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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended: September 30, 2013

OR

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

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File Number: 001-08896

CAPSTEAD MORTGAGE CORPORATION  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

Maryland 75-2027937  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

8401 North Central Expressway, Suite 800, Dallas, TX 75225  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(214) 874-2323  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. YES  NO

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). YES  NO

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). YES  NO

APPLICABLE ONLY TO CORPORATE ISSUERS:

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

Common Stock (\$0.01 par value) 95,771,015 as of November 1, 2013

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## ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## PART I. ¾ FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## CAPSTEAD MORTGAGE CORPORATION

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(in thousands, except per share amounts)

	September 30, 2013 (unaudited)	December 31, 2012
<b>Assets</b>		
Residential mortgage investments (\$13.29 and \$13.45 billion pledged under repurchase arrangements at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively)	\$ 13,738,311	\$ 13,860,158
Cash collateral receivable from interest rate swap counterparties	27,829	49,972
Interest rate swap agreements at fair value	1,558	169
Cash and cash equivalents	235,102	425,445
Receivables and other assets	132,993	130,402
Investments in unconsolidated affiliates	3,117	3,117
	\$ 14,138,910	\$ 14,469,263
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Repurchase arrangements and similar borrowings	\$ 12,618,571	\$ 12,784,238
Interest rate swap agreements at fair value	11,425	32,868
Unsecured borrowings	103,095	103,095
Common stock dividend payable	30,662	29,512
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	22,061	22,425
	12,785,814	12,972,138
<b>Stockholders' equity</b>		
Preferred stock - \$0.10 par value; 100,000 shares authorized:		
\$1.60 Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series A, -0- and 186 shares issued and outstanding at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively	-	2,604
\$1.26 Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock, Series B, -0- and 16,493 shares issued and outstanding at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively	-	186,388
7.50% Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, Series E, 6,800 and -0- shares issued and outstanding (\$170,000 aggregate liquidation preference) at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively	164,310	-
Common stock - \$0.01 par value; 250,000 shares authorized: 95,761 and 96,229 shares issued and outstanding at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively	957	962
Paid-in capital	1,329,124	1,367,199
Accumulated deficit	(353,852 )	(353,938 )
Accumulated other comprehensive income	212,557	293,910
	1,353,096	1,497,125
	\$ 14,138,910	\$ 14,469,263

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME(in thousands, except per share amounts)  
(unaudited)

	Quarter Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30		September 30	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
Interest income:				
Residential mortgage investments	\$46,643	\$63,463	\$156,683	\$194,983
Other	48	154	267	480
	46,691	63,617	156,950	195,463
Interest expense:				
Repurchase arrangements and similar borrowings	(15,759)	(17,875)	(50,976)	(48,429)
Unsecured borrowings	(2,186)	(2,186)	(6,560)	(6,560)
	(17,945)	(20,061)	(57,536)	(54,989)
	28,746	43,556	99,414	140,474
Other revenue (expense):				
Miscellaneous other revenue (expense)	(86)	9	(251)	(147)
Incentive compensation	(1,130)	(781)	(1,604)	(3,614)
Salaries and benefits	(1,689)	(1,696)	(4,857)	(5,205)
Other general and administrative expense	(1,203)	(1,115)	(3,382)	(3,160)
	(4,108)	(3,583)	(10,094)	(12,126)
Income before equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates	24,638	39,973	89,320	128,348
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates	64	64	194	194
Net income	\$24,702	\$40,037	\$89,514	\$128,542
Net income available to common stockholders:				
Net income	\$24,702	\$40,037	\$89,514	\$128,542
Less dividends on preferred shares	(3,188)	(5,270)	(14,325)	(15,751)
Less redemption preference premiums paid	—	—	(19,924)	—
	\$21,514	\$34,767	\$55,265	\$112,791
Net income per common share:				
Basic	\$0.23	\$0.35	\$0.58	\$1.20
Diluted	0.23	0.35	0.58	1.20
Weighted average common shares outstanding:				
Basic	95,268	98,071	95,139	93,808
Diluted	95,416	98,512	95,373	94,236
Cash dividends declared per share:				
Common	\$0.310	\$0.360	\$0.930	\$1.190
Series A Preferred	—	0.400	0.717	1.200
Series B Preferred	—	0.315	0.567	0.945
Series E Preferred	0.469	—	0.792	—

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

(in thousands, unaudited)

	Quarter Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30		September 30	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
Net income	\$24,702	\$40,037	\$89,514	\$128,542
Other comprehensive income (loss)				
Amounts related to available-for-sale securities:				
Change in net unrealized gains	(27,539)	66,910	(104,037)	134,583
Amounts related to cash flow hedges:				
Change in net unrealized gains (losses)	(10,867)	(8,454 )	9,136	(25,539 )
Reclassification adjustment for amounts included in net income	3,698	4,835	13,548	14,630
	(34,708)	63,291	(81,353 )	123,674
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$(10,006)	\$103,328	\$8,161	\$252,216

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(in thousands, unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended September 30	
	2013	2012
Operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 89,514	\$ 128,542
Noncash items:		
Amortization of investment premiums	101,061	67,346
Depreciation and other amortization	122	142
Amortization of equity-based awards	1,640	1,661
Change in measureable hedge ineffectiveness related to interest rate swap agreements designated as cash flow hedges	(148 )	(464 )
Gain on sales of real estate held for sale	–	(273 )
Net change in receivables, other assets, accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,924	(3,350 )
Net cash provided by operating activities	194,113	193,604
Investing activities:		
Purchases of residential mortgage investments	(2,876,264 )	(3,936,151 )
Interest receivable acquired with the purchase of residential mortgage investments	(4,824 )	(6,390 )
Proceeds from sales of real estate held for sale	–	2,010
Principal collections on residential mortgage investments, including changes in mortgage securities principal remittance receivable	2,790,124	1,918,542
Net cash used in investing activities	(90,964 )	(2,021,989 )
Financing activities:		
Proceeds from repurchase arrangements and similar borrowings	107,161,141	100,706,383
Principal payments on repurchase arrangements and similar borrowings	(107,326,800)	(98,808,335 )
Decrease (increase) in cash collateral receivable from interest rate swap counterparties	22,143	(9,232 )
Cash paid to redeem Series A & B preferred shares	(207,033 )	–
Common share repurchases	(7,292 )	–
Proceeds from capital raising activities:		
Issuance of preferred shares	164,310	4,479
Issuance of common shares	–	142,035
Other capital stock transactions	(522 )	(584 )
Dividends paid	(99,439 )	(132,337 )
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(293,492 )	1,902,409
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(190,343 )	74,024
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	425,445	426,717
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 235,102	\$ 500,741

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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CAPSTEAD MORTGAGE CORPORATION  
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2013  
(unaudited)

NOTE 1 ¾ BUSINESS

Capstead Mortgage Corporation operates as a self-managed real estate investment trust for federal income tax purposes (a “REIT”) and is based in Dallas, Texas. Unless the context otherwise indicates, Capstead Mortgage Corporation, together with its subsidiaries, is referred to as “Capstead” or the “Company.” Capstead earns income from investing in a leveraged portfolio of residential mortgage pass-through securities consisting almost exclusively of adjustable-rate mortgage (“ARM”) securities issued and guaranteed by government-sponsored enterprises, either Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac (together, the “GSEs”), or by an agency of the federal government, Ginnie Mae. Residential mortgage pass-through securities guaranteed by the GSEs or Ginnie Mae, referred to as “Agency Securities,” are considered to have limited, if any, credit risk.

NOTE 2 ¾ BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Interim Financial Reporting and Reclassifications

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (“GAAP”) for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Rule 10-01 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by GAAP for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Operating results for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2013 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the calendar year ending December 31, 2013. For further information refer to the audited consolidated financial statements and footnotes thereto included in the Company’s annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012. Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation.

Recent Accounting Developments

In December 2011 the FASB issued ASU No. 2011-11, Disclosures about Offsetting Assets and Liabilities. In January 2013, the FASB issued ASU No. 2013-01, Clarifying the Scope of Disclosures about Offsetting Assets and Liabilities. The Company adopted the requirements of ASU No. 2011-11 as amended by ASU No. 2013-01 with its first quarterly filing in 2013.

In February 2013 the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) No. 2013-02, Comprehensive Income (Topic 220): Reporting of Amounts Reclassified Out of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income that amended ASU No. 2011-12 and ASU No. 2011-05. The Company adopted the requirements of ASU No. 2013-02 with its first quarterly filing in 2013.

The provisions of these ASUs are all disclosure-related and as such, their adoption by the Company had no effect on its results of operations, financial condition, or cash flows.

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## NOTE 3 ¾ NET INCOME PER COMMON SHARE

Basic net income per common share is computed by dividing net income, after deducting preferred share dividends and adjusting for the impact of unvested stock awards deemed to be participating securities, by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding, calculated excluding unvested stock awards.

Diluted net income per common share is computed by dividing net income available to common stockholders, after adding dividends on convertible preferred shares when such shares are dilutive, by the basic weighted average number of common shares and common share equivalents outstanding, giving effect to equity awards and convertible preferred shares when such awards and shares are dilutive. Prior to their redemption on June 13, 2013, the Series A and B preferred shares were considered dilutive whenever basic net income per common share exceeded each Series' dividend divided by the conversion rate applicable for that period. Unvested stock awards that are deemed participating securities are included in the calculation of diluted net income per common share, if dilutive, under either the two class method or the treasury stock method, depending upon which method produces the more dilutive result.

Components of the computation of basic and diluted net income per common share were as follows (dollars in thousands, except per share amounts):

	Quarter Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30		September 30	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
Basic net income per common share				
Numerator for basic net income per common share:				
Net income	\$24,702	\$40,037	\$89,514	\$128,542
Redemption premiums paid on Series A and Series B preferred shares*	–	–	(19,924)	–
Preferred share dividends	(3,188)	(5,270)	(14,325)	(15,751)
Unvested stock award participation in earnings	(32)	(91)	(96)	(296)
	\$21,482	\$34,676	\$55,169	\$112,495
Denominator for basic net income per common share:				
Weighted average common shares outstanding	95,761	98,581	95,647	94,324
Average unvested stock awards outstanding	(493)	(510)	(508)	(516)
	95,268	98,071	95,139	93,808
	\$0.23	\$0.35	\$0.58	\$1.20
Diluted net income per common share				
Numerator for diluted net income per common share:				
Net income available to common stockholders	\$21,482	\$34,676	\$55,169	\$112,495
Dividends on dilutive convertible preferred shares	–	75	44	223
	\$21,482	\$34,751	\$55,213	\$112,718
Denominator for diluted net income per common share:				
Basic weighted average common shares outstanding	95,268	98,071	95,139	93,808
Net effect of dilutive stock and option awards	148	132	133	119
Net effect of dilutive convertible preferred shares	–	309	101	309
	95,416	98,512	95,373	94,236
	\$0.23	\$0.35	\$0.58	\$1.20

\*The Series A and Series B preferred shares were redeemed on June 13, 2013 (See NOTE 9).

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Potentially dilutive securities excluded from the computation of net income per common share because the effect of inclusion was antidilutive were as follows (in thousands):

	Quarter Ended September 30 2013		Nine Months Ended September 30 2012	
Antidilutive convertible preferred shares*	–	16,493	16,539	16,493
Antidilutive equity awards excludable under the treasury stock method:				
Shares issuable under option awards	35	10	35	10
Unvested stock awards	–	2	–	2

\*The Series A and Series B preferred shares were redeemed on June 13, 2013 (See NOTE 9).

## NOTE 4 ¾ RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE INVESTMENTS

Residential mortgage investments classified by collateral type and interest rate characteristics were as follows (dollars in thousands):

	Unpaid Principal Balance	Investment Premiums	Amortized Cost Basis	Carrying Amount <sup>(a)</sup>	Net WAC <sup>(b)</sup>	Average Yield <sup>(b)</sup>
September 30, 2013						
Agency Securities:						
Fannie Mae/Freddie Mac:						
Fixed-rate	\$2,307	\$ 6	\$2,313	\$2,316	6.68 %	6.41 %
ARMs	11,020,341	354,718	11,375,059	11,586,806	2.61	1.38
Ginnie Mae ARMs	2,058,086	70,904	2,128,990	2,139,652	2.64	1.19
	13,080,734	425,628	13,506,362	13,728,774	2.62	1.36
Residential mortgage loans:						
Fixed-rate	2,693	3	2,696	2,696	7.00	5.67
ARMs	4,528	18	4,546	4,546	3.85	3.46
	7,221	21	7,242	7,242	5.02	4.28
Collateral for structured financings	2,258	37	2,295	2,295	8.08	7.57
	\$13,090,213	\$ 425,686	\$13,515,899	\$13,738,311	2.62	1.36
December 31, 2012						
Agency Securities:						
Fannie Mae/Freddie Mac:						
Fixed-rate	\$3,194	\$ 9	\$3,203	\$3,208	6.70	6.47
ARMs	11,547,954	356,646	11,904,600	12,198,922	2.69	1.72
Ginnie Mae ARMs	1,566,749	48,248	1,614,997	1,647,119	2.77	1.95
	13,117,897	404,903	13,522,800	13,849,249	2.70	1.75
Residential mortgage loans:						
Fixed-rate	3,007	5	3,012	3,012	7.01	6.15
ARMs	5,031	20	5,051	5,051	3.87	3.85
	8,038	25	8,063	8,063	5.04	4.71
Collateral for structured financings	2,799	47	2,846	2,846	8.12	7.57
	\$13,128,734	\$ 404,975	\$13,533,709	\$13,860,158	2.71	1.76

(a)

Includes unrealized gains and losses for residential mortgage investments classified as available-for-sale (see NOTE 10).

Net WAC, or weighted average coupon, is the weighted average interest rate of the mortgage loans underlying the indicated investments net of servicing and other fees as of the indicated balance sheet date. Net WAC is expressed as a percentage calculated on an annualized basis on the unpaid principal balances of the mortgage loans (b) underlying these investments. Average yield is presented for the quarter then ended, and is based on the cash component of interest income expressed as a percentage calculated on an annualized basis on average amortized cost basis (the “cash yield”) less the effects of amortizing investment premiums. Investment premium amortization is determined using the interest method and incorporates actual and anticipated future mortgage prepayments.

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Because of federal government support for the GSEs, Agency Securities are considered to have limited, if any, credit risk. Residential mortgage loans held by the Company were originated prior to 1995 when Capstead operated a mortgage conduit and the related credit risk is borne by the Company. Collateral for structured financings consists of private residential mortgage securities that are backed by loans obtained through this mortgage conduit and are pledged to secure repayment of related structured financings. Credit risk for these securities is borne by the related bondholders. The maturity of Residential mortgage investments is directly affected by prepayments of principal on the underlying mortgage loans. Consequently, actual maturities will be significantly shorter than the portfolio's weighted average contractual maturity of 291 months.

Fixed-rate investments consist of residential mortgage loans and Agency Securities backed by residential mortgage loans with fixed rates of interest. Adjustable-rate investments generally are ARM Agency Securities backed by residential mortgage loans that have coupon interest rates that adjust at least annually to more current interest rates or begin doing so after an initial fixed-rate period. After the initial fixed-rate period, if applicable, mortgage loans underlying ARM securities either (i) adjust annually based on specified margins over the one-year Constant Maturity U.S. Treasury Note Rate ("CMT") or the one-year London interbank offered rate ("LIBOR"), (ii) adjust semiannually based on specified margins over six-month LIBOR, or (iii) adjust monthly based on specified margins over indices such as one-month LIBOR, the Eleventh District Federal Reserve Bank Cost of Funds Index, or over a rolling twelve month average of the one-year CMT index, usually subject to periodic and lifetime limits, or caps, on the amount of such adjustments during any single interest rate adjustment period and over the contractual term of the underlying loans.

Capstead classifies its ARM securities based on each security's average number of months until coupon reset ("months to roll"). Months to roll is an indicator of asset duration which is a measure of market price sensitivity to interest rate movements. Current-reset ARM securities have months to roll of less than 18 months while longer-to-reset ARM securities have months to roll of 18 months or greater. As of September 30, 2013, the average months to roll for the Company's \$7.41 billion (amortized cost basis) in current-reset ARM securities was 5.9 months while the average months-to-roll for the Company's \$6.10 billion (amortized cost basis) in longer-to-reset ARM securities was 40.0 months.

