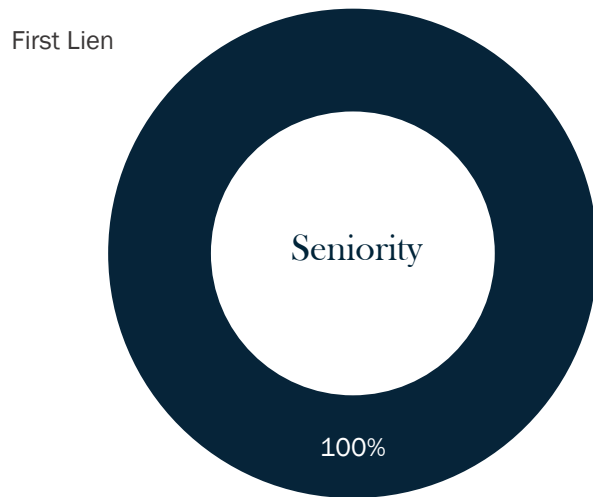
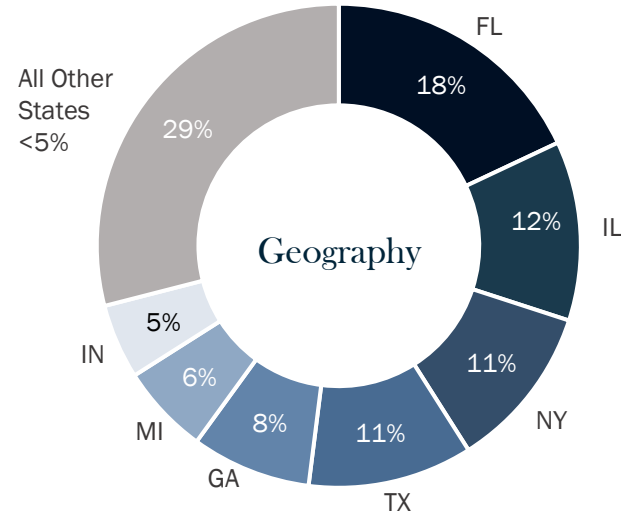
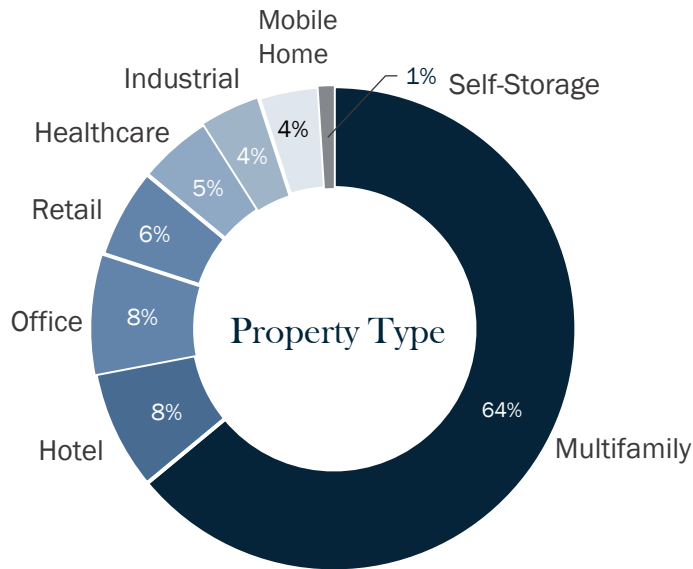
Summary of Borrowings

Recourse Borrowings (\$ in thousands)	As of 12/31/23		Three-Month Period Ended 12/31/23	
	Outstanding Borrowings	Weighted Average Borrowing Rate	Average Borrowings	Average Cost of Funds
Credit ⁽¹⁾	\$ 1,592,640	7.48%	\$ 1,572,107	7.61%
Agency RMBS	1,095,341	5.55%	919,557	5.58%
Borrowings – Credit and Agency RMBS	\$ 2,687,981	6.69%	\$ 2,491,664	6.86%
U.S. Treasury Securities	155,016	5.51%	110,289	5.50%
Borrowings – including U.S. Treasury Securities	\$ 2,842,997	6.63%	\$ 2,601,953	6.80%
Senior Notes, at par	282,681	6.00%	223,729	5.90%
Subordinated Notes	\$ 15,000	8.41%	\$ 3,000	8.41%
Longbridge-Related Recourse Borrowings	370,268	8.46%	349,642	8.81%
Total Recourse Borrowings⁽²⁾	\$ 3,510,946	6.78%	\$ 3,178,324	6.96%

Recourse and Non-Recourse Leverage Summary⁽³⁾

As of 12/31/2023

Recourse Borrowings	\$ 3,510,945	Recourse Debt-to-Equity Ratio ⁽⁴⁾	2.2:1
Non-Recourse HMBS-Related Obligations	\$ 8,423,235	<i>Net of Unsettled Purchases/Sales</i>	2.0:1
Non-Recourse Non-QM Securitizations	\$ <u>1,424,668</u>		
Total Borrowings	\$ 13,358,848	Total Debt-to-Equity Ratio ⁽⁵⁾	8.6:1
Total Equity	\$ 1,535,612	<i>Net of Unsettled Purchases/Sales</i>	8.4:1



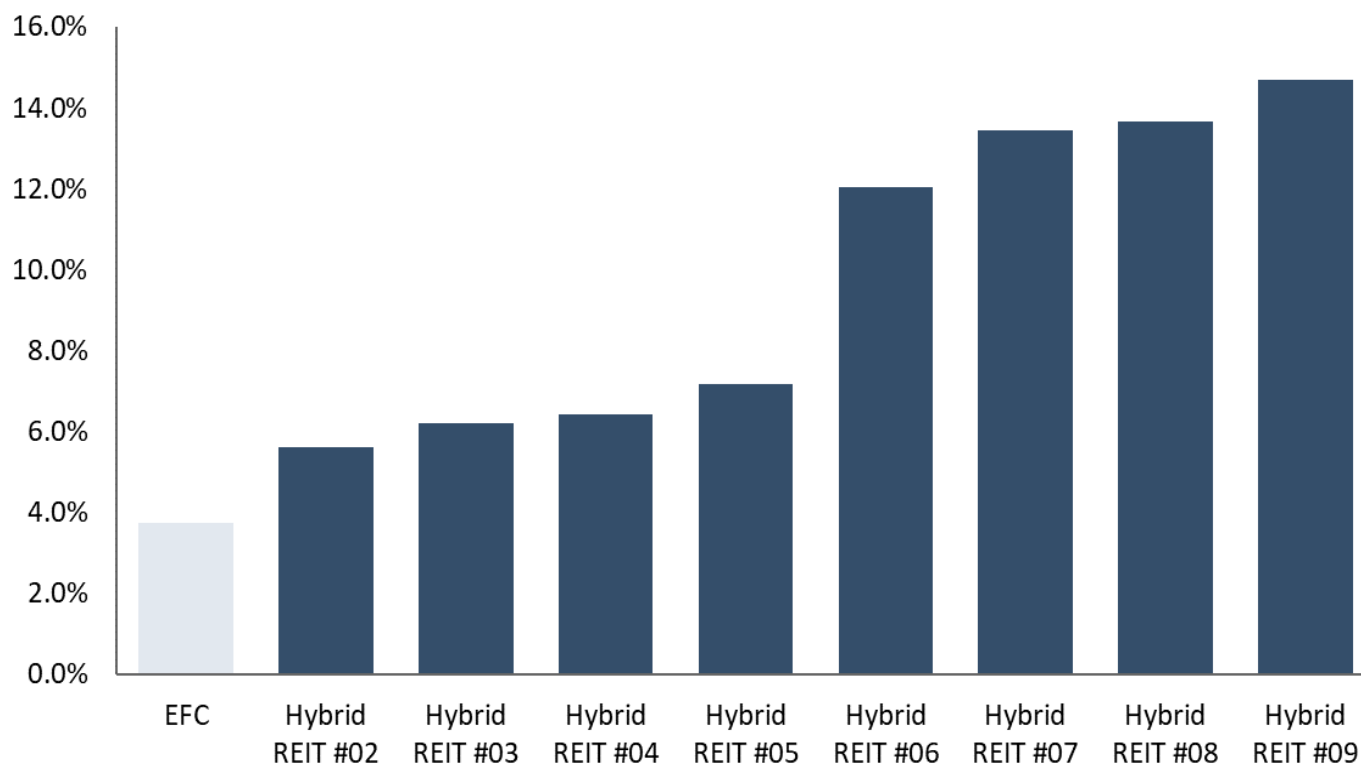
- Commercial mortgage loan portfolio is diversified geographically and across property types, with a tactical focus on multi-family.
- All investments are first liens.
- All investments are floating rate loans that benefit from interest rate floors.

