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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, 2010

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 1-13759

REDWOOD TRUST, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Maryland 68-0329422 (State or Other Jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer Incorporation or Organization) Identification No.)

One Belvedere Place, Suite 300
Mill Valley, California
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)
(Zip C

(Zip Code)

(415) 389-7373

(Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable

(Former Name, Former Address and Former Fiscal Year, if Changed Since Last Report)

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 x No o

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 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes x No o

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 definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer x Accelerated filer o Non-accelerated filer o Smaller reporting company o Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes o No x

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 per share 78,057,518 shares outstanding as of November 2, 2010

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

REDWOOD TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In Thousands, Except Share Data)	September 30	December 31,
(Unaudited)	2010	2009
ASSETS		
Real estate loans	\$3,751,728	\$3,739,254
Real estate securities, at fair value:	. , ,	. , ,
Trading securities	309,538	277,274
Available-for-sale securities	798,183	810,471
Total real estate securities	1,107,721	1,087,745
Other investments	133	20,371
Cash and cash equivalents	189,263	242,818
Total earning assets	5,048,845	5,090,188
Restricted cash	24,128	94,306
Accrued interest receivable	13,690	18,193
Derivative assets	3,592	12,372
Deferred tax asset	2,925	4,810
Deferred asset-backed securities issuance costs	6,413	6,639
Other assets	62,555	26,142
Total Assets ⁽¹⁾	\$5,162,148	\$5,252,650
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Short-term debt	\$	\$
Accrued interest payable	6,918	5,968
Derivative liabilities	121,888	83,800
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	15,430	71,828
Dividends payable	19,496	19,434
Asset-backed securities issued Sequoia	3,567,884	3,644,933
Asset-backed securities issued Acacia	263,741	297,596
Long-term debt	140,000	140,000
Total liabilities ⁽²⁾	4,135,357	4,263,559
Equity		
Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, 100,000,000 shares authorized;	780	777
77,984,222 and 77,737,130 issued and outstanding		
Additional paid-in capital	1,686,963	1,674,367
Accumulated other comprehensive income	60,798	64,860
Cumulative earnings	460,231	364,888

Cumulative distributions to stockholders	(1,193,100)	(1,133,171)
Total stockholders equity	1,015,672	971,721
Noncontrolling interest	11,119	17,370
Total equity	1,026,791	989,091
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$5,162,148	\$5,252,650

Our consolidated balance sheets include assets of consolidated variable interest entities (VIEs) that can only be used to settle obligations of these VIEs. At September 30, 2010, these assets totaled 4,040,068.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

Our consolidated balance sheets include liabilities of consolidated VIEs for which creditors do not have recourse to the primary beneficiary (Redwood Trust, Inc.). At September 30, 2010, these liabilities totaled \$3,926,829.

REDWOOD TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (LOSS)

(In Thousands, Except Share Data) (Unaudited)	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months E September 30,					
(Onaudited)	2010		2009		2010		2009	
Interest Income								
Real estate loans	\$17,837		\$19,574		\$48,644		\$84,157	
Real estate securities	41,083		50,708		125,439		141,435	
Other investments	2		25		14		155	
Cash and cash equivalents	93		75		204		334	
Total interest income	59,015		70,382		174,301		226,081	
Interest Expense								
Short-term debt	(2)			(38)		
Asset-backed securities issued	(21,074)	(23,530)	(57,127)	(106,813)
Long-term debt	(2,619)	(1,307)	(5,875)	(4,618)
Total interest expense	(23,695)	(24,837)	(63,040)	(111,431)
Net Interest Income	35,320		45,545		111,261		114,650	
Provision for loan losses	(2,436)	(9,998)	(16,233)	(40,576)
Market valuation adjustments on trading	1 007		(1.960	`	(11,193	`	(11.067	`
instruments	1,007		(1,860)	(11,193)	(11,967)
Other-than-temporary impairments ⁽¹⁾	(2,580)	(9,198)	(8,742)	(71,470)
Market valuation adjustments, net	(1,573)	(11,058)	(19,935)	(83,437)
Net Interest Income (Loss) After Provision	31,311		24,489		75,093		(9,363	`
and Market Valuation Adjustments	31,311		24,469		73,093		(9,303)
Operating expenses	(12,245)	(14,806)	(40,778)	(36,162)
Realized gains on sales and calls, net	1,566		17,561		61,985		43,548	
Net income (loss) before provision for	20,632		27,244		96,300		(1,977)
income taxes	20,032		27,244		70,500			,
(Provision for) benefit from income taxes	(202)	247		(254)	656	
Net income (loss)	20,430		27,491		96,046		(1,321)
Less: Net income (loss) attributable to	532		363		703		(226)
noncontrolling interest	332		303		703		(220	,
Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Redwood	\$19,898		\$27,128		\$95,343		\$(1,095)
Trust, Inc.								,
Basic earnings (loss) per common share:	\$0.25		\$0.34		\$1.19		\$(0.02)
Diluted earnings (loss) per common share:	\$0.25		\$0.34		\$1.18		\$(0.02)
Regular dividends declared per common share	\$0.25		\$0.25		\$0.75		\$0.75	
Special dividends declared per common share	:							
Total dividends declared per common share	\$0.25		\$0.25		\$0.75		\$0.75	
Basic weighted average shares outstanding	77,901,970	\mathbf{C}	77,610,65	8	77,794,10	6	65,363,12	8
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding	78,961,205	5	78,059,42	8	78,763,68	9	65,363,12	8

For the three months ended September 30, 2010, other-than-temporary impairments were \$6,287, of which \$3,707 were recognized in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss). For the nine months ended September 30, 2010, other-than-temporary impairments were \$16,988, of which \$8,246 were recognized in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss).

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

REDWOOD TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EQUITY AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010

For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

REDWOOD TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(In Thousands, Except Share Data)	Nine Months Ended September 30,			
(Unaudited)	2010	2009		
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:				
Net income (loss) attributable to Redwood Trust, Inc.	\$95,343	\$(1,095)		
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating	, ,-	, , , , , ,		
activities:				
Amortization of premiums, discounts, and debt issuance costs, net	(25,508)	(1,940)		
Depreciation and amortization of non-financial assets	624	913		
Provision for loan losses	16,233	40,576		
Non-cash equity award compensation	9,757	4,599		
Market valuation adjustments, net	19,935	83,437		
Realized gains, net	(61,985)	(43,548)		
Net change in:				
Accrued interest receivable	3,967	12,102		
Deferred tax asset	1,885	1,781		
Other assets	(25,900)	31,498		
Accrued interest payable	9,095	(11,816)		
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	(56,398)	51,525		
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	(12,952)	168,032		
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:				
Purchases of real estate loans held-for-investment	(300,211)			
Principal payments on real estate loans held-for-investment	260,493	311,410		
Purchases of real estate securities available-for-sale	(235,876)	(678,952)		
Proceeds from sales of real estate securities available-for-sale	248,491	127,377		
Principal payments on real estate securities available-for-sale	104,987	99,832		
Purchases of real estate securities trading	(17,137)	(5,755)		
Proceeds from sales of real estate securities trading	6,119	4,256		
Principal payments on real estate securities trading	45,067	72,114		
Principal payments on other investments	12,513	25,433		
Net decrease (increase) in restricted cash	70,178	(24,746)		
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	194,624	(69,031)		
Cash Flows From Financing Activities:				
Proceeds from issuance of asset-backed securities	211,178			
Repurchase of asset-backed securities	(8,639)			
Deferred asset-backed security issuance costs	(1,667)			
Repayments on asset-backed securities	(330,864)	(413,495)		
Repurchase of long-term debt		(3,455)		
Net settlements of derivatives	(39,916)	(43,302)		
Net proceeds from issuance of common stock	2,842	519,042		