## NOTE 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ INVESTMENTS IN UNCONSOLIDATED AFFILIATES

To facilitate the issuance of Unsecured borrowings, Capstead formed and capitalized three Delaware statutory trusts through the issuance to the Company of the trusts' common securities totaling \$3.1 million (see NOTE 8). The Company's equity in the earnings of the trusts consists solely of the common trust securities' pro rata share in interest accruing on Unsecured borrowings issued to the trusts. Under variable interest accounting rules, the trusts are not considered variable interests at risk and as such are not consolidated.

## NOTE 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ REPURCHASE ARRANGEMENTS AND SIMILAR BORROWINGS

Capstead generally pledges its Residential mortgage investments as collateral under repurchase arrangements with commercial banks and other financial institutions, referred to as counterparties, the terms and conditions of which are negotiated on a transaction-by-transaction basis when each borrowing is initiated or renewed. Repurchase arrangements entered into by the Company involve the sale and a simultaneous agreement to repurchase the transferred assets at a future date, typically with terms of 30 to 90 days, and are accounted for as financings. The Company maintains the beneficial interest in the specific securities pledged during the term of the repurchase arrangement and receives the related principal and interest payments. The amount borrowed is generally equal to the fair value of the assets pledged, as determined by the lending counterparty, less an agreed-upon discount, referred to as a "haircut." Interest rates on these borrowings are fixed based on prevailing rates corresponding to the terms of the borrowings, and interest is paid at the termination of the repurchase arrangement at which time the Company may enter into a new repurchase arrangement at prevailing market rates with the same counterparty or repay that

counterparty and negotiate financing with a different counterparty. None of the Company's counterparties are obligated to renew or otherwise enter into new repurchase arrangements at the conclusion of existing repurchase arrangements. In response to declines in fair value of pledged securities due to changes in market conditions or the publishing of monthly security pay down factors, lenders typically require the Company to post additional securities as collateral, pay down borrowings or establish cash margin accounts with the counterparties in order to re-establish the agreed-upon collateral requirements, referred to as margin calls.

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Repurchase arrangements and similar borrowings (and related pledged collateral, including accrued interest receivable), classified by collateral type and remaining maturities, and related weighted average borrowing rates as of the indicated date were as follows (dollars in thousands):

Collateral Type	Collateral Carrying Amount	Accrued Interest Receivable	Borrowings Outstanding	Average Borrowing Rates	
As of September 30, 2013:					
Borrowings with maturities of 30 days or less:					
Agency Securities	\$ 13,246,162	\$ 28,737	\$ 12,579,977	0.35	%
Borrowings with maturities greater than 30 days:					
Agency Securities (greater than 90 days)	41,598	48	36,299	0.45	
Similar borrowings:					
Collateral for structured financings*	2,295	—	2,295	8.08	
	\$ 13,290,055	\$ 28,785	\$ 12,618,571	0.36	
Quarter-end borrowing rates adjusted for effects of related derivative financial instruments (“Derivatives”) held as cash flow hedges (see NOTE 7)					
				0.47	
As of December 31, 2012:					
Borrowings with maturities of 30 days or less:					
Agency Securities	\$ 13,406,253	\$ 32,807	\$ 12,739,872	0.47	%
Borrowings with maturities greater than 30 days:					
Agency Securities (31 to 90 days)	44,060	51	41,520	0.57	
Similar borrowings:					
Collateral for structured financings*	2,846	—	2,846	8.12	
	\$ 13,453,159	\$ 32,858	\$ 12,784,238	0.47	
Quarter-end borrowing rates adjusted for effects of related Derivatives held as cash flow hedges					
				0.65	

\*The maturity of structured financings is directly affected by prepayments on the related mortgage pass-through securities pledged as collateral and these financings are subject to redemption by the residual bondholders.

Average borrowings outstanding during the indicated quarters varied from borrowings outstanding at the indicated balance sheet dates due to differences in the timing and amount of portfolio acquisitions relative to portfolio runoff as illustrated below (dollars in thousands):

	Quarter Ended				
	September 30, 2013		December 31, 2012		
	Average Borrowings	Average Rate	Average Borrowings	Average Rate	
Average borrowings and rates for the indicated quarters, adjusted for the effects of related Derivatives held as cash flow hedges	\$ 12,862,572	0.49	% \$ 13,228,535	0.63	%

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## NOTE 7 ¾ USE OF DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, OFFSETTING DISCLOSURES AND CHANGES IN OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME BY COMPONENT

To help mitigate exposure to higher interest rates, Capstead typically uses currently-paying and forward-starting, one-month LIBOR-indexed, pay-fixed, receive-variable, interest rate swap agreements that require interest payments for two-year terms. These Derivatives are designated as cash flow hedges of the variability of the underlying benchmark interest rate of current and forecasted 30- to 90-day borrowings under repurchase arrangements. This hedge relationship establishes a relatively stable fixed rate on related borrowings because the variable-rate payments received on the swap agreements offset a significant portion of the interest accruing on the related borrowings, leaving the fixed-rate payments to be paid on the swap agreements as the Company's effective borrowing rate, subject to certain adjustments. These adjustments include changes in spreads between variable rates on the swap agreements and actual borrowing rates as well as the effects of measured hedge ineffectiveness. Additionally, changes in fair value of these Derivatives tend to partially offset opposing changes in fair value of the Company's residential mortgage investments that can occur in response to changes in market interest rates.

During the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2013 Capstead entered into new forward-starting swap agreements with notional amounts of \$700 million and \$2.60 billion, respectively. These swap agreements require fixed rate interest payments averaging 0.58% and 0.50%, respectively, for two-year periods that commence on various dates between December 2013 and April 2014. Swap agreements with notional amounts totaling \$300 million and \$2.10 billion requiring fixed rate interest payments each averaging 0.87%, respectively, expired during the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2013. At September 30, 2013, the Company's portfolio financing-related swap positions had the following characteristics (dollars in thousands):

Period of Contract Expiration	Notional Amount	Average Fixed Rate Payment Requirement	
Currently-paying contracts:			
Fourth quarter 2013	\$800,000	0.78	%
First quarter 2014	200,000	0.60	
Second quarter 2014	400,000	0.51	
Third quarter 2014	200,000	0.51	
Fourth quarter 2014	500,000	0.58	
First quarter 2015	1,100,000	0.50	
Second quarter 2015	200,000	0.43	
Third quarter 2015	400,000	0.47	
(average expiration: 11 months)	3,800,000	0.57	
Forward-starting contracts:			
Fourth quarter 2015	1,200,000	0.45	
First quarter 2016	1,700,000	0.51	
Second quarter 2016	400,000	0.45	
(average expiration: 27 months)	3,300,000	0.48	
(average expiration: 18 months)	\$7,100,000		

In addition to portfolio financing-related swap positions, in 2010 the Company entered into three forward-starting, three-month LIBOR-indexed, pay-fixed, receive-variable, interest rate swap agreements with notional amounts totaling \$100 million, average fixed rates of 4.09% that begin in 2015 and 2016, and 20-year payment terms coinciding with the floating-rate terms of the Company's Unsecured borrowings. These Derivatives are designated as cash flow hedges of the variability of the underlying benchmark interest rate associated with the floating-rate terms of these long-term borrowings (see NOTE 8).



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Interest rate swap agreements are measured at fair value on a recurring basis primarily using Level Two Inputs in accordance with “Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures” (“ASC 820”). In determining fair value estimates for these Derivatives, the Company utilizes the standard methodology of netting the discounted future fixed cash payments and the discounted future variable cash receipts which are based on expected future interest rates derived from observable market interest rate curves. The Company also incorporates both its own nonperformance risk and its counterparties’ nonperformance risk in determining the fair value of these Derivatives. In considering the effect of nonperformance risk, the Company considered the impact of netting and credit enhancements, such as collateral postings and guarantees, and has concluded that counterparty risk is not significant to the overall valuation of these agreements.

The following tables include fair value and other related disclosures regarding all Derivatives held as of and for the indicated periods (in thousands):

	Balance Sheet Location	September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012
Balance sheet-related			
Interest rate swap agreements in a gain position (an asset) related to borrowings under repurchase arrangements	(a)	\$ 1,558	\$ 169
Interest rate swap agreements in a loss position (a liability) related to:			
Borrowings under repurchase arrangements	(a)	(10,858 )	(18,671 )
Unsecured borrowings	(a)	(567 )	(14,197 )
Related net interest payable	(b)	(6,356 )	(7,788 )
		\$ (16,223 )	\$ (40,487 )

The fair value of Derivatives with realized and unrealized gains are aggregated and recorded as an asset on the face of the Balance Sheet separately from the fair value of Derivatives with realized and unrealized losses that are (a) recorded as a liability. The amount of unrealized losses at September 30, 2013 scheduled to be recognized in the Statement of Income over the next twelve months primarily in the form of fixed-rate swap payments in excess of current market rates totaled \$13.4 million.

(b) Included in “Accounts payable and accrued expenses” on the face of the Balance Sheet.

	Location of Gain or (Loss) Recognized in Net Income	Quarter Ended		Nine Months Ended	
		September 30, 2013	September 30, 2012	September 30, 2013	September 30, 2012
Income statement-related					
Components of effect on interest expense:					
Amount of loss reclassified from Accumulated other comprehensive income related to the effective portion of active positions		\$(3,698 )	\$(4,835 )	\$(13,548 )	\$(14,630 )
Amount of gain (loss) recognized (ineffective portion)		(23 )	211	73	(96 )
Increase in interest expense and decrease in Net income as a result of the use of Derivatives	(a)	\$(3,721 )	\$(4,624 )	\$(13,475 )	\$(14,726 )
Other comprehensive income-related					
Amount of gain (loss) recognized in Other comprehensive income (loss) (effective portion)		\$(10,867 )	\$(8,454 )	\$9,136	\$(25,539 )

(a) Included in “Interest expense: Repurchase arrangements and similar borrowings” on the face of the Statement of Income.





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Amounts include accrued interest of \$6.4 million and \$7.8 million on interest rate swap agreements and \$2.4 million and \$7.0 million on repurchase arrangements and similar borrowings, included in “Accounts payable and accrued expenses” on the face of the Balance Sheets as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively.

(b) Amounts presented are limited to collateral pledged sufficient to reduce the related Net Amount to zero in accordance with ASU No. 2011-11, as amended by ASU No. 2013-01.

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Changes in Accumulated other comprehensive income by component for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2013 were as follows (in thousands):

	Gains and Losses on Cash Flow Hedges	Unrealized Gains and Losses on Available-for-Sale Securities	Total
Balance at June 30, 2013	\$(2,686 )	\$ 249,951	\$247,265
Activity for the quarter ended September 30, 2013:			
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications	(10,867)	(27,539 )	(38,406 )
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income	3,698	–	3,698
Net other comprehensive income (loss)	(7,169 )	(27,539 )	(34,708 )
Balance at September 30, 2013	\$(9,855 )	\$ 222,412	\$212,557
Balance at December 31, 2012	\$(32,539)	\$ 326,449	\$293,910
Activity for the nine months ended September 30, 2013:			
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications	9,136	(104,037 )	(94,901 )
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income	13,548	–	13,548
Net other comprehensive income (loss)	22,684	(104,037 )	(81,353 )
Balance at September 30, 2013	\$(9,855 )	\$ 222,412	\$212,557

## NOTE 8 ¾ UNSECURED BORROWINGS

Unsecured borrowings consist of 30-year junior subordinated notes issued in 2006 and 2005 to three special-purpose statutory trusts. These unconsolidated affiliates were formed to issue \$3.1 million of the trusts' common securities to Capstead and to privately place \$100 million of so-called trust preferred securities with unrelated third party investors. Included in Receivables and other assets are \$2.2 million and \$2.3 million in remaining issue costs associated with these transactions at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively. Note balances and related weighted average interest rates as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 (calculated including issue cost amortization) were as follows (dollars in thousands):

	Borrowings Outstanding	Average Rate *
Junior subordinated notes:		
Capstead Mortgage Trust I	\$ 36,083	8.31 %
Capstead Mortgage Trust II	41,238	8.46
Capstead Mortgage Trust III	25,774	8.78
	\$ 103,095	8.49

The indicated weighted average rates have been in effect since issuance. After considering cash flow hedges that coincide with the floating rate terms of these borrowings that begin in October and December 2015 for the Capstead \*Mortgage Trust I and II notes and September 2016 for the Capstead Mortgage Trust III notes, the effective borrowing rate during the final 20 years of these borrowings will average 7.56%, subject to certain adjustments for the effects of measured hedge ineffectiveness, if any.

The Capstead Mortgage Trust I notes and trust securities mature in October 2035 and are currently redeemable, in whole or in part, without penalty, at the Company's option. The Capstead Mortgage Trust II notes and trust securities mature in December 2035 and are redeemable, in whole or in part, without penalty, at the Company's option anytime on or after December 15, 2015. The Capstead Mortgage Trust III notes and trust securities mature in September 2036 and are redeemable, in whole or in part, without penalty, at the Company's option anytime on or after September 15,

2016.

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## NOTE 9 ¾ ISSUANCE OF 7.50% SERIES E PERPETUAL PREFERRED SHARES AND REDEMPTION OF SERIES A AND B PERPETUAL PREFERRED SHARES

On May 16, 2013 Capstead completed a public offering of 6.8 million shares (\$170.0 million face amount) of its 7.50% Series E Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, liquidation preference \$25.00 per share. The Series E shares are redeemable at the Company's option for \$25.00 per share, plus any accumulated and unpaid dividends, on or after May 13, 2018. Proceeds of the offering after underwriting fees and other costs totaled \$164.3 million and together with \$42.7 million of cash on hand were used to fund the June 13, 2013 redemption of 77,199 and 16,461,340 shares of the Company's Series A and B perpetual preferred shares, respectively. Stockholders holding the remaining 109,050 Series A and 31,769 Series B shares that were outstanding prior to announcing the redemptions, exercised their conversion rights resulting in the issuance of 180,799 and 20,345 common shares, respectively. The Series A and B preferred shares that were redeemed had redemption preferences aggregating \$207.0 million, a total of \$19.9 million in excess of these shares' recorded amounts on the Company's balance sheet. This redemption preference premium is reflected as a \$0.21 per common share reduction in net income available to common stockholders on the face of the Company's Statement of Income for the nine months ended September 30, 2013.

## NOTE 10 ¾ DISCLOSURES REGARDING FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

This note provides fair value disclosures as of the indicated balance sheet dates, all of which are determined using Level 2 Inputs in accordance with ASC 820, for Capstead's financial assets and liabilities, most of which are influenced by changes in, and market expectations for changes in, interest rates and market liquidity conditions, as well as other factors beyond the control of management.

Residential mortgage investments, nearly all of which are mortgage securities classified as available-for-sale, are measured at fair value on a recurring basis. In determining fair value estimates for mortgage securities the Company considers recent trading activity for similar investments and pricing levels indicated by lenders in connection with designating collateral for repurchase arrangements, provided such pricing levels are considered indicative of actual market clearing transactions. In determining fair value estimates for longer-term borrowings under repurchase arrangements, if any, the Company considers pricing levels indicated by lenders for entering into new transactions using similar pledged collateral with terms equal to the remaining terms of the longer-term borrowings. In determining fair value estimates for unsecured borrowings, the Company considers current pricing for financial instruments with similar characteristics. Excluded from these disclosures are financial instruments for which the Company's cost basis is deemed to approximate fair value due primarily to the short duration of these instruments, which are valued using primarily Level 1 measurements, including Cash and cash equivalents, cash collateral receivable from, or payable to, interest rate swap counterparties, receivables, payables and borrowings under repurchase arrangements with initial terms of 120 days or less. See NOTE 7 for information relative to the valuation of interest rate swap agreements.

Fair value disclosures for financial instruments other than debt securities were as follows (in thousands):

	September 30, 2013		December 31, 2012	
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Fair Value
Financial assets:				
Residential mortgage loans	\$7,242	\$7,300	\$8,063	\$8,200
Interest rate swap agreements	1,558	1,558	169	169
Financial liabilities:				
Repurchase arrangements with initial terms of greater than 120 days	36,299	36,300	41,520	41,500
Unsecured borrowings	103,095	104,100	103,095	104,600
Interest rate swap agreements	11,425	11,425	32,868	32,868



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Fair value and related disclosures for debt securities were as follows (in thousands):

	Amortized Cost Basis	Gross Unrealized Gains	Losses	Fair Value
As of September 30, 2013				
Agency Securities classified as available-for-sale	\$ 13,504,096	\$ 244,090	\$ 21,678	\$ 13,726,508
Residential mortgage securities classified as held-to-maturity	4,561	224	–	4,785
As of December 31, 2012				
Agency Securities classified as available-for-sale	13,519,657	328,412	1,963	13,846,106
Residential mortgage securities classified as held-to-maturity	5,989	309	–	6,298

	September 30, 2013		December 31, 2012	
	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss
Securities in an unrealized loss position:				
One year or greater	\$ 24,903	\$ 207	\$ 29,760	\$ 120
Less than one year	3,198,273	21,471	751,645	1,843
	\$ 3,223,176	\$ 21,678	\$ 781,405	\$ 1,963

Capstead’s investment strategy involves managing a leveraged portfolio of primarily ARM Agency Securities and management expects these securities will be held until payoff absent a major shift in strategy. Declines in fair value caused by increases in interest rates are typically modest for investments in relatively short duration ARM Agency Securities compared to investments in longer-duration, fixed-rate assets. These declines are generally recoverable in a relatively short period of time as coupon interest rates on the underlying mortgage loans reset to rates more reflective of the then current interest rate environment.

