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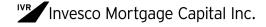
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Overview

Q2 2018 Financial Summary		
Basic EPS	\$0.72	
Core EPS (1)	\$0.41	
Book value per diluted common share (2)	\$17.06	
Dividend per common share	\$0.42	
Economic return (3)	1.9%	
Equity allocation remains diversified		
48% Agency RMBS and CMBS		
33% Commercial Credit		
19% Residential Credit		

- Core EPS of \$0.41 for Q2 2018 compared to \$0.45 for Q1 2018
 - Core EPS decreased primarily due to higher effective cost of funds
- Book value per diluted common share decreased by \$0.10 or 0.6% to \$17.06 in Q2 2018
- Q2 2018 portfolio highlights
 - Diversifed investment strategy and duration hedge discipline supported book value stability
 - Purchased securities in all targeted asset classes
 - Asset seasoning and improved real estate valuations continue to enhance credit quality

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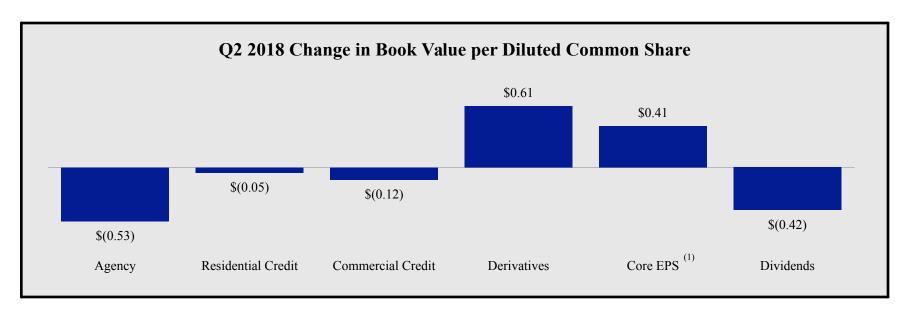


⁽¹⁾ Core EPS is a non-GAAP financial measure. See Slide 13 for non-GAAP reconciliation

⁽²⁾ Book value per diluted common share is calculated as total equity less the liquidation preference of our Series A Preferred Stock (\$140.0 million), Series B Preferred Stock (\$155.0 million) and Series C Preferred Stock (\$287.5 million); divided by total common shares outstanding plus Operating Partnership Units convertible into shares of common stock (1,425,000 shares)

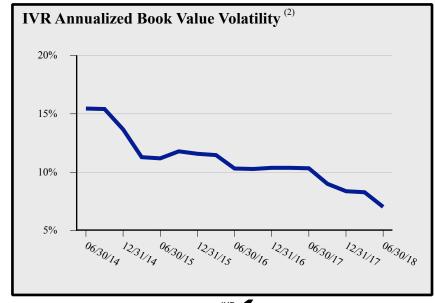
⁽³⁾ Economic return for the three months ended June 30, 2018 is defined as the change in book value per diluted common share from March 31, 2018 to June 30, 2018 of (\$0.10); plus dividends declared of \$0.42 per common share; divided by March 31, 2018 book value per diluted common share of \$17.16

Book Value Performance



We seek to provide stockholders with attractive income and long term book value stability

- Q2 2018 book value per diluted common share decreased to \$17.06, down \$0.10 or 0.6% from Q1 2018
- Book value stability reflects less volatile environment than Q1 2018 with interest rates up slightly and spreads more or less unchanged



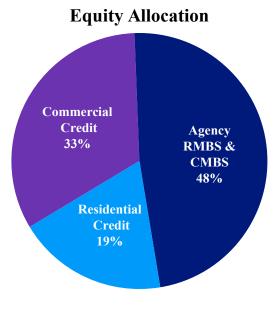
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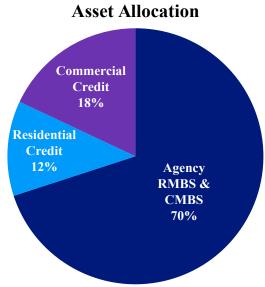
4 (2) Book value volatility is based on the rolling 3 year standard deviation of quarterly book value results