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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	Non-QM Loans ⁽¹⁾	Small Balance Commercial Loans ⁽²⁾	Residential Transition Loans	Consumer Loans	Reverse Mortgage Loans ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	
Strategic Originator Investment(s)	√	√	√	√	√	
Joint Ventures and/or Flow Agreements	√	√	√	√	√	
In-House Origination Team	-	√	√	-	√	
Servicing Platform and Workout Capabilities	√	√	√	√	√	
						Total
Loans Acquired During Q4 2023 (\$mm)	\$91.4	\$11.6	\$380.4	\$10.5	\$262.2	\$756.1
Total Loan Fair Value at 12/31/2023 (\$mm)	\$613.1	\$433.5	\$1,090.9	\$76.0	\$432.1	\$2,645.6

Standard Deviation of Quarterly Economic Returns of Hybrid REITs, Q1-2011 - Q3-2023⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾



Company	Standard Deviation
EFC	3.7%
Hybrid REIT #02	5.6%
Hybrid REIT #03	6.2%
Hybrid REIT #04	6.4%
Hybrid REIT #05	7.2%
Hybrid REIT #06	12.0%
Hybrid REIT #07	13.5%
Hybrid REIT #08	13.7%
Hybrid REIT #09	14.7%

- 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 12/31/2023 (\$ 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	\$ 17,804	1.16%	\$ (19,391)	-1.27%
Long TBAs	2,323	0.15%	(2,876)	-0.19%
Short TBAs	(6,613)	-0.43%	6,837	0.45%
Agency RMBS-ARM Pools	172	0.01%	(201)	-0.01%
Non-Agency RMBS, CMBS, Other ABS, MSRs, Mortgage and Other Loans	24,888	1.62%	(28,137)	-1.83%
Interest Rate Swaps	(32,640)	-2.13%	31,611	2.06%
U.S. Treasury Securities	4,060	0.26%	(3,875)	-0.25%
Eurodollar and Treasury Futures	(9,746)	-0.63%	9,439	0.61%
Corporate Securities and Other	1,380	0.09%	(1,379)	-0.09%
Repurchase Agreements, Reverse Repurchase Agreements, and Senior Notes Outstanding	(3,408)	-0.22%	3,362	0.22%
Total	\$ (1,780)	-0.12%	\$ (4,610)	-0.30%
Less: Estimated Change in Fair Value attributable to Preferred Stock	(4,455)		4,438	
Estimated Change in Fair Value attributable to Common Stock	\$ (6,235)		\$ (172)	
As % of Common Equity	-0.53%		-0.01%	

- 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.



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Ellington is committed to corporate social responsibility. We recognize the importance of environmental, social and governance (“ESG”) factors, and believe that the implementation of ESG policies will benefit our employees, support long-term stockholder performance, and make a positive impact on the environment and society as a whole. Our Manager has a standing ESG Committee to address a variety of issues, including its impact on the environment, increasing the diversity of its workforce, employee engagement, and community involvement.

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 committed to enhancing gender, racial, and ethnic diversity throughout our organization, as stated in our Manager’s Diversity and Inclusion Policy. We have engaged a women-owned recruiting firm focused exclusively on women and minority recruiting on college campuses.
- We are in compliance with applicable employment codes and guidelines, including ADA, Equal Opportunity Employment, Non-Discrimination, Anti-Harassment and Non-Retaliation codes.

Governance

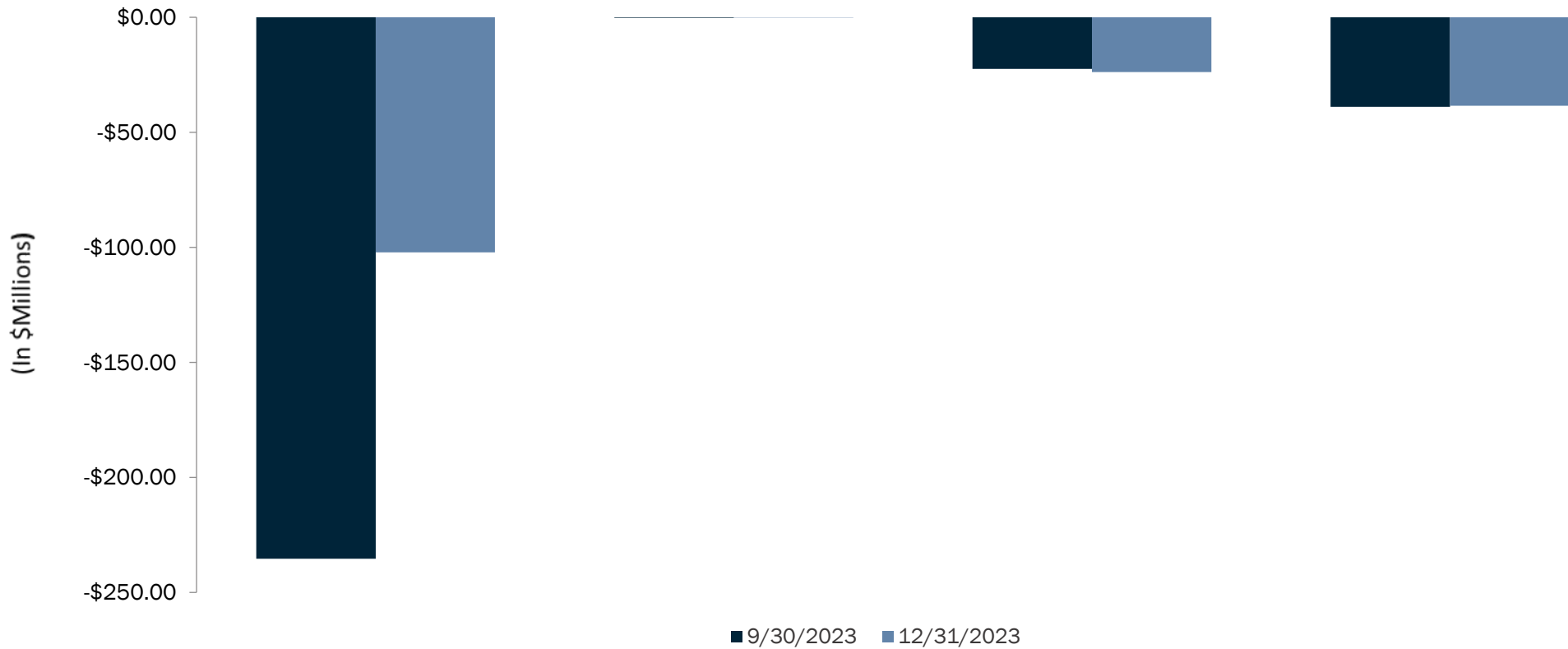
- Our Manager has a Responsible Investment policy incorporating ESG factors into its investment processes for applicable strategies.
- We operate under a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics.
- EFC has a separate independent Chairman, and the majority of Board members are independent.
- We hold annual elections of Directors.
- We are committed to significant disclosure and transparency, including an established monthly book value disclosure and dividend policy.
- We have an established Whistleblower policy to encourage transparency and accountability.
- Robust process for stockholder engagement.
- Strong alignment through 5% co-investment⁽¹⁾