From a credit risk perspective, federal government support for the GSEs helps ensure that fluctuations in value due to credit risk associated with these securities will be limited. Given that (a) any existing unrealized losses on mortgage securities held by the Company are not attributable to credit risk, (b) the Company typically holds its investments to maturity, and (c) it is more likely than not that the Company will not be required to sell any of its investments, none of these investments are considered other-than-temporarily impaired at September 30, 2013.

NOTE 11 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> COMPENSATION PROGRAMS

The compensation committee of Capstead’s board of directors (the “Committee”) administers all compensation programs for employees including salaries and related programs, short-term incentive compensation and long-term incentive compensation, including equity-based awards, as well as other benefit programs.

Performance-based Cash Compensation Program

In 2008, the Committee installed a performance-based cash compensation program for executive officers that provides for payments equal to the per share dividend declared on the Company’s common stock multiplied by a notional amount of non-vesting or “phantom” common shares (“Dividend Equivalent Rights”). Dividend Equivalent Rights are not attached to any stock or option awards and only have the right to receive the same cash distributions per share that the Company’s common stockholders are entitled to receive during the term of the grants, subject to certain conditions, including continuous service.

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Dividend Equivalent Rights issued and outstanding at September 30, 2013 and related compensation costs for the indicated periods were as follows:

Month of Grant*	Total Grant	Quarter Ended September 30, 2013	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013
July 2008	225,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 209,000
July 2009	225,000	70,000	209,000
July 2010	60,000	19,000	56,000
August 2011	72,000	22,000	67,000
July 2012	72,000	22,000	67,000
	654,000	\$ 203,000	\$ 608,000

\* All grants expire July 1, 2015 unless extended by the Committee.

## Short-Term Incentive Compensation

To provide employees with an appropriate performance-based annual incentive compensation opportunity, each year the Committee approves an incentive formula for the award of annual incentive compensation that is directly linked with the performance of the Company. The formula used in recent years accomplished this by establishing an incentive pool equal to a percentage participation in the Company's earnings in excess of a pre-established performance threshold or benchmark, subject to a maximum amount, or cap, available to be paid in any one year.

Notwithstanding the calculated amount of the incentive pool, the Committee determined (i) the amount actually awarded, (ii) its allocation between executive officers and other employees, and (iii) the form of payment (e.g., cash or equity awards). The Committee recently adopted a new short-term incentive program effective July 1, 2013 that determines levels of incentive compensation based on a number of relative performance metrics measured against the Company's peers in the mortgage REIT industry. Included in third quarter results is the estimated year-to-date effect of this program change. Short-term incentive compensation accruals totaling \$1.6 million and \$3.6 million at September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively are included in Accounts payable and accrued expenses.

## Long-term Equity-based Awards

The Company sponsors equity-based award plans to provide for the issuance of stock awards, option awards and other long-term equity-based awards to directors and employees (collectively, the "Plans"). At September 30, 2013, the Plans had 519,987 common shares remaining available for future issuance.

In 2008 the Company implemented a performance-based stock award program in lieu of its previous practice of issuing service-based awards to employees. As this program is currently configured, the first 50% of awards granted in December of each year vest provided certain performance criteria pertaining to a three-year measurement period that starts at the beginning of the following calendar year are met. The remaining 50% vests provided performance criteria pertaining to a three-year measurement period beginning one year later are met. If the performance criteria are not met at the end of a three-year measurement period, vesting will be deferred and a new three-year measurement period will be established to include the subsequent year, up to and including the seventh calendar year after the year of grant. Any remaining unvested awards will expire if the performance criteria for the final three-year measurement period are not met. The performance criteria establishes an annualized threshold return on the Company's long-term investment capital, subject to certain adjustments, that must be exceeded for the awards to vest, equal to the greater of 8.0% or the average 10-year U.S. Treasury rate plus 200 basis points.



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The following table includes performance-based stock awards issued to employees with related measurement period information at September 30, 2013:

Year of Grant	Grant Date Fair Value Per Share	Total Original Grants	Final Measurement Period Ends December 31	Remaining Shares with Initial Measurement Periods Ending December 31			
				2013	2014	2015	2016
2008	\$ 10.18	140,658 <sup>(a)</sup>	n/a	–	–	–	–
2009	14.33	110,917 <sup>(b)</sup>	2016	52,915	–	–	–
2010	12.44	128,766	2017	61,508	61,499	–	–
2011	12.72	132,490	2018	–	63,722	63,718	–
2012	11.67	145,399	2019	–	–	69,853	69,849

The performance criteria for the three-year measurement periods ending December 31, 2012 and 2011 were met (a)resulting in the vesting of 67,599 shares associated with the first 50% of this grant in February 2012 and 67,595 shares associated with the second 50% of this grant in January 2013.

(b) The performance criteria for the first three-year measurement period ending December 31, 2012 was met resulting in the January 2013 vesting of 53,431 shares associated with the first 50% of this grant.

The following table includes service-based stock awards issued to directors and employees with related vesting and forfeiture information (subject to certain restrictions, principally continuous service), at September 30, 2013:

Year of Grant	Grant Date Fair Value Per Share	Total Original Grants	As of September 30, 2013		Remaining Shares Scheduled to Vest During:	
			Vested	Forfeited	2013*	2014
2007	\$ 12.93	156,000	121,004	12,832	22,497	22,164
2008	12.87	6,000	6,000	–	–	–
2009	11.39	6,000	6,000	–	–	–
2010	11.64	12,000	12,000	–	–	–
2011	13.23	24,000	24,000	–	–	–
2012	13.59	29,000	29,000	–	29,000	–
2013	13.02	28,000	–	–	–	28,000

\*The 2007 grant shares vested in January 2013 and the 2012 grant shares vested in April 2013.

Performance-based and service-based stock award activity for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 is summarized below:

Number of Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
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Unvested stock awards outstanding at December 31, 2012	657,720	\$ 12.48
Grants	28,000	13.02
Vestings	(172,523)	12.41
Forfeitures	(19,969 )	12.65
Unvested stock awards outstanding at September 30, 2013	493,228	12.53

During the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2013, the Company recognized in Salaries and benefits \$470,000 and \$1,345,000, respectively, related to amortization of the grant date fair value of employee performance-based and service-based stock awards. The amounts amortized for these periods assumed that performance criteria, if applicable, would continue to be met for related initial measurement periods. In addition, the Company recognized in Other general and administrative expense \$92,000 and \$295,000 related to amortization of the grant date fair value of service-based director stock awards during the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2013, respectively. The 2009 performance-based stock awards and all service-based stock awards receive dividends on a current basis without risk of forfeiture if the related awards do not vest. Performance-based awards granted subsequent to 2009 defer the payment of dividends accruing during the vesting period until vesting and if the related awards do not vest these accrued dividends will be forfeited. At September 30, 2013 dividends payable pertaining to these awards totaled \$1.1 million and are included in Common stock dividend payable. Unrecognized compensation expense for unvested stock awards totaled \$3.1 million as of September 30, 2013, to be expensed over a weighted average period of 1.2 years (assumes minimal employee attrition and applicable performance criteria are met for related initial measurement periods).

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Option awards currently outstanding have contractual terms and vesting requirements at the grant date of ten years and were issued with strike prices equal to the quoted market prices of the Company's common shares on the date of grant. The fair value of option awards was estimated on the date of grant using a Black-Scholes option pricing model. The Company estimated option exercises, expected holding periods and forfeitures based on past experience and expectations for option performance and employee or director attrition. Risk-free rates were based on market rates for the expected life of the options. Expected dividends were based on historical experience and expectations for future performance. Expected volatility factors were based on historical experience. No option awards have been granted since 2010. Option award activity for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 is summarized below:

	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price
Option awards outstanding at December 31, 2012	97,500	\$ 11.63
Exercises	(5,000 )	9.56
Option awards outstanding at September 30, 2013	92,500	11.74

Exercisable option awards outstanding as of September 30, 2013 totaled 92,500 shares with a weighted average remaining contractual term of 4.0 years, an average exercise price of \$11.74 and an aggregate intrinsic value of \$56,000. The total intrinsic value of option awards exercised during the nine months ended September 30, 2013 was \$17,000.

Other Benefit Programs

Capstead sponsors a qualified defined contribution retirement plan for all employees and a nonqualified deferred compensation plan for certain of its officers. In general the Company matches up to 50% of a participant's voluntary contribution up to a maximum of 6% of a participant's compensation and makes discretionary contributions of up to another 3% of compensation regardless of participation in the plans. Company contributions are subject to certain vesting requirements. During the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2013, the Company recognized in Salaries and benefits \$119,000 and \$207,000 related to contributions to these plans, respectively.

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

Overview

Capstead operates as a self-managed REIT and earns income from investing in a leveraged portfolio of residential mortgage pass-through securities consisting almost exclusively of ARM Agency Securities, which are considered to have limited, if any, credit risk. This strategy of investing in ARM Agency Securities that reset to more current interest rates within a relatively short period of time positions the Company to benefit from potential recoveries in financing spreads diminished during periods of rising interest rates and can result in smaller fluctuations in portfolio values compared to portfolios containing a significant amount of fixed-rate mortgage securities. See NOTE 1 to the accompanying consolidated financial statements for certain definitions of acronyms and terms used herein.

Capstead finances its investments with borrowings under repurchase arrangements with commercial banks and other financial institutions supported by its long-term investment capital, which as of September 30, 2013 totaled \$1.45 billion and consisted of \$1.19 billion of common and \$164 million of perpetual preferred stockholders' equity (recorded amount) and \$100 million of long-term unsecured borrowings (net of related investments in statutory trusts). Long-term investment capital decreased by \$144 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2013 primarily as a result of (a) portfolio runoff and lower portfolio pricing levels, net of interest rate swap agreements held for hedging purposes (\$81 million), (b) the June redemption of the Company's high-cost Series A and B preferred shares using proceeds from issuing the Company's 7.50% Series E perpetual preferred shares and cash on hand (\$43 million), (c) early first quarter common share repurchases (\$7 million) and (d) common dividend payments in excess of earnings and other operational factors (\$13 million).

Taking advantage of relatively sharp increases in longer-term interest rates that began during the latter half of the second quarter of this year, Capstead replaced nearly all of its portfolio runoff at attractive levels and did not sell any mortgage assets. Third quarter acquisitions benefited from higher prevailing longer-term interest rates resulting in higher lifetime yield expectations compared to acquisitions made earlier in the year and the latter half of 2012. The recorded value of Capstead's holdings of ARM Agency Securities decreased by \$122 million to \$13.74 billion at September 30, 2013, \$104 million of which is attributable to the elimination of unrealized gains on investments that paid off and a 62 basis point decline in portfolio pricing levels as the market adjusted to higher prevailing longer-term interest rates. Borrowings under repurchase arrangements decreased by \$166 million during 2013 to \$12.62 billion. Portfolio leverage (borrowings under repurchase arrangements divided by long-term investment capital) increased to 8.68 to one by September 30, 2013 from 8.00 to one at December 31, 2012 primarily reflecting the decline in long-term investment capital noted above. Management believes borrowing at current levels represents an appropriate and prudent use of leverage under current market conditions for a portfolio consisting almost entirely of relatively short-duration and well-seasoned ARM Agency Securities (duration is a common measure of market price sensitivity to interest rate movements).

Capstead reported net income of \$0.23 and \$0.58 per diluted common share for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2013, respectively, compared to \$0.35 and \$1.20 per diluted common share for the same periods in 2012. Net income per diluted common share for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 includes \$0.23 in redemption preference premiums paid and other one-time effects of the second quarter's preferred capital transactions; excluding these items, year-to-date core earnings were \$0.81 per diluted common share. See page 28 for further information regarding this non-GAAP financial measure. Financing spreads on residential mortgage investments averaged 87 and 101 basis points for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2013, respectively, compared to 130 and 148 basis points during the same periods in 2012. Financing spreads on residential mortgage investments is a non-GAAP financial measure based solely on yields on the Company's residential mortgage investments, net of borrowing rates on repurchase arrangements and similar borrowings, adjusted for currently-paying interest rate swap

agreements held for hedging purposes. This measure differs from total financing spreads, an all-inclusive GAAP measure that includes yields on all interest-earning assets, as well as rates paid on all interest-bearing liabilities, principally unsecured borrowings. See page 28 for further information and reconciliations of these measures. Lower financing spreads reflect (a) lower cash yields on the portfolio because of the effects of ARM loan coupon interest rates resetting lower to more current rates as well as lower coupon interest rates on acquisitions, and (b) higher investment premium amortization because of higher levels of mortgage prepayments as well as higher prices paid for portfolio acquisitions in recent years. Unhedged borrowing rates have steadily declined at a modest pace during 2013 from levels experienced the latter half of 2012 in response to improving market conditions for short-term borrowings and as older, higher rate interest rate swap positions used for hedging purposes continue to be replaced at lower rates. Incentive compensation, salaries and benefits and other general and administrative expense (referred to as “operating costs”) as a percentage of average long-term investment capital averaged 108 and 84 basis points for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2013, respectively, compared to 88 and 104 basis points during the same periods in 2012. Operating costs were higher for the third quarter primarily reflecting recent changes to the Company’s short-term incentive program, while still significantly lower on a year-to-date basis compared to the prior year.

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The size and composition of Capstead's investment portfolio depends on investment strategies being implemented by management, as well as overall market conditions, including the availability of attractively priced investments and suitable financing to leverage the Company's investment capital. Market conditions are influenced by, among other things, current levels of, and expectations for future levels of, short-term interest rates, mortgage prepayments and market liquidity.

## Risk Factors and Critical Accounting Policies

Under the captions "Risk Factors" and "Critical Accounting Policies" are discussions of risk factors and critical accounting policies affecting Capstead's financial condition and earnings that are an integral part of this discussion and analysis. Readers are strongly urged to consider the potential impact of these factors and accounting policies on the Company and its financial results.

## Issuance of 7.50% Series E and Redemption of Series A and B Perpetual Preferred Shares

On May 16, 2013 Capstead completed a public offering of 6.8 million shares (\$170 million face amount) of its 7.50% Series E Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, liquidation preference \$25.00 per share. Net proceeds of the offering after underwriting fees and other costs totaled \$164 million and together with \$43 million of cash on hand were used to fund the June 13, 2013 redemption of 77,199 and 16,461,340 shares of the Company's Series A and B perpetual preferred shares, respectively. Stockholders holding the remaining Series A and B shares outstanding prior to announcing the redemption exercised their conversion rights resulting in the issuance of 201,144 common shares. The preferred shares that were redeemed had redemption preferences aggregating \$207 million, a total of \$20 million in excess of these shares' recorded amounts on the Company's balance sheet. This redemption preference premium is reflected as a \$0.21 per common share reduction in net income available to common stockholders on the face of the Company's Statement of Income for the nine months ended September 30, 2013. As a result of these transactions, quarterly net income available to common stockholders and net income per diluted common share have begun benefiting from \$2 million in lower quarterly preferred dividend requirements (\$0.02 per diluted common share).

## Common Share Repurchases

In late 2012 Capstead implemented a \$100 million common share repurchase program and suspended its common share continuous offering program until further notice. Purchases made pursuant to the common share repurchase program can be made in the open market or through privately negotiated transactions from time to time as permitted by securities laws and other legal requirements. The timing, manner, price and amount of any repurchases are determined by the Company in its discretion and are subject to economic and market conditions, applicable legal requirements and other factors.

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Pursuant to this authorization, November and December 2012 repurchases totaled 3 million common shares at an average cost of \$11.80 per share for \$35 million. An additional 638,000 shares were repurchased in early January 2013 at an average cost of \$11.43 per share for \$7 million, leaving \$58 million of the authorization available for future repurchases. The authorization does not obligate the Company to acquire any particular amount of common shares and the program may be suspended or discontinued at the Company's discretion without prior notice. Upon suspension of the repurchase program, issuances of common shares under the continuous offering program or by other means may resume subject to compliance with federal securities laws, market conditions and blackout periods associated with the dissemination of earnings and dividend announcements and other important Company-specific news.