The IVR Portfolio



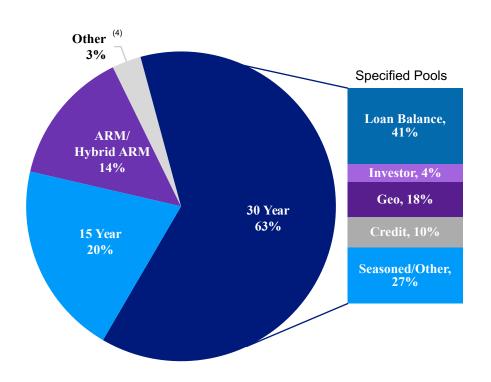
Q2 2018 Portfolio Update





- Purchased \$829.1 million of target assets
- 52% of equity and 30% of assets are allocated to credit
 - \$0.4 billion decline in average earning assets following repayment of Exchangeable Senior Notes in March 2018
 - Both residential and commercial credit fundamentals remain strong
 - Credit assets and Agency CMBS exhibit significantly less convexity risk than Agency RMBS

Agency RMBS & CMBS



	CPR (1)	Net Wtd. Avg Coupon ⁽²⁾	Period-end Wtd. Avg Yield ⁽³⁾
15 Year	10.6	3.08%	2.32%
30 Year	8.2	3.70%	3.14%
Hybrid ARM	15.7	2.72%	2.56%

- Added \$686.5 million of Agency RMBS and CMBS
- ROE on 30 year fixed rate Agency RMBS remains attractive at 12-13%
- Agency RMBS yield should benefit from slower prepays as seasonal effects fade and refinancing activity declines with higher rates

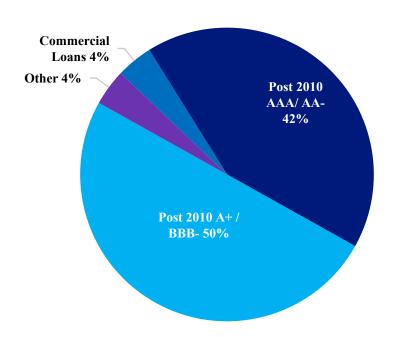
⁽¹⁾ Constant Prepayment Rate

²⁾ Net weighted average coupon as of June 30, 2018 is presented net of servicing and other fees

⁽³⁾ Period-end weighted average yield is based on amortized cost as of June 30, 2018 and incorporates future prepayment and loss assumptions

⁴⁾ Other includes IO/CMO and Agency CMBS

Commercial Credit



	Duration	Period-end Wtd Avg Yield ⁽¹⁾
Post 2010 AAA/ AA- (2)	4.5	3.99%
Post 2010 A+ / BBB- (3)	4.4	5.70%
Other (4)	4.8	7.64%
Commercial Loans	0.1	9.12%

- Favorable property fundamentals and asset seasoning provided positive support for commercial mortgage credit investments
- Subordinate CMBS credit spreads tightened
- Added \$19.1 million of CMBS
- Commercial mortgage loan portfolio yields increased along with LIBOR

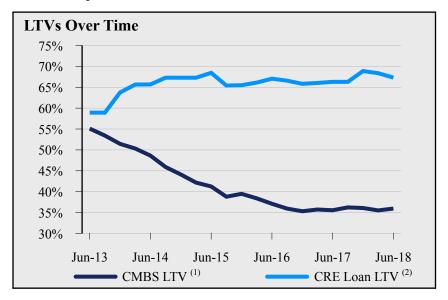
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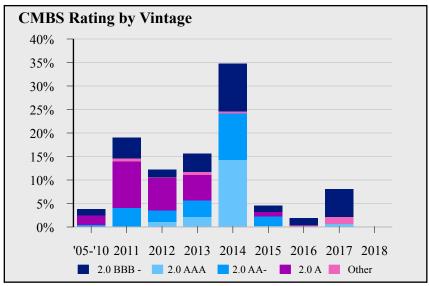
⁽²⁾ CMBS originally rated between AAA and AA- (or an equivalent/comparable ratings by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization) issued after 2009

⁽³⁾ CMBS originally rated between A+ and BBB- (or an equivalent/comparable rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization) issued after 2009

⁽⁴⁾ Below investment grade CMBS originally issued after 2009, including bonds issued from risk retention compliant transactions

