

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 18, 2026

MFA FINANCIAL, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<u>Maryland</u> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	<u>1-13991</u> (Commission File Number)	<u>13-3974868</u> (IRS Employer Identification No.)
<u>One Vanderbilt Avenue, 48th Floor New York, New York</u> (Address of principal executive offices)		<u>10017</u> (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 207-6400

Not Applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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

Title of each class:	Trading Symbols:	Name of each exchange on which registered:
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	MFA	New York Stock Exchange
7.50% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	MFA/PB	New York Stock Exchange
6.50% Series C Fixed-to-Floating Rate Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	MFA/PC	New York Stock Exchange
8.875% Senior Notes due 2029	MFAN	New York Stock Exchange
9.000% Senior Notes due 2029	MFAO	New York Stock Exchange

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition and

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

MFA Financial, Inc. (“MFA”) issued a press release, dated February 18, 2026, announcing its financial results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2025, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. In addition, in conjunction with the announcement of its financial results, MFA issued additional information relating to its 2025 fourth quarter financial results. Such additional information is attached to this report as Exhibit 99.2 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information referenced in this Current Report on Form 8-K (including Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2) is being “furnished” and, as such, shall not be deemed to be “filed” for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. The information set forth in this Current Report on Form 8-K (including Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2) is and will not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed by MFA pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), except as may be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

As discussed therein, the press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act and, as such, may involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and assumptions. These forward-looking statements relate to MFA’s current expectations and are subject to the limitations and qualifications set forth in the press release as well as in MFA’s other documents filed with the SEC, including, without limitation, that actual events and/or results may differ materially from those projected in such forward-looking statements.

Exhibit

[99.1 Press Release, dated February 18, 2026, announcing MFA’s financial results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2025.](#)

[99.2 Additional information relating to the financial results of MFA for the quarter ended December 31, 2025.](#)

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SIGNATURE

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

MFA FINANCIAL, INC.
(REGISTRANT)

By: /s/ Harold E. Schwartz

Name: Harold E. Schwartz

Title: Senior Vice President and General Counsel

Date: February 18, 2026

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PRESS RELEASE

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NEW YORK METRO

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MFA Financial, Inc. Announces Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2025 Financial Results

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--MFA Financial, Inc. (NYSE:MFA) today provided its financial results for the fourth quarter and full year ended December 31, 2025:

Fourth Quarter 2025 Financial Results:

- MFA generated GAAP net income to common stockholders and participating securities for the fourth quarter of \$43.6 million, or \$0.42 per basic and diluted common share.
- Distributable earnings, a non-GAAP financial measure, were \$27.8 million, or \$0.27 per basic common share. MFA paid a regular cash dividend of \$0.36 per common share on January 30, 2026.
- GAAP book value at December 31, 2025 was \$13.20 per common share. Economic book value, a non-GAAP financial measure, was \$13.75 per common share.
- Total economic return was 3.1% for the fourth quarter.
- MFA closed the quarter with unrestricted cash of \$213.2 million.

Full Year 2025 Highlights:

- GAAP net income to common stockholders and participating securities was \$136.5 million, or \$1.31 per basic common share and \$1.30 per diluted common share, up from \$86.4 million, or \$0.83 per basic common share and \$0.82 per diluted common share, in 2024.
- Distributable earnings, a non-GAAP financial measure, were \$104.0 million, or \$1.00 per common share in 2025. MFA paid quarterly dividends of \$0.36 per common share throughout 2025, totaling \$1.44 per share.

- Total economic return was 9.0% for 2025.
- Loan acquisition activity of \$2.7 billion during 2025 included \$1.8 billion of Non-QM loans, \$655.7 million of Single-family transitional loans (including draws), \$235.4 million of Single-family rental (SFR) loans and \$14.8 million of draws on previously originated Multifamily transitional loans.
- MFA completed five securitizations in 2025 collateralized by \$1.8 billion unpaid principal balance (UPB) of Non-QM loans.
- 60+ day delinquencies (measured as a percentage of UPB) for MFA's residential loan portfolio declined to 7.1% at December 31, 2025 from 7.5% at December 31, 2024.
- MFA purchased \$2.1 billion of Agency MBS throughout 2025.
- Net interest income rose to \$231.1 million from \$202.7 million in 2024.
- Lima One mortgage banking income totaled \$22.8 million.
- MFA repurchased 1,026,117 shares of common stock during 2025.