## Book Value per Common Share

Nearly all of Capstead's residential mortgage investments and all of its interest rate swap agreements are reflected at fair value on the Company's balance sheet and are therefore included in the calculation of book value per common share (total stockholders' equity, less the \$170 million aggregate liquidation preference for the Series E preferred shares, divided by common shares outstanding). The fair value of these investments is impacted by market conditions, including changes in interest rates, and the availability of financing at reasonable rates and leverage levels, among other factors. The Company's investment strategy attempts to mitigate these risks by focusing on investments in Agency Securities, which are considered to have little, if any, credit risk and are collateralized by ARM loans with interest rates that reset periodically to more current levels. Because of these characteristics, the fair value of Capstead's portfolio is considerably less vulnerable to significant pricing declines caused by credit concerns or rising interest rates compared to portfolios containing a significant amount of non-agency and/or fixed-rate mortgage securities. The following table illustrates the progression of the Company's book value per common share for the indicated periods:

	Quarter Ended September 30, 2013		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013	
Book value per common share, beginning of period	\$ 12.80		\$ 13.58	
One-time effects of second quarter 2013 redemption of Series A and B preferred shares and issuance of Series E preferred shares	–		(0.28 )	
Other capital transactions:				
Dividend distributions in excess of core earnings	(0.09 )		(0.13 )	
Accretion from common share repurchases	–		0.01	
Increase related to stock awards	0.01		0.02	
	(0.08 )	(0.6)%	(0.38 )	(2.8)%
Change in unrealized gains and losses on mortgage securities classified as available-for-sale	(0.29 )		(1.08 )	
Change in unrealized gains and losses on interest rate swap agreements designated as cash flow hedges of:				
Borrowings under repurchase arrangements	(0.10 )		0.09	
Unsecured borrowings	0.02		0.14	
	(0.37 )	(2.9)%	(0.85 )	(6.3)%
Book value per common share, end of period	\$ 12.35		\$ 12.35	
Decrease in book value per common share during the indicated periods	\$ (0.45 )	(3.5)%	\$ (1.23 )	(9.1)%



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## Residential Mortgage Investments

Capstead's investment strategy focuses on managing a large portfolio of residential mortgage investments consisting almost exclusively of ARM Agency Securities. Agency Securities are considered to have limited, if any, credit risk because the timely payment of principal and interest is guaranteed by the GSEs, which are federally chartered corporations, or Ginnie Mae, which is an agency of the federal government. Federal government support for the GSEs has largely alleviated market concerns regarding the ability of the GSEs to fulfill their guarantee obligations. By focusing on investing in relatively short duration and well-seasoned ARM Agency Securities, declines in fair value caused by increases in interest rates are typically relatively modest compared to investments in longer-duration ARM or fixed-rate assets. These declines are generally recoverable in a relatively short period of time as coupon interest rates on the underlying mortgage loans reset to rates more reflective of the then current interest rate environment.

This investment strategy positions the Company to benefit from potential recoveries in financing spreads diminished during periods of rising short-term interest rates. The following table illustrates the progression of the Company's portfolio of residential mortgage investments for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2013 (in thousands):

	Quarter Ended September 30, 2013	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013
Residential mortgage investments, beginning of period	\$ 13,811,497	\$ 13,860,158
Decrease in net unrealized gains on mortgage securities classified as available-for-sale	(27,539 )	(104,037 )
Portfolio acquisitions (principal amount) at average lifetime purchased yields of 2.49% and 2.25%, respectively	1,001,105	2,754,491
Investment premiums on acquisitions*	41,658	121,773
Portfolio runoff (principal amount)	(1,049,377 )	(2,793,013 )
Investment premium amortization	(39,033 )	(101,061 )
Residential mortgage investments, end of period	\$ 13,738,311	\$ 13,738,311
Average residential mortgage investments outstanding during the indicated periods	\$ 13,967,411	\$ 13,881,118

Residential mortgage investments typically are acquired at a premium to the securities' unpaid principal balances.

\* Investment premiums are recognized in earnings as portfolio yield adjustments using the interest method over the estimated lives of the related investments. As such, the level of mortgage prepayments impacts how quickly investment premiums are amortized.

ARM securities are backed by residential mortgage loans that have coupon interest rates that adjust at least annually to more current interest rates or begin doing so after an initial fixed-rate period. After the initial fixed-rate period, if applicable, mortgage loans underlying the Company's ARM securities either (i) adjust annually based on specified margins over the one-year Constant Maturity U.S. Treasury Note Rate ("CMT") or the one-year London interbank offered rate ("LIBOR"), (ii) adjust semiannually based on specified margins over six-month LIBOR, or (iii) adjust monthly based on specified margins over indices such as one-month LIBOR, the Eleventh District Federal Reserve Bank Cost of Funds Index, or over a rolling twelve month average of the one-year CMT index, usually subject to periodic and lifetime limits, or caps, on the amount of such adjustments during any single interest rate adjustment period and over the contractual term of the underlying loans.

Capstead classifies its ARM securities based on the average length of time until the loans underlying each security reset to more current rates ("months-to-roll") (less than 18 months for "current-reset" ARM securities, and 18 months or greater for "longer-to-reset" ARM securities). After consideration of any applicable initial fixed-rate periods, at September 30, 2013 approximately 83%, 10% and 7% of the Company's ARM securities were backed by mortgage

loans that reset annually, semi-annually and monthly, respectively. Approximately 90% of the Company's current-reset ARM securities have reached an initial coupon reset date, while none of its longer-to-reset ARM securities have reached an initial coupon reset date. Additionally, at September 30, 2013 approximately 16% of the Company's ARM securities were backed by interest-only loans that have not reached an initial coupon reset date. All percentages are approximate and based on averages of the characteristics of mortgage loans underlying each security and calculated using unpaid principal balances as of the indicated date.

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Capstead's ARM holdings featured the following characteristics at September 30, 2013 (dollars in thousands):

ARM Type <sup>(a)</sup>	Amortized Cost Basis (b)	Net WAC (c)	Fully Indexed WAC (c)	Average Net Margins (c)	Average Periodic Caps <sup>(c)</sup>	Average Lifetime Caps <sup>(c)</sup>	Months To Roll <sup>(a)</sup>
<b>Current-reset ARMs:</b>							
Fannie Mae Agency Securities	\$4,751,970	2.35 %	2.17 %	1.70 %	3.27 %	10.11 %	5.4
Freddie Mac Agency Securities	1,691,053	2.52	2.28	1.84	2.13	10.59	6.5
Ginnie Mae Agency Securities	965,396	2.46	1.64	1.51	1.04	8.97	7.6
Residential mortgage loans	4,546	3.49	2.27	2.04	1.51	10.97	4.5
	7,412,965	2.40	2.12	1.71	2.73	10.07	5.9
<b>Longer-to-reset ARMs:</b>							
Fannie Mae Agency Securities	3,165,264	2.88	2.38	1.75	4.92	7.90	42.0
Freddie Mac Agency Securities	1,766,772	2.93	2.46	1.83	4.96	7.95	42.6
Ginnie Mae Agency Securities	1,163,594	2.80	1.62	1.51	1.07	7.87	30.4
	6,095,630	2.88	2.26	1.73	4.19	7.91	40.0
	\$13,508,595	2.62	2.18	1.72	3.39	9.10	21.2
Gross WAC (rate paid by borrowers) <sup>(d)</sup>		3.22					

Capstead classifies its ARM securities based on the average length of time until the loans underlying each security reset to more current rates ("months-to-roll") (less than 18 months for "current-reset" ARM securities, and 18 months or greater for "longer-to-reset" ARM securities). Once an ARM loan reaches its initial reset date, it will reset at least once a year to a margin over a corresponding interest rate index, subject to periodic and lifetime limits or caps.

Amortized cost basis represents the Company's investment (unpaid principal balance plus unamortized investment premiums) before unrealized gains and losses. As of September 30, 2013, the ratio of amortized cost basis to related unpaid principal balance for the Company's ARM securities was 103.25. This table excludes \$2 million in fixed-rate Agency Securities, \$3 million in fixed-rate residential mortgage loans and \$2 million in private residential mortgage pass-through securities held as collateral for structured financings.

Net WAC, or weighted average coupon, is the weighted average interest rate of the mortgage loans underlying the indicated investments, net of servicing and other fees as of the indicated date. Net WAC is expressed as a percentage calculated on an annualized basis on the unpaid principal balances of the mortgage loans underlying these investments. Fully indexed WAC represents the weighted average coupon upon one or more resets using interest rate indexes and net margins as of the indicated date. Average net margins represent the weighted average levels over the underlying indexes that the underlying loans can adjust to upon reset, usually subject to initial, periodic and/or lifetime limits, or caps, on the amount of such adjustments during any single interest rate adjustment period and over the contractual term of the underlying loans. ARM securities issued by the GSEs with initial fixed-rate periods of five years or longer typically have 500 basis point initial caps with 200 basis point periodic caps. Additionally, certain ARM securities held by the Company are subject only to lifetime caps or were not subject to a cap. For presentation purposes, average periodic caps in the table above reflect initial caps until after an ARM security has reached its initial reset date and lifetime caps, less related current net WAC, for ARM securities subject only to lifetime caps. At quarter-end, 76% of current-reset ARMs were subject to periodic caps averaging 1.83%; 10% were subject to initial caps averaging 2.92%; 13% were subject to lifetime caps, less related current net WAC, averaging 7.63%; and 1% were not subject to a cap. All longer-to-reset ARM securities at September 30, 2013 were subject to initial caps.

Gross WAC is the weighted average interest rate of the mortgage loans underlying the indicated investments, including servicing and other fees paid by borrowers, as of the indicated balance sheet date.

Capstead generally pledges its residential mortgage investments as collateral under repurchase arrangements with commercial banks and other financial institutions, referred to as counterparties, the terms and conditions of which are negotiated on a transaction-by-transaction basis when each borrowing is initiated or renewed. None of the Company's counterparties are obligated to renew or otherwise enter into new repurchase transactions at the conclusion of existing repurchase transactions. Repurchase arrangements entered into by the Company involve the sale and a simultaneous agreement to repurchase the transferred assets at a future date, typically with terms of 30 to 90 days, and are accounted for as financings by the Company. The Company maintains the beneficial interest in the specific securities pledged during the term of the repurchase arrangement and receives the related principal and interest payments. The amount borrowed is generally equal to the fair value of the assets pledged, as determined by the lending counterparty, less an agreed-upon discount, referred to as a "haircut." Haircut requirements for pledged Agency Securities have remained relatively stable since early in 2009 and as of September 30, 2013, haircuts on outstanding borrowings averaged 4.6 percent and ranged from 3.0 to 5.0 percent of the fair value of pledged residential mortgage pass-through securities.

After considering haircuts and related interest receivable on the collateral, as well as interest payable on these borrowings, the Company had \$698 million of capital at risk with its lending counterparties as of September 30, 2013.

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Interest rates charged on repurchase arrangements are fixed based on prevailing rates corresponding to the terms of the borrowings, and interest is paid at the termination of the repurchase arrangement at which time the Company may enter into a new repurchase arrangement at prevailing market rates with the same counterparty or repay that counterparty and negotiate financing with a different counterparty. When the fair value of pledged securities declines due to changes in market conditions or the publishing of monthly security pay down factors, lenders typically require the Company to post additional securities as collateral, pay down borrowings or establish cash margin accounts with the counterparties in order to re-establish the agreed-upon collateral requirements, referred to as margin calls.

Conversely, if collateral fair values increase, lenders are required to release collateral back to the Company pursuant to Company-issued margin calls.

The Company's borrowings under repurchase arrangements and similar borrowings at September 30, 2013 consisted of \$12.62 billion of primarily 30-day borrowings with 23 counterparties at average rates of 0.36%, before the effects of interest rate swap agreements held as cash flow hedges (see below) and 0.47% including the effects of these derivatives.

To help mitigate exposure to higher short-term interest rates, Capstead typically uses currently-paying and forward-starting, one-month LIBOR-indexed, pay-fixed, receive-variable, interest rate swap agreements that require interest payments for two-year terms. Variable payments received by the Company under these swap agreements offset a significant portion of the interest accruing on a like amount of the Company's 30- to 90-day borrowings, leaving the fixed-rate payments to be paid on the swap agreements as the Company's effective borrowing rate, subject to certain adjustments. These adjustments include the effects of changes in spreads between variable rates on the swap agreements and related actual borrowing rates as well as measured hedge ineffectiveness.

At September 30, 2013, the Company held portfolio financing-related swap agreements totaling \$7.10 billion notional amount with average contract expirations of 18 months. These swap positions consisted of (a) \$3.80 billion notional amount in currently-paying swap agreements requiring the payment of fixed rates of interest averaging 0.57% for average remaining interest-payment terms of 11 months and (b) \$3.30 billion notional amount in forward-starting swap agreements that will begin requiring fixed rate interest payments averaging 0.48% for two-year periods that commence on various dates between October 2013 and April 2014, with average contract expirations of 27 months.

After consideration of all portfolio financing-related swap positions entered into as of quarter-end, the Company's residential mortgage investments and related borrowings had estimated durations at September 30, 2013 of 12 months and 10¼ months, respectively, for a net duration gap of approximately 1¾ months – see pages 33 and 34 under the caption "Interest Rate Risk" for further information. The Company intends to continue to manage interest rate risk associated with holding and financing its residential mortgage investments by utilizing suitable derivative financial instruments such as interest rate swap agreements as well as longer-dated repurchase arrangements if available at attractive terms.

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Components of quarterly financing spreads on residential mortgage investments, a non-GAAP financial measure, and mortgage prepayment rates, expressed as an annualized constant prepayment rate, or “CPR,” were as follows for the past seven quarters:

	2013			2012			
	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
Yields on residential mortgage investments: <sup>(a)</sup>							
Cash yields	2.50 %	2.52 %	2.57 %	2.60 %	2.65 %	2.71 %	2.74 %
Investment premium amortization	(1.14 )	(0.99 )	(0.84 )	(0.84 )	(0.79 )	(0.67 )	(0.60 )
Adjusted yields	1.36	1.53	1.73	1.76	1.86	2.04	2.14
Related borrowing rates: <sup>(b)</sup>							
Unhedged borrowing rates	0.37	0.39	0.41	0.45	0.41	0.37	0.32
Fixed swap rates	0.59	0.65	0.71	0.75	0.78	0.80	0.85
Adjusted borrowing rates	0.49	0.53	0.58	0.63	0.56	0.54	0.49
Financing spreads on residential mortgage investments	0.87	1.00	1.15	1.13	1.30	1.50	1.65
CPR	25.49	23.12	20.05	19.99	19.14	16.31	14.97

(a) Cash yields are based on the cash component of interest income. Investment premium amortization is determined using the interest method which incorporates actual and anticipated future mortgage prepayments. Both are expressed as a percentage calculated on an annualized basis on average amortized cost basis for the indicated periods.

(b) Unhedged borrowing rates represent average rates on repurchase agreements and similar borrowings, before consideration of related currently-paying swap agreements.

Fixed swap rates represent the average fixed rates on currently-paying interest rate swap agreements used to hedge short-term borrowing rates and exclude differences between LIBOR-based variable rate payments received under swap contracts and unhedged borrowing rates as well as the effects of any hedge ineffectiveness. These factors equated to 18, 19 and 20 basis points on the average currently-paying swap notional amount outstanding for the third, second and first quarters of 2013, respectively.

Adjusted borrowing rates reflect unhedged borrowing rates, fixed swap rates and the above-mentioned factors, calculated on average outstanding balances for the indicated periods.

Third quarter 2013 cash yields declined by two basis points from second quarter 2013 cash yields and ten basis points since the fourth quarter of 2012 reflecting lower coupon interest rates on mortgage loans underlying the Company’s holdings of ARM securities as a result of changes in portfolio composition due to acquisitions and portfolio runoff as well as ARM loan coupon resets. Declines in coupon interest rates because of ARM coupon resets have moderated as an increasing number of these loans approach fully-indexed levels. For the same periods, mortgage prepayment levels rose resulting in 15 and 30 basis point increases to the yield adjustment necessary for investment premium amortization over these same periods. Investment premium amortization is primarily driven by changes in mortgage prepayment rates which increased in response to low mortgage rates available to homeowners until late in the second quarter and peaked at 26.6% CPR for July and August 2013 before beginning to recede in September. Prepayments continued declining into the fourth quarter with October prepayments registering 17.1% CPR, the lowest level experienced since early in 2012 and 33% lower than average third quarter CPRs. Investment premium amortization is also influenced by investment premium levels. Because of higher prices paid in recent years for acquisitions as well as runoff of older, lower-basis securities, the Company’s cost basis in its portfolio (expressed as a ratio of amortized cost basis to unpaid principal balance) increased three and 16 basis points during the indicated periods to 103.25. A higher cost basis in the portfolio contributes to larger yield adjustments for investment premium amortization over time.