Quarter Ended	12/31/2023	Q4/Q3	9/30/2023	Q3/Q2	6/30/2023	Q2/Q1	3/31/2023
UST (%)⁽¹⁾							
3M UST	5.33	-0.11	5.45	+0.16	5.28	+0.59	4.69
2Y UST	4.25	-0.79	5.04	+0.15	4.90	+0.87	4.03
5Y UST	3.85	-0.76	4.61	+0.45	4.16	+0.58	3.57
10Y UST	3.88	-0.69	4.57	+0.73	3.84	+0.37	3.47
30Y UST	4.03	-0.67	4.70	+0.84	3.86	+0.21	3.65
3M10Y Spread	-1.45	-0.58	-0.87	+0.57	-1.45	-0.22	-1.23
2Y10Y Spread	-0.37	+0.10	-0.47	+0.59	-1.06	-0.50	-0.56
US Dollar Swaps (%)⁽¹⁾							
2Y SWAP	4.07	-0.90	4.97	-0.13	5.09	+0.74	4.36
5Y SWAP	3.53	-0.85	4.38	+0.16	4.22	+0.58	3.63
10Y SWAP	3.47	-0.79	4.27	+0.40	3.86	+0.40	3.46
SOFR (%)⁽¹⁾							
1M	5.35	+0.04	5.32	+0.18	5.14	+0.34	4.80
3M	5.33	-0.06	5.40	+0.13	5.27	+0.36	4.91
1M3M Spread	-0.02	-0.10	0.08	-0.05	0.13	+0.02	0.11
Mortgage Rates (%)⁽²⁾							
15Y	6.26	-0.47	6.73	+0.43	6.30	+0.33	5.97
30Y	6.42	-0.93	7.35	+0.65	6.70	+0.46	6.24
TSY-based OAS (bps)⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾							
FNMA30Y2.5 OAS	23.7	-13.3	37.0	+9.2	27.8	-11.6	39.4
FNMA30Y4.5 OAS	24.5	-14.0	38.5	+4.5	34.0	-16.9	50.9
FNMA30Y6.0 OAS	21.3	-27.2	48.5	+3.5	45.0	+11.1	33.9
TSY-based ZSpread (bps)⁽³⁾⁽⁵⁾							
FNMA30Y2.5 ZSpread	42.1	-6.9	49.0	+1.5	47.5	-10.9	58.4
FNMA30Y4.5 ZSpread	89.7	+2.9	86.8	-14.1	100.9	-6.8	107.7
FNMA30Y6.0 ZSpread	124.5	-19.8	144.3	+6.5	137.8	+22.8	115.0
FNMA Pass-Thrus⁽¹⁾							
30Y2.5	\$85.12	\$5.85	\$79.27	-\$5.40	\$84.66	-\$1.46	\$86.13
30Y4.5	\$96.98	\$5.20	\$91.78	-\$4.27	\$96.05	-\$1.87	\$97.92
30Y6.0	\$101.62	\$2.92	\$98.70	-\$2.13	\$100.83	-\$1.23	\$102.06

<i>(\$ in thousands)</i>	Long Notional	Short Notional	Net Notional	Fair Value
Mortgage-Related Derivatives:				
CDS on MBS and MBS Indices	\$ 290	\$ (42,146)	\$ (41,856)	\$ 3,294
Total Net Mortgage-Related Derivatives				\$ 3,294
Corporate-Related Derivatives:				
CDS on Corporate Bonds and Corporate Bond Indices	151,000	(550,299)	(399,299)	(8,835)
Total Return Swaps on Corporate Bond Indices ⁽²⁾	1,389	-	1,389	6
Warrants ⁽²⁾	202	-	202	1,702
Total Net Corporate-Related Derivatives				\$ (7,127)
Interest Rate-Related Derivatives:				
TBAs	375,154	(433,098)	(57,944)	(3,638)
Interest Rate Swaps	1,859,330	(3,129,277)	(1,269,947)	97,494
U.S. Treasury Futures ⁽³⁾	1,900	(313,100)	(311,200)	(7,745)
Total Interest Rate-Related Derivatives				\$ 86,111
Other Derivatives:				
Foreign Currency Forwards ⁽⁴⁾	-	(23,016)	(23,016)	(58)
Total Net Other Derivatives				\$ (58)
Net Total				\$ 82,220

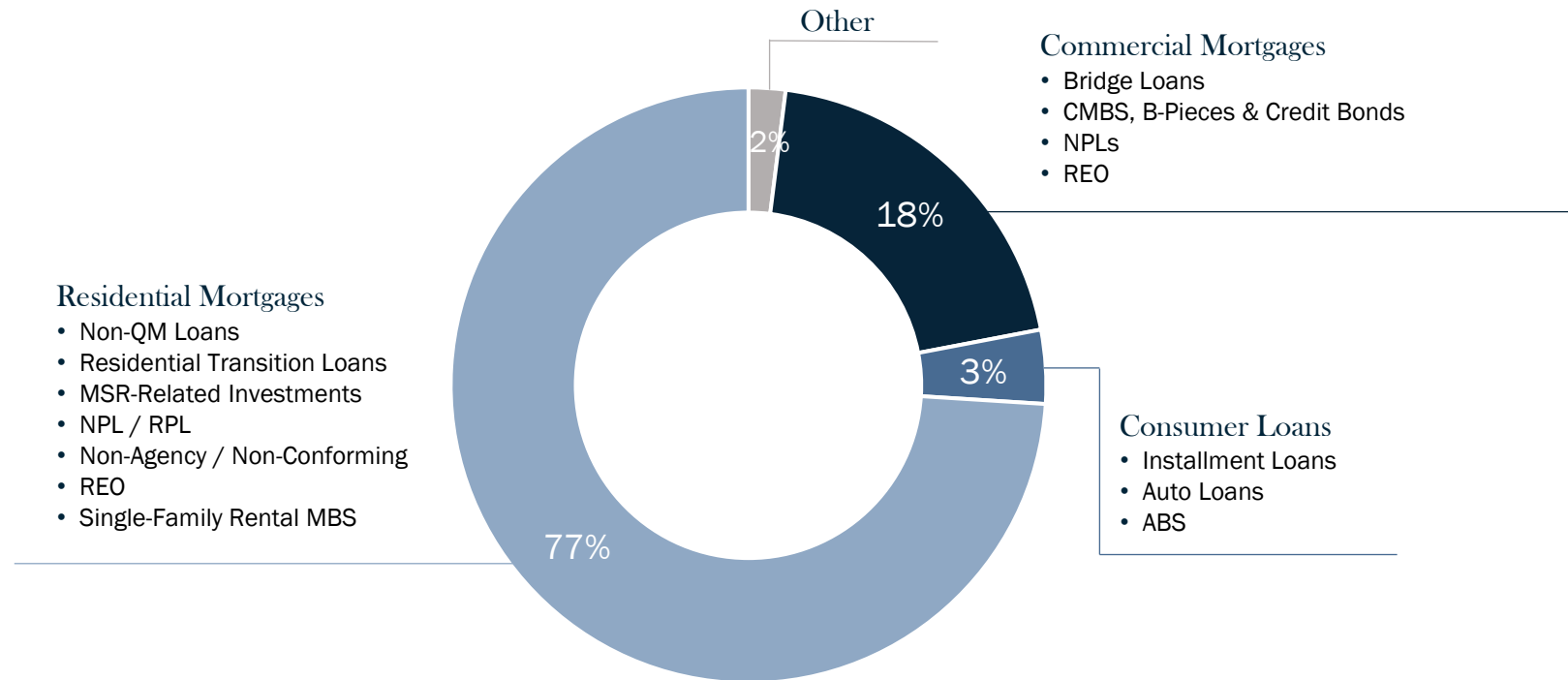
Credit Hedging Portfolio⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

Instrument Category	Corporate CDS Indices/ Tranches/ Options/ Single Names	Single Name ABS CDS and ABX Indices	European Sovereign Debt	CMBX
Units	HY CDX OTR Bond Equivalent Value ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾	Bond Equivalent Value ⁽⁴⁾	Market Value	Bond Equivalent Value ⁽⁴⁾



- EFC's dynamic credit hedging strategy seeks to reduce book value volatility.