“We continued to execute on our strategic initiatives during the fourth quarter,” said Craig Knutson, MFA’s Chief Executive Officer. “We acquired \$1.2 billion of Agency MBS and \$443 million of Non-QM loans, and Lima One originated \$226 million of new business purpose loans. We deployed approximately \$100 million of excess cash on our balance sheet into our target asset classes. In addition, we continued to reduce operating expenses, resolve non-performing loans, grow the Lima One sales force and repurchase our common stock at accretive levels. These efforts resulted in a total economic return of 3.1% for the quarter and 9.0% for the year.”

Reflecting on the year, Bryan Wulfsohn, President and Chief Investment Officer, added: “We made approximately \$4.8 billion of investments in our target asset classes throughout 2025. We significantly grew our Non-QM loan and Agency MBS portfolios, and we profitably sold \$219 million of newly-originated rental term loans to third-party investors. Although our Distributable earnings this year were weighed down by credit losses realized on certain legacy business purpose loans, we believe our investment portfolio is well-positioned to deliver strong returns moving forward.”

Q4 2025 Portfolio Activity

- MFA’s residential investment portfolio rose to \$12.3 billion at December 31, 2025 from \$11.2 billion at September 30, 2025.
- MFA added \$1.2 billion of Agency MBS during the quarter, bringing its Agency MBS position to \$3.3 billion.
- Non-QM loan acquisitions totaled \$443.5 million, bringing MFA’s Non-QM portfolio to \$5.3 billion at December 31, 2025.
- Lima One funded \$145.3 million of new business purpose loans with a maximum loan amount of \$226.4 million. Further, \$69.5 million of draws were funded on previously originated Transitional loans. Lima One generated \$5.7 million of mortgage banking income.
- Portfolio runoff was \$735.0 million. Asset dispositions included \$45.4 million of newly-originated SFR loans, \$24.6 million of credit risk transfer (CRT) securities and \$4.0 million of delinquent Transitional loans. MFA also sold 114 REO properties in the fourth quarter for aggregate net proceeds of \$22.4 million.

- 60+ day delinquencies (measured as a percentage of UPB) for MFA's residential loan portfolio increased to 7.1% at December 31, 2025 from 6.8% at September 30, 2025.
- MFA completed one loan securitization during the quarter collateralized by \$445.9 million UPB of Non-QM loans, bringing its total securitized debt to approximately \$6.3 billion.
- MFA added a net \$706.9 million of new interest rate hedges, maintaining the estimated net effective duration of its investment portfolio at 0.98 years.
- MFA's Debt/Net Equity Ratio was 6.0x while recourse leverage was 2.5x at December 31, 2025.

New Stock Repurchase Program

MFA also announced today that its Board of Directors has authorized a new \$200 million stock repurchase program for the Company's common stock, which will be in effect through the end of 2028. The new program supersedes the Company's prior repurchase program, which expired at the end of 2025.

The new stock repurchase program does not require the purchase of any minimum number of shares. The timing and extent to which MFA repurchases its shares will depend upon, among other things, market conditions, share price, liquidity, regulatory requirements and other factors, and repurchases may be commenced or suspended at any time without prior notice. Acquisitions under the stock repurchase program may be made in the open market, through privately negotiated transactions or block trades or other means, in accordance with applicable securities laws (including, in MFA's discretion, through the use of one or more plans adopted under Rule 10b5-1 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended).

Webcast

MFA Financial, Inc. plans to host a live audio webcast of its investor conference call on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) to discuss its fourth quarter 2025 financial results. The live audio webcast will be accessible to the general public over the internet at <http://www.mfainancial.com>. Earnings presentation materials will be posted on the MFA website prior to the conference call and an audio replay will be available on the website following the call.

About MFA Financial, Inc.

MFA Financial, Inc. (NYSE: MFA) is a leading specialty finance company that invests in residential mortgage loans, residential mortgage-backed securities and other real estate assets. Through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Lima One Capital, MFA also originates and services business purpose loans for real estate investors. MFA has distributed over \$5 billion in dividends to stockholders since its initial public offering in 1998. MFA is an internally-managed, publicly-traded real estate investment trust.

The following tables present MFA's asset allocation as of December 31, 2025, and the yield on average interest-earning assets, average cost of funds, impact of net Swap carry and net interest rate spread for the various asset types.