Unhedged borrowing rates continued trending lower during the third quarter of 2013 due to more favorable conditions in the market for short-term borrowings under repurchase arrangements even with the abrupt increase in long-term interest rates experienced late in the second quarter. Fixed swap rates also continued trending lower with the maturity of higher cost interest rate swap agreements. During the nine months ended September 30, 2013, \$2.10 billion notional amount of swap agreements with average fixed rates of 0.87% matured and were replaced with \$1.70 billion notional amount of two-year swap agreements with average fixed rates of 0.49%. During the fourth quarter of 2013 another \$800 million notional amount of swap agreements with average fixed rates of 0.78% will mature and \$1.20 billion notional amount of previously-acquired forward-starting swap agreements with average fixed rates of 0.45% will begin two-year pay periods. See NOTE 7 to the consolidated financial statements for further information regarding the Company's currently-paying and forward-starting swap agreements.

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Financing spreads on residential mortgage investments differs from total financing spreads, an all-inclusive GAAP measure, that is based on all interest-earning assets and all interest-paying liabilities. The Company believes that presenting financing spreads on residential mortgage investments provides useful information for evaluating the performance of this portfolio. The following table reconciles these two measures:

	2013			2012			
	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
Financing spreads on residential mortgage investments	0.87 %	1.00 %	1.15 %	1.13 %	1.30 %	1.50 %	1.65 %
Impact of yields on other interest-earning assets*	(0.02)	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.07)	(0.05)	(0.06)	(0.06)
Impact of borrowing rates on unsecured borrowings and interest-paying liabilities*	(0.06)	(0.06)	(0.06)	(0.06)	(0.06)	(0.07)	(0.07)
Total financing spreads	0.79	0.89	1.04	1.00	1.19	1.37	1.52

Other interest-earning assets consist of overnight investments and cash collateral receivable from interest rate swap \* counterparties. Other interest-paying liabilities consist of long-term unsecured borrowings (at an average borrowing rate of 8.49%) that the Company considers a component of its long-term investment capital and cash collateral payable to interest rate swap counterparties.

## Reconciliation of Core Earnings to Net Income per Diluted Common Share

Core earnings per diluted common share is a non-GAAP financial measure that differs from net income per diluted common share (the related GAAP measure) by excluding certain one-time effects of the second quarter 2013 preferred capital redemption and issuance transactions as detailed below. Management believes presenting this metric on a core earnings basis provides useful, comparative information for evaluating the Company's performance for 2013. The following reconciles this measure for the indicated periods:

	Quarter Ended June 30, 2013		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013	
Net income available to common stockholders/net income per diluted common share	\$4,103	\$0.04	\$55,265	\$0.58
Series A and B redemption preference premiums paid	19,924	0.21	19,924	0.21
Series A and B preferred dividends accruing from the issue date of the Series E preferred shares to the Series A and B redemption date	1,741	0.02	1,741	0.02
Core earnings available to common stockholders/core earnings per diluted common share	\$25,768	\$0.27	\$76,930	\$0.81

## Utilization of Long-term Investment Capital and Potential Liquidity

Capstead's investment strategy is to manage a conservatively leveraged portfolio of ARM Agency Securities that can produce attractive risk-adjusted returns over the long term, while reducing, but not eliminating, sensitivity to changes in interest rates. Borrowings under repurchase arrangements generally can be increased or decreased on a daily basis to meet cash flow requirements and otherwise manage capital resources efficiently. Consequently, potential liquidity inherent in the Company's unencumbered residential mortgage investments is as important as the actual level of cash and cash equivalents carried on the balance sheet. Potential liquidity is affected by, among other things, current portfolio leverage levels; changes in market value of assets pledged and interest rate swap agreements held for hedging purposes as determined by lending and swap counterparties; principal prepayments; collateral requirements of lenders and swap counterparties; and general conditions in the commercial banking and mortgage finance industries.

Future levels of portfolio leverage will be dependent upon many factors, including the size and composition of the Company's investment portfolio (see "Liquidity and Capital Resources").

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Capstead's utilization of its long-term investment capital and its estimated potential liquidity were as follows as of September 30, 2013 in comparison with June 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 (in thousands):

	Investments (a)	Related Borrowings	Capital Employed	Potential Liquidity (b)	Portfolio Leverage (c)
Balances as of September 30, 2013:					
Residential mortgage investment portfolio	\$13,738,311	\$12,618,571	\$1,119,740	\$471,501	
Cash collateral receivable from swap counterparties, net (d)			17,962	–	
Other assets, net of other liabilities			315,372	235,102	
			\$1,453,074	\$706,603	8.68:1
Balances as of June 30, 2013	\$13,811,497	\$12,624,572	\$1,495,396	\$742,635	8.44:1
Balances as of December 31, 2012	\$13,860,158	\$12,784,238	\$1,597,103	\$890,625	8.00:1

(a) Investments are stated at balance sheet carrying amounts, which generally reflect estimated fair value as of the indicated dates.

Potential liquidity is based on maximum amounts of borrowings available under existing uncommitted repurchase (b) arrangements considering management's estimate of the fair value of related collateral as of the indicated dates adjusted for other sources of liquidity such as cash and cash equivalents.

Portfolio leverage is expressed as the ratio of repurchase agreements and similar borrowings (Related Borrowings (c) in the table above) to long-term investment capital (total Capital Employed in the table above).

Cash collateral receivable from swap counterparties is presented net of cash collateral payable to swap (d) counterparties, if applicable, and the fair value of interest rate swap positions as of the indicated date.

In order to prudently and efficiently manage its liquidity and capital resources, Capstead attempts to maintain sufficient liquidity reserves to fund borrowing and interest rate swap margin calls under stressed market conditions, including margin calls resulting from monthly principal payments (remitted to the Company 20 to 45 days after any given month-end), as well as reasonably possible declines in the market value of pledged assets and swap positions.

Should market conditions deteriorate, management may reduce portfolio leverage and therefore increase liquidity by raising new equity capital, selling mortgage securities and/or curtailing the replacement of portfolio runoff.

Additionally, the Company routinely does business with a large number of lending counterparties, which bolsters financial flexibility to address challenging market conditions and limits exposure to any individual counterparty.

Despite relatively sharp increases in longer-term interest rates that began during the latter half of the second quarter of 2013, Capstead replaced nearly all of its portfolio runoff and did not sell any mortgage assets during 2013. Portfolio leverage increased to 8.68 to one at September 30, 2013 from 8:44 to one at June 30, 2013 and 8.00 to one at December 31, 2012 and potential liquidity declined by \$36 million and \$184 million during these periods. This reflects declines in long-term investment capital primarily resulting from portfolio runoff and pricing declines, net of interest rate swap agreements held for hedging purposes, and the second quarter funding of the redemption of the Company's Series A and B preferred shares using proceeds from issuing its 7.50% Series E preferred shares and \$43 million in cash on hand. Management believes current portfolio leverage levels represent an appropriate and prudent use of leverage under current market conditions for a portfolio consisting almost entirely of short duration and well-seasoned ARM Agency Securities.

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## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

	Quarter Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30		September 30	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
Income statement data: (in thousands, except per share data)				
Interest income:				
Residential mortgage investments	\$46,643	\$63,463	\$156,683	\$194,983
Other	48	154	267	480
	46,691	63,617	156,950	195,463
Interest expense:				
Repurchase arrangements and similar borrowings	(15,759)	(17,875)	(50,976)	(48,429)
Unsecured borrowings	(2,186)	(2,186)	(6,560)	(6,560)
	(17,945)	(20,061)	(57,536)	(54,989)
	28,746	43,556	99,414	140,474
Other revenue (expense):				
Miscellaneous other revenue (expense)	(86)	9	(251)	(147)
Incentive compensation	(1,130)	(781)	(1,604)	(3,614)
Salaries and benefits	(1,689)	(1,696)	(4,857)	(5,205)
Other general and administrative expense	(1,203)	(1,115)	(3,382)	(3,160)
	(4,108)	(3,583)	(10,094)	(12,126)
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates	64	64	194	194
Net income	\$24,702	\$40,037	\$89,514	\$128,542
Net income per diluted common share	\$0.23	\$0.35	\$0.58	\$1.20
Core earnings per diluted common share			0.81	
Average diluted shares outstanding	95,416	98,512	95,373	94,236
Key operating statistics: (dollars in millions)				
Average yields:				
Residential mortgage investments	1.36	% 1.86	% 1.54	% 2.01
Other interest-earning assets	0.08	0.15	0.10	0.16
Total average yields	1.34	1.81	1.50	1.95
Average borrowing rates:				
Repurchase arrangements and similar borrowings:				
Unhedged borrowing rates	0.37	0.41	0.39	0.37
As adjusted for interest rate hedging transactions	0.49	0.56	0.53	0.53
Unsecured borrowings	8.49	8.49	8.49	8.49
Other	0.08	–	0.08	0.07
Total average borrowing rates	0.55	0.62	0.60	0.60
Total average financing spreads	0.79	1.19	0.90	1.35
Average financing spreads on residential mortgage investments	0.87	1.30	1.01	1.48
Average net yield on total interest-earning assets	0.82	1.23	0.95	1.40
Average CPR	25.49	19.14	22.89	16.81
Average balance information:				
Residential mortgage investments (cost basis)	\$13,740	\$13,657	\$13,597	\$12,956
Other interest-earning assets	244	420	362	410
Repurchase arrangements and similar borrowings	12,863	12,834	12,768	12,179
Currently-paying swap agreements (notional amount)	3,718	3,712	3,996	3,658
Unsecured borrowings (included in long-term investment capital)	103	103	103	103
Other interest-bearing liabilities	1	–	–	–
Long-term investment capital (“LTIC”)	1,476	1,630	1,572	1,543

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Portfolio leverage	8.71:1		7.87:1		8.12:1		7.89:1	
Operating costs as a percentage of average LTIC	1.08	%	0.88	%	0.84	%	1.04	%
Return on average LTIC	7.21		10.29		8.15		11.68	
Return on average common equity capital	7.05		10.32		5.80		12.00	

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Capstead's net income totaled \$25 million and \$90 million or \$0.23 and \$0.58 per diluted common share for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2013, compared to \$40 million and \$129 million or \$0.35 and \$1.20 per diluted common share for the same periods in 2012. Net income per diluted common share for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 includes \$0.23 in redemption preference premiums paid and other one-time effects of the second quarter's preferred capital transactions; excluding these items, core earnings were \$0.81 per diluted common share. See page 28 for further information and reconciliations regarding this non-GAAP financial measure.

Financing spreads on residential mortgage investments averaged 0.87% and 1.01% during the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2013, compared to 1.30% and 1.48% reported for the same periods in 2012. Financing spreads on residential mortgage investments is a non-GAAP financial measure based solely on yields on the Company's residential mortgage investments, net of borrowing rates on repurchase arrangements and similar borrowings, adjusted for currently-paying interest rate swap agreements held for hedging purposes. This measure differs from total financing spreads, an all-inclusive GAAP measure that includes yields on all interest-earning assets, as well as rates paid on all interest-bearing liabilities, principally unsecured borrowings. See page 28 for further information and reconciliations of these measures. Lower financing spreads reflect (a) lower cash yields on the portfolio because of the effects of ARM loan coupon interest rates resetting lower to more current rates as well as lower coupon interest rates on acquisitions, and (b) higher investment premium amortization because of higher levels of mortgage prepayments as well as higher prices paid for portfolio acquisitions in recent years. Unhedged borrowing rates have declined from levels experienced the latter half of 2012, while still slightly higher year-to-date than rates in effect during the first three quarters of 2012 because of changes in market conditions. A portion of this increase was offset by lower rates on currently-paying interest rate swap agreements.

Yields on residential mortgage securities averaged 1.36% and 1.54% during the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2013, compared to 1.86% and 2.01% for the same periods in 2012. Cash yields averaged 2.50% and 2.53% during the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2013, which were 15 and 17 basis points lower than cash yields reported for the same periods in 2012. Investment premium amortization totaled \$39 million and \$101 million for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2013, representing yield adjustments of 114 and 99 basis points, compared to amortization of \$27 million and \$67 million or 79 and 69 basis points for the same periods in 2012. Approximately 80% and 86% of the respective increases in investment premium amortization are attributable to higher levels of mortgage prepayments due largely to relatively low mortgage interest rates available through early May of 2013 with the remaining increase primarily attributable to increases in the cost basis of the portfolio over these periods.

Borrowing rates on repurchase arrangements and similar borrowings, adjusted for interest rate hedging transactions, averaged 0.49% and 0.53% during the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2013, respectively, a decrease of seven basis points from the third quarter of 2012 and no change from the rate reported for the nine months ended September 30, 2012. Before adjustment for the effects of interest rate swap agreements held as cash flow hedges, rates on these borrowings averaged 0.37% and 0.39% during the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2013, which were four basis points lower and two basis points higher than rates reported for the same periods in 2012.

Market rates for borrowings under repurchase arrangements increased throughout 2012 while trending lower during 2013 due to changes in market conditions. Rates on \$3.72 billion and \$4.00 billion of the Company's average borrowings during the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2013 were largely fixed through the use of interest rate swap agreements. The corresponding amounts were \$3.71 billion and \$3.66 billion for the same periods in 2012. Fixed-rate payment requirements on the Company's currently-paying swap positions, before certain adjustments including changes in spreads between variable rates on the swap agreements and related actual borrowings and the effects of measured hedge ineffectiveness, averaged 0.59% and 0.65% for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2013, which were 19 and 16 basis points lower than rates reported for the same periods in 2012 reflecting the expiration of older, higher-rate swaps that were replaced at lower rates.

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Operating costs as a percentage of long-term investment capital averaged 1.08% and 0.84% during the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2013, which were 20 basis points higher and 20 basis points lower compared to the same periods in 2012. Operating costs were higher for the third quarter of 2013 compared to the same period in 2012 primarily reflecting changes to the Company's short-term incentive program, while still significantly lower on a year-to-date basis compared to the prior year and the lowest of the Company's mortgage REIT peers. See NOTE 11 to the accompanying consolidated financial statements for additional information regarding the Company's compensation programs.

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Capstead's primary sources of funds are borrowings under repurchase arrangements and monthly principal and interest payments on its investments. Other sources of funds may include proceeds from debt and equity offerings and asset sales. The Company generally uses its liquidity to pay down borrowings under repurchase arrangements to reduce borrowing costs and otherwise efficiently manage its long-term investment capital. Because the level of these borrowings can generally be adjusted on a daily basis, the Company's potential liquidity inherent in its unencumbered residential mortgage investments is as important as the level of cash and cash equivalents carried on the balance sheet. The table included under "Financial Condition – Utilization of Long-term Investment Capital and Potential Liquidity" and accompanying discussion illustrates management's estimate of additional funds potentially available to the Company as of September 30, 2013 and the Company's perspective on the appropriate level of portfolio leverage to employ under current market conditions. The Company currently believes that it has sufficient liquidity and capital resources available for the acquisition of additional investments when considered appropriate, any additional common share repurchases, repayments on borrowings and the payment of cash dividends as required for the Company's continued qualification as a REIT. It is the Company's policy to remain strongly capitalized and conservatively leveraged.

Capstead generally pledges its residential mortgage investments as collateral under repurchase arrangements, the terms and conditions of which are negotiated on a transaction-by-transaction basis with commercial banks and other financial institutions, referred to as counterparties, when each borrowing is initiated or renewed. None of the Company's counterparties are obligated to renew or otherwise enter into new repurchase transactions at the conclusion of existing repurchase transactions. As of September 30, 2013, the Company had uncommitted repurchase facilities with a variety of lending counterparties to finance its portfolio, subject to certain conditions, and had borrowings outstanding with 23 of these counterparties. Amounts available to be borrowed under these arrangements are dependent upon the willingness of lenders to participate in the financing of Agency Securities, lender collateral requirements and the lenders' determination of the fair value of the securities pledged as collateral, which fluctuates with changes in interest rates and liquidity conditions within the commercial banking and mortgage finance industries. Borrowings under repurchase arrangements totaled \$12.62 billion at September 30, 2013, primarily with original maturities of 30 days. Borrowings under repurchase arrangements began the year at \$12.78 billion and averaged \$12.86 and \$12.77 billion during the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2013. Average borrowings during the quarter can differ from quarter-end balances for a number of reasons including portfolio growth or contraction as well as differences in the timing of portfolio acquisitions relative to portfolio runoff.