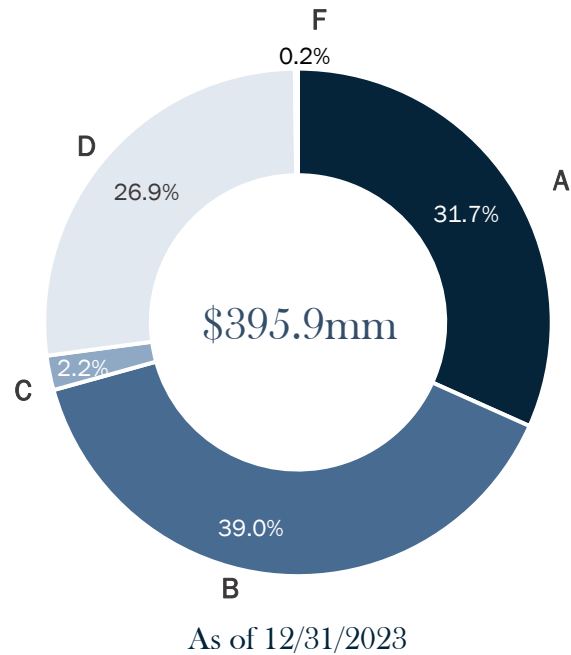
Diversified sources of return to perform over market cycles



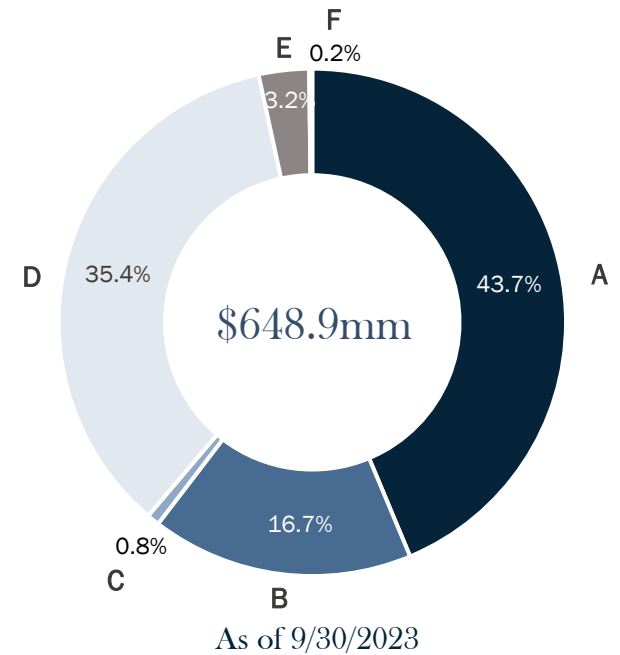
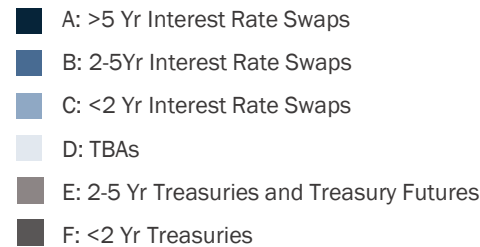
- Our flexible approach allocates capital to the sectors where we see the best relative value as market conditions change.⁽¹⁾
- We believe that our analytical expertise, research and systems provide an edge that will generate attractive risk-adjusted returns over market cycles.

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



Short \$395.9 mm 10-yr equivalents⁽¹⁾

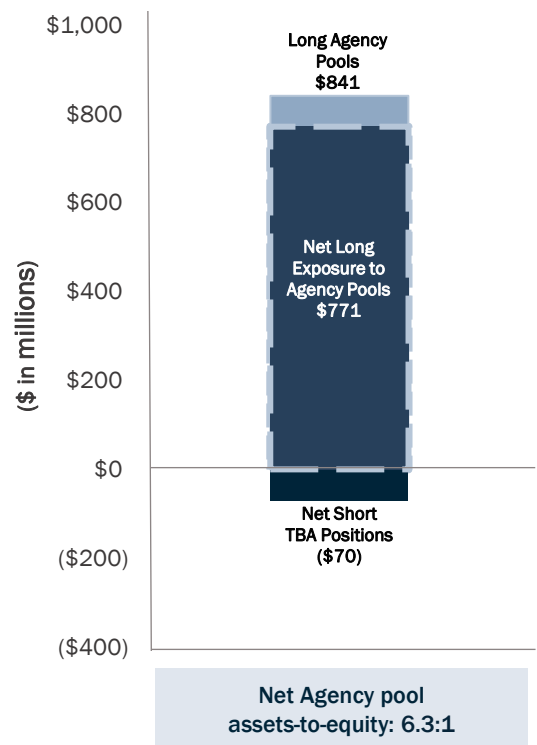


Short \$648.9 mm 10-yr equivalents⁽¹⁾

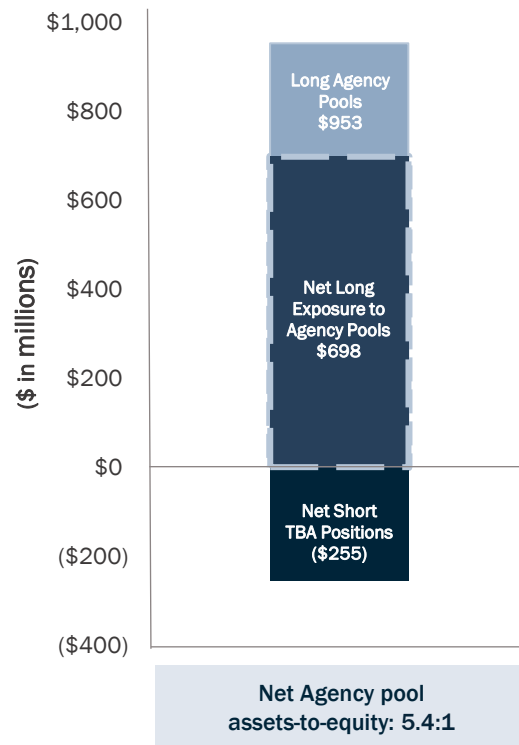
- We hedge along the entire yield curve to protect against volatility, defend book value and more thoroughly control interest rate risk.
- Shorting “generic” pools (or TBAs) allows EFC to significantly reduce interest rate risk and basis risk in its Agency portfolio.
 - For those Agency pools hedged with comparable TBAs, the biggest risk is a drop in “pay-ups.”
 - Average pay-ups on our specified pools increased to 0.84% as of 12/31/2023, as compared to 0.75% as of 9/30/2023.
 - We also hedge interest rate risk with swaps, U.S. Treasury securities, and other instruments.

Net Agency Pool Exposure Based on Fair Value⁽¹⁾

As of 12/31/2023



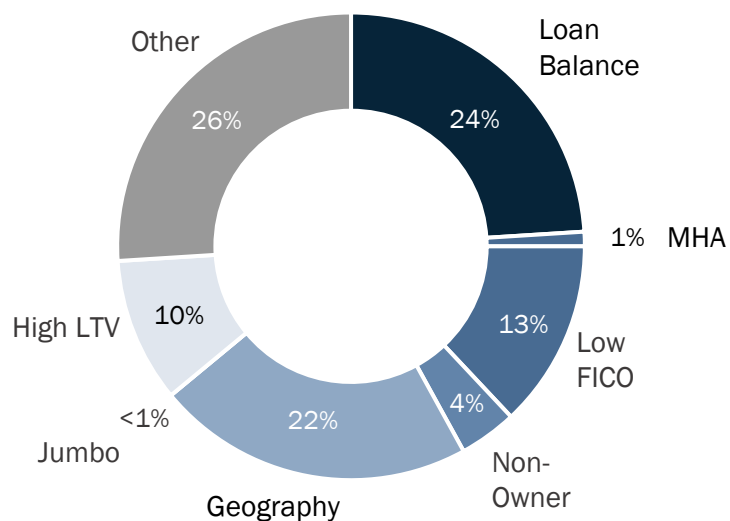
As of 9/30/2023



- EFC often carries significantly lower net effective mortgage exposure than our “headline” Agency leverage suggests.
- Our net Agency pool asset-to-equity ratio increased to 6.3:1 from 5.4:1 quarter over quarter, due to a smaller net short TBA position and a decrease in equity allocated to the Agency strategy, partially offset by a smaller Agency portfolio.