Table 1 - Asset Allocation

At December 31, 2025 (Dollars in Millions)	Non-QM loans	Single-family rental loans	Single-family transitional loans	Multifamily transitional loans	Legacy RPL/NPL loans	Agency MBS	Other, net (1)	Total
Asset Amount	\$ 5,345	\$ 1,234	\$ 717	\$ 490	\$ 973	\$ 3,303	\$ 706	\$ 12,768
Financing Agreements with Non-mark-to- market Collateral Provisions	—	(7)	(47)	(28)	—	—	—	(82)
Financing Agreements with Mark-to-market Collateral Provisions	(537)	(263)	(198)	(189)	(79)	(2,938)	(109)	(4,313)
Securitized Debt	(4,204)	(788)	(367)	(159)	(812)	—	(6)	(6,336)
Senior Notes and Other secured financing	—	—	—	—	—	—	(209)	(209)
Net Equity Allocated	\$ 604	\$ 176	\$ 105	\$ 114	\$ 82	\$ 365	\$ 382	\$ 1,828
Debt/Net Equity Ratio (2)	7.8x	6.0x	5.8x	3.3x	10.9x	8.0x	—	6.0x

(1) Includes \$213.2 million of cash and cash equivalents, \$173.5 million of restricted cash, \$57.1 million of other securities, \$51.0 million of Other loans and \$20.2 million of capital contributions made to loan origination partners, as well as other assets and other liabilities.

(2) Total Debt/Net Equity ratio represents the sum of borrowings under our financing agreements as a multiple of net equity allocated.

Table 2 - Net Interest Spread

	For the Three-Month Period Ended		
	December 31, 2025	September 30, 2025	December 31, 2024
Non-QM Loans			
Net Yield (1)	5.96%	5.95%	5.63%
Cost of Funding (2)	(5.13)%	(5.21)%	(5.12)%
Impact of net Swap carry (3)	0.49%	0.62%	1.36%
Net Interest Spread	1.32%	1.36%	1.87%
Business Purpose Loans			
Net Yield (1)	7.50%	7.88%	7.73%
Cost of Funding (2)	(5.82)%	(6.03)%	(6.39)%
Impact of net Swap carry (3)	0.44%	0.49%	0.80%
Net Interest Spread	2.12%	2.34%	2.14%
Legacy RPL/NPL Loans			
Net Yield (1)	7.42%	8.55%	7.52%
Cost of Funding (2)	(4.29)%	(4.32)%	(4.23)%
Impact of net Swap carry (3)	0.48%	0.52%	0.19%
Net Interest Spread	3.61%	4.75%	3.48%
Total Residential Whole Loans			
Net Yield (1)	6.53%	6.81%	6.65%
Cost of Funding (2)	(5.23)%	(5.36)%	(5.51)%
Impact of net Swap carry (3)	0.48%	0.58%	1.01%
Net Interest Spread	1.78%	2.03%	2.15%
Securities, at fair value			
Net Yield (1)	5.56%	5.79%	6.05%
Cost of Funding (2)	(4.18)%	(4.50)%	(5.02)%
Impact of net Swap carry (3)	0.79%	1.05%	1.68%
Net Interest Spread	2.17%	2.34%	2.71%
Total Balance Sheet			
Net Yield (1)	6.20%	6.50%	6.64%
Cost of Funding (2)	(5.05)%	(5.29)%	(5.78)%
Impact of net Swap carry (3)	0.54%	0.65%	1.24%
Net Interest Spread	1.69%	1.86%	2.10%

(1) Reflects annualized interest income divided by average amortized cost. Excludes servicing costs.

(2) Reflects annualized interest expense divided by average balance of agreements with mark-to-market collateral provisions (repurchase agreements), agreements with non-mark-to-market collateral provisions, and securitized debt.

(3) Reflects the difference between Swap interest income received and Swap interest expense paid on our Swaps. While we have not elected hedge accounting treatment for Swaps, and, accordingly, net Swap carry is not presented in interest expense in our consolidated statement of operations, we believe it is appropriate to allocate net Swap carry by asset class to reflect the economic impact of our Swaps on the net interest spread shown in the table above.

The following table presents the activity for our residential mortgage asset portfolio for the three months ended December 31, 2025:

Table 3 - Investment Portfolio Activity Q4 2025

(In Millions)	September 30, 2025	Runoff (1)	Acquisitions & Originations (2)	Other (3)	December 31, 2025	Change
Residential whole loans and REO	\$ 8,952	\$ (618)	\$ 658	\$ (47)	\$ 8,945	\$ (7)
Securities, at fair value	2,260	(117)	1,228	(11)	3,360	1,100
Total	\$ 11,212	\$ (735)	\$ 1,886	\$ (58)	\$ 12,305	\$ 1,093

(1) Primarily includes principal repayments and sales of REO.