Common stock repurchases		(4)
Dividends paid	(59,865)	(61,975)
Change in noncontrolling interests	(8,296)	(5,521)
Net cash used in financing activities	(235,227)	(8,710)
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(53,555)	90,291
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	\$242,818	\$126,480
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$189,263	\$216,771
Supplemental Disclosures:		
Cash paid for interest	\$51,807	\$133,523
Cash paid for taxes	\$186	\$
Dividends declared but not paid at end of period	\$19,496	\$19,417

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

REDWOOD TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS September 30, 2010 (Unaudited)

Note 1. Redwood Trust

Redwood Trust, Inc., together with its subsidiaries (Redwood, we, or us), invests in, finances, and manages real estate assets. We invest in residential and commercial real estate loans and in asset-backed securities backed by real estate loans. We seek to invest in assets that have the potential to generate sufficient long-term cash flow returns to support our goal of distributing an attractive level of dividends per share to shareholders over time. For tax purposes, we are structured as a real estate investment trust (REIT).

Redwood was incorporated in the State of Maryland on April 11, 1994, and commenced operations on August 19, 1994. Our executive offices are located at One Belvedere Place, Suite 300, Mill Valley, California 94941.

Note 2. Basis of Presentation

The consolidated financial statements presented herein are as of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, and for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009. These consolidated financial statements have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) in the United States for interim financial information and with the Securities and Exchange Commission s (SEC) instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010, may not necessarily be indicative of the results for the year ending December 31, 2010. These unaudited interim consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with our audited consolidated financial statements and related notes included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009. All amounts presented herein, except per share data, are shown in thousands.

We recognize the Financial Accounting Standards Board s (FASB) Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 168, The FASB Accounting Standards Codification and the Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles a replacement of FASB Statement No. 162 (FAS 168), which establishes the Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) as the single source of authoritative GAAP in the United States.

Organization

Our consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Redwood, its direct and indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries, and other entities in which we have a controlling financial interest. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated. A number of Redwood s consolidated subsidiaries are qualifying REIT subsidiaries and the remainder are taxable subsidiaries. References to the Redwood REIT include Redwood and its qualifying REIT subsidiaries, excluding taxable subsidiaries.

We are the asset manager and an investor in the Redwood Opportunity Fund LP (the Fund) that we sponsor. The Fund primarily invests in mortgage-backed securities. We also sponsor two securitization programs. Our Sequoia program is used for the securitization of residential mortgage loans. References to Sequoia refer collectively to all the consolidated Sequoia securitization entities. Our Acacia program is used for the securitization of mortgage-backed securities and other types of financial assets. References to Acacia refer collectively to all the consolidated Acacia securitization entities.

We do not service any assets, including assets owned by the Fund, Sequoia, or Acacia.

Principles of Consolidation

We apply ASC 860 and ASC 810-10 to determine whether we must consolidate transferred financial assets and variable interest entities (VIEs) for financial reporting purposes. These standards became effective for our interests in all VIEs as of January 1, 2010, except for the Fund, as a result of the FASB s decision to delay the applicability of ASC 810-10 for private equity funds. Our determination of whether we must consolidate the Fund was made in accordance with FASB Interpretation No. 46 (revised), *Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities* (FIN 46(R)), at the time we acquired our interests in the Fund.

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REDWOOD TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS September 30, 2010 (Unaudited)

Note 2. Basis of Presentation (continued)

We currently consolidate the assets, liabilities, and noncontrolling interests of the Fund, as well as the assets and liabilities of the Sequoia and the Acacia securitization entities where we maintain continuing involvement. For financial reporting purposes, the real estate securities owned at the Fund are shown on our consolidated balance sheets under real estate securities and the portion of the Fund owned by third parties is shown under noncontrolling interest. In our consolidated statements of income (loss), we record interest income on the securities owned at the Fund. Since the Fund is currently funded with equity, there is no associated interest expense. The underlying loans and securities owned at Sequoia and Acacia entities are shown on our consolidated balance sheets under real estate loans and real estate securities and the asset-back securities (ABS) issued to third parties by these entities are shown under ABS issued. In our consolidated statements of income (loss), we record interest income on the loans and securities owned by consolidated Sequoia and Acacia entities and interest expense on the ABS issued by these entities.

See *Note 4* for further discussion on principles of consolidation.

Note 3. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires us to make a number of significant estimates. These include estimates of fair value of certain assets and liabilities, amount and timing of credit losses, prepayment rates, and other estimates that affect the reported amounts of certain assets and liabilities as of the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of certain revenues and expenses during the reported period. It is likely that changes in these estimates (e.g., valuation changes due to supply and demand, credit performance, prepayments, interest rates, or other reasons) will occur in the near term. Our estimates are inherently subjective in nature and actual results could differ from our estimates and the differences could be material.

Fair Value Option

We have the option to measure eligible financial assets, financial liabilities, and commitments at fair value on an instrument-by-instrument basis. This option is available when we first recognize a financial asset or financial liability or enter into a firm commitment. Subsequent changes in the fair value of assets, liabilities, and commitments where we have elected the fair value option are recorded in the consolidated statements of income (loss).

Our decision to apply the fair value option for new financial instruments is generally based upon our funding strategy for the specific financial asset acquired. For example, securities that we anticipate funding with equity will generally

be accounted for as available-for-sale (AFS) securities. Securities that we anticipate funding with a combination of debt and equity or those financed through the issuance of asset-backed liabilities will generally be accounted for in a consistent manner. Additionally, we may elect to apply the fair value option for financial instruments that may not perform similarly to our traditional real estate investments or are particularly volatile or complex.

See *Note 5* for further discussion on the fair value option.

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS September 30, 2010 (Unaudited)

Note 3. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Fair Value Measurements

Our financial statements include assets and liabilities that are measured at their estimated fair values in accordance with GAAP. A fair value measurement represents the price at which an orderly transaction would occur between willing market participants at the measurement date. We develop fair values for financial assets or liabilities based on available inputs and pricing that is observed in the marketplace. Examples of market information that we attempt to obtain include the following:

Quoted prices for the same or similar securities; Relevant reports issued by analysts and rating agencies;

The current level of interest rates and any directional movements in relevant indices, such as credit risk indices; Information about the performance of the underlying mortgage loans, such as delinquency and foreclosure rates, loss experience, and prepayment rates;

Indicative prices or yields from broker/dealers; and,

Other relevant observable inputs, including nonperformance risk and liquidity premiums.

After considering all available indications of the appropriate rate of return that market participants would require, we consider the reasonableness of the range indicated by the results to determine an estimate that is most representative of fair value.