- 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.

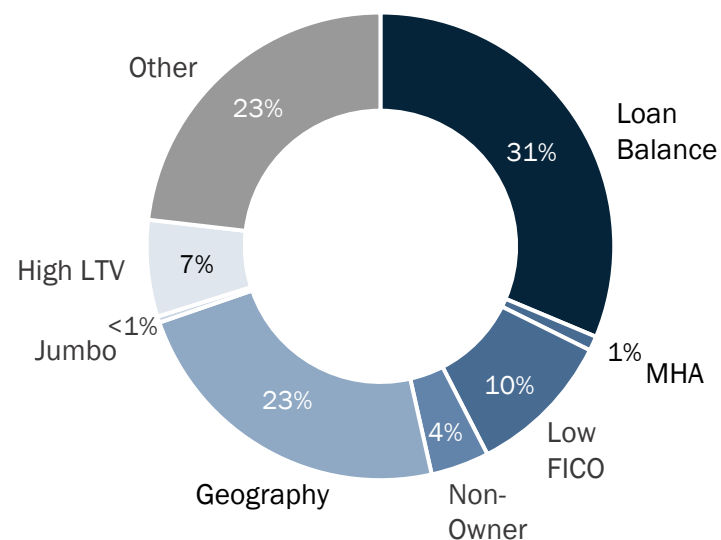
Average for Quarter Ended 12/31/2023⁽¹⁾



Collateral Characteristics and Historical 3-Mo CPR

Characteristic ⁽²⁾	Fair Value ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾	3-Month CPR % ⁽⁵⁾
Loan Balance	\$242.0	8.0
MHA ⁽⁴⁾	9.7	5.9
Low FICO	129.3	7.4
Non-Owner	36.8	6.6
Geography	224.2	4.7
Jumbo	3.5	1.4
High LTV	99.7	5.5
Other	271.4	3.4
Total	\$1,016.6	5.7

Average for Quarter Ended 9/30/2023⁽¹⁾



Collateral Characteristics and Historical 3-Mo CPR

Characteristic ⁽²⁾	Fair Value ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾	3-Month CPR % ⁽⁵⁾
Loan Balance	\$273.0	8.8
MHA ⁽⁴⁾	10.2	2.0
Low FICO	91.4	5.2
Non-Owner	38.9	11.3
Geography	207.0	5.6
Jumbo	3.8	4.1
High LTV	58.5	5.0
Other	203.2	7.0
Total	\$885.8	7.0

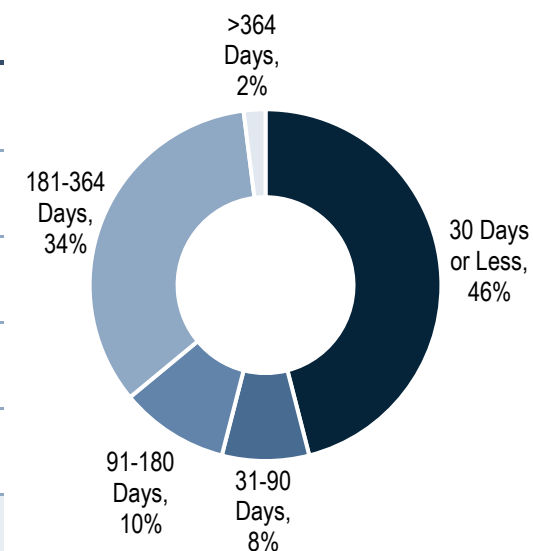
Repo Borrowings⁽¹⁾

(\$ in thousands)

Repo Borrowings as of December 31, 2023

Remaining Days to Maturity	Credit	Agency	U.S. Treasury	Reverse Mortgage Loans	Total	% of Total Borrowings
30 Days or Less	\$ 124,617	\$ 1,076,710	\$ 155,016	\$ -	\$ 1,356,343	45.7%
31-90 Days	219,426	16,700	-	-	236,126	8.0%
91-180 Days	296,195	1,931	-	-	298,126	10.0%
181-364 Days	867,983	-	-	150,228	1,018,211	34.3%
>364 Days	58,631	-	-	-	58,631	2.0%
Total Borrowings	\$ 1,566,852	\$ 1,095,341	\$ 155,016	\$ 150,228	\$ 2,967,437	100.0%
Weighted Average Remaining Days to Maturity	199	18	2	282	126	

Borrowings by Days to Maturity



- Repo borrowings with 26 counterparties, with the largest representing approximately 16% of total repo borrowings
- Weighted average remaining days to maturity of 126, an increase of 23 days from September 30, 2023
- Maturities are staggered to mitigate liquidity risk

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

(\$ in thousands)

Years Ended

	2023 ⁽³⁾	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Long: Credit	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%	\$36,203 5.3%
Credit Hedge and Other	(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%	(40,548) -5.9%
Interest Rate Hedge: Credit	(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%	(371) -0.1%
Long: Agency	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%	17,166 2.5%
Interest Rate Hedge and Other: Agency	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%	(8,226) -1.2%
Longbridge	9,695 0.7%	14,492 1.2%	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
Gross Profit (Loss)	\$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%	\$4,224 0.6%

COVID
Pandemic

(\$ in thousands)

Years Ended

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Long: Credit	\$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	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	(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	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	(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	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
Gross Profit (Loss)	\$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%