To help mitigate exposure to higher interest rates, Capstead typically uses currently-paying and forward-starting, one-month LIBOR-indexed, pay-fixed, receive-variable, interest rate swap agreements that require interest payments for two-year terms that are designated as cash flow hedges of a like amount of borrowings under repurchase arrangements. At September 30, 2013, portfolio financing-related swap agreements totaling \$7.10 billion notional amount with average contract expirations of 18 months, consisting of (a) \$3.80 billion notional amount in currently-paying swap agreements requiring the payment of fixed rates of interest averaging 0.57% for average remaining interest-payment terms of 11 months and (b) \$3.30 billion notional amount in forward-starting swap agreements that will begin requiring fixed rate interest payments averaging 0.48% for two-year periods that commence on various dates between October 2013 and April 2014, with average contract expirations of 27 months.

Relative to the floating rate terms of the Company's \$100 million in unsecured borrowings that begin at various dates between October 2015 and September 2016, the Company entered into forward-starting swap agreements to effectively lock in fixed rates of interest averaging 7.56% for the final 20 years of these borrowings that mature in 2035 and 2036. The Company intends to continue to utilize suitable derivative financial instruments such as interest rate swap agreements to manage interest rate risk.

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In late 2012 Capstead implemented a \$100 million common share repurchase program and suspended its common share continuous offering program until further notice. Purchases made pursuant to the common share repurchase program can be made in the open market or through privately negotiated transactions from time to time as permitted by securities laws and other legal requirements. The timing, manner, price and amount of any repurchases are determined by the Company in its discretion and are subject to economic and market conditions, applicable legal requirements and other factors. Pursuant to this authorization, in November and December 2012 repurchases totaled 3.0 million common shares at an average cost of \$11.80 per share for \$35 million. An additional 638,000 shares were repurchased in early January 2013 at an average cost of \$11.43 per share for \$7 million, leaving \$58 million of the authorization available for future repurchases. The authorization does not obligate the Company to acquire any particular amount of common shares and the program may be suspended or discontinued at the Company's discretion without prior notice. Upon suspension of the repurchase program, issuances of common shares under the continuous offering program or by other means may resume subject to compliance with federal securities laws, market conditions and blackout periods associated with the dissemination of earnings and dividend announcements and other important Company-specific news.

Interest Rate Risk

Because Capstead's residential mortgage investments consist almost entirely of Agency Securities, which are considered to have limited, if any, credit risk, interest rate risk is the primary market risk faced by the Company.

Interest rate risk is highly sensitive to a number of factors, including economic conditions, government fiscal policy, central bank monetary policy and banking regulation. By focusing on investing in relatively short duration ARM Agency Securities, declines in fair value caused by increases in interest rates are typically relatively modest compared to investments in longer-duration, fixed-rate assets. These declines can be recovered in a relatively short period of time as coupon interest rates on the underlying mortgage loans reset to rates more reflective of the then current interest rate environment. This strategy positions the Company to benefit from potential recoveries in financing spreads diminished during periods of rising interest rates.

To further mitigate Capstead's exposure to higher short-term interest rates, the Company uses currently-paying and forward-starting interest rate swap agreements that typically require interest payments for two-year terms in order to lengthen the effective duration of its borrowings to more closely match the duration of its investments. Duration is a measure of market price sensitivity to interest rate movements. After consideration of all swap positions entered into as of quarter-end to hedge short-term borrowing rates, the Company's residential mortgage investments and related borrowings under repurchase arrangements had estimated durations at September 30, 2013 of 12 months and 10¼ months, respectively, for a net duration gap of approximately 1¾ months. The Company intends to continue to manage interest rate risk associated with holding and financing its residential mortgage investments by utilizing suitable derivative financial instruments such as interest rate swap agreements as well as longer-dated repurchase arrangements if available at attractive terms.

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Capstead performs sensitivity analyses using a model to estimate the effects that specific interest rate changes can reasonably be expected to have on net interest margins and portfolio values. All investments, related borrowings and derivative financial instruments held are included in these analyses. For net interest margin modeling purposes, the model incorporates management's assumptions for mortgage prepayment levels for a given interest rate change using market-based estimates of prepayment speeds for the purpose of amortizing investment premiums and reinvesting portfolio runoff. These assumptions are developed through a combination of historical analysis and expectations for future pricing behavior under normal market conditions unaffected by changes in market liquidity. For portfolio valuation modeling purposes, a static portfolio is assumed. This modeling is the primary tool used by management to assess the direction and magnitude of changes in net interest margins and portfolio values resulting solely from changes in interest rates. Key modeling assumptions include mortgage prepayment speeds, adequate levels of market liquidity, current market conditions, and portfolio leverage levels. Given the present low level of interest rates, a floor of 0.00% is assumed. However, it is assumed that borrowing rates cannot decline beyond a certain level. These assumptions are inherently uncertain and, as a result, modeling cannot precisely estimate the impact of higher or lower interest rates. Actual results will differ from simulated results due to the timing, magnitude and frequency of interest rate changes, other changes in market conditions, changes in management strategies and other factors.

The table below reflects the estimated impact of instantaneous parallel shifts in the yield curve on net interest margins and the fair value of Capstead's portfolio of residential mortgage investments and related derivatives at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, subject to the modeling parameters described above.

	10-year				
	Federal Funds Rate	U.S. Treasury Rate	Down 0.50%	Up 0.50%	Up 1.00%
Projected 12-month percentage change in net interest margins: *					
September 30, 2013	<0.25%	2.61 %	(6.9 )%	(5.9 )%	(12.3 )%
December 31, 2012	<0.25	1.76	(1.7 )	(6.2 )	(13.7 )
Projected percentage change in portfolio and related derivative values: *					
September 30, 2013	<0.25%	2.61 %	– %	(0.2 )%	(0.3 )%
December 31, 2012	<0.25	1.76	–	(0.2 )	(0.3 )

Sensitivity of net interest margins as well as portfolio and related derivative values to changes in interest rates is determined relative to the actual rates at the applicable date. Note that the projected 12-month net interest margin \*change is predicated on acquisitions of similar assets sufficient to replace runoff. There can be no assurance that suitable investments will be available for purchase at attractive prices, if investments made will behave in the same fashion as assets currently held or if management will choose to replace runoff with such assets.

The increased sensitivity of net interest margins to parallel shifts in the yield curve at September 30, 2013 compared to December 31, 2012 reflects current expectations for slower mortgage prepayments that are modeled to increase in a down 0.50% scenario and not decline significantly in the up 0.50% or up 1.00% scenarios.

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RISK FACTORS

An investment in securities issued by Capstead involves various risks. An investor should carefully consider the following risk factors in conjunction with the other information contained in this document before purchasing the Company's securities. The risks discussed herein can adversely affect the Company's business, liquidity, operating results, financial condition and future prospects, causing the market price of the Company's securities to decline, which could cause an investor to lose all or part of his/her investment. The risk factors described below are not the only risks that may affect the Company. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to the Company also may adversely affect its business, liquidity, operating results, prospects and financial condition.

Risks Related to Capstead's Business

Monetary policy actions by the Federal Reserve could adversely affect Capstead's liquidity, financial condition and earnings. In order to help support the GSEs and the housing markets, by early 2010 the Federal Reserve had acquired \$1.25 trillion in fixed-rate Agency Securities. This type of expansion of the Federal Reserve's balance sheet is often referred to as "quantitative easing" or QE. In September 2011, in order to promote a stronger economic recovery the Federal Reserve began extending the average maturity of its holdings of securities by selling Treasury securities with maturities of less than three years and purchasing longer-dated Treasuries. This program was referred to as "Operation Twist." Also in September 2011, the Federal Reserve began reinvesting principal payments from existing holdings of Agency Securities into additional fixed-rate Agency Securities. In September 2012, the Federal Reserve began purchasing more fixed-rate Agency Securities at a pace of \$40 billion per month and announced it would maintain its existing policy of reinvesting principal payments from its existing holdings of Agency Securities. The Federal Reserve articulated that these additional purchases, referred to as QE3, will continue until the labor market improves substantially. In May 2013 the markets began interpreting comments by members of the Federal Reserve's Federal Open Market Committee that purchases under QE3 would begin to be reduced sometime in 2013. The Federal Reserve then articulated that the so-called "tapering" of purchases could begin in September 2013 and purchases could cease entirely by mid-2014, provided Federal Reserve economic forecasts are reasonably accurate. However, no changes to the program were announced after the September meeting, a conclusion reached amid mixed economic reports and looming fiscal discord in Washington. It is presently unclear when a tapering decision will be reached and implemented.

In general, quantitative easing has elevated pricing for all Agency Securities resulting in declining yields on new purchases and lower mortgage interest rates, resulting in higher mortgage prepayment rates. The Company's net interest margins, and therefore earnings, have been adversely affected over time as the Company's existing portfolio is replaced with higher cost, lower-yielding securities. See discussion below regarding the negative effects of higher mortgage prepayment levels.

Because of expectations for near-term tapering of QE3, in May and June 2013 the markets experienced an abrupt transition to significantly higher long-term interest rates, which has had a substantial negative effect on pricing for longer duration ARM and fixed-rate Agency Securities in particular, and to a lesser extent, the Company's portfolio of short duration, well-seasoned ARM Agency Securities. This has had a negative effect on the Company's liquidity and book value per common share. The actual timing, including the pace of tapering, could result in additional negative effects. In addition, should the Federal Reserve decide to eventually reduce its holdings of fixed-rate Agency Securities through asset sales, the pricing for all Agency Securities could decline, which could adversely affect the Company's liquidity, earnings and book value per common share, as more fully described below.

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Potential changes in the relationship between the federal government and the GSEs could adversely affect Capstead's liquidity, financial condition and earnings. Agency Securities are considered to have limited, if any, credit risk because the timely payment of principal and interest on these securities are guaranteed by the GSEs, or by Ginnie Mae, an agency of the federal government. Only the guarantee by Ginnie Mae is explicitly backed by the full faith and credit of the federal government. The high actual or perceived credit quality of Agency Securities allows the Company to finance its portfolio using repurchase arrangements with favorable interest rate terms and margin requirements that otherwise would not be available. As a result of deteriorating housing market conditions that began in 2007, the GSEs have incurred substantial losses due to high levels of mortgagor defaults. In 2008 the Federal Housing Finance Agency placed the GSEs into conservatorship, allowing it to operate the GSEs without forcing them to liquidate. Additionally, the federal government, through the U.S. Treasury and the Federal Reserve, undertook other actions to provide financial support to these entities and the housing market including the acquisition of large holdings of Agency Securities. These and other steps taken by the federal government were designed to support market stability and mortgage availability at favorable rates in part by providing additional confidence to investors in Agency Securities. There can be no assurance that the federal government's support for the GSEs and the market for Agency Securities will continue to be adequate to achieve these goals.

It is anticipated that over the next several years U.S. policy makers will address what the long-term role of the federal government in general, and the GSEs in particular, will have in the housing markets. The actual or perceived credit quality of Agency Securities could be adversely affected by market uncertainty over any legislative or regulatory initiatives that impact the relationship between the GSEs and the federal government. A significantly reduced role by the federal government or other changes in the guarantees provided by Ginnie Mae, the GSEs or their successors could adversely affect the credit profile and pricing of existing holdings and/or future issuances of Agency Securities and whether the Company's strategy of holding a leveraged portfolio of Agency Securities remains viable, which could adversely affect earnings and book value per common share.

Failure of the federal government to periodically increase the U.S. Treasury's borrowing capacity while reducing future federal budget deficits could adversely impact Capstead's liquidity, financial condition and earnings. The increasing amount of outstanding federal debt relative to the size of the U.S. economy, particularly in light of projected growth in federal government spending and resulting federal budget deficits, have increased the possibility of further credit rating agency actions to downgrade the federal government's credit rating and eventually could lead to a decline in the market's perception of the creditworthiness of the federal government. Because market participants rely on the federal government's continued support of the GSEs, the perception of credit risk associated with Agency Securities and, therefore, the pricing of existing holdings of Agency Securities could be adversely affected. In addition, these circumstances could create broader financial turmoil and uncertainty, which may weigh heavily on the global banking system and limit the availability and/or terms and conditions of borrowings under repurchase arrangements which could adversely impact the Company's liquidity, earnings and book value per common share, as more fully described below.

Legislative and regulatory actions could adversely affect the availability and/or terms and conditions of borrowings under repurchase arrangements and consequently, the Company's liquidity, financial condition and earnings. In July 2010 the U.S. Congress enacted the Dodd Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act ("Dodd Frank") in order to restrict certain business practices of systemically significant participants in the financial markets, which include many of the Company's lending counterparties. Additionally, changes in regulatory capital requirements and other leverage constraints are being implemented worldwide. It remains unclear how significant of an impact Dodd Frank and changes in regulatory capital requirements will have on the financial markets in general and on the Company's strategy of holding an appropriately hedged, leveraged portfolio of Agency Securities. However, it is possible that the availability and/or terms and conditions of borrowings under repurchase arrangements and related derivative financial instruments held for hedging purposes could be adversely affected which could adversely affect the Company's liquidity, earnings and book value per common share, as more fully described below.



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Government-supported mortgagor relief programs could adversely affect Capstead's liquidity, financial condition and earnings. U.S. policy makers have established programs designed to provide qualified homeowners with assistance in avoiding foreclosure or in qualifying for the refinancing of their existing mortgages, which typically entails the pay off of existing mortgages with any losses absorbed by the GSEs. One of these programs, the Home Affordable Refinance Program ("HARP"), has been revised with the intent of increasing its availability to homeowners who are current on their mortgage payments but whose homes have lost significant value making it difficult to qualify for a new mortgage. A significant expansion of these mortgagor relief programs, as well as any future legislative or regulatory actions, could significantly increase mortgage prepayments which could reduce the expected life of the Company's residential mortgage investments; therefore, actual yields the Company realizes on these investments could be lower due to faster amortization of investment premiums which could adversely affect earnings. A significant expansion of these programs also could adversely affect book value per common share because of the elimination of any unrealized gains on that portion of the portfolio that prepays. Additionally, heightened prepayment exposure due to the real or perceived potential for government intervention could adversely affect pricing for Agency Securities in general and, as a result, liquidity and book value per common share could be adversely affected due to declines in the fair value of the Company's remaining portfolio.

An increase in prepayments may adversely affect Capstead's liquidity, financial condition and earnings. When short- and long-term interest rates are at nearly the same levels (i.e., a "flat yield curve" environment), or when long-term interest rates decrease, the rate of principal prepayments on mortgage loans underlying mortgage securities generally increases. Prolonged periods of high mortgage prepayments can significantly reduce the expected life of the Company's portfolio of residential mortgage investments; therefore, actual yields the Company realizes can be lower due to faster amortization of investment premiums, which could adversely affect earnings. High levels of mortgage prepayments can also lead to larger than anticipated demands on the Company's liquidity from its lending counterparties, as more fully described below. Additionally, periods of high prepayments can adversely affect pricing for Agency Securities in general and, as a result, book value per common share can be adversely affected due to declines in the fair value of the Company's remaining portfolio and the elimination of any unrealized gains on that portion of the portfolio that prepays.

Changes in interest rates, whether increases or decreases, may adversely affect Capstead's liquidity, financial condition and earnings. Capstead's earnings depend primarily on the difference between the interest received on its residential mortgage investments and the interest paid on its related borrowings, net of the effect of derivatives held for hedging purposes. The Company typically finances its investments at 30- to 90-day interest rates. Coupon interest rates on only a portion of the ARM loans underlying the Company's securities reset each month and the terms of these ARM loans generally limit the amount of any increases during any single interest rate adjustment period and over the life of a loan. Consequently, interest rates on related borrowings not effectively fixed through the use of interest rate swap agreements can rise to levels that may exceed yields on these securities in a rising short-term interest rate environment. This can contribute to lower, or in more extreme circumstances, negative financing spreads and, therefore, adversely affect earnings. Because rising interest rates tend to put downward pressure on financial asset prices, Capstead may be presented with substantial margin calls during such periods adversely affecting the Company's liquidity. If the Company is unable or unwilling to pledge additional collateral, the Company's lenders can liquidate the Company's collateral, potentially under adverse market conditions, resulting in losses. At such times the Company may determine that it is prudent to sell assets to improve its ability to pledge sufficient collateral to support its remaining borrowings, which could result in losses. In addition, lower pricing levels for remaining holdings of residential mortgage investments will lead to declines in book value per common share.