(2) Includes draws on previously originated Transitional loans.

(3) Primarily includes loan sales, changes in fair value and changes in the allowance for credit losses.

The following tables present information on our investments in residential whole loans:

Table 4 - Portfolio Composition/Residential Whole Loans

(Dollars in Thousands)	Held at Carrying Value		Held at Fair Value		Total	
	December 31, 2025	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2025	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2025	December 31, 2024
Non-QM loans	\$ 593,213	\$ 722,392	\$ 4,753,480	\$ 3,568,694	\$ 5,346,693	\$ 4,291,086
Business purpose loans:						
Single-family rental loans	\$ 88,112	\$ 108,203	\$ 1,147,234	\$ 1,248,197	\$ 1,235,346	\$ 1,356,400
Single-family transitional loans (1)	7,051	22,430	711,294	1,078,425	718,345	1,100,855
Multifamily transitional loans	—	—	489,637	938,926	489,637	938,926
Total Business purpose loans	\$ 95,163	\$ 130,633	\$ 2,348,165	\$ 3,265,548	\$ 2,443,328	\$ 3,396,181
Legacy RPL/NPL loans	414,676	457,654	564,340	624,895	979,016	1,082,549
Other loans	—	—	51,022	52,073	51,022	52,073
Allowance for Credit Losses	(9,705)	(10,665)	—	—	(9,705)	(10,665)
Total Residential whole loans	\$ 1,093,347	\$ 1,300,014	\$ 7,717,007	\$ 7,511,210	\$ 8,810,354	\$ 8,811,224
Number of loans	4,941	5,582	18,824	18,588	23,765	24,170

(1) Includes \$300.2 million and \$442.4 million of loans collateralized by new construction projects at origination as of December 31, 2025 and December 31, 2024, respectively.

Table 5 - Yields and Average Balances/Residential Whole Loans

(Dollars in Thousands)	For the Three-Month Period Ended								
	December 31, 2025			September 30, 2025			December 31, 2024		
	Interest	Average Balance	Average Yield	Interest	Average Balance	Average Yield	Interest	Average Balance	Average Yield
Non-QM loans	\$ 79,960	\$ 5,369,775	5.96%	\$ 76,742	\$ 5,162,278	5.95%	\$ 62,885	\$ 4,464,657	5.63%
Business purpose loans:									
Single-family rental loans	\$ 19,611	\$ 1,265,698	6.20%	\$ 21,636	\$ 1,302,703	6.64%	\$ 23,124	\$ 1,474,552	6.27%
Single-family transitional loans	17,398	768,729	9.05%	18,991	835,895	9.09%	26,733	1,125,631	9.50%
Multifamily transitional loans	12,123	586,047	8.27%	15,356	704,298	8.72%	20,474	1,040,093	7.87%
Total business purpose loans	\$ 49,132	\$ 2,620,474	7.50%	\$ 55,983	\$ 2,842,896	7.88%	\$ 70,331	\$ 3,640,276	7.73%
Legacy RPL/NPL loans	16,933	912,422	7.42%	20,086	939,653	8.55%	19,085	1,014,917	7.52%
Other loans	418	61,696	2.71%	479	62,786	3.05%	467	66,186	2.82%
Total Residential whole loans	\$ 146,443	\$ 8,964,367	6.53%	\$ 153,290	\$ 9,007,613	6.81%	\$ 152,768	\$ 9,186,036	6.65%