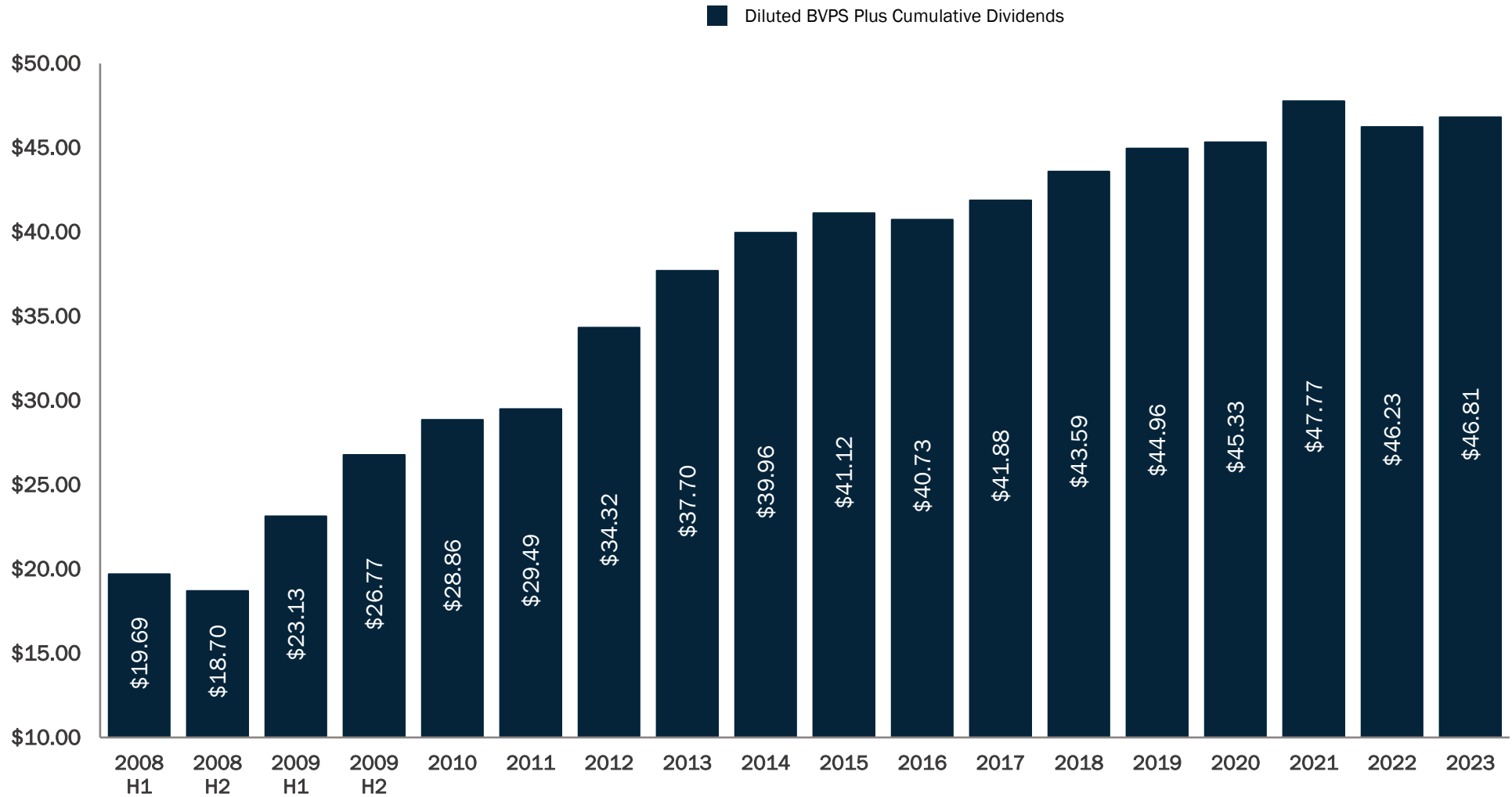
Taper Tantrum

Credit
Crisis

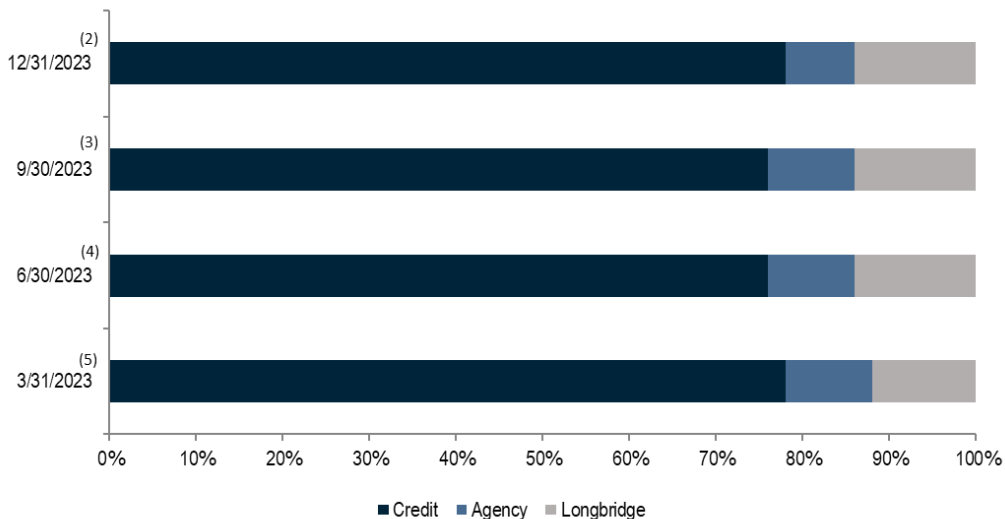
Note: Percentages of average total equity during the period.

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

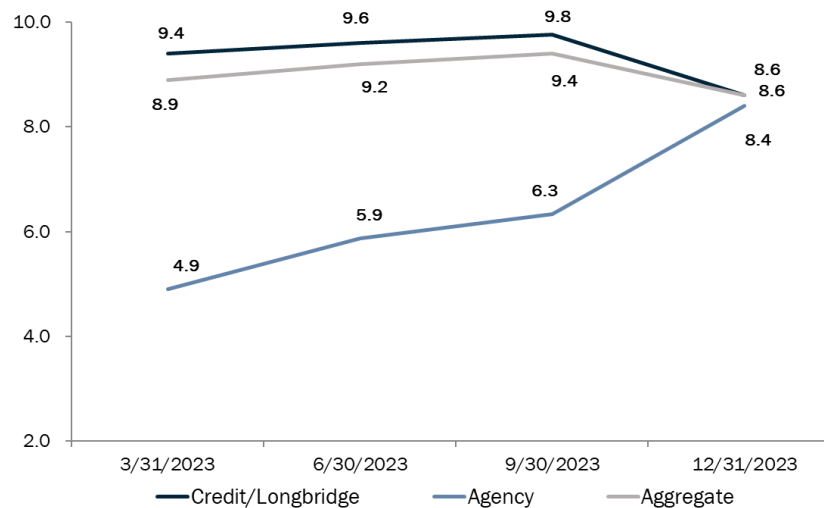
- EFC life-to-date diluted net asset value-based total return from inception in August 2007 through Q4 2023 is approximately 257.8%, or 8.1% annualized⁽¹⁾



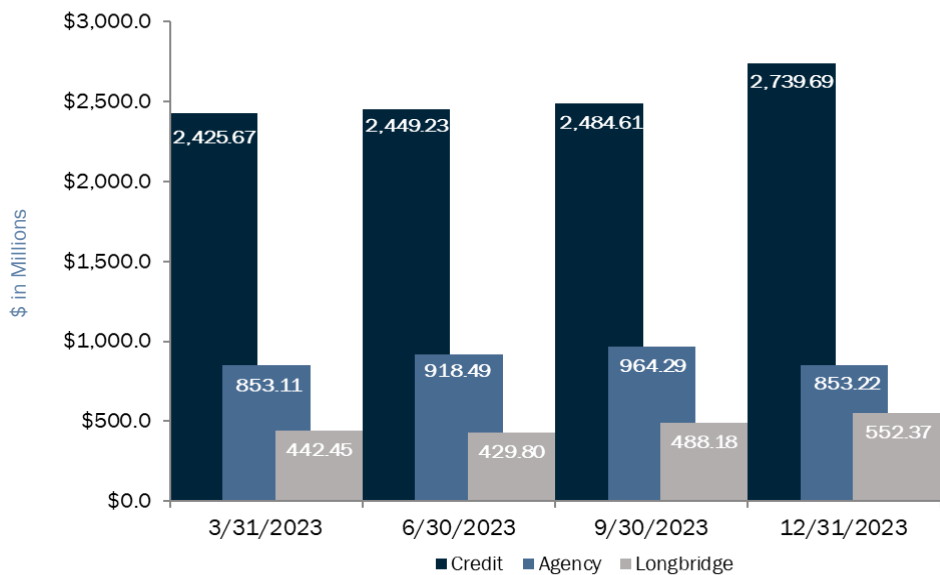
Capital Usage By Strategy⁽¹⁾



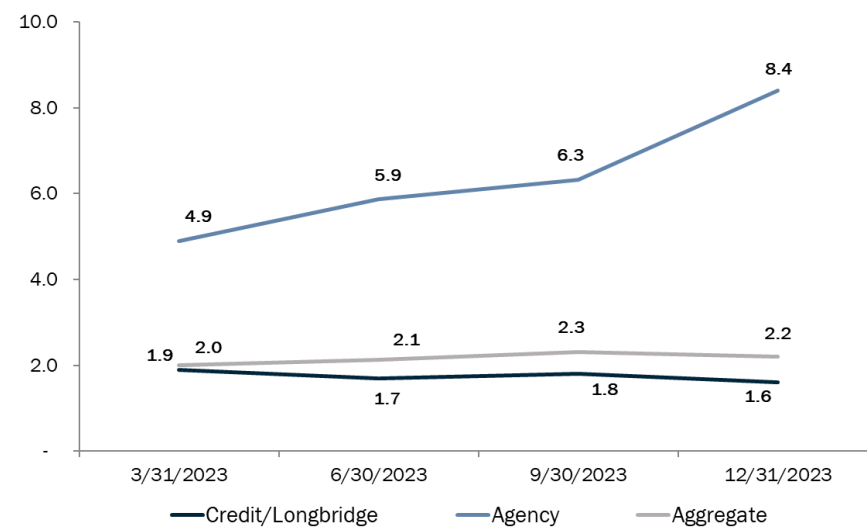
Leverage by Strategy (Debt-to-Equity)⁽¹⁾