The markets for many of the real estate securities that we invest in and issue are generally illiquid. Establishing fair values for illiquid assets and liabilities is inherently subjective and is often dependent upon our estimates and modeling assumptions. If we determine that either the volume and/or level of trading activity for an asset or liability has significantly decreased from normal market conditions, or price quotations or observable inputs are not associated with orderly transactions, the market inputs that we obtain might not be relevant. For example, broker or pricing service quotes might not be relevant if an active market does not exist for the financial asset or liability. The nature of the quote (for example, whether the quote is an indicative price or a binding offer) is also evaluated.

In circumstances where relevant market inputs cannot be obtained, increased analysis and management judgment are required to estimate fair value. This generally requires us to establish the use of our internal assumptions about future cash flows and appropriate risk-adjusted discount rates. Regardless of the valuation inputs we apply, the objective of fair value measurement is unchanged from what it would be if markets were operating at normal activity levels and/or transactions were orderly; that is, to determine the current exit price.

See *Note 5* for further discussion on fair value measurements.

Real Estate Loans

Residential and Commercial Real Estate Loans Fair Value

Residential and commercial real estate loans at fair value are loans where we have elected the fair value option. Coupon interest is recognized as revenue when earned and deemed collectible or until a loan becomes more than 90 days past due. Changes in fair value are recurring and are reported through our consolidated statements of income (loss) in market valuation adjustments, net.

REDWOOD TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS September 30, 2010 (Unaudited)

Note 3. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Residential and Commercial Real Estate Loans Held-for-Sale

Residential and commercial real estate loans held-for-sale are loans that we are marketing for sale to third parties. These loans are carried at the lower of their cost or fair value, as measured on an individual basis. If the fair value of a loan held-for-sale is lower than its amortized cost basis, this difference is reported as a negative market valuation adjustment through our consolidated statements of income (loss). Coupon interest for loans held-for-sale is recognized as revenue when earned and deemed collectible or until a loan becomes more than 90 days past due. Gains or losses on the sale of real estate loans are based on the specific identification method.

Residential and Commercial Real Estate Loans Held-for-Investment

Real estate loans held-for-investment include residential real estate loans owned and securitized at Sequoia entities and commercial real estate loans owned at Redwood. These loans are carried at their unpaid principal balances adjusted for net unamortized premiums or discounts and net of any allowance for loan losses. Coupon interest is recognized as revenue when earned and deemed collectible or until a loan becomes more than 90 days past due. Interest previously accrued for loans that have become greater than 90 days past due is reserved for in the allowance for loan losses. Cash principal and interest that is advanced from servicers subsequent to a loan becoming greater than 90 days past due is used to reduce the outstanding loan principal balance.

We use the interest method to determine an effective yield to amortize the premium or discount on real estate loans held-for-investment. For residential loans acquired prior to July 1, 2004, we use coupon interest rates as they change over time and anticipated principal payments to determine periodic amortization. For residential loans acquired after July 1, 2004, we use the initial coupon interest rate of the loans (without regard to future changes in the underlying indices) and anticipated principal payments to determine periodic amortization.

We reclassify loans held-for-investment to loans held-for-sale if we determine that these loans will be sold to third parties. This may occur, for example, if we exercise our right to call ABS issued by a Sequoia securitization trust and decide to subsequently sell the underlying loans to third parties.

See *Note* 6 for further discussion on real estate loans.

Real Estate Loans Allowance for Loan Losses

For real estate loans classified as held-for-investment, we establish and maintain an allowance for loan losses based on our estimate of credit losses inherent in our loan portfolios at the reporting date. To calculate the allowance for loan losses, we assess inherent losses by determining loss factors (defaults, the timing of defaults, and loss severities upon defaults) that can be specifically applied to each of the consolidated loans or pool of loans.

We consider the following factors in setting the allowance for loan losses:

Ongoing analyses of loans, including, but not limited to, the age of loans, underwriting standards, business climate, economic conditions, and other observable data;

Historical loss rates and past performance of similar loans;
Relevant environmental factors;
Relevant market research and publicly available third-party reference loss rates;
Trends in delinquencies and charge-offs;
Effects and changes in credit concentrations;

REDWOOD TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS September 30, 2010 (Unaudited)

Note 3. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Information supporting a borrower s ability to meet obligations;
Ongoing evaluations of fair values of collateral using current appraisals and other valuations; and,
Discounted cash flow analyses.

Once we determine the amount of defaults, the timing of the defaults, and severity of losses upon the defaults, we estimate expected losses for each individual loan or pool of loans over its expected life. We then estimate the timing of these losses and the losses probable to occur over an appropriate loss confirmation period. This period is defined as the range of time between the occurrence of a credit loss (such as the initial deterioration of the borrower s financial condition) and the confirmation of that loss (the actual impairment or charge-off of the loan). The losses expected to occur within the estimated loss confirmation period are the basis of our allowance for loan losses, since we believe these losses exist as of the reported date of the financial statements. We re-evaluate the adequacy of our allowance for loan losses at least quarterly.

As part of the loss mitigation efforts undertaken by servicers of residential loans owned by Sequoia securitization entities, a growing number of loan modifications have been completed to help make mortgage loans more affordable for certain borrowers. Loan modifications may include, but are not limited to: (i) conversion of a floating rate mortgage loan into a fixed rate mortgage loan; (ii) reduction in the contractual interest rate of a mortgage loan; (iii) forgiveness of a portion of the contractual interest and/or principal amounts owed on a mortgage loan; and, (iv) extension of the contractual maturity of a mortgage loan. We evaluate all loan modifications performed by servicers to determine if they constitute troubled debt restructurings according to GAAP. If a loan is determined to be a troubled debt restructuring, it is removed from the general loan pools used for calculating allowances for loan losses and assessed for impairment on an individual basis based upon any adverse change in the expected future cash flows resulting from the modification. This difference is recorded to the provision for loan losses in the consolidated statements of income (loss).

See *Note* 7 for further discussion on the allowance for loan losses.

We do not currently maintain a loan repurchase reserve and management is not aware of any outstanding repurchase claims against Redwood that would require the establishment of such a reserve. We do not originate real estate loans and we believe that risk of loss due to loan repurchases (i.e., due to breach of representations and warranties) would generally be a contingency to the companies from whom we acquired the loans and therefore would be covered by our recourse to those companies. In circumstances where we believe that there is a risk of loss due to a loan repurchase demand (i.e., due to an allegation of a breach of representations and warranties), and we do not believe that full recourse to the company from whom we acquired the loan exists or is enforceable, we will review the need for any loan repurchase reserve in accordance with FASB guidance on accounting for contingencies and establish reserves

when, in the opinion of management, it is probable that a matter would result in a liability, and the amount of loss, if any, can be reasonably estimated.

Real Estate Securities, at Fair Value

Trading Securities

Trading securities include residential, commercial, and collateralized debt obligation (CDO) securities. Trading securities are carried at their estimated fair values. Coupon interest is recognized as interest income when earned and deemed collectible. All changes in fair value are reported through our consolidated statements of income (loss) in market valuation adjustments, net.

REDWOOD TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS September 30, 2010 (Unaudited)

Note 3. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

We primarily denote trading securities as those securities where we have adopted the fair value option. We currently account for certain securities at Redwood and all securities at Acacia entities as trading securities, at fair value.

Available-for-Sale Securities

AFS securities include certain residential, commercial, and CDO securities. AFS securities are carried at their estimated fair values with cumulative unrealized gains and losses reported as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) in our consolidated statements of equity. Coupon interest is recognized as interest income when earned and deemed collectible, and the interest method is used to determine an effective yield to amortize purchase premiums, discounts, and fees associated with these securities into income over time. This requires us to project cash flows over the remaining life of each security and make assumptions with regards to interest rates, prepayment rates, the timing and amount of credit losses, and other factors. We review our cash flow projections on an ongoing basis and monitor these projections based on input and analyses received from external sources, internal models, and our own judgment and experience.

For an AFS security where its fair value has declined below its amortized cost basis, we evaluate the security for other-than-temporary impairment (OTTI). If we either (i) intend to sell the impaired security; (ii) will more likely than not be required to the sell the impaired security before it recovers in value; or, (iii) do not expect to recover the impaired security s amortized cost basis even if we do not intend to sell the security the impairment is deemed an OTTI and we record the entire difference between the security s fair value and its amortized cost in our consolidated statements of income (loss). Conversely, if none of these three conditions are met, we analyze the expected cash flows, or cost recovery of the security, to determine what, if any, OTTI is recognized through our consolidated statements of income (loss). This analysis includes an assessment of any changes in the regulatory and/or economic environment that might affect the performance of the security.

If we conclude through our analysis that there has been no significant adverse change in our cash flow assumptions for the security, then the impairment is deemed temporary in nature and the associated difference between the security s fair value and its amortized cost basis is recorded as an unrealized loss through accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), a component of stockholders equity. Alternatively, if we conclude that there has been a significant adverse change in our cash flow assumptions for the security, then the impairment is deemed an OTTI and we perform an additional analysis to determine what portion of OTTI, if any, should be recorded through our consolidated statements of income (loss). This analysis entails discounting the security s cash flows to a present value using the prior period yield for the security to determine an expected recoverable value. The difference between this expected recoverable value and the amortized cost basis of the security is deemed to be the credit component of the OTTI that is

recorded in our consolidated statements of income (loss). The amortized cost of the security is then adjusted to the expected recoverable value, and the difference between this expected recoverable value and the fair value is deemed to be the non-credit component of the OTTI that is recorded to accumulated other comprehensive income (loss). Future amortization and accretion for the security is computed based upon the new amortized cost basis.

In the second quarter of 2009, as part of our adoption of new authoritative GAAP that we currently use to evaluate impairments on AFS securities, we evaluated \$450 million of previously recorded OTTI on securities still held at April 1, 2009. We determined that \$224 million of these OTTI related to securities where we either had the intent to sell or the OTTI did not include a non-credit component. The remaining \$226 million of these OTTI related to securities that included a \$165 million aggregate credit component and a \$61 million aggregate non-credit component (of which \$60 million related to Redwood s interest and \$1 million related to noncontrolling interest at the Fund). In accordance with the adoption guidance, we

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recorded a \$61 million one-time cumulative-effect adjustment, net of any related tax effects, to reclassify the non-credit component of these OTTI previously recorded through our consolidated statements of income (loss), as was prescribed under previous GAAP. This reclassification increased retained earnings and decreased other comprehensive income (OCI), resulting in zero net impact to reported stockholders equity and noncontrolling interest.

See *Note* 8 for further discussion on real estate securities.

Other Investments

Other investments include a guaranteed investment contract (GIC) entered into by an Acacia securitization entity that we consolidate for financial statement purposes. We account for this investment under the fair value option. Changes in fair value are reported through our consolidated statements of income (loss) through market valuation adjustments, net. Interest income is reported through our consolidated statements of income (loss) through interest income, other investments.

See *Note* 9 for further discussion on other investments.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include non-restricted cash and highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less. At September 30, 2010, more than 80% of our cash and cash equivalents were invested in U.S. Government Treasury Bills or FDIC-insured bank products.

Restricted Cash

Restricted cash primarily includes principal and interest payments that are collateral for, or payable to, owners of ABS issued by consolidated securitization entities. Restricted cash may also include cash retained in Acacia or Sequoia securitization entities or in the Fund prior to the purchase of loans or securities, payments on or redemption of outstanding ABS issued, or distributions to limited partners. At September 30, 2010, we did not have any significant concentrations of credit risk arising from restricted cash deposits as more than 99% of our restricted cash was held in custodial accounts, invested in U.S. Government Treasury Bills, or held in FDIC-insured bank products.

Accrued Interest Receivable

Accrued interest receivable represents interest that is due and payable to us. Cash interest is generally received within thirty days of recording the receivable. For financial assets where we have elected the fair value option, the associated accrued interest on these assets is measured at fair value. For financial assets where we have not elected the fair value option, the associated accrued interest carrying values approximate fair values.

Derivative Financial Instruments

Derivative financial instruments include risk management derivatives namely interest rate agreements and credit derivatives. All derivative financial instruments are recorded at fair value in our consolidated balance sheets. Derivatives with a positive fair value to us are reported as an asset and derivatives with a negative fair value to us are reported as a liability. We classify each of our derivative financial instruments as either (i) a trading instrument (no hedging designation); or, (ii) a hedge of a forecasted transaction or of the variability of cash flows to be received or paid related to a recognized asset or liability (cash flow hedge).

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Changes in fair value of derivatives accounted for as trading instruments, including any associated interest income or expense, are recorded in our consolidated statements of income (loss) through market valuation adjustments, net.

Changes in the fair value of derivatives accounted for as cash flow hedges, to the extent they are effective, are recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), a component of stockholders equity. Interest income or expense and any ineffectiveness associated with these hedging derivatives are recorded as a component of net interest income in our consolidated statements of income (loss). We measure the effective portion of cash flow hedges by comparing the change in fair value of the expected future variable cash flows of the derivative hedging instruments with the change in fair value of the expected future variable cash flows of the hedged liabilities.

We will discontinue cash flow hedge accounting if (i) we determine that the hedging derivative is no longer expected to be effective in offsetting changes in the cash flows of the designated hedged item; (ii) the derivative expires or is sold, terminated, or exercised; (iii) the derivative is de-designated as a cash flow hedge; or (iv) it is probable that a forecasted transaction associated with the hedged item will not occur by the end of the originally specified time period. To the extent we de-designate a cash flow hedging relationship but the associated hedged item continues to exist, the fair value of the cash flow hedge at the time of de-designation remains in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) and is amortized using the straight-line method through interest expense over the remaining life of the hedged liability.

Risk Management Derivatives

Risk management derivatives that we currently utilize include interest rate swaps and caps. Interest rate swaps are derivative contracts in which (i) one party exchanges a stream of fixed interest payments for another party s stream of variable interest cash flows; or (ii) each party exchanges variable interest cash flows that are referenced to different indices. Interest rate caps are derivative contracts in which the buyer receives payments at the end of each period in which the interest rate exceeds an agreed upon strike price. We enter into interest rate swaps and caps primarily to reduce significant changes in our income or stockholders equity caused by interest rate volatility.

Other risk management derivatives we currently utilize include To Be Announced (TBA) contracts and financial futures contracts such as Eurodollar futures and Treasury futures. TBA contracts are forward commitments to purchase agency mortgage-backed securities to be issued in the future. Financial futures are futures contracts on short-term interest rates. We purchase or sell these hedging instruments to offset to varying degrees changes in the value of mortgage products in which we have exposure.

Credit Derivatives

Credit derivatives that we currently utilize include credit default swaps (CDS), which are agreements to provide (receive) credit event protection based on a financial index or specific security in exchange for receiving (paying) a fixed-rate fee or premium over the term of the contract. These instruments enable us, or our consolidated securitization entities, to synthetically assume the credit risk of a reference security or index of securities. The estimated fair values of these contracts fluctuate for a variety of reasons, such as the likelihood or occurrence of a qualifying credit event (e.g., an interest shortfall, a failure to pay principal, or a distressed rating downgrade), the market perception of default risk and counterparty risk, and supply and demand changes.

See *Note 10* for further discussion on derivative financial instruments.

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Deferred Tax Assets

Our deferred tax assets are generated by differences in GAAP and taxable income at our taxable subsidiaries. These differences generally reflect differing accounting treatments for tax and GAAP, such as accounting for discount and premium amortization, credit losses, equity awards, asset impairments, and certain valuation estimates. As a result of these differences, we may recognize taxable income in periods prior to when we recognize income for GAAP. When this occurs, we pay the tax liability and establish a deferred tax asset for GAAP. As the income is subsequently realized in future periods under GAAP, the deferred tax asset is reduced.

Deferred Asset-Backed Securities Issuance Costs

ABS issuance costs are expenses associated with the issuance of ABS from the Sequoia securitization entities we sponsor. These expenses typically include underwriting, rating agency, legal, accounting, and other fees. ABS issuance costs associated with liabilities accounted for under the fair value option are expensed as incurred. ABS issuance costs associated with liabilities reported at cost are deferred. Deferred ABS issuance costs are reported on our consolidated balance sheets as deferred charges (an asset) and are amortized as an adjustment to interest expense using the interest method, based upon the actual and estimated repayment schedules of the related ABS issued.

Other Assets

Other assets include real estate owned (REO), derivative margin receivables, fixed assets, principal receivable and other prepaid expenses. REO property acquired through, or in lieu of, loan foreclosure is initially recorded at fair value, and subsequently reported at the lower of carrying amount or fair value (less estimated cost to sell). Changes in the fair value of an REO property that has a fair value at or below its carrying amount are recorded in our consolidated statements of income (loss) as a component of market valuation adjustments, net. Derivative margin receivables reflect cash collateral Redwood has posted with our various hedge counterparties as required to satisfy the minimum margin requirements. All other assets are reported at cost.

See Note 11 for further discussion on other assets.

Short-Term Debt

Short-term debt can include master repurchase agreements, bank borrowings, and other forms of collateralized borrowings with various commercial banks and investment banks that expire within one year. These facilities may be unsecured or collateralized by loans or securities. While we incurred short-term debt during the first nine months of 2010, we had no short-term debt outstanding at September 30, 2010.

Accrued Interest Payable

Accrued interest payable represents interest that is due and payable to third parties. Interest is generally paid within one to three months of recording the payable, based upon our remittance requirements. For borrowings where we have elected the fair value option, the associated accrued interest on these liabilities is measured at fair value. For financial liabilities where we have not elected the fair value option, the associated accrued interest carrying values approximate fair values.

Asset-Backed Securities Issued Sequoia and Acacia

The majority of the liabilities reported on our consolidated balance sheets represent ABS issued by bankruptcy-remote securitization entities sponsored by Redwood. Sequoia and Acacia assets are held in the custody of trustees. These trustees collect principal and interest payments (less servicing and related fees) from the assets and make corresponding principal and interest payments to the ABS investors. ABS obligations are payable solely from the assets of these entities and are not obligations of Redwood.

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Sequoia ABS Issued

Sequoia ABS issued are carried at their unpaid principal balances net of any unamortized discount or premium.

Acacia ABS Issued

Acacia ABS issued are accounted for under the fair value option and carried at their estimated fair values. Changes in fair value (gains or losses) are reported in our consolidated statements of income (loss) through market valuation adjustments, net.

See Note 12 for further discussion on ABS issued.

Long-Term Debt

Long-term debt includes trust preferred securities and subordinated notes at Redwood and is carried at its unpaid principal balance. Our long-term debt is unsecured with quarterly interest payments at a floating rate equal to the three-month London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) plus a margin until it is redeemed in whole or matures at a future date.

See *Note 13* for further discussion on long-term debt.

Equity

Earnings (Loss) Per Common Share

Basic earnings per share (EPS) is computed by dividing net income allocated to common shareholders by the weighted average common shares outstanding. Net income allocated to common shareholders represents net income applicable to common shareholders, less income allocated to participating securities (as described below). Diluted earnings per common share is computed by dividing income allocated to common shareholders by the weighted average common shares outstanding plus amounts representing the dilutive effect of equity awards.

On January 1, 2009, we adopted new accounting guidance on EPS that defines unvested share-based payment awards that contain nonforfeitable rights to dividends as participating securities that are included in computing EPS using the

two-class method. The two-class method is an earnings allocation formula under which EPS is calculated for common stock and participating securities according to dividends declared and participating rights in undistributed earnings. Under this method, all earnings (distributed and undistributed) are allocated to participating securities and common shares based on their respective rights to receive dividends. Our adoption of this guidance required us to recast previously reported EPS and did not have a significant impact on EPS.

Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

Net unrealized gains and losses on real estate securities available-for-sale and interest rate agreements previously designated as cash flow hedges are reported as components of other comprehensive income (loss) on our consolidated statements of equity and comprehensive income (loss). Net unrealized gains and losses on securities and interest rate agreements held by our taxable subsidiaries that are reported in other comprehensive income (loss) are adjusted for the effects of taxation and may create deferred tax assets or liabilities.

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Noncontrolling Interest

Noncontrolling interest represents the aggregate limited partnership interests in the Fund held by third parties. In accordance with GAAP, the noncontrolling interest of the Fund is shown as a component of equity on our consolidated balance sheets, and the portion of income (loss) allocable to third parties is shown as net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interest in our consolidated statements of income (loss). A reconciliation of equity attributable to noncontrolling interest is disclosed in our consolidated statements of equity and comprehensive income (loss).

Equity Compensation Plans

Incentive Plan

In May 2010, our shareholders approved an amendment to our previously amended 2002 Redwood Trust, Inc. Incentive Plan (Incentive Plan) for executive officers, employees, and non-employee directors. The amendment provided for an increase in the number of shares available for distribution under the plan. The Incentive Plan authorizes our Board of Directors (or a committee appointed by our Board of Directors) to grant incentive stock options (ISOs), non-qualifying stock options (NQSOs), deferred stock units (DSUs), restricted stock, performance shares, performance units (including cash), stock appreciation rights, limited stock appreciation rights (awards), and dividend equivalent rights (DERs) to eligible recipients other than non-employee directors. These awards generally vest over a four-year period. Non-employee directors are also provided annual awards under the Incentive Plan that generally vest immediately.

The cost of equity awards is determined in accordance with share-based payment accounting guidance and amortized over the vesting term using an accelerated method for equity awards granted prior to December 1, 2008. For equity awards granted after December 1, 2008, the cost of the awards is amortized over the vesting period on a straight-line basis. Timing differences between the accelerated and straight-line methods of amortization were determined to not be material to our financial statements.

Employee Stock Purchase Plan

In May 2009, our stockholders approved an amendment to our 2002 Redwood Trust, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan (ESPP) to increase the number of shares available under the ESPP. The purpose of the ESPP is to give our

employees an opportunity to acquire an equity interest in Redwood through the purchase of shares of common stock at a discount. The ESPP allows eligible employees to purchase common stock at 85% of its fair value, subject to certain limits. Fair value as defined under the ESPP is the lesser of the closing market price of the common stock on the first day of the calendar year or the first day of the calendar quarter.

Executive Deferred Compensation Plan

In May 2002, our Board of Directors approved our 2002 Executive Deferred Compensation Plan (EDCP). The EDCP allows eligible employees and directors to defer portions of current salary and certain other forms of compensation. Redwood matches some deferrals. Compensation deferred under the EDCP is an asset of Redwood and subject to the claims of the general creditors of Redwood. The EDCP allows for the investment of deferrals in either an interest crediting account or DSUs.

See Note 16 for further discussion on equity compensation plans.

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Note 3. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Taxes

We have elected to be taxed as a REIT under the Internal Revenue Code and the corresponding provisions of state law. To qualify as a REIT we must distribute at least 90% of our annual REIT taxable income to shareholders (not including taxable income retained in our taxable subsidiaries) within the time frame set forth in the tax code and also meet certain other requirements related to assets, income, and stock ownership. We assess our tax positions for all open tax years and determine whether we have any material unrecognized liabilities in accordance with FASB guidance on accounting for uncertainty in income taxes. We record these liabilities to the extent we deem them incurred. We classify interest and penalties on material uncertain tax positions as interest expense and operating expense, respectively, in our consolidated statements of income (loss).

See *Note 18* for further discussion on taxes.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In April 2010, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2010-18, Effect of a Loan Modification When the Loan Is Part of a Pool That Is Accounted for as a Single Asset a consensus of the FASB Emerging Issues Task Force, to clarify the accounting for loan modifications when the loan is part of a pool of loans that is accounted for as a single asset. This ASU only applies to acquired loans that have evidence of credit deterioration upon acquisition. The new guidance provides that modification of such loans that are accounted for within a pool does not result in the removal of those loans from the pool even if the modification of those loans would otherwise be considered a troubled debt restructuring. The entity would continue to consider whether such pool of assets is impaired if the expected cash flows for the pool change. The amended guidance was effective for a modification of a loan(s) accounted for within a pool occurring in the first interim or annual period ending on or after July 15, 2010. The amended guidance must be applied prospectively, and early application is permitted. This ASU did not have an effect on our accounting for loan modification, as none of the loans on our balance sheet had evidence of credit deterioration upon acquisition.

In July 2010, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2010-20, *Disclosures about the Credit Quality of Financing Receivables and the Allowance for Credit Losses*, which amends ASC 310 by requiring more robust and disaggregated disclosures about the credit quality of an entity s financing receivables and its allowance for credit losses. The objective of enhancing these disclosures is to improve financial statement users understanding of (1) the nature of an entity s credit risk associated with its financing receivables and (2) the entity s assessment of that risk in estimating its allowance for credit losses as well as changes in the allowance and the reasons for those changes. ASU

2010-20 requires disclosures of the portfolio segment and class of financing receivable levels, and focuses on the following: nonaccrual and past due financing receivables, allowance for credit losses related to financing receivables, impaired loans (individually evaluated for impairment), credit quality information, and modification. The amended guidance is effective for public companies in the first interim or annual period ending on or after December 31, 2010. ASU 2010-20 will increase our loan and allowance for loan loss disclosures, but will not have an effect on our consolidated financial statements.

Note 4. Principles of Consolidation

We apply ASC 860 and ASC 810-10 to determine whether we must consolidate transferred financial assets and variable interest entities (VIEs) for financial reporting purposes. ASC 860 considers whether securitizations and other transfers of financial assets are treated as sales or financings. Additionally, ASC 810-10 addresses whether VIEs (e.g., certain legal entities often used in securitization and other structured finance transactions) should be included in the consolidated financial statements of any particular interested party. These standards became effective for our interests in all VIEs as of January 1, 2010, except for the

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Fund as a result of the FASB s decision to delay the applicability of ASC 810-10 for private equity funds. Our determination of whether we must consolidate the Fund was performed in accordance with FASB Interpretation No. 46 (revised), *Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities* (FIN 46(R)), at the time we acquired our interests in the Fund.

Analysis of Consolidated VIEs

The VIEs we are required to consolidate include the Fund, certain Sequoia securitization entities, and the Acacia entities. The following table presents a summary of the assets and liabilities of these VIEs.

Assets and Liabilities of Consolidated VIEs at September 30, 2010

(Dollars in thousands)	The Fund	Sequoia Entities	Acacia Entities	Total
Real estate loans	\$	\$ 3,668,551	\$ 19,449	\$ 3,688,000
Real estate securities	23,781		286,712	310,493
Other investments			133	133
Other assets	2,456	22,660	28,826	53,942
Total Assets	\$ 26,237	\$ 3,691,211	\$ 335,120	\$ 4,052,568
Asset-backed securities	\$	\$ 3,567,884	\$ 263,741	\$ 3,831,625
Other liabilities	1,130	3,509	90,565	95,204
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,130	\$ 3,571,393	\$ 354,306	\$ 3,926,829
Noncontrolling interest	\$ 11,119	\$	\$	\$ 11,119
Number of VIEs	1	37	10	48

We determined that we are the primary beneficiary of the Fund as our ongoing asset management responsibilities provide us with the power to direct the activities that most significantly impact the economic performance of the Fund, and our significant general and limited partnership interests provide us with the obligation to absorb losses or the right to receive benefits that are significant.

We consolidate the assets and liabilities of certain Sequoia securitization entities issued prior to 2010, as we did not meet the sale criteria at the time we transferred financial assets to these entities. Had we not been the transferor and depositor of these securitizations, we would likely not have consolidated them as we determined that we are not the primary beneficiary of these entities in accordance with ASC 810-10.

In April 2010, we sponsored a \$238 million residential prime jumbo mortgage securitization through our Sequoia program and recorded the assets and liabilities of this entity on our consolidated balance sheet, as we did not meet the sale criteria at the time we transferred financial assets to this entity. We determined that we are the primary beneficiary of this Sequoia entity as our ongoing loss mitigation and resolution responsibilities provide us with the power to direct the activities that most significantly impact the economic performance of the entity and our significant investment interests provide us with the obligation to absorb losses or the right to receive benefits that are significant.

We consolidate the assets and liabilities of the Acacia securitization entities on our consolidated balance sheets, as we did not meet the sale criteria at the time we transferred financial assets to these entities and we are the primary beneficiary of these Acacia VIEs. Our ongoing asset management responsibilities and call options provide us with the power to direct the activities that most significantly impact the economic performance of these individual entities, and our equity investments in each entity provide us with the obligation to absorb losses or the right to receive benefits that are significant.

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Note 4. Principles of Consolidation (continued)

Analysis of Non-Consolidated VIEs

Third-party VIEs are securitization entities that Redwood did not sponsor. We may own several securities from a third-party VIE, and in those cases, the analysis is done in consideration of all of our interests in that VIE. We determined that we are not the primary beneficiary of any third-party residential, commercial, re-REMIC, or CDO entities, as we do not have the required power to direct the activities that most significantly impact the economic performance of these entities. Specifically, we do not service or manage these entities or otherwise hold decision making powers that are significant. As a result of this assessment, we do not consolidate any of the underlying assets and liabilities of these third-party VIEs we only account for our specific interests in each.

The following table presents a summary of Redwood s interest in third-party VIEs at September 30, 2010, grouped by collateral type and ownership interest.

Third-party VIE Summary

September 30, 2010 (Dollars in Thousands)	Fair Value	Number of VIEs
Real estate securities at Redwood		
Residential		
Senior	\$ 670,040	101
Re-REMIC	74,891	9
Subordinate	43,425	198
Commercial	7,912	14
CDO	960	10
Total Third-party Real Estate Securities	\$ 797,228	332

Our future assessments of whether we are required to consolidate a VIE may change based upon the facts and circumstances pertaining to each VIE. Changes in accounting for any VIE could result in a material impact to our financial statements in subsequent reporting periods.

Note 5. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

For financial reporting purposes, we follow a fair value hierarchy established under GAAP that is used to measure the fair value of the assets and liabilities in the table above. This hierarchy prioritizes relevant market inputs in order to

determine an exit price, or the price at which an asset could be sold or a liability could be transferred in an orderly process that is not a forced liquidation or distressed sale at the date of measurement. Additionally, relevant market data, to the extent available and not internally generated, or entity specific information should be used to determine fair value. Level 1 inputs are observable inputs that reflect quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets. Level 2 inputs are observable inputs other than quoted prices for an asset or liability that are obtained through corroboration with observable market data. Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs (e.g., our own data or assumptions) that are used when there is little, if any, relevant market activity for the asset or liability being measured at fair value.

In certain cases, inputs used to measure fair value fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, the level in which the fair value measurement in its entirety falls is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Our assessment of the significance of a particular input requires judgment and considers factors specific to the asset or liability being measured.

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Note 5. Fair Value of Financial Instruments (continued)

The following table presents the carrying values and estimated fair values of assets and liabilities that are required to be recorded or disclosed at fair value as of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009.

	September 30, 2010		December 31.	, 2009
(In Thousands)	Carrying	Fair	Carrying	Fair
(In Thousands)	Value	Value	Value	Value
Assets				
Real estate loans (held-for-investment)	\$ 3,730,520	\$ 3,178,777	\$ 3,724,791	\$ 3,000,496
Real estate loans (held-for-sale)	1,759	1,759	2,374	2,374
Real estate loans (fair value)	19,449	19,449	12,089	12,089
Trading securities	309,538	309,538	277,274	277,274
Available-for-sale securities	798,183	798,183	810,471	810,471
Other investments	133	133	20,371	20,371
Cash and equivalents	189,263	189,263	242,818	242,818
Derivative assets	3,592	3,592	12,372	12,372
Restricted cash	24,128	24,128	94,306	94,306
Accrued interest receivable	13,690	13,690	18,193	18,193
REO (included in other assets)	10,915	10,915	17,421	17,421
Liabilities				
Derivative liabilities	121,888	121,888	83,800	83,800
Accrued interest payable	6,918	6,918	5,968	5,968
ABS Issued				
ABS issued Sequoia	3,567,884	2,869,542	3,644,933	2,909,032
ABS issued Acacia	263,741	263,741	297,596	297,596
Total ABS issued	3,831,625	3,133,283	3,942,529	3,206,628
Long-term debt	140,000	63,000	140,000	68,600

We elected the fair value option for \$17 million of residential senior securities that we acquired in the first nine months of 2010. During 2009, we elected the fair value option for certain ABS issued by Sequoia and acquired by Acacia as a result of the deconsolidation of certain Sequoia entities during 2008 and 2009. These ABS issued had been previously eliminated as intercompany assets for financial reporting purposes.

During 2008, we elected the fair value option for all of the loans, securities, and ABS issued at Acacia. At September 30, 2010, the loans had an aggregate fair value of \$19 million and an unpaid principal balance of \$23 million, the securities had an aggregate fair value of \$287 million and an unpaid principal balance of \$1.8 billion, and the

asset-backed securities issued had an aggregate fair value of \$264 million and an unpaid principal balance of \$3.0 billion.

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Note 5. Fair Value of Financial Instruments (continued)

The following table presents assets and liabilities recorded at fair value on our consolidated balance sheet on a recurring basis and indicates the fair value hierarchy of the valuation techniques used to measure fair value.

Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis as of September 30, 2010

(In Thousands)	Carrying		Fair Value Measurements Using				
(In Thousands)	Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3			
Assets							
Real estate loans	\$ 19,449	\$	\$	\$ 19,449			
Trading securities	309,538			309,538			
Available-for-sale securities	798,183			798,183			
Other investments	133		133				
Derivative assets	3,592	6	3,586				
Liabilities							
ABS issued Acacia	263,741			263,741			
Derivative liabilities	121,888	752	121,003	133			

Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis as of December 31, 2009

	Carrying		Fair Value Measurements Using			
(In Thousands)	Value	Level	Level 2	Level 3		
Assets						
Real estate loans	\$ 12,089	\$	\$	\$ 12,089		
Trading securities	277,274			277,274		
Available-for-sale securities	810,471			810,471		
Other investments	20,371		20,371			
Derivative assets	12,372		12,326	46		
Liabilities						
ABS issued Acacia	297,596			297,596		
Derivative liabilities	83,800		63,499	20,301		

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Note 5. Fair Value of Financial Instruments (continued)

The following table presents additional information about Level 3 assets and liabilities during the nine months ended September 30, 2010.

Changes in Level 3 Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis

(In Thousands)	Assets Real Estate Loans	Trading Securities	AFS Securities	Derivativ Assets	Liabilities ABS Issued Acacia	Derivative Liabilities
Beginning balance December 31, 2009	\$12,089	\$277,274	\$810,471	\$ 46	\$297,596	\$20,301
Principal paydowns	13	(45,068)	(104,986)		(61,699)	
Gains (losses) in net income, net	7,347	65,854	25,195	(22)	19,699	(282)
Gains (losses) in OCI, net			26,830			
Acquisitions		17,137	235,876			
Sales		(6,119)	(195,279)			
Other settlements, net		460	76	(24)	8,145	(19,886)
Ending Balance September 30, 2010	\$19,449	\$309,538	\$798,183	\$	\$263,741	\$133

The following table presents the portion of gains or losses included in our consolidated statement of income (loss) that were attributable to Level 3 assets and liabilities recorded at fair value on a recurring basis and still held at September 30, 2010 and 2009. Gains or losses incurred on assets or liabilities sold or otherwise disposed of during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 are not included in this presentation.

Portion of Net Gains (Losses) Attributable to Level 3 Assets and Liabilities Still Held at September 30, 2010 and 2009 Included in Net Income (Loss)

Included in Net Income (Loss)

Three Months Ended
September 30,
2010

(In Thousands)

Assets				
Real estate loans	\$ 3	\$ (1,752)	\$ 7,347	\$ (5,719)
Trading securities	46,819	42,433	64,531	8,939
Available-for-sale securities	(2,580)	(9,198)	(8,361)	(60,721)
Derivative assets	16	(27)	16	204
Liabilities				
ABS issued Acacia	(25,703)	(26,656)	(19,699)	(23,759)
Derivative liabilities	19	298	129	690

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Note 5. Fair Value of Financial Instruments (continued)

The following table presents information on assets and liabilities recorded at fair value on a non-recurring basis at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009.

Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Non-Recurring Basis as of September 30, 2010

		Fair Value Measurements Using			Gain (Los Three Months	ss) Nine Months	
(In Thousands)	Carrying Value	Level	Level 2	Level 3	Ended Septembe 30, 2010	Ended r September 30 2010),
Assets							
Real estate loans (held-for-sale)	\$ 1,759	\$	\$	\$ 1,759	\$ 159	\$ 335	
REO	10,915			10,915	(620)	(1,979))

Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Non-Recurring Basis as of December 31, 2009

		Fair Value Measurements Using			Gain (Los Three Months	ss) Nine Mon	ths
(In Thousands)	Carrying Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Ended Septembe 30, 2009	Ended r September 2009	30,
Assets							
Real estate loans (held-for-sale)	\$ 2,374	\$	\$	\$ 2,374	\$ (9)	\$ (86)
REO	17,421			17,421	(574)	(2,497)

The following table presents the components of market valuation adjustments, net, recorded in our consolidated statements of income (loss) for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009.

Market Valuation Adjustments, Net

	Three Montl September 3	=	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
(In Thousands)	2010	2009	2010	2009
Assets				
Real estate loans (fair value)	\$ 3	\$ (1,752)	\$ 7,347	\$ (5,719)
Real estate loans (held-for-sale)	159	(8)	335	(86)
REO	(620)	(574)	(1,979)	(2,497)
Trading securities	47,375	42,266	65,854	7,082
Impairments on AFS securities	(2,580)	(9,198)	(8,742)	(71,470)
Liabilities				
ABS issued Acacia	(25,703)	(26,656)	(19,699)	(23,759)
Derivative instruments, net	(20,207)	(15,136)	(63,051)	13,012
Market Valuation Adjustments, Net	\$ (1,573)	\$ (11,058)	\$ (19,935)	\$ (83,437)

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Note 5. Fair Value of Financial Instruments (continued)

A description of the instruments measured at fair value as well as the general classification of such instruments pursuant to the Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3 valuation hierarchy is listed below.

Real estate loans

Residential real estate loan fair values are determined by available market quotes and discounted cash flow analyses (Level 3).

Commercial real estate loan fair values are determined by available market quotes and discounted cash flow analyses (Level 3).

Real estate securities

Real estate securities are residential, commercial, CDO, and other asset-backed securities that are illiquid in nature and trade infrequently. Fair values are determined by discounted cash flow analyses and other valuation techniques using market pricing assumptions that are confirmed by third-party dealer/pricing indications, to the extent available. Significant inputs in the valuation analysis are predominantly Level 3 in nature, due to the lack of readily available market quotes and related inputs. Relevant market indicators that are factored in the analyses include bid/ask spreads, credit losses, interest rates, and prepayment speeds. Estimated fair values are based on applying the market indicators to generate discounted cash flows (Level 3).

We request and consider indications of value (marks) from third-party dealers to assist us in our valuation process. The availability of third-party marks continues to decline, in part because some dealers no longer exist and others have ceased providing client valuation services. For September 30, 2010, we received dealer marks on 78% of our securities. In the aggregate, our internal valuations of the securities on which we received dealer marks were 1% lower (i.e., more conservative) than the aggregate dealer marks.

Other investments

Other investments currently include a GIC. Management considers the GIC s fair value to approximate its contract value, as the GIC earns a variable interest rate of LIBOR less 5 basis points and resets on a monthly basis (Level 2).

Derivative assets and liabilities

Our derivative instruments include interest rate agreements, TBAs, financial futures, and credit default swaps. Fair values of derivative instruments are determined using quoted prices from active markets when available or valuation models and are verified by valuations provided by dealers active in derivative markets. TBA and financial futures fair values are generally obtained using quoted prices from active markets (Level 1). Valuation models require a variety of inputs, including contractual terms, market prices, yield curves, credit curves, measures of volatility, prepayment rates, and correlations of such inputs. Model inputs for interest rate agreements can generally be verified and model selection does not involve significant management judgment (Level 2). For other derivatives, such as certain CDS, valuations are based on various factors such as liquidity, bid/offer spreads, and credit considerations for which we rely on available market evidence. In the absence of such evidence, management s best estimate is used (Level 3).

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less. Fair values equal carrying values.

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Note 5. Fair Value of Financial Instruments (continued)

Restricted cash

Restricted cash primarily includes interest-earning cash balances in ABS entities and the Fund for the purpose of distribution to bondholders or limited partners, and reinvestment. Due to the short-term nature of the restrictions, fair values approximate carrying values.

Accrued interest receivable and payable

Accrued interest receivable and payable includes interest due on our assets and payable on our liabilities. Due to the short-term nature of when these interest payments will be received or paid, fair values approximate carrying values.

Short-term debt

Short-term debt includes our credit facilities that mature within one year. Short-term debt is generally at an adjustable rate. Fair values approximate carrying values.

ABS issued

ABS issued includes asset-backed securities issued through our Sequoia and Acacia programs. These instruments are illiquid in nature and trade infrequently, if at all. Fair values are determined by discounted cash flow analyses and other valuation techniques using market pricing assumptions that are confirmed by third-party dealer/pricing indications, to the extent available. Significant inputs in the valuation analysis are predominantly Level 3, due to the nature of these instruments and the lack of readily available market quotes. Relevant market indicators factored into the analyses include dealer price indications to the extent available, bid/ask spreads, external spreads, collateral credit losses, interest rates and collateral prepayment speeds. Estimated fair values are based on applying the market indicators to generate discounted cash flows (Level 3).

We request and consider indications of value (marks) from third-party dealers to assist us in our valuation process. The availability of third-party marks continues to decline, in part because some dealers no longer exist and others have ceased providing client valuation services. For September 30, 2010, we received dealer marks on 94% of our ABS issued. Our internal valuations of our ABS issued on which we received dealer marks were 3% higher (i.e., more conservative) than the aggregate dealer marks.

Long-term debt

Long-term debt includes our subordinated notes and trust preferred securities. Fair values are determined using comparable market indicators of current pricing. Significant inputs in the valuation analysis are predominantly Level 3 due to the nature of these instruments and the lack of readily available market quotes. Estimated fair values are based on applying the market indicators to generate discounted cash flows (Level 3).

Real Estate Owned (REO)

REO includes properties owned in satisfaction of foreclosed loans. Fair values are determined using available market quotes, appraisals, broker price opinions, comparable properties, or other indications of value (Level 3). 24

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Note 6. Real Estate Loans

We invest in residential and commercial real estate loans that we acquire from third-party originators. We finance these loans through the Sequoia and Acacia entities that we sponsor or with equity or long-term debt.

The following table summarizes the classifications and carrying value of the residential and commercial real estate loans recorded on our consolidated balance sheets at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009.

(In Thousands)

September
30, &nbs
2010