During periods of relatively low short-term interest rates, declines in the indices used to determine coupon interest rate resets for ARM loans may adversely affect yields on the Company's ARM securities as the underlying ARM loans reset at lower rates. If declines in these indices exceed declines in the Company's borrowing rates, earnings would be adversely affected.



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Periods of illiquidity in the mortgage markets may reduce amounts available to be borrowed under Capstead's repurchase arrangements due to declines in the perceived value of related collateral, which could adversely impact the Company's liquidity, financial condition and earnings. Capstead generally finances its residential mortgage investments by pledging them as collateral under uncommitted repurchase arrangements, the terms and conditions of which are negotiated on a transaction-by-transaction basis. The amount borrowed under a repurchase arrangement is limited to a percentage of the estimated market value of the pledged collateral and is specified at the inception of the transaction. The portion of the pledged collateral held by the lender that is not advanced under the repurchase arrangement is referred to as margin collateral and the resulting margin percentage is required to be maintained throughout the term of the borrowing. If the perceived market value of the pledged collateral as determined by the Company's lenders declines, the Company may be subject to margin calls wherein the lender requires the Company to pledge additional collateral to reestablish the agreed-upon margin percentage. Because market illiquidity tends to put downward pressure on asset prices, Capstead may be presented with substantial margin calls during such periods. If the Company is unable or unwilling to pledge additional collateral, the Company's lenders can liquidate the Company's collateral, potentially under adverse market conditions, resulting in losses. At such times the Company may determine that it is prudent to sell assets to improve its ability to pledge sufficient collateral to support its remaining borrowings, which could result in losses. In addition, lower pricing levels for remaining holdings of residential mortgage investments will lead to declines in book value per common share.

Periods of illiquidity in the mortgage markets may reduce the number of counterparties willing to lend to the Company and/or the amounts individual counterparties are willing to lend via repurchase arrangements, which could adversely affect the Company's liquidity, financial condition and earnings. For instance, a contraction in market liquidity is possible should Europe's sovereign debt problems deteriorate in a disorderly fashion, putting further financial pressures on large European and even domestic commercial banks, many of which are lending counterparties. Capstead enters into repurchase arrangements with numerous commercial banks and other financial institutions, both foreign and domestic, routinely with maturities of 30 to 90 days. The Company's ability to achieve its investment objectives depends on its ability to re-establish or roll maturing borrowings on a continuous basis and none of the Company's counterparties are obligated to enter into new repurchase transactions at the conclusion of existing transactions. If a counterparty chooses not to roll a maturing borrowing, the Company must pay off the borrowing, generally with cash available from another repurchase arrangement entered into with another counterparty. If the Company determines that it does not have sufficient borrowing capacity with its remaining counterparties, it could be forced to reduce its portfolio leverage by selling assets under potentially adverse market conditions, resulting in losses. This risk is increased if Capstead relies significantly on any single counterparty for a significant portion of its repurchase arrangements. An industry-wide reduction in the availability of borrowings under repurchase arrangements could adversely affect pricing levels for Agency Securities leading to further declines in the Company's liquidity and book value per common share. Under these conditions, the Company may determine that it is prudent to sell assets to improve its ability to pledge sufficient collateral to support its remaining borrowings, which could result in losses. In addition, lower pricing levels for remaining holdings of residential mortgage investments will lead to declines in book value per common share.

If Capstead is unable to negotiate favorable terms and conditions on future repurchase arrangements with one or more of the Company's lending counterparties, the Company's liquidity, financial condition and earnings could be adversely impacted. The terms and conditions of each repurchase arrangement are negotiated on a transaction-by-transaction basis, and these borrowings generally are re-established, or rolled, at maturity. Key terms and conditions of each transaction include interest rates, maturity dates, asset pricing procedures and margin requirements. The Company cannot assure investors that it will be able to continue to negotiate favorable terms and conditions on its future repurchase arrangements. For instance, during periods of market illiquidity or due to perceived credit deterioration of the collateral pledged or the Company itself, a lender may require that less favorable asset pricing procedures be employed, margin requirements be increased and/or may choose to limit or completely curtail lending to the Company. Under these conditions, the Company may determine it is prudent to sell assets to improve its ability to pledge sufficient collateral to support its remaining borrowings, which could result in losses.



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Capstead's use of repurchase arrangements to finance its investments may expose the Company to losses if a lending counterparty seeks bankruptcy protection, or otherwise defaults on its obligation to deliver pledged collateral back to the Company. Repurchase arrangements involve the sale and transfer of pledged collateral to the lending counterparty and a simultaneous agreement to repurchase the transferred assets at a future date. This may make it difficult for the Company to recover its pledged assets if a lender files for bankruptcy or otherwise fails to deliver pledged collateral back to the Company and subject the Company to losses to the extent of any margin amounts (pledged assets in excess of amounts borrowed) held by the lending counterparty.

Capstead's use of repurchase arrangements to finance its investments may give the Company's lending counterparties greater rights if the Company seeks bankruptcy protection, exposing the Company to losses. Borrowings made under repurchase arrangements may qualify for special treatment under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. If the Company files for bankruptcy, its lending counterparties could avoid the automatic stay provisions of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and liquidate pledged collateral without delay, which could result in losses to the extent of any margin amounts held by the lending counterparties.

Capstead may sell assets for various reasons, including a change in the Company's investment focus, which could increase earnings volatility. Capstead may periodically sell assets to enhance its liquidity during periods of market illiquidity or rising interest rates or the Company may change its investment focus requiring it to sell some portion of its existing investments. Gains or losses resulting from any such asset sales, or from terminating any related longer-dated repurchase arrangements or interest rate swap agreements, could increase the Company's earnings volatility.

Capstead may invest in derivative financial instruments such as interest rate swap agreements to mitigate or hedge the Company's interest rate risk, which may adversely affect the Company's liquidity, financial condition or earnings. The Company may invest in such instruments from time to time with the goal of achieving more stable borrowing costs over an extended period. However, these activities may not have the desired beneficial impact on the Company's liquidity, financial condition or earnings. For instance, the pricing of residential mortgage investments and the pricing of related derivatives may deteriorate at the same time leading to margin calls by counterparties to both the borrowings supporting these investments and the derivatives, adversely impacting the Company's liquidity and financial condition. In addition, counterparties could fail to honor their commitments under the terms of the derivatives or have their credit quality downgraded impairing the value of the derivatives. In the event of any defaults by counterparties, the Company may have difficulty recovering its cash collateral receivable from its counterparties and may not receive payments provided for under the terms of the derivatives and as a result, the Company may incur losses. No such hedging activity can completely insulate the Company from the risks associated with changes in interest rates and prepayment rates.

Derivative financial instruments held may fail to qualify for hedge accounting introducing potential volatility to Capstead's earnings. The Company typically qualifies derivative financial instruments held as cash flow hedges for accounting purposes in order to record the effective portion of the change in fair value of derivatives as a component of stockholders' equity rather than in earnings. If the hedging relationship for any derivative held ceases to qualify for hedge accounting treatment for any reason, including failing to meet documentation and ongoing hedge effectiveness requirements, the Company would be required to record in earnings the total change in fair value of any such derivative. In addition the Company could elect to no longer avail itself of cash flow hedge accounting for its derivative positions. Such changes could introduce a potentially significant amount of volatility to earnings reported by the Company.

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The lack of availability of suitable investments at attractive pricing may adversely affect Capstead's earnings. The pricing of investments is determined by a number of factors including interest rate levels and expectations, market liquidity conditions, and competition among investors for these investments, many of whom have greater financial resources and lower return requirements than Capstead. Additionally, in recent years the federal government, primarily through the Federal Reserve, has been an active buyer of Agency Securities which has had the effect of supporting, if not increasing, pricing for these securities. To the extent the proceeds from prepayments on Capstead's mortgage investments are not reinvested or cannot be reinvested at rates of return at least equal to the rates previously earned on those investments, the Company's earnings may be adversely affected. Similarly, if proceeds from capital raising activities are not deployed or cannot be deployed at rates of return being earned on existing capital, earnings may be adversely affected. Capstead cannot assure investors that the Company will be able to acquire suitable investments at attractive pricing and in a timely manner to replace portfolio runoff as it occurs or to deploy new capital as it is raised. Neither can the Company assure investors that it will maintain the current composition of its investments, consisting primarily of ARM Agency Securities.

Capstead is dependent on its executives and employees and the loss of one or more of its executive officers could harm the Company's business and its prospects. As a self-managed REIT with 13 full-time employees and one part-time employee, Capstead is dependent on the efforts of its key officers and employees, most of whom have significant experience in the mortgage industry. Although the Company's named executive officers and some of its other employees are parties to severance agreements, the Company's key officers and employees are not subject to employment agreements with non-compete clauses, nor has Capstead acquired key man life insurance policies on any of these individuals. The loss of any of their services could have an adverse effect on the Company's operations.

Risks Related to Capstead's Status as a REIT and Other Tax Matters

If Capstead does not qualify as a REIT, the Company will be subject to tax as a regular corporation and face substantial tax liability. Capstead has elected to be taxed as a REIT for federal income tax purposes and intends to continue to so qualify. Qualification as a REIT involves the application of highly technical and complex Internal Revenue Code provisions for which only a limited number of judicial or administrative interpretations exist. Even a technical or inadvertent mistake could jeopardize the Company's REIT status. Furthermore, new tax legislation, administrative guidance or court decisions, in each instance potentially with retroactive effect, could make it more difficult or impossible for the Company to qualify as a REIT.

If Capstead fails to qualify as a REIT in any tax year, then:

The Company would be taxed as a regular domestic corporation, which, among other things, means that the Company would be unable to deduct dividends paid to its stockholders in computing taxable income and would be subject to federal income tax on its taxable income at regular corporate rates;

Any resulting tax liability could be substantial and would reduce the cash available for distribution to stockholders, and the Company would not be required to make income distributions; and

Unless Capstead were entitled to relief under applicable statutory provisions, the Company would be disqualified from treatment as a REIT for the subsequent four taxable years and, as a result, the Company's cash available for distribution to stockholders would be reduced during these years.

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Even if Capstead remains qualified as a REIT, the Company may face other tax liabilities that reduce its earnings.

Even if Capstead remains qualified for taxation as a REIT, the Company may be subject to certain federal, state and local taxes on its income and assets. For example, the Company:

- will be required to pay tax on any undistributed REIT taxable income,
- may be subject to the “alternative minimum tax” on any tax preference items, and
- may operate taxable REIT subsidiaries subject to tax on any taxable income earned.

Complying with REIT requirements may limit Capstead’s ability to hedge effectively. The REIT provisions of the Code may limit Capstead’s ability to hedge mortgage securities and related borrowings by requiring it to limit its income in each year from unqualified hedges together with any other income not generated from qualified real estate assets, to no more than 25% of gross income. In addition, the Company must limit its aggregate income from nonqualified hedging transactions, from providing certain services, and from other non-qualifying sources to not more than 5% of annual gross income. As a result, the Company may have to limit its use of advantageous hedging techniques. This could result in greater risks associated with changes in interest rates than the Company would otherwise incur. If the Company were to violate the 25% or 5% limitations, it may have to pay a penalty tax equal to the amount of gross income in excess of those limitations, multiplied by a fraction intended to reflect the profitability of these transactions or activities. If the Company fails to satisfy the REIT gross income tests it could lose its REIT status for federal income tax purposes unless the failure was due to reasonable cause and not due to willful neglect.

Complying with REIT requirements may cause Capstead to forego otherwise attractive opportunities. To qualify as a REIT for federal income tax purposes, Capstead must continually satisfy tests concerning, among other things, the sources of its income, the nature and diversification of its assets, the amounts that it distributes to its stockholders, and the ownership of its stock. The Company may be required to make distributions to stockholders at disadvantageous times or when it does not have funds readily available for distribution. As a result, compliance with the REIT requirements may hinder the Company’s ability to operate solely on the basis of maximizing profits.

Complying with REIT requirements may force Capstead to liquidate otherwise attractive investments. To qualify as a REIT, Capstead must also ensure that at the end of each calendar quarter at least 75% of the value of its assets consists of cash, cash items, United States government securities and qualified REIT real estate assets. The remainder of the Company’s investments in securities (other than government securities and qualified real estate assets) generally cannot include more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of any one issuer or more than 10% of the total value of the outstanding securities of any one issuer. In addition, in general, no more than 5% of the value of the Company’s assets (other than government securities and qualified real estate assets) can consist of the securities of any one issuer, and no more than 25% of the value of its total securities can be represented by securities of one or more taxable REIT subsidiaries. If the Company fails to comply with these requirements at the end of any calendar quarter, it must correct such failure within 30 days after the end of the calendar quarter to avoid losing its REIT status and suffering adverse tax consequences. As a result, the Company may be required to liquidate otherwise attractive investments.

Complying with REIT requirements may force Capstead to borrow to make distributions to stockholders. As a REIT, Capstead must distribute at least 90% of its annual taxable income (subject to certain adjustments) to its stockholders. To the extent that the Company satisfies the distribution requirement, but distributes less than 100% of its taxable income, the Company will be subject to federal corporate income tax on its undistributed taxable income. In addition, the Company will be subject to a 4% nondeductible excise tax if the actual amount that it pays out to its stockholders in a calendar year is less than a minimum amount specified under the federal tax laws. From time to time, the Company may generate taxable income greater than its net income for financial reporting purposes or its taxable income may be greater than the Company’s cash flow available for distribution to stockholders. If the Company does

not have other funds available in these situations, it could be required to borrow funds, sell investments at disadvantageous prices or find another alternative source of funds to make distributions sufficient to enable it to pay out enough of its taxable income to satisfy the distribution requirement and to avoid corporate income tax or the 4% excise tax in a particular year. These alternatives could increase the Company's costs and reduce its long-term investment capital.

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Capstead may be subject to adverse legislative or regulatory tax changes that could reduce the market price of the Company's securities. Federal income tax laws governing REITs or the administrative interpretations of those laws may change at any time. Any such changes in laws or interpretations thereof may apply retroactively and could adversely affect Capstead or its stockholders. Capstead cannot predict any impact on the value of its securities from adverse legislative or regulatory tax changes.

An investment in Capstead's securities has various federal, state and local income tax risks that could affect the value of an investor's investment. The Company strongly urges investors to consult their own tax advisor concerning the effects of federal, state and local income tax law on an investment in the Company's securities, because of the complex nature of the tax rules applicable to REITs and their stockholders.

Risk Factors Related to Capstead's Corporate Structure

There are no assurances of Capstead's ability to pay dividends in the future. Capstead intends to continue paying quarterly dividends and to make distributions to its stockholders in amounts such that all or substantially all of the Company's taxable income in each year, subject to certain adjustments, is distributed. This, along with other factors, should enable the Company to qualify for the tax benefits accorded to a REIT under the Internal Revenue Code.

However, the Company's ability to pay dividends may be adversely affected by the risk factors described in this filing. All distributions will be made at the discretion of the Company's board of directors and will depend upon the Company's earnings, its financial condition, maintenance of its REIT status and such other factors as the board may deem relevant from time to time. There are no assurances of the Company's ability to pay dividends in the future.

Failure to maintain an exemption from the Investment Company Act of 1940 would adversely affect Capstead's results of operations. The Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "40 Act") exempts from regulation as an investment company any entity that is primarily engaged in the business of purchasing or otherwise acquiring mortgages and other liens on, and interests in, real estate. Capstead believes that it conducts its business in a manner that allows the Company to avoid registration as an investment company under the 40 Act. For over 30 years, the staff of the SEC has interpreted the provisions of the 40 Act to require, among other things, a REIT to maintain at least 55% of its assets directly in qualifying real estate interests and at least 80% of its assets in real estate-related assets in order to be exempt from regulation as an investment company. Critical to Capstead's exemption from regulation as an investment company is the long-standing SEC staff interpretation that so called whole loan mortgage securities, in which an investor holds all issued certificates with respect to an underlying pool of mortgage loans, constitutes a qualifying real estate interest for purposes of the staff's 55% qualifying real estate interest requirement. Conversely, so called partial pool mortgage securities presently do not qualify for purposes of meeting the 55% requirement, although they are considered by the staff to be real estate-related assets for purposes of meeting the staff's 80% real estate-related asset requirement.