Credit, Agency, and Longbridge Portfolios by Fair Value⁽⁷⁾



Recourse Leverage by Strategy (Debt-to-Equity)⁽⁶⁾



Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet (Unaudited)

(in thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	December 31, 2023	September 30, 2023
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 228,927	\$ 174,664
Restricted cash	1,618	1,604
Securities, at fair value	1,518,377	1,502,049
Loans, at fair value	12,306,636	11,920,872
Loan commitments, at fair value	2,584	3,752
Forward MSR-related investments, at fair value	163,336	-
Mortgage servicing rights, at fair value	29,580	29,653
Investments in unconsolidated entities, at fair value	116,414	113,474
Real estate owned	22,085	23,570
Financial derivatives – assets, at fair value	143,996	198,023
Reverse repurchase agreements	173,145	175,197
Due from brokers	51,884	38,870
Investment related receivables	480,249	167,447
Other assets	77,099	95,866
Total Assets	\$ 15,315,930	\$ 14,445,041
Liabilities		
Securities sold short, at fair value	154,303	163,832
Repurchase agreements	2,967,437	2,573,043
Financial derivatives – liabilities, at fair value	61,776	38,520
Due to brokers	62,442	80,180
Investment related payables	37,403	36,641
Other secured borrowings	245,827	301,131
Other secured borrowings, at fair value	1,424,668	1,404,567
HMBS-related obligations, at fair value	8,423,235	8,181,922
Unsecured borrowings, at fair value ⁽¹⁾	272,765	189,735
Base management fee payable to affiliate	5,660	4,890
Dividend payable	11,528	14,343
Interest payable	22,933	20,078
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	90,341	98,742
Total Liabilities	\$ 13,780,318	\$ 13,107,624
Equity		
Preferred stock, par value \$0.001 per share, 100,000,000 shares authorized; 14,757,222 and 13,420,421 shares issued and outstanding, and \$368,931 and \$335,511 aggregate liquidation preference, respectively	\$ 355,551	\$ 323,920
Common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, 200,000,000 and 200,000,000 shares authorized; 83,000,488 and 68,234,160 shares issued and outstanding, respectively ⁽²⁾	83	68
Additional paid-in-capital	1,514,797	1,323,124
Retained earnings (accumulated deficit)	(353,360)	(333,622)
Total Stockholders' Equity	\$ 1,517,071	\$ 1,313,490
Non-controlling interests	18,541	23,927
Total Equity	\$ 1,535,612	\$ 1,337,417
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 15,315,930	\$ 14,445,041
Supplemental Per Share Information:		
Book Value Per Common Share ⁽³⁾	\$ 13.83	\$ 14.33

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations (Unaudited)

	Three-Month Period Ended	
(In thousands, except per share amounts)	December 31, 2023	September 30, 2023
Net Interest Income		
Interest income	\$ 98,690	\$ 96,216
Interest expense	(70,699)	(68,702)
Total net interest income	\$ 27,991	\$ 27,514
Other Income (Loss)		
Realized gains (losses) on securities and loans, net	(22,475)	(17,362)
Realized gains (losses) on financial derivatives, net	9,437	26,283
Realized gains (losses) on real estate owned, net	(3,773)	(155)
Unrealized gains (losses) on securities and loans, net	147,273	(63,850)
Unrealized gains (losses) on financial derivatives, net	(81,957)	55,794
Unrealized gains (losses) on real estate owned, net	2,710	(1,712)
Unrealized gains (losses) on other secured borrowings, at fair value, net	(52,687)	18,660
Unrealized gains (losses) on senior notes, at fair value	(1,954)	(4,410)
Net change from reverse mortgage loans, at fair value	208,661	99,929
Net change related to HMBS obligations, at fair value	(179,758)	(115,729)
Bargain purchase gain	28,175	-
Other, net	2,988	28,772
Total other income (loss)	56,640	26,220
Expenses		
Base management fee to affiliate, net of rebates	5,660	4,890
Investment related expenses:		
Servicing expense	5,328	5,261
Other	4,227	4,342
Professional fees ⁽¹⁾	12,411	3,847
Compensation and benefits	33,173	14,675
Other expenses	6,925	6,437
Total expenses	67,724	39,452
Net Income (Loss) before Income Tax Expense (Benefit) and Earnings from Investments in Unconsolidated Entities	16,907	14,282
Income tax expense (benefit)	129	224
Earnings (losses) from investments in unconsolidated entities	2,547	(978)
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 19,325	\$ 13,080
Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Non-Controlling Interests	724	509
Dividends on Preferred Stock	6,104	5,980
Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Common Stockholders	\$ 12,497	\$ 6,591
Net Income (Loss) per Common Share:		
Basic and Diluted	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.10
Weighted average shares of common stock outstanding	71,338	67,790
Weighted average shares of common stock and convertible units outstanding	72,136	68,605

Ellington Profile

As of 12/31/2023

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

\$10.3

Billion in
assets under
management⁽¹⁾

9

Employee-partners
own
the firm⁽²⁾

29

Years of average
industry experience
of senior portfolio
managers

5%

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

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 29 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 Longbridge Financial



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



Strong alignment with 5% co-investment⁽¹⁾

Slide 3 – Fourth Quarter Highlights

- (1) Holdings, leverage, equity and book value amounts are as of December 31, 2023.
- (2) Includes \$(11.4) million of certain corporate/other income and expense items not attributed to either the investment portfolio or Longbridge segments. Such amount primarily includes the bargain purchase gain related to the Arlington Merger, certain compensation and benefits, certain professional fees, management fees, preferred dividends accrued, and certain realized and unrealized gains and losses on our Unsecured debt, at fair value.
- (3) Economic return is based on book value per share.
- (4) Adjusted Distributable Earnings, is a non-GAAP financial measure. See slide 6 for a reconciliation of Adjusted Distributable Earnings to Net Income (Loss)
- (5) Includes REO at the lower of cost or fair value. 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, our total long credit portfolio was \$4.164 billion as of December 31, 2023.
- (7) This information does not include financial derivatives or loan commitments.
- (8) Excludes U.S. Treasury securities and repo borrowings at certain unconsolidated entities that are recourse to us. Including such borrowings, our debt-to-equity ratio, adjusted for unsettled purchases and sales, based on total recourse borrowings was 2.1:1 as of December 31, 2023.
- (9) 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.