Improvement in Commercial Mortgage Investment Credit Quality





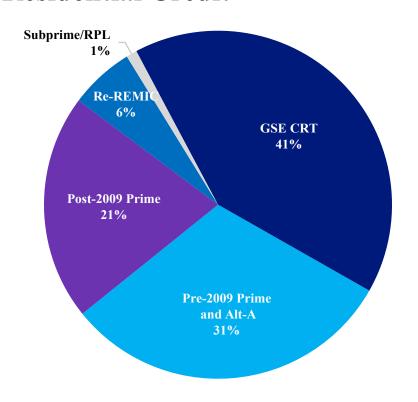
- CMBS LTV ⁽¹⁾ of 36% and CRE Loan LTV ⁽²⁾ of 67%
- Approximately 63% of CMBS portfolio is rated single-A or higher
- Quarter-end commercial loan & joint venture portfolio of \$156.6 million
- Commercial loan portfolio has zero delinquencies and a weighted average maturity of approximately 0.7 years

Source: Trepp as of June 30, 2018

⁽¹⁾ The product of (a) the weighted average current loan-to-value ratio of the CMBS collateral pool of which the value of the property is adjusted for price appreciation using Moody's/RCA CPPI, multiplied by (b) a fraction, the numerator of which is the total principal balance of the subject class and all other classes senior to such class (if any) less the aggregate balance of underlying defeased loans and the denominator of which is the total principal balance of all classes of the transaction less the aggregate balance of underlying defeased loans. Values are as of June 30, 2018

²⁾ The weighted average loan-to-value ratio for each commercial real estate loan investment with property values adjusted to reflect the most recently obtained appraisals

Residential Credit



	Duration	Period-end Wtd Avg Yield ⁽¹⁾
Re-REMIC	1.5	6.82%
Pre-2009 Prime and Alt-A	1.7	9.20%
Subprime/Reperforming	1.7	4.43%
Post-2009 Prime	3.7	4.49%
GSE CRT (2)	0.0	6.70%

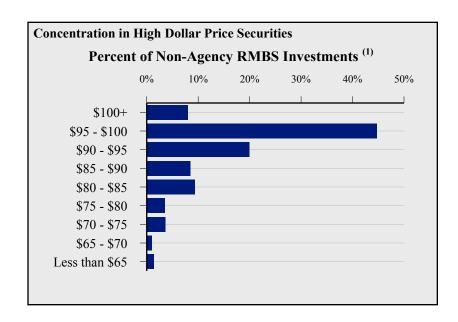
- Residential credit investments continue to benefit from rising home prices and a strong economy
- Majority of portfolio has a variable coupon, limiting duration and hedging needs
- Purchased \$123 million of Non-Agency RMBS as relative value opportunity improved
- Credit spreads were stable during the quarter despite an increase in new issue supply

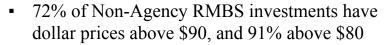
⁽²⁾ GSE CRT period-end weighted average yield includes embedded coupon interest recorded as realized and unrealized credit derivative income under U.S. GAAP. Excluding embedded coupon interest recorded as realized and unrealized credit derivative income, our period-end weighted average yield for GSE CRT was 2.81%



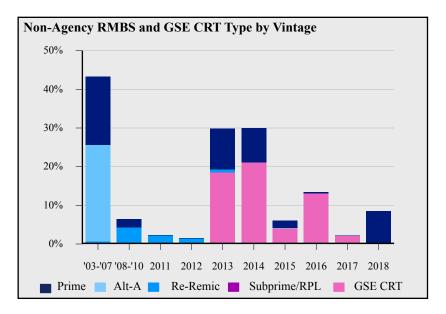
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Residential Credit Investment Quality



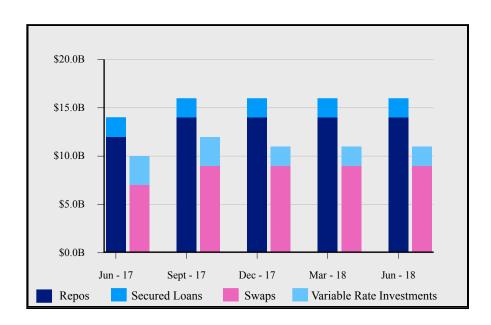


- High dollar prices generally reflect lower exposure to collateral performance issues, demonstrate less price volatility and are more attractive to finance
- Low dollar price bonds demonstrate greater price volatility, are often unattractive to finance, and are sensitive to changes in servicer advancing and property disposition strategies