In August 2011, the SEC staff issued a request for information (Concept Release No. IC-29778) from industry participants and investors regarding, among other things, its past interpretations of the 40 Act real estate exemption, including the interpretations described above, raising concerns that the SEC may issue a proposal for rulemaking that could overturn some of the staff's past interpretations regarding the real estate exemption. If the SEC or its staff adopts contrary interpretations of the 40 Act and the Company and other similar REITs become subject to regulation as investment companies, the industry's use of leverage would be substantially reduced. Absent a restructuring of the Company's business operations to avoid such regulation, this could require the sale of most of the Company's portfolio of Agency Securities under potentially adverse market conditions resulting in losses and significantly reduce future net interest margins and earnings.

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Pursuant to Capstead's charter, its board of directors has the ability to limit ownership of the Company's capital stock, to the extent necessary to preserve its REIT qualification. For the purpose of preserving Capstead's REIT qualification, the Company's charter gives the board the ability to repurchase outstanding shares of capital stock from existing stockholders if the directors determine in good faith that the concentration of ownership by such individuals, directly or indirectly, would cause the Company to fail to qualify or be disqualified as a REIT. Constructive ownership rules are complex and may cause the outstanding stock owned by a group of related individuals or entities to be deemed to be constructively owned by one individual or entity. As a result, the acquisition of outstanding stock by an individual or entity could cause that individual or entity to own constructively a greater concentration of the Company's outstanding stock than is acceptable for REIT purposes, thereby giving the board the ability to repurchase any excess shares.

Because provisions contained in Maryland law and Capstead's charter may have an anti-takeover effect, investors may be prevented from receiving a "control premium" for their shares. Provisions contained in Capstead's charter and Maryland general corporation law can delay, defer or prevent a takeover attempt, which may prevent stockholders from receiving a "control premium" for their shares. For example, these provisions may defer or prevent tender offers for the Company's common stock or purchases of large blocks of the Company's common stock, thereby limiting the opportunities for its stockholders to receive a premium over then-prevailing market prices. These provisions include the following:

**Repurchase rights:** Repurchase rights granted to Capstead's board in its charter limit related investors, including, among other things, any voting group, from owning common stock if the concentration owned would jeopardize the Company's REIT status.

**Classification of preferred stock:** Capstead's charter authorizes the board to issue preferred stock and establish the preferences and rights of any class of preferred stock issued. These actions can be taken without soliciting stockholder approval and could have the effect of delaying or preventing someone from taking control of the Company.

**Statutory provisions:** Capstead is subject to provisions of Maryland statutory law that restrict business combinations with interested stockholders and restrict voting rights of certain shares acquired in control share acquisitions. The board has not taken any action to exempt the Company from these provisions.

Maryland statutory law provides that an act of a director relating to or affecting an acquisition or a potential acquisition of control of a corporation may not be subject to a higher duty or greater scrutiny than is applied to any other act of a director. Hence, directors of Maryland corporations may not be required to act in takeover situations under the same standards as apply in Delaware and certain other corporate jurisdictions.

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There are risks associated with ownership of Capstead's Series E Preferred Stock. Risks associated with ownership of the Company's Series E preferred shares include:

**Redemption rights:** The Series E preferred shares are redeemable by the Company, in whole or in part, at any time on or after May 13, 2018, or pursuant to a Special Optional Redemption Right upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, as both terms are defined in the Series E Articles Supplementary, at a cash redemption price of \$25.00 plus all accrued and unpaid dividends to, but not including, the date of redemption, which may be less than the prevailing market price for the Series E preferred shares.

**Limited conversion rights:** Holders of the Series E preferred shares may convert into common shares only upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, and only if the Company does not exercise its Special Optional Redemption Right. Even if this were to occur, it may not be economically advantageous to convert based on then existing conversion ratios and trading levels of the Company's common shares.

**Subordination:** The Series E preferred shares are subordinate to all of the Company's existing and future debt. None of the provisions relating to the Series E preferred shares limit the Company's ability to incur future debt. Future debt may include restrictions on the Company's ability to pay dividends on, redeem, or pay the liquidation preference on, the Series E preferred shares.

**Dilution through issuance of additional preferred shares:** The Company's charter currently authorizes the issuance of up to 100 million shares of preferred stock in one or more series. The issuance of additional preferred stock on parity with or senior to the Series E preferred shares would dilute the interests of Series E preferred stockholders, and could affect the Company's ability to pay dividends on, redeem, or pay the liquidation preference on, the Series E preferred shares. None of the provisions relating to Series E preferred shares limit the Company's ability to issue additional preferred stock on parity with Series E preferred shares.

**Limited voting rights:** Voting rights as a holder of Series E preferred shares are limited. The Company's common stock is currently the only class of stock carrying full voting rights. Voting rights for holders of Series E preferred shares exist primarily with respect to (i) adverse changes in the terms of the Series E preferred shares, (ii) the creation of additional classes or series of preferred stock that are senior to the Series E preferred shares, and (iii) the non-payment of six quarterly dividends (whether or not consecutive) are in arrears.

Capstead may change its policies without stockholder approval. Capstead's board and management determine all of its policies, including its investment, financing and distribution policies and may amend or revise these policies at any time without a vote of the Company's stockholders. Policy changes could adversely affect the Company's financial condition, results of operations, the market price of its common and preferred stock or the Company's ability to pay dividends or distributions.

#### CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations is based upon Capstead's consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The preparation of these financial statements requires the use of estimates and judgments that can affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities (including contingencies), revenues and expenses, as well as related disclosures. These estimates are based on available internal and market information and appropriate valuation methodologies believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the expected useful lives and carrying values of assets and liabilities which can materially affect the determination of net income and book value per common share. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.



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Management believes the following are critical accounting policies in the preparation of Capstead's consolidated financial statements that involve the use of estimates requiring considerable judgment:

Amortization of investment premiums on residential mortgage investments – Investment premiums on residential mortgage investments are recognized in earnings as adjustments to interest income by the interest method over the estimated lives of the related assets. For most of Capstead's residential mortgage investments, estimates and judgments related to future levels of mortgage prepayments are critical to this determination. Mortgage prepayment expectations can change based on how current and projected changes in interest rates impact the economic attractiveness of mortgage refinance opportunities, if available, and other factors such as portfolio composition. In recent years, the ability of mortgagors to refinance has also been impacted by more stringent loan underwriting practices and lending industry capacity restraints, government-sponsored mortgagor relief programs, low housing prices and credit problems being experienced by many of these borrowers. Management estimates mortgage prepayments based on past experiences with specific investments within the portfolio in addition to the factors mentioned above. Should actual prepayment rates differ materially from these estimates, investment premiums would be expensed at a different pace.

Fair value and impairment accounting for residential mortgage investments – Nearly all of Capstead's residential mortgage investments are held in the form of mortgage securities that are classified as available-for-sale and recorded at fair value on the balance sheet with unrealized gains and losses recorded in Stockholders' equity as a component of Accumulated other comprehensive income. As such, these unrealized gains and losses enter into the calculation of book value per common share, a key financial metric used by investors in evaluating the Company. Fair values fluctuate with current and projected changes in interest rates, prepayment expectations and other factors such as market liquidity conditions. Considerable judgment is required to interpret market data and develop estimated fair values, particularly in circumstances of deteriorating credit quality and market liquidity. See NOTE 10 to the consolidated financial statements (included under Item 1 of this report) for discussion of how Capstead values its residential mortgage investments. Generally, gains or losses are recognized in earnings only if sold; however, if a decline in fair value of a mortgage security below its amortized cost occurs that is determined to be other-than-temporary, the difference between amortized cost and fair value would be recognized in earnings as a component of Other revenue (expense) if the decline was credit-related or it was determined to be more likely than not that the Company will incur a loss via an asset sale. Other-than-temporary impairment of a mortgage security due to other factors would be recognized in Accumulated other comprehensive income and amortized to earnings as a yield adjustment.

Accounting for derivative financial instruments – Capstead uses derivatives for risk management purposes.

Derivatives are recorded as assets or liabilities and carried at fair value and consequently, changes in value of these instruments enter into the calculation of book value per common share. Fair values fluctuate with current and projected changes in interest rates and other factors such as the Company's and its counterparties' nonperformance risk. Judgment is required to develop estimated fair values.

The accounting for changes in fair value of each derivative held depends on whether it has been designated as an accounting hedge, as well as the type of hedging relationship identified. To qualify as a cash flow hedge for accounting purposes, at the inception of the hedge relationship the Company must anticipate and document that the hedge relationship will be highly effective and must monitor ongoing effectiveness on at least a quarterly basis. As long as the hedge relationship remains effective, the effective portion of changes in fair value of the derivative is recorded in Accumulated other comprehensive income and the ineffective portion is recorded in earnings as a component of Interest expense. The effective portion of changes in fair value is reclassified from Accumulated comprehensive income to earnings over the term of the derivative primarily in the form of derivative cash flows that are either in excess of or lower than market rates. Changes in fair value of derivatives not held as accounting hedges, or for which the hedge relationship is deemed to no longer be highly effective and as a result hedge accounting is terminated, are recorded in earnings as a component of Other revenue (expense).



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The Company currently uses interest rate swap agreements in hedge relationships accounted for as cash flow hedges in order to hedge variability in borrowing rates due to changes in the underlying benchmark interest rate related to a designated portion of its current and anticipated future 30- and 90-day borrowings and the 20-year floating-rate periods of the Company's long-term unsecured borrowings. Variable-rate payments to be received on the swap agreements and any measured hedge ineffectiveness are recorded in interest expense as an offset to interest owed on the hedged borrowings that reset to market rates generally on a monthly basis while fixed rate swap payments to be made are also recorded in interest expense resulting in an effectively fixed borrowing rate on these borrowings, subject to certain adjustments. See NOTE 7 to the consolidated financial statements (included under Item 1 of this report) and "Financial Condition—Residential Mortgage Investments" for additional information regarding the Company's current use of derivatives and its related risk management policies.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT CONCERNING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This document contains "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements include, without limitation, any statement that may predict, forecast, indicate or imply future results, performance or achievements, and may contain the words "believe," "anticipate," "expect," "estimate," "intend," "will be," "will likely continue," "will likely result," or words or phrases of similar meaning. Forward-looking statements are based largely on the expectations of management and are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties including, but not limited to, the following:

- changes in general economic conditions;
- fluctuations in interest rates and levels of mortgage prepayments;
- the effectiveness of risk management strategies;
- the impact of differing levels of leverage employed;
- liquidity of secondary markets and credit markets;
- the availability of financing at reasonable levels and terms to support investing on a leveraged basis;
- the availability of new investment capital;
- the availability of suitable qualifying investments from both an investment return and regulatory perspective;
- changes in legislation or regulation affecting the GSEs, Ginnie Mae and similar federal government agencies and related guarantees;

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- other changes in legislation or regulation affecting the mortgage and banking industries;
- changes in market conditions as a result of Federal Reserve monetary policy or federal government fiscal challenges;
- changes in legislation or regulation affecting exemptions for mortgage REITs from regulation under the Investment Company Act of 1940; and
- increases in costs and other general competitive factors.

In addition to the above considerations, actual results and liquidity are affected by other risks and uncertainties which could cause actual results to be significantly different from those expressed or implied by any forward-looking statements included herein. It is not possible to identify all of the risks, uncertainties and other factors that may affect future results. In light of these risks and uncertainties, the forward-looking events and circumstances discussed herein may not occur and actual results could differ materially from those anticipated or implied in the forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date the statement is made and the Company undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. Accordingly, readers of this document are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements included herein.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURE OF MARKET RISKS

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference to the information included in Item 2. "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations."

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

As of September 30, 2013, an evaluation was performed under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and Chief Financial Officer ("CFO"), of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures. Based on that evaluation, the Company's management, including the CEO and CFO, concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of September 30, 2013. There have been no significant changes in the Company's internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to September 30, 2013.

PART II. ¾ OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

Exhibit

Number DESCRIPTION

- 3.1 Charter, including Articles of Incorporation, Articles Supplementary for each series of preferred shares (except the

- 7.50% Series E  
Cumulative  
Redeemable  
Preferred Stock)  
and all other  
amendments to  
such Articles of  
Incorporation.<sup>(1)</sup>  
Articles  
Supplementary  
classifying and  
designating the  
Registrant's  
7.50% Series E  
Cumulative  
Redeemable  
Preferred Stock,  
liquidation  
preference  
\$25.00 per share,  
par value \$0.10  
per share.<sup>(2)</sup>
- 3.2
- Amended and  
Restated  
Bylaws.<sup>(3)</sup>
- 3.3
- Junior  
Subordinated  
Indenture dated  
September 26,  
2005, pertaining  
to the issuance of  
Capstead  
Mortgage Trust I  
preferred  
securities.<sup>(3)</sup>
- 4.1
- Amended and  
Restated Trust  
Agreement dated  
September 26,  
2005, pertaining  
to the issuance of  
Capstead  
Mortgage Trust I  
preferred  
securities.<sup>(3)</sup>
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- 4.3 Indenture dated December 15, 2005, regarding junior subordinated debentures due 2035, including a form of debenture pertaining to the issuance of Capstead Mortgage Trust II preferred securities.<sup>(3)</sup> Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust dated December 15, 2005, including forms of capital security certificates pertaining to the issuance of Capstead Mortgage Trust II preferred securities.<sup>(3)</sup>
- 4.4 Indenture dated September 11, 2006, regarding junior subordinated debentures due 2036, including a form of debenture pertaining to the issuance of Capstead Mortgage Trust III preferred securities.<sup>(3)</sup>
- 4.5 Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust dated September 11,
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- 2006, including forms of capital security certificates pertaining to the issuance of Capstead Mortgage Trust III preferred securities.<sup>(3)</sup>
- 10.01 Amended and Restated Deferred Compensation Plan.<sup>(3)</sup>
- 10.02 Amended and Restated 2004 Flexible Long-Term Incentive Plan.<sup>(4)</sup>
- 10.03 Second Amended and Restated Incentive Bonus Plan.<sup>(5)</sup>
- 10.04 Form of nonqualified stock option and stock award agreements for non-employee directors.<sup>(2)</sup>
- 10.05 Form of nonqualified stock option and stock award agreements for employees with service conditions.<sup>(2)</sup>
- 10.06 Form of stock award agreements for employees with performance conditions.<sup>(6)</sup>
- 10.07 Form of stock award agreements for employees with

	performance conditions and deferral of dividends. <sup>(7)</sup>
10.08	Purchase Agreements dated September 23, 2005, pertaining to the issuance of Capstead Mortgage Trust I preferred securities. <sup>(2)</sup>
10.09	Placement Agreement dated December 6, 2005, pertaining to the issuance of Capstead Mortgage Trust II preferred securities. <sup>(2)</sup>
10.10	Placement Agreement dated September 8, 2006, pertaining to the issuance of Capstead Mortgage Trust III preferred securities. <sup>(2)</sup>
<u>12</u>	Computation of ratio of net income to fixed charges and ratio of net income to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends.*
<u>31.1</u>	Certification pursuant to Section 302(a) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002*
<u>31.2</u>	

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pursuant to  
Section 302(a)  
of the  
Sarbanes-Oxley  
Act of 2002\*

101.INS XBRL Instance  
Document\*\*\*  
XBRL

101.SCH Taxonomy  
Extension  
Schema\*\*\*  
XBRL

101.CAL Taxonomy  
Extension  
Calculation  
Linkbase\*\*\*  
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101.DEF Taxonomy  
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Definition  
Linkbase\*\*\*  
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101.LAB Taxonomy  
Extension Label  
Linkbase\*\*\*  
XBRL

101.PRE Taxonomy  
Extension  
Presentation  
Linkbase\*\*\*

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2012.

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Registration  
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Classes of  
Securities on  
Form 8-A  
dated May 13,  
2013.

(3) Incorporated  
by reference  
to the  
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Current  
Report on  
Form 8-K  
dated  
November 30,  
2012.

(4) Incorporated  
by reference  
to the  
Registrant's  
Registration  
Statement on  
Form S-8 (No.  
333-142861)  
dated May 9,  
2007.

(5) Incorporated  
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to the  
Registrant's  
Current  
Report on  
Form 8-K  
dated May 4,  
2011.

(6) Incorporated  
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2008.

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(7) Report on  
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\* Filed  
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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

CAPSTEAD MORTGAGE  
CORPORATION  
Registrant

Date: November 1, 2013 By: /s/ ANDREW F. JACOBS  
Andrew F. Jacobs  
President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: November 1, 2013 By: /s/ PHILLIP A. REINSCH  
Phillip A. Reinsch  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer