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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 March 31, 2012  
OR  
 TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

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

**ARMOUR RESIDENTIAL REIT, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Maryland**  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

**001-33736**  
(Commission File Number)

**26-1908763**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**3001 Ocean Drive, Suite 201, Vero Beach, FL 32963**

(Address of principal executive offices)(zip code)

**(772) 617-4340**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:**

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 twelve 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 during the preceding twelve 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, or a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See definition of "larger 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

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

The number of outstanding shares of the Registrant's common stock as of May 1, 2012 was 177,674,790.

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**PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**Item 1. Financial Statements**

ARMOUR Residential REIT, Inc. and Subsidiaries  
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
 (dollars in thousands, except share and per share amounts)  
 (Unaudited)

	<b>March 31, 2012</b>	<b>December 31, 2011</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash	\$ 264,750	\$ 252,372
Restricted cash	138,649	147,199
Agency securities, available for sale, at fair value (including pledged assets of \$11,413,024 and \$5,225,234)	12,137,554	5,393,675
Receivable for unsettled securities	218,873	382,931
Derivatives, at fair value	9,475	-
Principal payments receivable	6,948	12,493
Accrued interest receivable	36,028	18,637
Prepaid and other assets	357	440
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 12,812,634</b>	<b>\$ 6,207,747</b>
<b>Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity</b>		
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Repurchase agreements	\$ 11,097,863	\$ 5,335,962
Payable for unsettled securities	391,678	117,885
Derivatives, at fair value	110,264	121,727
Accrued interest payable	2,113	2,154
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	3,611	2,663
Dividends payable	198	750
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>11,605,727</b>	<b>5,581,141</b>
<b>Stockholders' Equity:</b>		
Preferred stock, \$0.001 par value, 25,000,000 shares authorized, none outstanding at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011	-	-
Common stock, \$0.001 par value, 500,000,000 shares authorized, 177,635,830 and 95,436,949 shares issued and outstanding at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011	178	95
Additional paid-in capital	1,234,532	678,641
Accumulated deficit	(81,857)	(100,878)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	54,054	48,748
<b>Total Stockholders' Equity</b>	<b>1,206,907</b>	<b>626,606</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity</b>	<b>\$ 12,812,634</b>	<b>\$ 6,207,747</b>

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

ARMOUR Residential REIT, Inc. and Subsidiaries  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS  
(dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)  
(Unaudited)

	<b>For the Quarter Ended March 31, 2012</b>	<b>For the Quarter Ended March 31, 2011</b>
<b>Interest Income:</b>		
Interest income, net of amortization of premium	\$ 62,763	\$ 13,523
<b>Interest expense:</b>		
Repurchase agreements	(6,929)	(1,355)
<b>Net interest income</b>	<b>55,834</b>	<b>12,168</b>
<b>Other Income (Loss):</b>		
Realized gain on sale of agency securities	6,316	-
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>6,316</b>	<b>-</b>
Realized loss on derivatives (1)	(9,741)	(1,926)
Unrealized gain (loss) on derivatives	17,614	(266)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>7,873</b>	<b>(2,192)</b>
<b>Total other income (loss)</b>	<b>14,189</b>	<b>(2,192)</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Management fee	3,512	756
Professional fees	511	371
Insurance	49	51
Compensation	493	132
Other	266	61
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>4,831</b>	<b>1,371</b>
Net income before taxes	65,192	8,605
Income tax benefit (expense)	32	(9)
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 65,224</b>	<b>\$ 8,596</b>
Net income per share:		
Basic and diluted	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.33
Dividends per share	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.34
Weighted average shares outstanding:		
Basic and diluted	134,903	26,399

(1) Interest expense related to our interest rate swap contracts is recorded in realized loss on derivatives on the condensed consolidated statements of operations. For additional information, see Note 8 to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

ARMOUR Residential REIT, Inc. and Subsidiaries  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
(dollars in thousands)  
(Unaudited)

	<b>For the Quarter Ended March 31, 2012</b>	<b>For the Quarter Ended March 31, 2011</b>
Net Income	\$ 65,224	\$ 8,596
Other comprehensive income (loss):		
Reclassification adjustment for realized gain on sale of Agency Securities	(6,316)	-
Net unrealized gain (loss) on available for sale securities	11,622	(245)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	5,306	(245)
Comprehensive Income	\$ 70,530	\$ 8,351

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

ARMOUR Residential REIT, Inc. and Subsidiaries  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS of STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY  
(dollars in thousands)  
(Unaudited)

	Common Stock		Additional Paid-In Capital	Accumulated Deficit	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Total
	Shares	Par Amount				
<b>Balance, December 31, 2011</b>	95,437	\$ 95	\$ 678,641	\$ (100,878)	\$ 48,748	\$ 626,606
Dividends declared	-	-	-	(46,203)	-	(46,203)
Issuance of common stock, net	82,193	82	555,831	-	-	555,913
Stock based compensation, net of withholding requirements	6	1	60	-	-	61
Net income	-	-	-	65,224	-	65,224
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	5,306	5,306
<b>Balance, March 31, 2012</b>	<u>177,636</u>	<u>\$ 178</u>	<u>\$ 1,234,532</u>	<u>\$ (81,857)</u>	<u>\$ 54,054</u>	<u>\$ 1,206,907</u>

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

ARMOUR Residential REIT, Inc. and Subsidiaries  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS of CASH FLOWS  
(dollars in thousands)  
(Unaudited)

	<b>For the Quarter Ended March 31, 2012</b>	<b>For the Quarter Ended March 31, 2011</b>
<b>Cash Flows From Operating Activities:</b>		
Net income	\$ 65,224	\$ 8,596
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Net amortization of premium on Agency Securities	13,943	3,275
Unrealized (gain) loss on derivatives	(20,938)	2,085
Realized gain on sale of Agency Securities	(6,316)	-
Stock based compensation	61	10
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Increase in accrued interest receivable	(17,366)	(3,812)
(Increase) decrease in prepaid income taxes and other assets	(213)	526
(Decrease) increase in accrued interest payable	(41)	139
Increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,247	426
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>35,601</u>	<u>11,245</u>
<b>Cash Flows From Investing Activities:</b>		
Purchases of Agency Securities	(7,086,954)	(1,292,550)
Principal repayments of Agency Securities	331,955	71,253
Proceeds from sales of Agency Securities	452,171	-
Decrease (increase) in restricted cash	8,550	(9,033)
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(6,294,278)</u>	<u>(1,230,330)</u>
<b>Cash Flows From Financing Activities:</b>		
Issuance of common stock, net of expenses	555,911	112,990
Proceeds from repurchase agreements	25,719,289	4,541,639
Principal repayments on repurchase agreements	(19,957,390)	(3,413,948)
Dividends paid	(46,755)	(9,766)
Net cash provided by financing activities	<u>6,271,055</u>	<u>1,230,915</u>
<b>Net increase in cash</b>	<u>12,378</u>	<u>11,830</u>
Cash - beginning of period	252,372	35,344
Cash - end of period	<u>\$ 264,750</u>	<u>\$ 47,174</u>
<b>Supplemental Disclosure:</b>		
Cash paid for income taxes (not including tax refunds received)	\$ 8	\$ 12
Cash paid during the period for interest	\$ 20,478	\$ 1,105
<b>Non-Cash Investing and Financing Activities:</b>		
Receivable for unsettled security sales	\$ 218,873	\$ -
Payable for unsettled security purchases	\$ 391,678	\$ 19,941
Unrealized gain (loss) on investment in available for sale securities	\$ 11,622	\$ (245)
Amounts receivable for issuance of common stock	\$ 2	\$ -
Dividends declared, to be paid in subsequent period	\$ 91	\$ 8

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements

**Note 1 – Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying unaudited financial statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”) for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Rule 10-01 of Regulation S-X promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). 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 three months ended March 31, 2012 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the calendar year ending December 31, 2012. These unaudited financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company’s annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011.

Our financial statements are presented in accordance with GAAP. The condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of ARMOUR and its subsidiary, all intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Significant estimates affecting the accompanying financial statements include the valuation of Agency Securities and derivative instruments.

**Note 2 - Organization and Nature of Business Operations**

*Business*

References to “we”, “us”, “our”, “ARMOUR” or the “Company” are to ARMOUR Residential REIT, Inc. References to “ARRM” are to ARMOUR Residential Management LLC, a Delaware limited liability company. References to “Enterprise” are to Enterprise Acquisition Corp., which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of ARMOUR.

We are an externally-managed Maryland corporation organized in 2008, managed by ARRM. We invest primarily in hybrid adjustable rate, adjustable rate and fixed rate residential mortgage backed securities. These securities are issued or guaranteed by a U.S. Government-sponsored entity (“GSE”), such as the Federal National Mortgage Association ( Fannie Mae), Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac) or guaranteed by the Government National Mortgage Administration (Ginnie Mae) (collectively, “Agency Securities”). From time to time, a portion of our portfolio may be invested in unsecured notes and bonds issued by U.S. Government-chartered entities (collectively, “Agency Debt”), U.S. Treasuries and money market instruments, subject to certain income tests we must satisfy for our qualification as a real estate investment trust (“REIT”). On December 1, 2011, our stockholders approved an amendment to our charter to alter our investment asset class restriction in response to potential changes in Agency Securities to include non-Agency as well as Agency Securities in our investment asset class restriction. While we remain committed to investing in Agency Securities for so long as an adequate supply and pricing exists, we believe it is prudent for us to have the flexibility to invest in non-Agency Securities and respond to changes in GSE policy.

We intend to qualify and have elected to be taxed as a REIT under the Internal Revenue Code (“the Code”). Our qualification as a REIT depends on our ability to meet, on a continuing basis, various complex requirements under the Code relating to, among other things, the sources of our gross income, the composition and values of our assets, our distribution levels and the concentration of ownership of our capital stock. We believe that we are organized in conformity with the requirements for qualification as a REIT under the Code and our manner of operations enables us to meet the requirements for taxation as a REIT for federal income tax purposes.

As a REIT, we will generally not be subject to federal income tax on the REIT taxable income that we currently distribute to our stockholders. If we fail to qualify as a REIT in any taxable year and do not qualify for certain statutory relief provisions, we will be subject to federal income tax at regular corporate rates. Even if we qualify as a REIT for federal income tax purposes, we may still be subject to some federal, state and local taxes on our income.



### **Note 3 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

#### *Reclassification*

We reclassified previously presented financial information to conform to the presentation in our consolidated financial statements for the quarter ended March 31, 2012 and the year ended December 31, 2011. Certain commissions with respect to Futures Contracts which were previously included in interest expense have been reclassified into realized gain or loss on those contracts. The unrealized gains and losses on our derivatives previously classified on our condensed consolidated statement of operations as an adjustment to arrive at "net interest income after change in fair value of interest rate contracts" is no longer presented as an adjustment to interest income and has been reclassified into "other income" as part of the unrealized gain or loss on derivatives. This reclassification had no effect on previously reported net income or comprehensive income. This reclassification caused interest income to decrease by \$0.2 million interest expense to decrease by \$2.0 million, and realized loss on derivatives to increase by the net amount of \$1.8 million for the quarter ending March 31, 2011.

#### *Cash*

Cash includes cash on deposit with financial institutions and investments in high quality overnight money market funds, all of which have maturities of three months or less, at time of purchase. We may maintain deposits in federally insured financial institutions in excess of federally insured limits. However, management believes we are not exposed to significant credit risk due to the financial position and creditworthiness of the depository institutions in which those deposits are held.

#### *Restricted Cash*

Restricted cash at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011 represents approximately \$138.6 million and \$147.2 million, respectively, held by counterparties as collateral.

#### *Agency Securities, at Fair Value*

We invest primarily in Agency Securities. A portion of our portfolio may be invested in Agency Debt, U.S. Treasuries and money market instruments, subject to certain income tests we must satisfy for our qualification as a REIT. As of March 31, 2012, all of our financial instrument investments consist of Agency Securities, Agency Debt, U.S. Treasuries and money market instruments (including reverse repurchase agreements) and hedging and other derivative instruments related to the foregoing investments.

We generally intend to hold most of our Agency Securities for long-term periods, we may, from time to time, sell any of our Agency Securities as part of our overall management of our portfolio. Management determines the appropriate classifications of the securities at the time they are acquired and evaluates the appropriateness of such classifications at each balance sheet date. As of March 31, 2012, all of our Agency Securities were classified as available for sale. Agency securities classified as available for sale are reported at estimated fair value, based on fair values obtained from independent sources, with unrealized gains and losses excluded from earnings and reported as a separate statement of comprehensive income. Agency securities transactions are recorded on the trade date and are valued using third-party pricing services and dealer quotes.

The third-party pricing services use common market pricing methods that may include pricing models that may incorporate such factors as coupons, prepayment speeds, spread to the Treasury curves and interest rate swap curves, duration, periodic and life caps and credit enhancement. If the fair value of a security is not available from the independent pricing service or such data appears unreliable, we obtain valuations from up to three dealers who make markets in similar financial instruments. In general, the dealers incorporate common market pricing methods, including a spread measurement to the Treasury curve or interest rate swap curve as well as underlying characteristics of the particular security including coupon, periodic and life caps, collateral type, rate reset period and seasoning or age of the security. Management reviews pricing used to ensure that current market conditions are properly represented. This review may include, but is not limited to, comparisons of similar market transactions, alternative third-party pricing services and dealer quotes, or comparisons to a pricing model. The resulting unrealized gains and losses are reflected in our condensed consolidated balance sheets as accumulated other comprehensive income. Realized gains and losses on sales of Agency Securities are determined using the specific identification method.

We evaluate securities for other than temporary impairment at least on a quarterly basis and more frequently when economic or market concerns warrant such evaluation. We determine if we (1) have the intent to sell the Agency Securities, (2) believe it is more likely than not that we will be required to sell the securities before recovery or (3) do not expect to recover the entire amortized cost basis of the Agency Securities. There was no other than temporary impairment for the quarters ended March 31, 2012 and March 31, 2011.

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*Fair Value of Financial Instruments*

The carrying amounts of cash, restricted cash, accrued interest receivable and accounts payable approximate their fair value due to the short maturities of these instruments. See Notes 5 and 8, respectively, for discussion of the fair value of *Agency Securities, Available for Sale* and *Derivatives*. The carrying amounts of repurchase agreements and accrued interest payable are deemed to approximate fair value due to the short-term maturities of these instruments.

*Repurchase Agreements*

We finance the acquisition of our Agency Securities through the use of repurchase agreements. Our repurchase agreements are secured by our Agency Securities and bear interest rates that have historically moved in close relationship to the Federal Funds Rate and the London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR"). Under these agreements, we sell securities to a lender and agree to repurchase the same securities in the future for a price that is higher than the original sales price. The difference between the sales price that we receive and the repurchase price that we pay represents interest paid to the lender. A repurchase agreement operates as financing under which we pledge our securities as collateral to secure a loan which is equal in value to a specified percentage of the estimated fair value of the pledged collateral. We retain beneficial ownership of the pledged collateral. At the maturity of a repurchase agreement, we are required to repay the loan and concurrently receive back our pledged collateral from the lender or, with the consent of the lender, we may renew such agreement at the then prevailing financing rate. The repurchase agreements may require us to pledge additional assets to the lender in the event the estimated fair value of the existing pledged collateral declines.

*Derivatives*

We recognize all derivative instruments as either assets or liabilities at fair value on our condensed consolidated balance sheets. We do not designate our derivative activities as cash flow hedges, which, among other factors, would require us to match the pricing dates of both derivative transactions and repurchase agreements. Operational issues and credit market volatility make such matching impractical for us. Since we have not elected cash flow hedge accounting treatment as prescribed by GAAP, our operating results may reflect greater volatility than otherwise would be the case, because gains or losses on interest rate swap contracts may not be offset by changes in the fair value or cash flows of the transaction within the same accounting period or ever. Consequently, any declines in the fair value of our derivatives result in a charge to earnings. We will continue to designate derivative activities as hedges for tax purposes and any unrealized gains or losses should not affect our distributable net taxable income.

The fair values of our interest rate swap contracts are valued using a third-party pricing model that incorporates common market pricing methods that may include current interest rate curves, forward interest rate curves and market spreads to interest rate curves. Management reviews pricing used to ensure that that current market conditions are properly represented. This review may include, but is not limited to, comparisons of similar market transactions, alternative third-party pricing services and dealer quotes, or comparisons to a pricing model.

*Accrued Interest Receivable and Payable*

Accrued interest receivable includes interest accrued between payment dates on Agency Securities. Accrued interest payable includes interest payable on our repurchase agreements.

*Credit Risk*

We have limited our exposure to credit losses on our portfolio of Agency Securities by only purchasing securities issued by Freddie Mac, Fannie Mae or Ginnie Mae. The payment of principal and interest on the Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae Agency Securities are guaranteed by those respective agencies and the payment of principal and interest on the Ginnie Mae Agency Securities are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government.

In September 2008, both Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae were placed in the conservatorship of the U.S. Government. While it is hoped that the conservatorship will help stabilize Freddie Mac's and Fannie Mae's losses and overall financial position, there can be no assurance that it will succeed or that, if necessary, Freddie Mac or Fannie Mae will be able to satisfy their guarantees of Agency Securities. On August 5, 2011, Standard & Poor's Corporation downgraded the U.S.'s credit rating from AAA to AA+ and on August 8, 2011, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac's credit ratings were downgraded from AAA to AA+. Because Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are in conservatorship of the U.S. Government, the U.S.'s credit rating downgrade and Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac's credit rating downgrades will impact the credit risk associated with Agency Securities and, therefore, may decrease the value of the Agency Securities in our portfolio.

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*Market Risk*

Weakness in the mortgage market may adversely affect the performance and market value of our investments. This could negatively impact our net book value. Furthermore, if our lenders are unwilling or unable to provide additional financing, we could be forced to sell our Agency Securities at an inopportune time when prices are depressed.

*Preferred Stock*

We are authorized to issue 25,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.001 per share, with such designations, voting and other rights and preferences as may be determined from time to time by our Board of Directors ("Board") or a committee thereof.

*Common Stock and Warrants*

At March 31, 2012, we were authorized to issue up to 500,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, with such designations, voting and other rights and preferences as may be determined from time to time by our Board. We had 177,635,830 shares of common stock issued and outstanding at March 31, 2012. At March 31, 2012, we had outstanding warrants to purchase 32,500,000 shares of common stock, which are exercisable at \$11.00 per share and expire in 2013.

*Income per Common Share*

Basic income per common share for all periods is computed by dividing the earnings applicable to common stockholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period. The basic and diluted income per common share for the quarters ended March 31, 2012 and March 31, 2011 does not include 32,500,000 of outstanding warrants as the effect of including such warrants would be anti-dilutive. Diluted income per share would reflect the potential dilution assuming common shares were issued upon the exercise of outstanding warrants and the proceeds thereof were used to purchase common shares at the average market price during the period. Basic and diluted income per common share are equal for the quarters ended March 31, 2012 and March 31, 2011.

*Comprehensive Income*

Other comprehensive income refers to revenue, expenses, gains and losses that are recorded directly as an adjustment to shareholders' equity. Other comprehensive income arises primarily from changes in unrealized gains or losses generated from changes in market values of our Agency Securities classified as available for sale.

*Revenue Recognition*

Interest income is earned and recognized based on the unpaid principal amount of the Agency Securities and their contractual terms. Premiums and discounts associated with the purchase of Agency Securities are amortized or accreted into interest income over the actual lives of the securities using the effective interest method.

*Income Taxes*

We intend to qualify and have elected to be taxed as a REIT under the Code. We will generally not be subject to federal income tax to the extent that we distribute our taxable income to our shareholders and as long as we satisfy the ongoing REIT requirements including meeting certain asset, income and stock ownership tests.

Our management is responsible for determining whether a tax position taken by us is more likely than not to be sustained on its merits. We have no material unrecognized tax benefits and have not recognized in these financial statements any interest or penalties related to income taxes. Should any such penalties and interest be recognized, they will be included in other expenses and interest expense, respectively. None of our income tax returns have been examined by federal, state or local authorities; therefore our 2009, 2010 and 2011 federal and state tax returns remain open for examination.

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**Note 4 - Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

*Accounting Standards Adopted in 2012*

We adopted recent amendments to authoritative guidance issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) in April 2011 related to the accounting for repurchase agreements and other agreements that entitle and obligate a transferor to repurchase or redeem financial assets before their maturity.

We adopted recent amendments to authoritative guidance issued by FASB in May 2011 to establish common fair value measurement and disclosure requirements in GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards.

We adopted recent amendments to authoritative guidance issued by FASB in June and December 2011 providing for the option to present the total of comprehensive income, the components of net income, and the components of other comprehensive income either in a single continuous statement of comprehensive income or in two separate but consecutive statements.

*Accounting Standards to be Adopted in Future Periods*

In November 2011, the FASB issued amendments to authoritative guidance requiring entities that have financial instruments and derivative instruments to disclose information about offsetting and related arrangements. The disclosures required under this amended guidance are intended to enable users of an entity’s financial statements to evaluate the effect or potential effect of netting arrangements on an entity’s financial position, including the effect or potential effect of rights of offset associated with certain financial instruments and derivative instruments. The provisions of these amendments are effective for annual periods beginning after January 1, 2013. We anticipate the adoption of these amendments may change the presentation of our financial statements and related disclosures.

**Note 5 - Agency Securities, Available for Sale**

All of our Agency Securities are classified as available for sale and, as such, are reported at their estimated fair value.

As of March 31, 2012, we had the following securities in an unrealized gain or loss position as presented below. The components of the carrying value of available for sale Agency Securities at March 31, 2012 are also presented below.

<b><u>March 31, 2012</u></b>	<b><u>Fannie Mae</u></b>	<b><u>Freddie Mac</u></b>	<b><u>Ginnie Mae</u></b>	<b><u>Total Agency Securities</u></b>
	<b>(dollars in thousands)</b>			
Agency Securities, gross	\$ 7,557,892	\$ 3,622,694	\$ 370,326	\$ 11,550,912
Net unamortized premium	346,183	169,221	17,184	532,588
Amortized cost	7,904,075	3,791,915	387,510	12,083,500
Gross unrealized gains	47,559	19,049	5,339	71,947
Gross unrealized losses	(10,891)	(6,965)	(37)	(17,893)
Estimated Fair value	<u>\$ 7,940,743</u>	<u>\$ 3,803,999</u>	<u>\$ 392,812</u>	<u>\$ 12,137,554</u>

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<u>March 31, 2012</u>	<u>Adjustable Rate</u>	<u>Fixed Rate</u>	<u>Total Agency Securities</u>
	<u>(dollars in thousands)</u>		
Agency Securities, gross	\$ 2,514,725	\$ 9,036,187	\$ 11,550,912
Net unamortized premium	100,666	431,922	532,588
Amortized cost	2,615,391	9,468,109	12,083,500
Gross unrealized gains	33,346	38,601	71,947
Gross unrealized losses	(207)	(17,686)	(17,893)
Estimated Fair value	<u>\$ 2,648,530</u>	<u>\$ 9,489,024</u>	<u>\$ 12,137,554</u>

As of December 31, 2011, we had the following securities in an unrealized gain or loss position as presented below. The components of the carrying value of available for sale Agency Securities at December 31, 2011 are also presented below.

<u>December 31, 2011</u>	<u>Fannie Mae</u>	<u>Freddie Mac</u>	<u>Ginnie Mae</u>	<u>Total Agency Securities</u>
	<u>(dollars in thousands)</u>			
Agency Securities, principal	\$ 3,451,906	\$ 1,283,848	\$ 392,476	\$ 5,128,230
Net unamortized premium	144,337	54,059	18,301	216,697
Amortized cost	3,596,243	1,337,907	410,777	5,344,927
Gross unrealized gains	33,558	13,657	5,439	52,654
Gross unrealized losses	(3,269)	(613)	(24)	(3,906)
Estimated Fair value	<u>\$ 3,626,532</u>	<u>\$ 1,350,951</u>	<u>\$ 416,192</u>	<u>\$ 5,393,675</u>

<u>December 31, 2011</u>	<u>Adjustable Rate</u>	<u>Fixed Rate</u>	<u>Total Agency Securities</u>
	<u>(dollars in thousands)</u>		
Agency Securities, principal	\$ 2,681,911	\$ 2,446,319	\$ 5,128,230
Net unamortized premium	107,641	109,056	216,697
Amortized cost	2,789,552	2,555,375	5,344,927
Gross unrealized gains	26,157	26,497	52,654
Gross unrealized losses	(2,534)	(1,372)	(3,906)
Estimated Fair value	<u>\$ 2,813,175</u>	<u>\$ 2,580,500</u>	<u>\$ 5,393,675</u>

Actual maturities of Agency Securities are generally shorter than stated contractual maturities because actual maturities of Agency Securities are affected by the contractual lives of the underlying mortgages, periodic payments of principal and prepayments of principal.

The following table summarizes our Agency Securities as of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011.

<u>Weighted Average Life of all Securities</u>	<u>March 31, 2012</u>		<u>December 31, 2011</u>	
	<u>(dollars in thousands)</u>			
	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Amortized Cost</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Amortized Cost</u>
Less than one year	\$ 55	\$ 56	\$ 179	\$ 179
Greater than one year and less than five years	7,341,099	7,279,217	5,274,072	5,226,255
Greater than or equal to five years	4,796,400	4,804,227	119,424	118,493
<b>Total Agency Securities</b>	<u>\$ 12,137,554</u>	<u>\$ 12,083,500</u>	<u>\$ 5,393,675</u>	<u>\$ 5,344,927</u>

The weighted average lives of the Agency Securities as of the quarter ended March 31, 2012 and the year ended December 31, 2011 in the table above are based upon market factors, assumptions, models and estimates of ARRMs based on ARRMs' judgment and experience. The actual weighted average lives of the Agency Securities could be longer or shorter than estimated.

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The following table presents the gross unrealized losses and estimated fair value of our Agency Securities by length of time that such securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011.

As of	Unrealized Loss Position For: (dollars in thousands)					
	Less than 12 months		12 Months or More		Total	
	Estimated Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Estimated Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Estimated Fair Value	Unrealize Losses
March 31, 2012	\$ 4,382,301	\$ (17,798)	\$ 38,567	\$ (95)	\$ 4,420,868	\$ (17,893)
December 31, 2011	1,173,098	(3,560)	96,684	(346)	1,269,782	(3,906)

The decline in value of these securities is solely due to market conditions and not the quality of the assets. All of our Agency Securities are issued by the GSEs. The GSEs have a rating of "Aaa/AA". The investments are not considered other than temporarily impaired because we currently have the ability and intent to hold the investments to maturity or for a period of time sufficient for a forecasted market price recovery up to or beyond the cost of the investments and we are not required to sell for regulatory or other reasons. Also, we are guaranteed payment of the principal amount of the securities by the GSEs that created them.

During the quarter ended March 31, 2012, we sold \$0.2 billion of Agency Securities resulting in realized gains of \$6.3 million. We did not sell any Agency Securities during the quarter ended March 31, 2011.

**Note 6 - Fair Value of Financial Instruments**

Our valuation techniques for financial instruments are based on observable and unobservable inputs. Observable inputs reflect readily obtainable data from independent sources, while unobservable inputs reflect management's market assumptions. The ASC Topic on Fair Value Measurements classifies these inputs into the following hierarchy:

*Level 1 Inputs*- Quoted prices for identical instruments in active markets.

*Level 2 Inputs*- Quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active; and model-derived valuations whose inputs are observable or whose significant value drivers are observable.

*Level 3 Inputs*- Instruments with primarily unobservable value drivers.

The following describes the valuation methodologies used for our assets and liabilities measured at fair value, as well as the general classification of such instruments pursuant to the valuation hierarchy.

*Cash and restricted cash* - Cash includes cash on deposit with financial institutions and investments in high quality overnight money market funds, all of which have maturities of three months or less, at the time of purchase. The carrying amount of cash is deemed to be its fair value. Restricted cash includes cash held by counterparties as collateral.

*Agency Securities Available for Sale* - Fair value for the Agency Securities in our portfolio is based on obtaining a valuation for each Agency Security from third-party pricing services and dealer quotes. The third-party pricing services use common market pricing methods that may include pricing models that may incorporate such factors as coupons, prepayment speeds, spread to the Treasury curves and interest rate swap curves, duration, periodic and life caps and credit enhancement. If the fair value of a security is not available from the independent pricing service or such data appears unreliable, we obtain valuations from up to three dealers who make markets in similar financial instruments. In general, the dealers incorporate common market pricing methods, including a spread measurement to the Treasury curve or interest rate swap curve as well as underlying characteristics of the particular security including coupon, periodic and life caps, collateral type, rate reset period and seasoning or age of the security. Management reviews pricing used to ensure that current market conditions are properly represented. This review may include, but is not limited to, comparisons of similar market transactions, alternative third-party pricing services and dealer quotes, or comparisons to a pricing model. Values obtained from the independent pricing service for similar instruments are classified as Level 2 securities if the pricing methods used are consistent with the Level 2 definition. If quoted prices for a security are not reasonably available from the pricing service, but dealer quotes are, the security will be classified as a Level 2 security. If neither is available, management will determine the fair value based on characteristics of the security that we receive from the issuer and based on available market information received from dealers and classify it as a Level 3 security. At March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, all of our Agency Security values were based solely on third-party sources.

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*Repurchase Agreements* - The fair value of repurchase agreements reflects the present value of the contractual cash flows discounted at the estimated LIBOR based market interest rates at the valuation date for repurchase agreements with a term equivalent to the remaining term to interest rate repricing, which may be at maturity, of our repurchase agreements. The fair value of the repurchase agreements approximates their carrying amount due to the short-term nature of these financial instruments.

*Derivative Transactions* - The fair value of our Eurodollar Futures Contracts (“Futures Contracts”) are based on closing prices on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (“CME”). The fair values of our interest rate swap contracts are valued using a third-party pricing model that incorporates common market pricing methods that may include current interest rate curves, forward interest rate curves and market spreads to interest rate curves. Management reviews pricing used to ensure that that current market conditions are properly represented. This review may include, but is not limited to, comparisons of similar market transactions, alternative third-party pricing services and dealer quotes, or comparisons to a pricing model. Our Futures Contracts are classified as Level 1 and the fair values of our interest rate swap contracts are Level 2.

Excluded from the tables below are financial instruments carried on the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements at cost basis, which is deemed to approximate fair value, primarily due to the short duration of these instruments, including cash, restricted cash, receivables for unsettled securities, principal payments receivables, accrued interest receivables, payables for unsettled securities, payables and borrowings under repurchase arrangements. The fair value of these instruments is determined using level two inputs. The following tables provide a summary of our assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011.

March 31, 2012	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Totals
(dollars in thousands)				
<b>Assets:</b>				
Agency Securities, available for sale	\$ -	\$ 12,137,554	\$ -	\$ 12,137,554
Derivatives	-	9,475	-	9,475
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
Derivatives	(5,234)	(105,030)	-	\$ (110,264)

December 31, 2011	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Totals
(dollars in thousands)				
<b>Assets:</b>				
Agency Securities, available for sale	\$ -	\$ 5,393,675	\$ -	\$ 5,393,675
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
Derivatives	(5,292)	(116,435)	-	\$ (121,727)

**Note 7 - Repurchase Agreements**

At March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, we had repurchase agreements in place in the amount of \$11.1 billion and \$5.3 billion, respectively, to finance Agency Security purchases. For the quarter ended March 31, 2012 and the year ended December 31, 2011, the weighted average interest rate or cost of funds was 0.34% and 0.37%, respectively. At March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, we had repurchase agreements outstanding with 26 and 23 counterparties, respectively, with a weighted average maturity of 13 days and 18 days, respectively.

The following table represents the contractual repricing information regarding our repurchase agreements as of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011.

	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
	(dollars in thousands)	
Within 30 days	\$ 10,500,647	\$ 4,068,197
31 days to 60 days	597,216	1,111,480
61 days to 90 days	-	156,285
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,097,863</b>	<b>\$ 5,335,962</b>

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As of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, the weighted average margin requirement, or the percentage amount by which the collateral value must exceed the loan amount, which we also refer to as the haircut, under all our repurchase agreements was approximately 4.8% and 5.0%, respectively.

**Note 8 - Derivatives**

We enter into transactions to manage our interest rate risk exposure. These transactions include purchasing or selling Futures Contracts as well as entering into interest rate swap contracts. These transactions are designed to lock in funding costs for financing activities associated with our assets in such a way to help assure the realization of attractive net interest margins. Such transactions are based on assumptions about prepayments which, if not realized, will cause transaction results to differ from expectations. We do not designate our activities as cash flow hedges and as such, we recognize changes in the market value of these transactions through earnings. For the quarters ended March 31, 2012 and March 31, 2011, we recognized an unrealized gain of \$17.6 million and an unrealized (loss) of (\$0.3) million, respectively related to our derivatives. Our derivative instruments are carried on our condensed consolidated balance sheets at fair value, as assets, if their fair value is positive, or as liabilities, if their fair value is negative.

As of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, we had entered into interest rate swap contracts with an aggregate notional balance of \$5.4 billion and \$2.8 billion, respectively. We have agreements with our swap counterparties that provide for the posting of collateral based on the fair values of our interest rate swap contracts. Through this margin process, either we or our swap counterparty may be required to pledge cash or Agency Securities as collateral. Collateral requirements vary by counterparty and change over time based on the market value, notional amount and remaining term of the swap. Certain interest rate swap contracts provide for cross collateralization and cross default with repurchase agreements and other contracts with the same counterparty.

As of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, we had entered into Futures Contracts with an aggregate notional balance of \$131.0 million and \$131.0 million, respectively, traded in 902 and 1,033 individual contracts, respectively. Our Futures Contracts are traded on the CME which requires the use of daily mark-to-market collateral and the CME provides substantial credit support. The collateral requirements of the CME require us to pledge assets under a bi-lateral margin arrangement, including either cash or Agency Securities and these requirements may vary and change over time based on the market value, notional amount and remaining term of the Futures Contracts. In the event we are unable to meet a margin call under one of our Futures Contracts, the counterparty to such agreement may have the option to terminate or close-out all of the outstanding Futures Contracts with us. In addition, any close-out amount due to the counterparty upon termination of the counterparty's transactions would be immediately payable by us pursuant to the applicable agreement.

As of March 31, 2012, included in restricted cash on the condensed consolidated balance sheet is \$5.7 million related to margin posted for Futures Contracts as well as \$132.9 million of restricted cash related to interest rate swap contracts. As of December 31, 2011, we had \$5.9 million of restricted cash related to margin posted for Futures Contracts and \$141.3 million of restricted cash related to interest rate swap contracts.

The following table presents information about interest rate swap contracts which are included in derivatives on the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets as of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011.

	<u>Notional Amount</u>	<u>Fair Value (1)</u>
	<u>(dollars in thousands)</u>	
March 31, 2012	\$ 5,440,000	\$ (95,555)
December 31, 2011	2,765,000	(116,435)

(1) See Note 6, "Fair Value of Financial Instruments" for additional discussion.



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The following table presents information about Futures Contracts which are included in derivatives on the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets as of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011.

	<u>Notional Amount</u>	<u>Fair Value (1)</u>
	<u>(dollars in thousands)</u>	
March 31, 2012	\$ 131,000	\$ (5,234)
December 31, 2011	131,000	(5,292)

(1) See Note 6, "Fair Value of Financial Instruments" for additional discussion.

The following table represents the location and information regarding our derivatives which are included in total other income (loss) in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations for the quarters ended March 31, 2012 and March 31, 2011.

<u>Derivatives</u>	<u>Location on condensed consolidated financial statements</u>	<u>Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income</u>	
		<u>(dollars in thousands)</u>	
		<u>For the Quarter Ended</u>	<u>For the Quarter Ended</u>
		<u>March 31, 2012</u>	<u>March 31, 2011</u>
<b>Interest rate swap contracts:</b>			
Interest income	Realized loss on derivatives	931	211
Interest expense	Realized loss on derivatives	(10,191)	(2,021)
Realized gain	Realized loss on derivatives	-	17
Changes in fair value	Unrealized gain (loss) on derivatives	17,556	(123)
		<u>8,296</u>	<u>(1,916)</u>
<b>Futures Contracts:</b>			
Realized (loss)	Realized loss on derivatives	(481)	(133)
Changes in fair value	Unrealized gain (loss) on derivatives	58	(143)
		<u>(423)</u>	<u>(276)</u>
<b>Totals</b>		<u>\$ 7,873</u>	<u>\$ (2,192)</u>

#### Note 9 - Share-Based Compensation

We adopted the 2009 Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan") to attract, retain and reward directors, officers and other employees of ours and other persons who provide services to us in the course of operations. The Plan authorizes the Board to grant awards including common stock, restricted shares of common stock ("RSUs"), stock options, performance shares, performance units, stock appreciation rights and other equity and cash-based awards (collectively "Awards"), subject to terms as provided in the Plan.

On May 12, 2010, the Board allocated up to 250,000 shares to be available under the Plan. In considering such allocation, the Board considered the size of the Plan relative to our capital base and our current and potential future performance and capitalization. On July 18, 2011, our stockholders approved an amendment to the Plan to increase the number of shares issuable thereunder from 250,000 shares to 2,000,000 shares and the Plan was amended accordingly. During the quarter ended March 31, 2012 we awarded a total of 655,524 RSUs to members of our Board and employees of ARRM.

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RSU transactions for the period presented are summarized below:

	March 31, 2012	
	Number of Awards	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value per Award
Unvested Awards Outstanding at January 1, 2012	153,980	\$ 7.91
Granted	655,524	7.13
Vested	(53,915)	7.25
Unvested Awards Outstanding at March 31, 2012	755,589	\$ 7.28

As of March 31, 2012, there was approximately \$5.2 million of unearned non-cash stock-based compensation related to the Awards (based on the March 31, 2012 stock price), that we expect to recognize as an expense over the remaining average service period of 4.2 years.

**Note 10 - Shareholders' Equity**

*Dividends*

The following table presents our dividend transactions for the quarter ended March 31, 2012.

Record Date	Payment Date	Rate per common share	Aggregate amount paid to holders of record (in millions)
January 15, 2012	January 30, 2012	\$ *0.11	\$ 11.6
February 15, 2012	February 28, 2012	0.11	15.3
March 15, 2012	March 29, 2012	0.11	19.9

\* this amount included \$0.006 per common share of taxable income related to the year ended December 31, 2011.

*Equity Capital Raising Activities*

The following table presents our equity transactions for the quarter ended March 31, 2012.

Transaction Type	Completion Date	Number of Common Shares (inclusive of over-allotment option)	Per Share price	Net Proceeds (in millions)
Follow-on public offering	January 13, 2012	10,350,000	\$ 6.80	\$ 70.1
Follow-on public offering	February 8, 2012	29,900,000	6.80	203.0
Equity distribution agreement	February 29, 2012	1,287,570	7.06	8.9
Follow-on public offering	March 8, 2012	35,650,000	6.72	239.3
Equity distribution agreement	January 1, 2012 to March 31, 2012	5,000,000	*7.07	34.6
Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan	January 1, 2012 to March 31, 2012	5,215	*6.94	-

\* this amount is a weighted average price

## Note 11 – Income Taxes

We intend to qualify and have elected to be taxed as a REIT under the Code. We will generally not be subject to federal income tax to the extent that we distribute our taxable income to our shareholders and as long as we satisfy the ongoing REIT requirements including meeting certain asset, income and stock ownership tests.

We have elected to treat Enterprise as a taxable REIT subsidiary, which is a tax paying entity for income tax purposes and it is taxed separately from ARMOUR.

The federal income tax benefit of \$0.03 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2012 resulted from the reversal of an over accrual of taxes due in 2011. This accrual was reversed during the first quarter of 2012 when the tax return was filed and all income tax amounts due were paid. Our provision for income taxes for the quarter ended March 31, 2011, included \$0.01 million of federal income tax expense resulting from prior year undistributed REIT taxable income.

## Note 12 - Commitments and Contingencies

### *Management Agreement with ARRM*

As discussed in Note 13 “*Related Party Transactions*,” we are party to a Management Agreement with ARRM. Pursuant to the Management Agreement, as amended, ARRM is entitled to receive a management fee payable monthly in arrears in an amount equal to 1/12th of 1% of gross equity raised (including initial gross merger equity as well as any future gross equity raised, until gross equity raised was \$50 million, inclusive of gross merger equity). Thereafter, the monthly management fee would be 1/12th of (a) 1.5% of gross equity raised up to \$1 billion and (b) 0.75% of gross equity raised in excess of \$1 billion, with a monthly minimum based on 1/12th of \$900,000 (inclusive of the original gross merger equity). We are also obligated to reimburse certain expenses incurred by ARRM and its affiliates. ARRM is further entitled to receive a termination fee from us under certain circumstances.

### *Operating Leases*

We are not party to any agreement for the rental of real property and office space, or any leases for office, computer and other equipment or office furnishings.

### *Indemnifications and Litigation*

We enter into certain contracts that contain a variety of indemnifications to third-parties, principally with ARRM and brokers. The maximum potential amount of future payments we could be required to make under these indemnification provisions is unknown. We have not incurred any costs to defend lawsuits or settle claims related to these indemnification agreements. As a result, the estimated fair value of these agreements is minimal. Accordingly, we have no liabilities recorded for these agreements as of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011.

We are not party to any pending, threatened or contemplated litigation.

## Note 13 - Related Party Transactions

We are externally-managed by ARRM pursuant to our Management Agreement. All of our executive officers are also employees of ARRM. ARRM manages our day-to-day operations, subject to the direction and oversight of the Board. The Management Agreement expires on November 6, 2014, and is thereafter automatically renewed for an additional one-year term unless terminated under certain circumstances. ARRM must provide 180 days prior notice of any such termination.

Under the terms of the Management Agreement, ARRM is responsible for costs incident to the performance of its duties, such as compensation of its employees and various overhead expenses. ARRM is responsible for the following primary roles:

- Advising us with respect to, arrange for and manage the acquisition, financing, management and disposition of, elements of our investment portfolio,
- Evaluating the duration risk and prepayment risk within the investment portfolio and arranging borrowing and hedging strategies,
- Coordinating capital raising activities,
- Advising us on the formulation and implementation of operating strategies and policies, arranging for the acquisition of assets, monitoring the performance of those assets, arranging for various types of financing and hedging strategies and providing administrative and managerial services in connection with our day-to-day operations and
- Providing executive and administrative personnel, office space and other appropriate services required in rendering management services to us.

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For the quarters ended March 31, 2012 and March 31, 2011, we incurred \$3.5 million and \$0.8 million in management fees to ARRM, respectively.

**Note 14 - Interest Rate Risk**

Our primary market risk is interest rate risk. Interest rates are highly sensitive to many factors, including governmental monetary and tax policies, domestic and international economic and political considerations and other factors beyond our control. Changes in the general level of interest rates can affect net interest income, which is the difference between the interest income earned and the interest expense incurred in connection with the liabilities, by affecting the spread between the interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities. Changes in the level of interest rates also can affect the value of Agency Securities and our ability to realize gains from the sale of these assets. A decline in the value of the Agency Securities pledged as collateral for borrowings under repurchase agreements could result in the counterparties demanding additional collateral pledges or liquidation of some of the existing collateral to reduce borrowing levels.

We seek to economically hedge the potential impact on net income of periodic and lifetime coupon adjustment restrictions in the portfolio of Agency Securities by entering into interest rate agreements, such as interest rate swaps. As of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, we had entered into interest rate swap contracts to pay a fixed rate and receive a floating rate of interest, with a total notional amount of \$5.4 billion and \$2.8 billion, respectively. Changes in interest rates may also have an effect on the rate of mortgage principal prepayments and, as a result, prepayments on Agency Securities. Prepayments, which result in the expensing of unamortized premium, will reduce net income compared to what net income would be absent such prepayments.

**Note 15 – Subsequent Events**

On April 27, 2012, a cash dividend of \$0.10 per common share, or \$17.8 million in the aggregate, was paid to holders of record on April 16, 2012.

## Item 2. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

*The following discussion of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with our financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this report.*

*References to “we”, “us”, “our”, “ARMOUR” or the “Company” are to ARMOUR Residential REIT, Inc. References to “ARRM” are to ARMOUR Residential Management LLC, a Delaware limited liability company. References to “Enterprise” are to Enterprise Acquisition Corp., which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of ARMOUR.*

### CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This report contains various “forward-looking statements.” Forward-looking statements relate to expectations, beliefs, projections, future plans and strategies, anticipated events or trends and similar expressions concerning matters that are not historical facts. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by the use of forward-looking terminology such as “believes,” “expects,” “may,” “will,” “would,” “could,” “should,” “seeks,” “approximately,” “intends,” “plans,” “projects,” “estimates” or “anticipates” or the negative of these words and phrases or similar words or phrases. All forward-looking statements may be impacted by a number of risks and uncertainties, including statements regarding the following subjects:

- our business and investment strategy;
- our anticipated results of operations;
- statements about future dividends;
- our ability to obtain financing arrangements;
- our understanding of our competition and ability to compete effectively;
- market, industry and economic trends; and
- interest rates.

The forward-looking statements in this report are based on our beliefs, assumptions and expectations of our future performance, taking into account all information currently available to us. These beliefs, assumptions and expectations are subject to risks and uncertainties and can change as a result of many possible events or factors, not all of which are known to us. If a change occurs, our business, financial condition, liquidity and results of operations may vary materially from those expressed in our forward-looking statements. You should carefully consider these risks before you make an investment decision with respect to our common stock.

We cannot guarantee future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements. You should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements, which apply only as of the date of this report. We do not intend and disclaim any duty or obligation to update or revise any industry information or forward-looking statements set forth in this report to reflect new information, future events or otherwise, except as required under the U.S. Federal securities laws.

### Overview

We are an externally-managed Maryland corporation organized in 2008, managed by ARRM. We invest primarily in hybrid adjustable rate, adjustable rate and fixed rate residential mortgage backed securities. These securities are issued or guaranteed by a U.S. Government-sponsored entity (“GSE”), such as the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac), or guaranteed by the Government National Mortgage Administration (Ginnie Mae) (collectively, “Agency Securities”). From time to time, a portion of our portfolio may be invested in unsecured notes and bonds issued by U.S. Government-chartered entities (collectively, “Agency Debt”), U.S. Treasuries and money market instruments, subject to certain income tests we must satisfy for our qualification as a real estate investment trust (“REIT”). On December 1, 2011, our stockholders approved an amendment to our charter to alter our investment asset class restriction in response to potential changes in Agency Securities to include non-Agency as well as Agency Securities in our investment asset class restriction. While we remain committed to investing in Agency Securities for so long as an adequate supply and pricing exists, we believe it is prudent for us to have the flexibility to invest in non-Agency Securities and respond to changes in GSE policy.

We seek attractive long-term investment returns by investing our equity capital and borrowed funds in our targeted asset class of Agency Securities. We earn returns on the spread between the yield on our assets and our costs, including the interest cost of the funds we borrow, after giving effect to our hedges. We intend to qualify and have elected to be taxed as a REIT under the Internal Revenue Code (“the Code”). We will generally not be subject to federal income tax to the extent that we distribute our taxable income to our shareholders and as long as we satisfy the ongoing REIT requirements including meeting certain asset, income and stock ownership tests. Our business plan is to identify and acquire Agency Securities, finance our acquisitions with borrowings under a series of short-term repurchase agreements at the most competitive interest rates available to us and then cost-effectively hedge our interest rate and other risks based on our entire portfolio of assets, liabilities and derivatives and our management's view of the market. Successful implementation of our business plan requires us to address interest rate risk, maintain adequate liquidity and effectively hedge interest rate risks. We execute our business plan in a manner consistent with our intention of qualifying as a REIT and avoiding regulation as an investment company.

Our results of operations and financial condition are affected by various factors, many of which are beyond our control, including, among other things, our net interest income, the market value of our assets and the supply of and demand for such assets. We invest in financial assets and markets. Recent events, such as those discussed below, can affect our business in ways that are difficult to predict and may produce results outside of typical operating variances. Our net interest income varies primarily as a result of changes in interest rates, borrowing costs and prepayment speeds, the behavior of which involves various risks and uncertainties. Prepayment rates, as reflected by the rate of principal pay downs and interest rates vary according to the type of investment, conditions in financial markets, government actions, competition and other factors, none of which can be predicted with any certainty. In general, as prepayment rates on our Agency Securities purchased at a premium increase, related purchase premium amortization increases, thereby reducing the net yield on such assets. Because changes in interest rates may significantly affect our activities, our operating results depend, in large part, upon our ability to manage interest rate risks and prepayment risks effectively while maintaining our status as a REIT. In addition, since we have not elected to use cash flow hedge accounting, earnings reported in accordance with GAAP will fluctuate even in situations where our derivatives are operating as intended. As a result of this mark-to-market accounting treatment, our results of operations are likely to fluctuate far more than if we were to designate our derivative activities as cash flow hedges. Comparisons with companies that use cash flow hedge accounting for all or part of their derivative activities may not be meaningful.

We anticipate that, for any period during which changes in the interest rates earned on our assets do not coincide with interest rate changes on our borrowings, such assets will reprice more slowly than the corresponding liabilities. Consequently, changes in interest rates, particularly short-term interest rates, may significantly influence our net interest income. With the maturities of our assets generally of longer term than those of our liabilities, interest rate increases will tend to decrease our net interest income and the market value of our assets (and therefore our book value). Such rate increases could possibly result in operating losses or adversely affect our ability to make distributions to our shareholders.

Prepayments on Agency Securities and the underlying mortgage loans may be influenced by changes in market interest rates and a variety of economic and geographic factors beyond our control, as well as policy decisions by Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and Ginnie Mae. Consequently prepayment rates cannot be predicted with certainty. To the extent we have acquired Agency Securities at a premium or discount to par, or face value, changes in prepayment rates may impact our anticipated yield. In periods of declining interest rates, prepayments on our Agency Securities will likely increase. If we are unable to reinvest the proceeds of such prepayments at comparable yields, our net interest income may suffer. The recent climate of government intervention in the mortgage markets significantly increases the risk associated with prepayments.

While we intend to use strategies to economically hedge some of our interest rate risk, we do not intend to hedge all of our exposure to changes in interest rates and prepayment rates, as there are practical limitations on our ability to insulate our portfolio from all potential negative consequences associated with changes in short-term interest rates in a manner that will allow us to seek attractive net spreads on our portfolio.

In addition, a variety of other factors relating to our business may also impact our financial condition and operating performance; these factors include,

- our degree of leverage;
- our access to funding and borrowing capacity;
- our use of derivatives to hedge interest rate risk;
- the REIT requirements; and
- the requirements to qualify for an exemption under the Investment Company Act and other regulatory and accounting policies related to our business.

For a discussion of additional risks relating to our business see “Risk Factors” in Item 1A, the Risk Factors below, and in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011.

The following table represents key data regarding our financial position for the quarterly periods presented (dollars in thousands except per share amounts).

<u>As of</u>	<u>Agency Securities</u>	<u>Repurchase Agreements</u>	<u>Payable for Unsettled Security Purchases</u>	<u>Equity</u>	<u>Shares Outstanding</u>	<u>Book Value Per Share</u>	<u>Quarterly Dividends Declared Per Share</u>	<u>Quarterly Earnings (Loss) Per Share</u>
March 31, 2012	\$ 12,137,554	\$ 11,097,863	\$ 391,678	\$ 1,206,907	177,636	\$ 6.79	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.48
December 31, 2011	5,393,675	5,335,962	117,885	626,606	95,437	6.57	0.34	0.27
September 30, 2011	5,975,823	5,221,525	475,109	574,668	84,759	6.78	0.36	(0.44)
June 30, 2011	5,258,400	4,655,226	302,680	534,030	74,781	7.14	0.36	(0.14)
March 31, 2011	2,273,915	2,099,366	19,941	220,612	32,254	6.84	0.34	0.33

## Our Manager

We are externally-managed by ARRM pursuant to our Management Agreement (see Note 12 to the condensed consolidated financial statements). All of our executive officers are also employees of ARRM. ARRM manages our day-to-day operations, subject to the direction and oversight of the Board of Directors (“Board”). The Management Agreement expires on November 6, 2014, and is thereafter automatically renewed for an additional one-year term unless terminated under certain circumstances. ARRM must provide 180 days prior notice of any such termination.

Pursuant to the Management Agreement, as amended, ARRM is entitled to receive a management fee payable monthly in arrears in an amount equal to 1/12th of 1% of gross equity raised (including initial gross merger equity as well as any future gross equity raised, until gross equity raised was \$50 million, inclusive of gross merger equity). Thereafter, the monthly management fee would be 1/12th of (a) 1.5% of gross equity raised up to \$1 billion and (b) 0.75% of gross equity raised in excess of \$1 billion, with a monthly minimum based on 1/12th of \$900,000 (inclusive of the original gross merger equity). We are also obligated to reimburse certain expenses incurred by ARRM and its affiliates. ARRM is further entitled to receive a termination fee from us under certain circumstances.

ARRM, our manager, is entitled to receive a monthly management fee regardless of the performance of our portfolio. Accordingly, the payment of our monthly management fee may not decline in the event of a decline in our earnings and may cause us to incur losses.

## Recent Developments

### *Developments at Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac*

In February 2011, the U.S. Treasury along with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development released a report entitled, “Reforming America’s Housing Finance Market” to the U.S. Congress outlining recommendations for reforming the U.S. housing system, specifically Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and transforming the U.S. Government’s involvement in the housing market. It is unclear how future legislation may impact the housing finance market and the investing environment for Agency Securities as the method of reform is undecided and has not yet been defined by the regulators. Without U.S. Government support for residential mortgages, we may not be able to execute our current business model in an efficient manner.

We cannot predict whether or when new actions may occur, the timing and pace of current actions already implemented, or what impact if any, such actions, or future actions, could have on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

### *U.S. Government Market Intervention*

The U.S. Federal Reserve’s (“the Fed”) program to purchase Agency Securities which had commenced in January 2009 and was terminated on March 31, 2010 has a significant impact on market prices. In total, \$1.3 trillion of Agency Securities were purchased. In addition, through the course of 2009, the U.S. Treasury purchased \$250.0 billion of Agency Securities. An effect of these purchases has been an increase in the prices of Agency Securities, which has decreased our net interest margin. When these programs terminated, the market expectation was that it might cause a decrease in demand for these securities which would likely reduce their market price. However, this has not happened and we continue to see strong demand as these securities remain desirable assets in this rather volatile economic environment. It is difficult to quantify the impact, as there are many factors at work at the same time that affect the price of Agency Securities and, therefore, our yield and book value. Due to the unpredictability in the markets for our securities in particular and yield generating assets in general, there is no pattern that can be implied with any certainty. In March 2011, the U.S. Treasury announced that it will begin the orderly wind down of its remaining Agency Securities with sales up to \$10.0 billion per month, subject to market conditions. It is unclear how these sales will affect market conditions and pricing. On September 21, 2011, the U.S. Federal Reserve announced that it will begin reinvesting principal payments from its holdings of Agency Debt and Agency mortgage backed securities, (“MBS”) into Agency MBS.

## **Financial Regulatory Reform Bill and Other Government Activity**

We believe that we conduct our business in a manner that allows us to avoid being regulated as an investment company under the Investment Company Act, (“the Act”) pursuant to the exemption provided by Section 3(c)(5)(C) for entities that are primarily engaged in the business of purchasing or otherwise acquiring “mortgages and other liens on and interests in real estate.” On August 31, 2011, the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) issued a concept release (No. IC-29778; File No. SW7-34-11, Companies Engaged in the Business of Acquiring Mortgages and Mortgage-Related Instruments) pursuant to which it is reviewing whether certain companies that invest in MBS and rely on the exemption from registration under Section 3(c)(5)(C) of the Act (such as us) should continue to be allowed to rely on such exemption from registration. If we fail to continue to qualify for this exemption from registration as an investment company, or the SEC determines that companies that invest in MBS are no longer able to rely on this exemption, our ability to use leverage would be substantially reduced and we would be unable to conduct our business as planned, or we may be required to register as an investment company under the Act, either of which could negatively affect the value of shares of our common stock and our ability to make distributions to our shareholders.

Certain programs initiated by the U.S. Government, through the Federal Housing Administration and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (“FDIC”), to provide homeowners with assistance in avoiding residential mortgage loan foreclosures are currently in effect. The programs may involve, among other things, the modification of mortgage loans to reduce the principal amount of the loans or the rate of interest payable on the loans, or to extend the payment terms of the loans. While the effect of these programs has not been as extensive as originally expected, the effect of such programs for holders of Agency Securities could be that such holders would experience changes in the anticipated yields of their Agency Securities due to (i) increased prepayment rates and (ii) lower interest and principal payments.

On July 21, 2010, President Obama signed the Dodd-Frank Act into law. The Dodd-Frank Act is extensive, complicated and comprehensive legislation that impacts practically all aspects of banking, and a significant overhaul of many aspects of the regulation of the financial services industry. Although many provisions remain subject to further rulemaking, the Dodd-Frank Act implements numerous and far-reaching changes that affect financial companies, including our company, and other banks and institutions which are important to our business model. Certain notable rules are, among other things:

- Requiring regulation and oversight of large, systemically important financial institutions by establishing an interagency council on systemic risk and implementation of heightened prudential standards and regulation by the Board of Governors of the U.S. Federal Reserve for systemically important financial institutions (including nonbank financial companies), as well as the implementation of the FDIC resolution procedures for liquidation of large financial companies to avoid market disruption;
- Applying the same leverage and risk-based capital requirements that apply to insured depository institutions to most bank holding companies, savings and loan holding companies and systemically important nonbank financial companies;
- Limiting the U.S. Federal Reserve’s emergency authority to lend to nondepository institutions to facilities with broad-based eligibility, and authorizing the FDIC to establish an emergency financial stabilization fund for solvent depository institutions and their holding companies, subject to the approval of Congress, the Secretary of the U.S. Treasury and the U.S. Federal Reserve;
- Creating regimes for regulation of over-the-counter derivatives and non-admitted property and casualty insurers and reinsurers;
- Implementing regulation of hedge fund and private equity advisers by requiring such advisers to register with the SEC;
- Providing for the implementation of corporate governance provisions for all public companies concerning proxy access and executive compensation; and
- Reforming regulation of credit rating agencies.

Many of the provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act, including certain provisions described above are subject to further study, rulemaking, and the discretion of regulatory bodies. As the hundreds of regulations called for by the Dodd-Frank Act are promulgated, we will continue to evaluate the impact of any such regulations. It is unclear how this legislation may impact the borrowing environment, investing environment for Agency Securities and interest rate swaps as much of the bill’s implementation has not yet been defined by the regulators.



In addition, in 2010, the Group of Governors and Heads of Supervisors of the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision, the oversight body of the Basel Committee, published its “calibrated” capital standards for major banking institutions (“Basel III”). Under these standards, when fully phased in on January 1, 2019, banking institutions will be required to maintain heightened Tier 1 common equity, Tier 1 capital and total capital ratios, as well as maintaining a “capital conservation buffer.” Beginning with the Tier 1 common equity and Tier 1 capital ratio requirements, Basel III will be phased in incrementally between January 1, 2013 and January 1, 2019. The final package of Basel III reforms were approved by the G20 leaders in November 2010 and are subject to individual adoption by member nations, including the United States by January 1, 2013. It is unclear how the adoption of Basel III will affect our business at this time.

In September 2011, the White House announced work on a major initiative to allow certain homeowners who owe more on their mortgages than their homes are worth to refinance. In October 2011, the Federal Housing Finance Agency, (“FHFA”) announced changes to the Home Affordable Refinance Program, (“HARP”) to expand access to refinancing for qualified individuals and families whose homes have lost value, including increasing the HARP loan-to-value ratio above 125%. However, this would only apply to mortgages guaranteed by the U.S. Government-sponsored entities. In addition, the expansion does not change the time period which these loans were originated, maintaining the requirement that the loans must have been guaranteed by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac prior to June 2009. There are many challenging issues to this proposal, notably the question as to whether a loan with a loan-to-value ratio of 125% qualifies as a mortgage or an unsecured consumer loan. The chances of this initiative’s success have created additional uncertainty in the Agency Securities market, particularly with respect to possible increases in prepayment rates. We do not expect this announcement to have a significant impact on our results of operations.

On January 4, 2012, the Fed released a report titled “The U.S. Housing Market: Current Conditions and Policy Considerations” to Congress providing a framework for thinking about certain issues and tradeoffs that policy makers might consider. It is unclear how future legislation may impact the housing finance market and the investing environment for Agency Securities as the method of reform is undecided and has not yet been defined by the regulators.

### ***Credit Market Disruption and Current Conditions***

During the past few years, the residential housing and mortgage markets in the U.S. have experienced a variety of difficulties and changed economic conditions including loan defaults, credit losses and decreased liquidity. These conditions have resulted in volatility in the value of the Agency Securities we purchase and an increase in the average collateral requirements under our repurchase agreements. While these markets have recovered a great deal, further increased volatility and deterioration in the broader residential mortgage and Residential Mortgage Backed Securities (“RMBS”) markets may adversely affect the performance and market value of the Agency Securities and other high quality RMBS.

The volatility in the U.S. interest rate markets in 2011 and early 2012 has produced volatility and opportunities in our markets. While the performance of the U.S. economy in 2011 turned out to be disappointing primarily due to a lack of significant job growth, the first quarter of 2012 has shown some improvement in job growth and U.S. real gross domestic product growth. The Fed announced in March 2012 that it intended to keep the Federal Funds Target Rate near zero through late-2014 which has had a positive effect on the markets for Agency Securities. Moreover, in its March 13, 2012 press release, the Fed reaffirmed current economic conditions likely warranted keeping exceptionally low levels for the Federal Funds Target Rate through at least late 2014 despite the improved labor market conditions. The U.S. unemployment rate has declined in recent months from 8.5% in December 2011 to 8.2% in March 2012, however, this downward trend may not necessarily represent the longer-term pace of job creation. Overall inflation and wage pressures have remained muted in recent months but prices of crude oil and gasoline have increased. This environment and outlook has maintained strong demand for Agency Securities and has also reduced the costs of our financing and hedging.

### ***Interest Rates***

The overall credit market deterioration since August 2007 has also affected prevailing interest rates. For example, interest rates have been unusually volatile since the third quarter of 2007. Since September 18, 2007, the Fed has lowered the target for the Federal Funds Rate nine times from 4.75% to 1.00% in October 2008. In December 2008, the Federal Reserve stated that it was adopting a policy of “quantitative easing” and would target keeping the Federal Funds Rate between 0.00% and 0.25%. To date, the Federal Reserve has maintained that target range. Our funding costs, which traditionally have tracked the 30-day London Interbank Offered Rate (“LIBOR”) have generally benefited by this easing of monetary policy, although to a somewhat lesser extent. Because of continued uncertainty in the credit markets and U.S. economic conditions, we expect that interest rates are likely to experience continued volatility, which will likely affect our financial results since our cost of funds is largely dependent on short-term rates.

Historically, 30-day LIBOR has closely tracked movements in the Federal Funds Rate and the Effective Federal Funds Rate. The Effective Federal Funds Rate can differ from the Federal Funds Rate in that the Effective index represents the volume weighted average of interest rates at which depository institutions lend balances at the Federal Reserve to other depository institutions overnight (actual transactions, rather than target rate).

Our borrowings in the repurchase market have also historically closely tracked the Federal Funds Rate and LIBOR. Traditionally, a lower Federal Funds Rate has indicated a time of increased net interest margin and higher asset values. However, since July 2007 (prior to our commencement of operations) LIBOR and repurchase market rates have varied greatly and often have been significantly higher than the target and the Effective Federal Funds Rate. The difference between 30-day LIBOR and the Effective Federal Funds Rate has also been quite volatile, with the spread alternately returning to more normal levels and then widening out again. The volatility in these rates and divergence from the historical relationship among these rates could negatively impact our ability to manage our portfolio. If this were to occur, our net interest margin and the value of our portfolio might suffer as a result.

The following table shows 30-day LIBOR as compared to the Effective Federal Funds Rate for the quarterly periods presented.

<b>Quarter ended</b>	<b>30-Day LIBOR</b>	<b>Effective Federal Funds Rate</b>
March 31, 2012	0.24%	0.09%
December 31, 2011	0.30	0.04
September 30, 2011	0.24	0.06
June 30, 2011	0.19	0.07
March 31, 2011	0.24	0.10

## Results of Operations

### Net Income summary

Our primary source of income is the interest income we earn on our investment portfolio. Our net income for the quarter ended March 31, 2012 was \$65.2 million, or \$0.48 per weighted average share. These results compare to net income of \$8.6 million, or \$0.33 per weighted average share for the quarter ended March 31, 2011. The main drivers of the difference were the increased equity capital resources from 2011 through the period ended March 31, 2012 and the implementation of our investment strategy, offset by unrealized gains/losses from our derivatives and increased management fees.

As of March 31, 2012, our Agency Securities portfolio was purchased at a net premium to par value with a weighted average amortized cost, of 104.61%, due to the average interest rates on these securities being higher than prevailing market rates.

The following table presents the components of the yield earned on our Agency Security portfolio for the quarterly periods presented.

<b>Quarter Ended</b>	<b>Asset Yield</b>	<b>Cost of Funds</b>	<b>Net Interest Margin</b>	<b>Interest Expense on Repurchase Agreements</b>
March 31, 2012	3.04%	0.81%	2.23%	0.34%
December 31, 2011	2.60	0.98	1.62	0.35
September 30, 2011	3.11	0.93	2.18	0.27
June 30, 2011	3.35	0.99	2.36	0.28
March 31, 2011	3.20	0.80	2.40	0.33

The yield on our assets is most significantly affected by the rate of repayments on our Agency Securities. Our rate of portfolio repayment for the quarter ended March 31, 2012, was 11.4% on a Constant Prepayment Basis compared to 11.7% for the quarter ended March 31, 2011.

Our repurchase agreements are secured by our Agency Securities and bear interest at rates that have historically moved in close relationship to the Federal Funds Rate and LIBOR. The Federal Funds Rate was 0.09% and LIBOR was 0.24% at March 31, 2012. During the quarters ended March 31, 2012 and March 31, 2011, we realized losses of \$9.7 million and \$1.9 million, respectively, related to our derivatives. We increased our total interest rate swap contracts aggregate notional balance from \$2.8 billion at December 31, 2011 to \$5.4 billion at March 31, 2012, with a weighted average swap rate of 1.1% and a weighted average term of 48 months. There was no change in our Eurodollar Future strips notional amount of \$131.0 million from December 31, 2011 to March 31, 2012. Our Eurodollar Future strips have a weighted average swap equivalent rate of 1.8% and weighted average term of 26 months as of March 31, 2012.

### ***Net Interest Income***

Our net interest income for the quarter ended March 31, 2012 was \$55.8 million compared to \$12.2 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2011. The continued growth of our net interest income is due to the completion of equity raises in the quarter ended March 31, 2012. The proceeds from these equity raises were invested in Agency Securities, creating a larger investment portfolio able to generate increasing levels of interest income. As of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, our portfolio of Agency Securities consisted of \$12.1 billion and \$5.4 billion of securities, respectively.

### ***Gains and Losses on Sale of Agency Securities***

During the quarter ended March 31, 2012, we sold \$0.2 billion market value of Agency Securities resulting in realized gains of \$6.3 million. We did not sell any Agency Securities during the quarter ended March 31, 2011.

### ***Operating Expenses***

Our total operating expenses for the quarter ended March 31, 2012, were \$4.8 million as compared to \$1.4 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2011. The increase in operating expenses from 2011 to 2012 is primarily due to a combination of increased management fees related to our successful equity capital raising initiatives as well as increased professional fees and operating costs to support our current portfolio.

### ***Taxable Income***

We have negative retained earnings (titled "Accumulated deficit" in the stockholders' equity section of our accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets) as of March 31, 2012, due to the consequences of our tax qualification as a REIT. Our dividends are based on our REIT taxable income, as determined for federal income tax purposes and not our net income computed in accordance with GAAP as reported in our condensed consolidated financial statements. Accordingly, we may be required to pay out more in dividends than we have calculated in distributable earnings on a GAAP basis.

For the quarter ended March 31, 2012 our estimated REIT taxable income was approximately \$47.6 million. The most significant difference between GAAP and tax income was the unrealized gain on derivatives which is reflected in GAAP earnings but does not increase REIT taxable income.

### ***Financial Condition***

#### ***Agency Securities***

We typically purchase Agency Securities at premium prices. The premium price paid over par value on those assets is expensed as the underlying mortgages experience repayment or prepayment. The lower the constant prepayment rate, the lower the amount of amortization expense for a particular period. Accordingly, the yield on an asset and earnings, are higher. If prepayment rates increase, the amount of amortization expense for a particular period will go up. These increased prepayment rates would act to decrease the yield on an asset and would decrease earnings.

The tables below summarize certain characteristics of our Agency Securities for the quarterly periods presented (dollars in thousands).

**Agency Securities:**

<u>Quarter ended</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Net Premium</u>	<u>Amortized Cost</u>	<u>Amortized Cost divided by Principal</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Fair Value divided by Principal</u>
March 31, 2012	\$ 11,550,912	\$ 532,588	\$ 12,083,500	104.61%	\$ 12,137,554	105.08 %
December 31, 2011	5,128,230	216,697	5,344,927	104.23	5,393,675	105.18
September 30, 2011	5,675,822	236,695	5,912,517	105.29	5,975,823	105.29
June 30, 2011	5,028,223	197,865	5,226,088	103.94	5,258,400	104.58
March 31, 2011	2,188,960	89,430	2,278,390	104.09	2,273,915	103.88

**Adjustable and Hybrid Adjustable Rate Agency Securities:**

<u>Quarter ended</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Weighted Average Coupon</u>	<u>Weighted Average Months to Reset</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Agency Securities</u>
March 31, 2012	\$ 2,514,725	\$ 3.72	\$ 73	21.8%
December 31, 2011	2,681,911	3.72	76	52.2
September 30, 2011	2,858,964	3.71	75	50.2
June 30, 2011	2,671,472	3.65	62	53.0
March 31, 2011	1,391,189	3.89	54	63.5

**Fixed Rate Agency Securities:**

<u>Quarter ended</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Weighted Average Coupon</u>	<u>Weighted Average Months to Maturity</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Agency Securities</u>
March 31, 2012	\$ 9,036,187	\$ 3.64	219	78.2%
December 31, 2011	2,446,319	3.97	188	47.8
September 30, 2011	2,816,858	4.00	172	49.8
June 30, 2011	2,356,751	4.11	174	47.0
March 31, 2011	797,771	4.22	171	36.5

The following table shows the average principal repayment rate for those securities which have settled for the quarterly periods presented.

<u>Quarter ended</u>	<u>Average Quarterly Principal Repayment Rate</u>
March 31, 2012	11.4%
December 31, 2011	19.3
September 30, 2011	12.4
June 30, 2011	9.3
March 31, 2011	11.7

As of March 31, 2012, our Agency Security portfolio consisted of approximately \$12.1 billion in market value of Agency Securities with initial fixed-interest rate periods of three, five, seven, ten, fifteen and twenty years.

Our net income is primarily a function of the difference between the yield on our assets and the financing cost of owning those assets. Since we tend to purchase assets at a premium to par, the main item that can affect the yield on our assets after they are purchased is the rate at which the mortgage borrowers repay the loan. While the scheduled repayments, which are the principal portion of the homeowners' regular monthly payments, are fairly predictable, the unscheduled repayments, which are generally refinancing of the mortgage but can also result from repurchases of delinquent, defaulted, or modified loans, are less so. Being able to accurately estimate and manage these repayment rates is a critical portion of the management of our portfolio, not only for estimating current yield but also for considering the rate of reinvestment of those proceeds into new securities, the yields which those new securities may add to our portfolio and our hedging strategy. We expect that prepayment rates will be elevated due to repurchases of loans that reach 120 day or more delinquency by Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae on a continuing basis.

As of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, the adjustable and hybrid adjustable rate mortgage loans underlying our Agency Securities have fixed-interest rates for an average period of approximately 73 months and 76 months, respectively, after which time the interest rates reset and become adjustable. After a reset date, interest rates on our adjustable and hybrid adjustable Agency Securities float based on spreads over various indices, typically LIBOR or the one-year Constant Maturity Treasury rate. These interest rates are subject to caps that limit the amount the applicable interest rate can increase during any year, known as an annual cap and through the maturity of the security, known as a lifetime cap.

### **Liabilities**

We have entered into repurchase agreements to finance most of our Agency Securities. Our repurchase agreements are secured by our Agency Securities and bear interest at rates that have historically moved in close relationship to the Federal Funds Rate and LIBOR. We have established borrowing relationships with several investment banking firms and other lenders, 26 of which we had done repurchase trades with as of March 31, 2012 and 23 of which we had done repurchases trades with as of December 31, 2011. We had outstanding balances under our repurchase agreements at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011 of \$11.1 billion and \$5.3 billion, respectively.

### **Derivative Instruments**

We generally intend to hedge as much of our interest rate risk as our manager deems prudent in light of market conditions and the associated costs. We generally pay a fixed rate and receive a floating rate with the objective of fixing a portion of our borrowing costs and hedging the change in our book value to some degree. The floating rate we receive is generally the Federal Funds Rate or LIBOR. While our policies do not contain specific requirements as to the percentages or amount of interest rate risk that we are required to hedge, we maintain an overall target of hedging at least 40% of our non-adjustable rate mortgages ("ARMs"). For interest rate risk mitigation purposes, we consider Agency Securities to be ARMs if their interest rate is either currently subject to adjustment according to prevailing rates or if they are within 18 months of the period where such adjustments will occur. No assurance can be given that our derivatives will have the desired beneficial impact on our results of operations or financial condition. We have not elected cash flow hedge accounting treatment under the authoritative guidance. Since we do not designate our derivative activities as cash flow hedges, realized as well as unrealized gains/losses from these transactions will impact our earnings.

Use of derivative instruments may fail to protect or could adversely affect us because, among other things:

- available derivatives may not correspond directly with the interest rate risk for which protection is sought;
- the duration of the derivatives may not match the duration of the related liability;
- the party owing money on the derivatives may default on its obligation to pay;
- the credit-quality of the party owing money on the derivatives may be downgraded to such an extent that it impairs our ability to sell or assign our side of the hedging transaction; and
- the value of derivatives may be adjusted from time to time in accordance with accounting rules to reflect changes in fair value; downward adjustments, or "mark-to-market losses," would reduce our net income or increase any net loss.

As of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, we had interest rate swap contracts with an aggregate notional balance of \$5.4 billion and \$2.8 billion, respectively. In addition, as of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, we had entered into Eurodollar Futures Contracts ("Futures Contracts") with an aggregate notional balance of \$131.0 million and \$131.0 million, respectively, traded in 902 and 1,033 individual contracts, respectively. Futures Contracts are traded on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange ("CME"). Counterparty risk of interest rate swap contracts and Futures Contracts are limited to some degree because of daily mark-to-market and collateral requirements. In addition, substantial credit support for the Futures Contracts is provided by the CME. These derivative transactions are designed to lock in some funding costs for financing activities associated with our assets in such a way as to help assure the realization of attractive net interest margins and to vary inversely in value with our Agency Securities. Such contracts are based on assumptions about prepayments which, if not realized, will cause results to differ from expectations.

Although we attempt to structure our derivatives to offset the changes in asset prices, they are not perfectly correlated and depend on the corresponding durations and sections of the yield curve that moves to offset each other. Our derivatives, which consist of interest rate swap contracts and Futures Contracts, act to fix the borrowing cost on a portion of our financing and generally help to hedge some of the change in our book value. Generally, the value of our derivatives move in the opposite direction of the value of our Agency Securities. In an environment of very low interest rates, further interest rate reductions may cause the value of our derivative positions to decline more than the absolute and pro rata increase in the value of our Agency Securities. For the quarter ended March 31, 2012, the change in the fair value of our derivative positions increased by \$20.9 million and the unrealized change in the fair value of our Agency Securities increased by \$11.6 million. For the quarter ended March 31, 2011, the unrealized change in the fair value of our derivative positions decreased by \$2.1 million and the unrealized change in the fair value of our Agency Securities decreased by \$0.3 million.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

For the quarter ended March 31, 2012 we issued 82,192,785 shares of common stock and raised additional net common equity of approximately \$555.9 million. These changes were material to our company and significantly affect the results we report. We believed that the timing for additional investment, in both assets and liabilities, was appropriate and beneficial to our long-term performance. In addition, there are economies of scale that also are reached as our managed assets grow. As we invest the proceeds of our offerings, we are methodical, at times purchasing our assets with forward settlements up to 90 days out, in order to minimize purchase price. This means that our earnings, particularly on a per share basis, may take time to reach a level which we consider to be indicative of a full run-rate. This also means that some period over period comparisons will not be meaningful or may be misleading.

Our primary sources of funds are borrowings under repurchase arrangements, monthly principal and interest payments on our investments and cash generated from our operating results. Other sources of funds may include proceeds from equity and debt offerings and asset sales. We generally maintain liquidity to pay down borrowings under repurchase arrangements to reduce borrowing costs and otherwise efficiently manage our long-term investment capital. Because the level of our borrowings can be adjusted on a daily basis, the level of cash and cash equivalents carried on our balance sheet is significantly less important than our potential liquidity available under our borrowing arrangements. We currently believe that we have sufficient liquidity and capital resources available for the acquisition of additional investments, repayments on borrowings and the payment of cash dividends as required for continued qualification as a REIT.

Our primary uses of cash are to purchase Agency Securities, pay interest and principal on our borrowings, fund our operations and pay dividends. During the quarter ended March 31, 2012, we purchased \$7.1 billion current face amount of Agency Securities using proceeds from equity raises, repurchase agreements and principal repayments. During the quarter ended March 31, 2012, we received cash of \$0.3 billion from prepayments and scheduled principal payments on our Agency Securities and we received net proceeds of \$555.9 million from equity issuances, including dividend reinvestment and stock purchase plan. We had a net cash increase from our repurchase agreements of \$5.8 billion for the quarter ended March 31, 2012. We made cash interest payments of approximately \$20.0 million on our liabilities for quarter ended March 31, 2012. Part of funding our operations includes providing margin cash to offset liability balances on our derivatives. We recovered \$9.0 million of cash that is maintained in a restricted account with our counterparties as of the quarter ended March 31, 2012.

In response to the growth of our Agency Securities portfolio and to the relatively weak financing market, we have continued to pursue additional lending counterparties in order to help increase our financial flexibility and ability to withstand periods of contracting liquidity in the credit markets. As of March 31, 2012 we have Master Repurchase Agreements ("MRAs"), which are uncommitted repurchase facilities, with 31 lending counterparties to finance our portfolio, subject to certain conditions and have borrowings outstanding with 26 of these counterparties.

### Repurchase Facilities

The following table represents the contractual repricing information regarding our repurchase agreements as of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011.

	<b>March 31, 2012</b>	<b>December 31, 2011</b>
	<b>(dollars in thousands)</b>	
Within 30 days	\$ 10,500,647	\$ 4,068,197
31 days to 60 days	597,216	1,111,480
61 days to 90 days	-	156,285
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,097,863</b>	<b>\$ 5,335,962</b>

As of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, the weighted average margin requirement, or the percentage amount by which the collateral value must exceed the loan amount, which we also refer to as the haircut, under all our repurchase agreements was approximately 4.8% and 5.0%, respectively. Declines in the value of our Agency Securities portfolio can trigger margin calls by our lenders under our repurchase agreements. An event of default or termination event under the standard MRA would give our counterparty the option to terminate all repurchase transactions existing with us and require any amount due to be payable immediately.

The residential mortgage market in the U.S. has recently experienced difficult economic conditions including:

- increased volatility of many financial assets, including Agency Securities and other high-quality RMBS assets;
- increased volatility and deterioration in the broader residential mortgage and RMBS markets; and
- significant disruption in financing of RMBS.

While conditions have improved, should there be a reoccurrence of difficulties in the residential mortgage market, our lenders may be forced to exit the repurchase market, become insolvent or further tighten lending standards or increase the amount of required equity capital or haircut, any of which could make it more difficult or costly for us to obtain financing.

### ***Effects of Margin Requirements, Leverage and Credit Spreads***

Our Agency Securities have values that fluctuate according to market conditions and, as discussed above, the market value of our Agency Securities will decrease as prevailing interest rates or credit spreads increase. When the value of the securities pledged to secure a repurchase loan decreases to the point where the positive difference between the collateral value and the loan amount is less than the haircut, our lenders may issue a margin call, which means that the lender will require us to pay the margin call in cash or pledge additional collateral to meet that margin call. Under our repurchase facilities, our lenders have full discretion to determine the value of the Agency Securities we pledge to them. Most of our lenders will value securities based on recent trades in the market. Lenders also issue margin calls as the published current principal balance factors change on the pool of mortgages underlying the securities pledged as collateral when scheduled and unscheduled principal repayments are announced monthly.

We experience margin calls in the ordinary course of our business and under certain conditions, such as during a period of declining market value for Agency Securities and we may experience margin calls monthly or more frequently. In seeking to effectively manage the margin requirements established by our lenders, we maintain a position of cash and unpledged securities. We refer to this position as our liquidity. The level of liquidity we have available to meet margin calls is directly affected by our leverage levels, our haircuts and the price changes on our securities. If interest rates increase as a result of a yield curve shift or for another reason or if credit spreads widen, the prices of our collateral (and our unpledged assets that constitute our liquidity) will decline and we may experience margin calls. We will use our liquidity to meet such margin calls. There can be no assurance that we will maintain sufficient levels of liquidity to meet any margin calls. If our haircuts increase, our liquidity will proportionately decrease. If we increase our borrowings, our liquidity will decrease by the amount of additional haircut on the increased level of indebtedness. In addition, certain of our MRAs contain a restriction that prohibits our leverage from exceeding twelve times our stockholders' equity as well as termination events in the case of significant reductions in equity capital.

We intend to maintain a level of liquidity in relation to our assets that enables us to meet reasonably anticipated margin calls but that also allows us to be substantially invested in Agency Securities. We may misjudge the appropriate amount of our liquidity by maintaining excessive liquidity, which would lower our investment returns, or by maintaining insufficient liquidity, which would force us to liquidate assets into unfavorable market conditions and harm our results of operations and financial condition.

We generally seek to borrow (on a recourse basis) between six and ten times the amount of our shareholders' equity, although we are not limited to that range. At March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, our total borrowings were approximately \$11.1 billion and \$5.3 billion (excluding accrued interest), respectively, which represented a leverage ratio of approximately 9.20:1 and 8.52:1, respectively.

### ***Forward-Looking Statements Regarding Liquidity***

Based on our current portfolio, leverage rate and available borrowing arrangements, we believe that our common equity, combined with cash flow from operations and available borrowing capacity, will be sufficient to enable us to meet anticipated short-term (one year or less) liquidity requirements such as to fund our investment activities, pay fees under our Management Agreement, fund our distributions to shareholders and general corporate expenses.

We may increase our capital resources by obtaining long-term credit facilities or making public or private offerings of equity or debt securities, possibly including classes of preferred stock, common stock and senior or subordinated notes to meet our long-term (greater than one year) liquidity. Such financing will depend on market conditions for capital raises and for the investment of any proceeds.

## Stockholder's Equity

### Dividends

The following table presents our dividend transactions for the quarter ended March 31, 2012.

<u>Record Date</u>	<u>Payment Date</u>	<u>Rate per common share</u>	<u>Aggregate amount paid to holders of record (in millions)</u>
January 15, 2012	January 30, 2012	\$ *0.11	\$ 11.6
February 15, 2012	February 28, 2012	0.11	15.3
March 15, 2012	March 29, 2012	0.11	19.9

\* this amount included \$0.006 per common share of taxable income related to the year ended December 31, 2011.

### Equity Capital Raising Activities

<u>Transaction Type</u>	<u>Completion Date</u>	<u>Number of Common Shares (inclusive of over-allotment option)</u>	<u>Per Share price</u>	<u>Net Proceeds (in millions)</u>
Follow-on public offering	January 13, 2012	10,350,000	\$ 6.80	\$ 70.1
Follow-on public offering	February 8, 2012	29,900,000	6.80	203.0
Equity distribution agreement	February 29, 2012	1,287,570	7.06	8.9
Follow-on public offering	March 8, 2012	35,650,000	6.72	239.3
Equity distribution agreement	January 1, 2012 to March 31, 2012	5,000,000	*7.07	34.6
Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan	January 1, 2012 to March 31, 2012	5,215	*6.94	-

\* this amount is a weighted average price

### Book Value per Share

In general, our book value is most affected by our issuance of shares of our common stock, our retained earnings or accumulated deficits, and changes in the value of our investment portfolio and our derivative instruments. As of March 31, 2012, our book value per share of common stock (total shareholders' equity divided by shares of common stock outstanding) was \$6.79, an increase of \$0.22 from \$6.57 at December 31, 2011. This increase was primarily attributable to shareholder accretion from the equity capital raised during the period, issuing 82,192,785 shares of common stock.

### Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

As of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, we did not maintain any relationships with unconsolidated entities or financial partnerships, such as entities often referred to as structured finance, or special purpose or variable interest entities, established for the purpose of facilitating off-balance sheet arrangements or other contractually narrow or limited purposes. Further, as of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, we had not guaranteed any obligations of any unconsolidated entities or entered into any commitment or intent to provide funding to any such entities.

### Critical Accounting Policies

A summary of our critical accounting policies is included in Item 7 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011. There have been no significant changes to those policies during 2012.



## **Inflation**

Virtually all of our assets and liabilities are interest rate-sensitive in nature. As a result, interest rates and other factors influence our performance far more than inflation. Changes in interest rates do not necessarily correlate with inflation rates or changes in inflation rates. Our financial statements are prepared in accordance with GAAP and any distributions we may make will be determined by our Board based in part on our REIT taxable income as calculated according to the requirements of the Code; in each case, our activities and balance sheet are measured with reference to fair value without considering inflation.

## **Subsequent Events**

See Note 15 to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

## **Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

We seek to manage our risks related to the credit-quality of our assets, interest rates, liquidity, prepayment speeds and market value while, at the same time, seeking to provide an opportunity to shareholders to realize attractive risk adjusted returns through ownership of our capital stock. While we do not seek to avoid risk completely, we believe the risk can be quantified from historical experience and seek to actively manage that risk, to earn sufficient compensation to justify taking those risks and to maintain capital levels consistent with the risks we undertake.

### ***Interest Rate, Cap and Mismatch Risk***

We invest in adjustable rate, hybrid and fixed rate Agency Securities. Hybrid mortgages are ARMs that have a fixed-interest rate for an initial period of time (typically three years or greater) and then convert to an adjustable rate for the remaining loan term. Our debt obligations are generally repurchase agreements of limited duration that are periodically refinanced at current market rates.

ARM-related assets are typically subject to periodic and lifetime interest rate caps that limit the amount an ARM-related asset's interest rate can change during any given period. ARM securities are also typically subject to a minimum interest rate payable. Our borrowings are not subject to similar restrictions. Hence, in a period of increasing interest rates, interest rates on our borrowings could increase without limitation, while the interest rates on our mortgage related assets could be limited. This problem would be magnified to the extent we acquire Agency Securities that are not fully indexed. Further, some ARM-related assets may be subject to periodic payment caps that result in some portion of the interest being deferred and added to the principal outstanding. These factors could lower our net interest income or cause a net loss during periods of rising interest rates, which would negatively impact our liquidity, net income and our ability to make distributions to stockholders.

We fund the purchase of a substantial portion of our ARM-related assets with borrowings that have interest rates based on indices and repricing terms similar to, but of shorter maturities than, the interest rate indices and repricing terms of our mortgage assets. Thus, we anticipate that in most cases the interest rate indices and repricing terms of our mortgage assets and our funding sources will not be identical, thereby creating an interest rate mismatch between assets and liabilities. During periods of changing interest rates, such interest rate mismatches could negatively impact our net interest income, dividend yield and the market price of our common stock. Most of our adjustable rate assets are based on the one-year CMT rate and the one-year LIBOR rate and our debt obligations are generally based on LIBOR. These indices generally move in the same direction, but there can be no assurance that this will continue to occur.

Our ARM-related assets and borrowings reset at various different dates for the specific asset or obligation. In general, the repricing of our debt obligations occurs more quickly than on our assets. Therefore, on average, our cost of funds may rise or fall more quickly than does our earnings rate on our assets.

Further, our net income may vary somewhat as the spread between one-month interest rates, the typical term for our repurchase agreements and six-month and twelve-month interest rates, the typical reset term of adjustable rate Agency Securities, varies.

### ***Prepayment Risk***

As we receive repayments of principal on our Agency Securities from prepayments and scheduled payments, premiums paid on such securities are amortized against interest income and discounts are accreted to interest income as realized. Premiums arise when we acquire Agency Securities at prices in excess of the principal balance of the mortgage loans underlying such Agency Securities. Conversely, discounts arise when we acquire Agency Securities at prices below the principal balance of the mortgage loans underlying such Agency Securities. To date, all of our Agency Securities have been purchased at a premium.

### ***Interest Rate Risk and Effect on Market Value Risk***

Another component of interest rate risk is the effect changes in interest rates will have on the market value of our Agency Securities. We face the risk that the market value of our Agency Securities will increase or decrease at different rates than that of our liabilities, including our derivative instruments.

We primarily assess our interest rate risk by estimating the effective duration of our assets and the effective duration of our liabilities and by estimating the time difference between the interest rate adjustment of our assets and the interest rate adjustment of our liabilities. Effective duration essentially measures the market price volatility of financial instruments as interest rates change. We generally estimate effective duration using various financial models and empirical data. Different models and methodologies can produce different effective duration estimates for the same securities.

The sensitivity analysis tables presented below reflect the estimated impact of an instantaneous parallel shift in the yield curve, up and down 50 and 100 basis points, on the market value of our interest rate-sensitive investments and net interest income, at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, assuming a static portfolio. When evaluating the impact of changes in interest rates, prepayment assumptions and principal reinvestment rates are adjusted based on our manager's expectations. The analysis presented utilized assumptions, models and estimates of the manager based on the manager's judgment and experience.

#### **As of March 31, 2012**

<b>Change in Interest Rates</b>		<b>Percentage Change in Projected Net Interest Income</b>		<b>Percentage Change in Projected Portfolio Value Including Derivatives</b>	
1.00	%	(18.67)	%	(2.63)	%
0.50		(7.71)		(1.49)	
(0.50)		5.70		(0.09)	
(1.00)		(2.41)		0.12	

#### **As of December 31, 2011**

<b>Change in Interest Rates</b>		<b>Percentage Change in Projected Net Interest Income</b>		<b>Percentage Change in Projected Portfolio Value Including Derivatives</b>	
1.00	%	(9.79)	%	0.08	%
0.50		1.35		0.19	
(0.50)		8.91		(0.41)	
(1.00)		(7.53)		(0.94)	

While the table above reflects the estimated immediate impact of interest rate increases and decreases on a static portfolio, we rebalance our portfolio from time to time either to seek to take advantage of or reduce the impact of changes in interest rates. It is important to note that the impact of changing interest rates on market value and net interest income can change significantly when interest rates change beyond 100 basis points from current levels. Therefore, the volatility in the market value of our assets could increase significantly when interest rates change beyond amounts shown in the table above. In addition, other factors impact the market value of and net interest income from our interest rate-sensitive investments and derivative instruments, such as the shape of the yield curve, market expectations as to future interest rate changes and other market conditions. Accordingly, interest income would likely differ from that shown above and such difference might be material and adverse to our shareholders.

The above table quantifies the potential changes in net interest income and portfolio value, which includes the value of our derivatives, should interest rates immediately change. Given the low level of interest rates at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, we applied a floor of 0% for all anticipated interest rates included in our assumptions. Due to the presence of this floor, it is anticipated that any hypothetical interest rate decrease would have a limited positive impact on our funding costs beyond a certain level; however, because prepayments speeds are unaffected by this floor, it is expected that any increase in our prepayment speeds (occurring as a result of any interest rate decrease or otherwise) could result in an acceleration of our premium amortization and the reinvestment of such prepaid principal in lower yielding assets. As a result, the presence of this floor limits the positive impact of any interest rate decrease on our funding costs. Therefore, at some point, hypothetical interest rate decreases could cause the fair value of our financial instruments and our net interest income to decline.

#### **Market Value Risk**

All of our Agency Securities are classified as available for sale assets. As such, they are reflected at fair value with the periodic adjustment to fair value (that is not considered to be an other than temporary impairment) reflected as part of "Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)" that is included in the equity section of our condensed consolidated balance sheets. The market value of our assets can fluctuate due to changes in interest rates and other factors. Weakness in the mortgage market may adversely affect the performance and market value of our investments. This could negatively impact our net book value. Furthermore, if our lenders are unwilling or unable to provide additional financing, we could be forced to sell our Agency Securities at an inopportune time when prices are depressed. The principal payments are guaranteed by Freddie Mac, Fannie Mae, or Ginnie Mae on our Agency Securities.

#### **Liquidity Risk**

Our primary liquidity risk arises from financing long-maturity Agency Securities with short-term debt. The interest rates on our borrowings generally adjust more frequently than the interest rates on our adjustable rate Agency Securities. Accordingly, in a period of rising interest rates, our borrowing costs will usually increase faster than our interest earnings from Agency Securities.

#### **Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

Our Co-Chief Executive Officer ("Co-CEO") and Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") participated in an evaluation by our management of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of our fiscal quarter that ended on March 31, 2012. Based on their participation in that evaluation, our Co-CEO and CFO concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of March 31, 2012 to ensure that information required to be disclosed in our reports filed or submitted under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and to ensure that information required to be disclosed in our reports filed or furnished under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Co-CEO and CFO, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures. Our Co-CEO and CFO also participated in an evaluation by our management of any changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the quarter ended March 31, 2012. That evaluation did not identify any changes that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

### **PART II. OTHER INFORMATION**

#### **Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

Our company and our manager are not currently subject to any legal proceedings.

#### **Item 1A. Risk Factors**

There have been no material changes from the risk factors disclosed in the "Risk Factors" section of our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed on March 6, 2012 with the SEC.

#### **Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds**

None.

#### **Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities**

None.

**Item 4. Removed and Reserved**

**Item 5. Other Information**

None.

**Item 6. Exhibits**

See Exhibit Index.

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date: May 2, 2012

ARMOUR RESIDENTIAL REIT, INC.

/s/ Scott J. Ulm

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Scott J. Ulm

Co-Chief Executive Officer, Chief Investment Officer, Head of Risk Management and Co-Vice Chairman (Principal Executive Officer)

## EXHIBIT INDEX

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
3.1	Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation*
3.2	Articles of amendment to Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation**
3.3	Amended Bylaws*
31.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to SEC Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) ***
31.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to SEC Rule 13a14(a)/15d-14(a) ***
32.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350 ***
32.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350 ***
101.INS#	XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH#	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.CAL#	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
101.DEF#	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
101.LAB#	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
101.PRE#	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document

\* Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.5 to ARMOUR's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 12, 2009.

\*\* Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to ARMOUR's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on August 8, 2011.

\*\*\* Filed herewith

# Pursuant to Rule 406T of Regulation S-T, these interactive data files are deemed not filed or part of a registration statement or prospectus for purposes of Sections 11 or 12 of the Securities Act of 1933, are deemed not filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and otherwise are not subject to liability under those sections.

**Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C Section 1350, Adopted Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

I, Scott J. Ulm, Co-Chief Executive Officer of ARMOUR Residential REIT, Inc., certify that

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2012 of ARMOUR Residential REIT, Inc. (the "registrant");
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its condensed consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting

Date: May 2, 2012

**ARMOUR RESIDENTIAL REIT, INC.**

By: /s/ Scott J. Ulm

Scott J. Ulm

Co-Chief Executive Officer

**Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C Section 1350, Adopted Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

I, Jeffrey J. Zimmer, Chief Financial Officer of ARMOUR Residential REIT, Inc., certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2012 of ARMOUR Residential REIT, Inc. (the “registrant”);
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant’s other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its condensed consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant’s disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant’s internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant’s most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant’s fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant’s internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant’s other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant’s auditors and the audit committee of the registrant’s board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant’s ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant’s internal control over financial reporting

Date: May 2, 2012

**ARMOUR RESIDENTIAL REIT, INC.**

By: /s/ Jeffrey J. Zimmer  
Jeffrey J. Zimmer  
Chief Financial Officer



**Certification Pursuant To  
18 U.S.C. Section 1350,  
as Adopted Pursuant to  
Section 906 of The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of ARMOUR Residential REIT, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ending March 31, 2012 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Scott J. Ulm, Co-Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) the Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and
- (2) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: May 2, 2012

**ARMOUR RESIDENTIAL REIT, INC.**

By: /s/Scott J. Ulm  
Scott J. Ulm  
Co-Chief Executive Officer

**Certification Pursuant To  
18 U.S.C. Section 1350,  
as Adopted Pursuant to  
Section 906 of The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of ARMOUR Residential REIT, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ending March 31, 2012 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Jeffrey J. Zimmer, Chief Financial Officer, of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) the Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and
- (2) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: May 2, 2012

**ARMOUR RESIDENTIAL REIT, INC.**

By: /s/Jeffrey J. Zimmer  
Jeffrey J. Zimmer  
Chief Financial Officer