Slide 4 – Portfolio Summary as of December 31, 2023

- (1) Includes REO at the lower of cost or fair value. Excludes hedges and other derivative positions.
- (2) Of deployed capital, 79% allocated to credit, 8% to agency, and 13% 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 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, 2023 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) 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 non-QM securitization trusts, excludes tranches that were sold to third parties, but that are consolidated for GAAP purposes.
- (10) Retained non-QM RMBS represents RMBS issued by non-consolidated Ellington-sponsored non-QM loan securitization trusts, and interests in entities holding such RMBS.
- (11) Includes equity investments in unconsolidated entities holding small balance commercial mortgage loans and REO. 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 \$509.8 million.
- (12) Includes equity investments in securitization-related vehicles.
- (13) Includes corporate loans to certain loan origination entities in which we hold an equity investment.
- (14) Includes an equity investment in an unconsolidated entity holding European RMBS.
- (15) Includes equity investments in an unconsolidated entity which purchases certain other loans for eventual securitization.
- (16) This information does not include financial derivatives or loan commitments.
- (17) As of December 31, 2023, includes \$6.9 million of active HECM buyout loans, \$10.2 million of inactive HECM buyout loans, and \$4.9 million of other inactive HECM loans.
- (18) 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.
- (19) Excludes U.S. Treasury securities and repo borrowings at certain unconsolidated entities that are recourse to us. Including such borrowings, our debt-to-equity ratio, adjusted for unsettled purchases and sales, based on total recourse borrowings was 2.1:1 as of December 31, 2023.
- (20) Excludes repo borrowings on U.S. Treasury securities and borrowings at certain unconsolidated entities that are recourse to us. 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.
- (21) 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.

Slide 5 – Operating Results by Strategy for the Quarter Ended December 31, 2023

- (1) Other income primarily consists of rental income on real estate owned, loan origination fees, and servicing income.
- (2) In Corporate/Other represents the \$28.2 million bargain purchase gain related to the Arlington Merger.
- (3) Includes U.S. Treasury securities, if applicable.
- (4) Other activities include certain equity and other trading strategies and related hedges, and net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on foreign currency.
- (5) In Corporate/Other, includes Arlington merger-related expenses of \$ 22.1 million.
- (6) 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. Noncapitalized transaction costs include expenses, generally professional fees, incurred in connection with the acquisition of an investment or issuance of long-term debt. For the contribution to Adjusted Distributable Earnings from Longbridge, we adjust Longbridge's contribution to our net income in a similar manner, but we include in Adjusted Distributable Earnings certain realized and unrealized gains (losses) from Longbridge's origination business ("gain-on-sale income"). 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, 2023, 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, and foreign currency transactions which are components of Other Income (Loss) on the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations.
- (4) Represents net change in fair value of HMBS MSR Equivalent and mortgage servicing rights related to reverse mortgage loans attributable to changes in market conditions and model assumptions. This adjustment also includes net (gains) losses on certain hedging instruments, which are components of realized and/or unrealized gains (losses) on financial derivatives, net on the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations.
- (5) For the three-month period ended December 31, 2023, includes \$4.9 million of expenses related to our previously announced merger with Great Ajax Corp. which was terminated in October 2023, \$0.4 million of non-capitalized transaction costs, \$0.3 million of non-cash equity compensation expense, and \$0.3 million of various other expenses.
- (6) Represents the reversal of the bargain purchase gain of \$28.2 million net of the reversal of expenses related to the Arlington Merger of \$22.1 million
- (7) Includes net interest income and operating expenses for certain investments in unconsolidated entities.

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 non-QM 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 \$4.164 billion as of December 31, 2023 and \$3.883 billion as of September 30, 2023.
- (2) Includes equity investments 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 unconsolidated entities holding small balance commercial mortgage loans and REO. 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 \$509.8 million as of December 31, 2023 and \$531.2 million as of September 30, 2023.
- (5) Includes an equity investment in an unconsolidated entity holding European RMBS.
- (6) Includes equity investments in an unconsolidated entity which purchases certain other loans for eventual securitization.
- (7) Includes an equity investment in an unconsolidated entity holding European RMBS.

Slide 8 – Long Agency Portfolio

- (1) Agency long portfolio includes \$840.5 million of long Agency securities and \$12.7 million of interest only securities as of December 31, 2023 and \$953.0 million of long Agency securities and \$11.3 million of interest only securities as of September 30, 2023.
- (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) HECMs are consolidated for GAAP reporting purposes and accounted for on our balance sheet as collateralized borrowings. The fair value of HECM assets less the fair value of the HMBS-related obligations approximate fair value of the HMBS MSR Equivalent.
- (3) As of December 31, 2023, includes \$6.9 million of active HECM buyout loans, \$10.2 million of inactive HECM buyout loans, and \$4.9 million of other inactive HECM loans.

Slide 10 – Summary of Borrowings

- (1) Includes Other secured borrowings. Excludes Other secured borrowings, at fair value related to the non-QM 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 U.S. Treasury securities and repo borrowings at certain unconsolidated entities that are recourse to us. Including such borrowings, our debt-to-equity ratio, adjusted for unsettled purchases and sales, based on total recourse borrowings was 2.1:1 as of December 31, 2023.
- (5) 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.

Slide 11- Commercial Mortgage Loan Portfolio – Detail as of 12/31/2023

- (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 securitization trusts, excludes loans in consolidated non-QM 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, a majority owned subsidiary as of 10/3/2022.
- (4) For reverse mortgage loans, Total Loan Fair Value at Quarter-End includes \$102.6 million in Unsecuritized HECM loans and \$329.6 million in Proprietary reverse mortgage loans.
- (5) 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, 2023. 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 16 – Commitment to ESG

- (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 17 – 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 18– 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, 2023, derivative assets and derivative liabilities were \$144.0 million and \$(61.8) million, respectively, for a net fair value of \$82.2 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, 2023 a total of 19 long and 2,882 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 19 – 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 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 even different 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. Corporate CDS Indices, Tranches, Options and Single Names are converted to HY CDX OTR Equivalents prior to being displayed as Bond Equivalent Values.

Slide 20 – Diversified Credit Portfolio

- (1) Subject to 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 21 – 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 22 – 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 \$840.5 million and our long and short TBA positions of \$(70) million, divided by the equity allocated to our Agency strategy of \$122 million, as of December 31, 2023. As of September 30, 2023, our net Agency pool assets-to-equity ratio was the net aggregate market value of our Agency pools of \$952.9 million and our long and short TBA positions of \$(255) million, divided by the equity allocated to our Agency strategy of \$129 million. 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.

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) “MHA” indicates those pools where underlying borrowers have participated in the Making Homes Affordable program.
- (5) 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, 2023 for settlement following December 31, 2023 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, 2023, for which delivery of the borrowed funds is not scheduled until after December 31, 2023. Remaining maturity for a repo is based on the contractual maturity date in effect as of December 31, 2023. 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) Of deployed capital, 79% allocated to credit, 8% to agency, and 13% to Longbridge.
- (3) Of deployed capital, 76% allocated to credit, 10% to agency, and 14% to Longbridge.
- (4) Of deployed capital, 76% allocated to credit, 10% to agency, and 14% to Longbridge.
- (5) Of deployed capital, 78% allocated to credit, 10% to agency, and 12% to Longbridge.
- (6) Excludes U.S. Treasury securities and repo borrowings at certain unconsolidated entities that are recourse to us. Including such borrowings, our debt-to-equity ratio, adjusted for unsettled purchases and sales, based on total recourse borrowings was 2.1:1 as of December 31, 2023.
- (7) Includes REO at the lower of cost or fair value. Excludes hedges and other derivative positions. Excludes tranches of our non-QM securitization trusts that were sold to third parties but that are consolidated for GAAP purposes.

Slide 28– Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet (Unaudited)

- (1) Conformed to current period presentation. Includes the Company’s senior notes, issued and outstanding prior to the Arlington Merger, and various senior and subordinated debt assumed as a result of the Arlington Merger.
- (2) Common shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2023, includes 11,040,704 shares of common stock issued as a result of the Arlington Merger, 3,460,904 shares of common stock issued under our ATM program, and 84,720 shares of common stock issued as a result of LTIP Unit conversions.
- (3) Based on total stockholders’ equity less the aggregate liquidation preference of our preferred stock outstanding.

Slide 29– Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations (Unaudited)

- (1) For the three-month period ended December 31, 2023, Professional fees includes a termination fee of \$5.0 million paid to Great Ajax Corp. under the terms of the Ajax Merger Termination Agreement.

Slide 30– About Ellington Management Group

- (1) \$10.3 billion in assets under management includes approximately \$0.8 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 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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