- Legacy Non-Agency RMBS investments are focused in securities backed by Prime and Alt-A loans as well as Re-REMICs
- GSE CRT holdings are concentrated in early vintages
 - Reference loans have significant embedded home price appreciation
 - Rating agencies have been active in upgrading seasoned securities

Financing & Hedging



Average Cost of Funds (1)	Q2 2018	Q1 2018
Agency RMBS (2)	1.98%	1.65%
Non-Agency CMBS (2)	2.68%	2.28%
Non-Agency RMBS	3.19%	2.91%
GSE CRT	3.16%	2.87%

- \$13.7 billion of repurchase agreements with 29 active counterparties and \$1.65 billion of FHLBI secured loans
- Average cost of funds increased during quarter as borrowing rates moved higher with LIBOR
- Protection against further increases in short term interest rates provided by:
 - \$8.9 billion notional of interest rate swaps
 - \$2.1 billion of variable rate investments

⁽¹⁾ Average cost of funds is calculated by dividing annualized interest expense excluding amortization of net deferred gain (loss) on de-designated interest rate swaps by average borrowings

⁽²⁾ Includes borrowings under repurchase agreements and FHLBI advances for Agency RMBS and non-Agency CMBS

Appendix — **Non-GAAP** Financial Information

We calculate core earnings as U.S. GAAP net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders adjusted for (gain) loss on investments, net; realized (gain) loss on derivative instruments, net; unrealized (gain) loss on derivatives, net; (gain) loss on foreign currency transactions, net; amortization of net deferred (gain) loss on de-designated interest rate swaps; net loss on extinguishment of debt; and cumulative adjustments attributable to non-controlling interest. We may add additional reconciling items to our core earnings calculation in the future if appropriate.

We believe the presentation of core earnings provides a consistent measure of operating performance by excluding the impact of gains and losses described above from operating results. We exclude the impact of gains and losses because gains and losses are not accounted for consistently under U.S. GAAP. Under U.S. GAAP, certain gains and losses are reflected in net income whereas other gains and losses are reflected in other comprehensive income. For example, the majority of our mortgage-backed securities are classified as available-for-sale securities, and we record changes in the valuation of these securities in other comprehensive income on our condensed consolidated balance sheet. We elected the fair value option for our mortgage-backed securities purchased on or after September 1, 2016, and changes in the valuation of these securities are recorded in other income (loss) in our condensed consolidated statement of operations. In addition, certain gains and losses represent one-time events.

We believe that providing transparency into core earnings enables our investors to consistently measure, evaluate and compare our operating performance to that of our peers over multiple reporting periods. However, we caution that core earnings should not be considered as an alternative to net income (determined in accordance with U.S. GAAP), or as an indication of our cash flow from operating activities (determined in accordance with U.S. GAAP), a measure of our liquidity, or as an indication of amounts available to fund our cash needs, including our ability to make cash distributions. Please refer to pages 8-10 in the Q2 2018 earnings press release for a description of the adjustments.

	Three Months Ended		
\$ in thousands, except per share data	June 30, 2018	March 31, 2018	June 30, 2017
Net income attributable to common stockholders	80,008	41,471	46,834
Adjustments:			
(Gain) loss on investments, net	36,377	160,370	(11,175)
Realized (gain) loss on derivative instruments, net	(36,274)	(113,578)	40,229
Unrealized (gain) loss on derivative instruments, net	(35,406)	(31,901)	(6,682)
Realized and unrealized (gain) loss on GSE CRT embedded derivatives, net	4,903	2,468	(15,559)
(Gain) loss on foreign currency transactions, net	2,966	(1,814)	(1,731)
Amortization of net deferred (gain) loss on de-designated interest rate swaps	(6,898)	(6,539)	(6,369)
Net loss on extinguishment of debt	<u> </u>	26	526
Subtotal	(34,332)	9,032	(761)
Cumulative adjustments attributable to non-controlling interest	432	(114)	10
Core earnings attributable to common stockholders	46,108	50,389	46,083
Basic income (loss) per common share	0.72	0.37	0.42
Core earnings per share attributable to common stockholders	0.41	0.45	0.41