Table 6 - Credit-related Metrics/Residential Whole Loans

(Dollars In Thousands)	December 31, 2025												
	Asset Amount	Fair Value	Unpaid Principal Balance ("UPB")	Weighted Average Coupon (1) (2)	Weighted Average Term to Maturity (Months)	Weighted Average LTV Ratio (3)	Weighted Average Original FICO (4)	Aging by UPB				60+ DQ %	60+ LTV (5)
								Past Due Days					
								Current	30-59	60-89	90+		
Non-QM loans	\$ 5,344,968	\$ 5,332,533	\$ 5,322,321	6.74 %	337	64 %	738	\$ 4,929,485	\$ 170,509	\$ 47,154	\$ 175,173	4.2%	64%
Business purpose loans:													
Single-family rental	\$ 1,234,428	\$ 1,237,464	\$ 1,246,745	6.34 %	311	66 %	740	\$ 1,193,041	\$ 22,309	\$ 4,165	\$ 27,230	2.5%	68%
Single-family transitional (5)	717,303	717,702	732,059	10.31 %	6	69 %	750	599,798	48,180	2,535	81,546	11.5%	83%
Multifamily transitional (5)	489,637	489,637	531,804	10.17 %	1	64 %	749	399,686	44,523	32,905	54,690	16.5%	68%
Total business purpose loans	\$ 2,441,368	\$ 2,444,803	\$ 2,510,608	8.31 %		66 %		\$ 2,192,525	\$ 115,012	\$ 39,605	\$ 163,466	8.1%	
Legacy RPL/NPL loans	972,996	992,120	1,097,698	5.09 %	245	54 %	646	757,826	125,621	47,620	166,631	19.5%	60%
Other loans	51,022	51,022	59,283	3.43 %	308	63 %	757	59,283	—	—	—	—%	—%
Residential whole loans, total or weighted average	\$ 8,810,354	\$ 8,820,478	\$ 8,989,910	6.98 %		64 %		\$ 7,939,119	\$ 411,142	\$ 134,379	\$ 505,270	7.1%	

- (1) Weighted average is calculated based on the interest bearing principal balance of each loan within the related category. For loans acquired with servicing rights released by the seller, interest rates included in the calculation do not reflect loan servicing fees. For loans acquired with servicing rights retained by the seller, interest rates included in the calculation are net of servicing fees.
- (2) For the quarter ended December 31, 2025, the gross coupon was 6.88% for Non-QM loans, 6.37% for Single-family rental loans, 10.32% for Single-family transitional loans, 10.18% for Multifamily transitional loans, and 5.10% for Legacy RPL/NPL loans.
- (3) LTV represents the ratio of the total unpaid principal balance of the loan to the estimated value of the collateral securing the related loan as of the most recent date available, which may be the origination date. Excluded from the calculation of weighted average are certain low value loans secured by vacant lots, for which the LTV ratio is not meaningful.
- (4) Excludes loans for which no Fair Isaac Corporation ("FICO") score is available.
- (5) For Single-family and Multifamily transitional loans, the LTV presented is the ratio of the maximum unpaid principal balance of the loan, including unfunded commitments, to the estimated "after repaired" value of the collateral securing the related loan, where available. At December 31, 2025, for certain Single-family and Multifamily Transitional loans totaling \$270.9 million and \$121.1 million, respectively, an after repaired valuation was not available. For these loans, the weighted average LTV is calculated based on the current unpaid principal balance and the as-is value of the collateral securing the related loan.

Table 7 - Shock Table

The information presented in the following "Shock Table" projects the potential impact of sudden parallel changes in interest rates on our portfolio, including the impact of Swaps and securitized debt and other fixed rate debt, based on the assets in our investment portfolio as of December 31, 2025. All changes in value are measured as the percentage change from the projected portfolio value under the base interest rate scenario as of December 31, 2025.

Change in Interest Rates	Percentage Change in Net Portfolio Value	Percentage Change in Total Stockholders' Equity
+100 Basis Point Increase	(1.35)%	(9.58)%
+ 50 Basis Point Increase	(0.58)%	(4.15)%
Actual as of December 31, 2025	—%	—%
- 50 Basis Point Decrease	0.40%	2.85%
-100 Basis Point Decrease	0.62%	4.42%

MFA FINANCIAL, INC.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In Thousands, Except Per Share Amounts)	December 31, 2025	December 31, 2024
Assets:		
Residential whole loans, net (\$7,717,007 and \$7,511,210 held at fair value, respectively) (1)	\$ 8,810,354	\$ 8,811,224
Securities, at fair value	3,360,280	1,537,513
Cash and cash equivalents	213,211	338,931
Restricted cash	173,457	262,381
Other assets	489,147	459,555
Total Assets	<u>\$ 13,046,449</u>	<u>\$ 11,409,604</u>
Liabilities:		
Financing agreements (\$5,956,057 and \$5,516,005 held at fair value, respectively)	\$ 10,940,014	\$ 9,155,461
Other liabilities	278,740	412,351
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 11,218,754</u>	<u>\$ 9,567,812</u>
Stockholders' Equity:		
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value; 7.5% Series B cumulative redeemable; 12,050 and 8,050 shares authorized, respectively; 8,125 and 8,000 shares issued and outstanding, respectively (\$203,132 and \$200,000 aggregate liquidation preference, respectively)	\$ 81	\$ 80
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value; 6.5% Series C fixed-to-floating rate cumulative redeemable; 16,650 and 12,650 shares authorized, respectively; 11,286 and 11,000 shares issued and outstanding, respectively (\$282,148 and \$275,000 aggregate liquidation preference, respectively)	113	110
Common stock, \$0.01 par value; 866,300 and 874,300 shares authorized, respectively; 101,663 and 102,083 shares issued and outstanding, respectively	1,017	1,021
Additional paid-in capital, in excess of par	3,718,350	3,711,046
Accumulated deficit	(1,895,541)	(1,879,941)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	3,675	9,476
Total Stockholders' Equity	<u>\$ 1,827,695</u>	<u>\$ 1,841,792</u>
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	<u>\$ 13,046,449</u>	<u>\$ 11,409,604</u>

(1) Includes approximately \$7.6 billion and \$6.9 billion of Residential whole loans transferred to consolidated variable interest entities ("VIEs") at December 31, 2025 and December 31, 2024, respectively. Such assets can be used only to settle the obligations of each respective VIE.

MFA FINANCIAL, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(In Thousands, Except Per Share Amounts)	Three Months Ended December 31,		Twelve Months Ended December 31,	
	2025 (Unaudited)	2024 (Unaudited)	2025	2024
Interest Income:				
Residential whole loans	\$ 146,443	\$ 152,768	\$ 605,611	\$ 633,556
Securities, at fair value	40,102	19,746	121,258	61,110
Other interest-earning assets	523	717	1,964	7,058
Cash and cash equivalent investments	3,356	5,097	16,231	22,241
Interest Income	\$ 190,424	\$ 178,328	\$ 745,064	\$ 723,965
Interest Expense:				
Asset-backed and other collateralized financing arrangements	\$ 130,192	\$ 122,996	\$ 495,549	\$ 500,026
Other interest expense	4,751	4,530	18,431	21,208
Interest Expense	\$ 134,943	\$ 127,526	\$ 513,980	\$ 521,234
Net Interest Income	\$ 55,481	\$ 50,802	\$ 231,084	\$ 202,731
Reversal/(Provision) for Credit Losses on Residential Whole Loans	\$ 276	\$ (398)	\$ (936)	\$ 3,084
Reversal/(Provision) for Credit Losses on Other Assets	—	—	—	(1,135)
Net Interest Income after Reversal/(Provision) for Credit Losses	\$ 55,757	\$ 50,404	\$ 230,148	\$ 204,680
Other Income/(Loss), net:				
Net gain/(loss) on residential whole loans measured at fair value through earnings	\$ 4,405	\$ (102,339)	\$ 133,689	\$ 45,994
Impairment and other net gain/(loss) on securities and other portfolio investments	15,715	(26,179)	61,543	(10,869)
Net gain/(loss) on real estate owned	(2,641)	24	(6,760)	3,136
Net gain/(loss) on derivatives used for risk management purposes	13,562	69,293	(35,544)	78,503
Net gain/(loss) on securitized debt measured at fair value through earnings	(1,534)	43,564	(55,216)	(64,813)
Lima One mortgage banking income	5,730	8,477	22,848	32,944
Net realized gain/(loss) on residential whole loans held at carrying value	—	—	(882)	418
Other, net	(2,003)	52	(18,723)	115
Other Income/(Loss), net	\$ 33,234	\$ (7,108)	\$ 100,955	\$ 85,428
Operating and Other Expense:				
Compensation and benefits	\$ 16,919	\$ 18,021	\$ 77,669	\$ 87,654
Other general and administrative expense	10,059	9,993	41,740	44,254
Loan servicing, financing and other related costs	7,394	11,044	33,446	35,306
Amortization of intangible assets	300	800	2,200	3,200
Operating and Other Expense	\$ 34,672	\$ 39,858	\$ 155,055	\$ 170,414
Income/(loss) before income taxes	\$ 54,319	\$ 3,438	\$ 176,048	\$ 119,694
Provision for/(benefit from) income taxes	\$ —	\$ (2,471)	\$ (735)	\$ 443
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ 54,319	\$ 5,909	\$ 176,783	\$ 119,251
Less Preferred Stock Dividend Requirement	\$ 10,705	\$ 8,219	\$ 40,318	\$ 32,875
Net Income/(Loss) Available to Common Stock and Participating Securities	\$ 43,614	\$ (2,310)	\$ 136,465	\$ 86,376
Basic Earnings/(Loss) per Common Share	\$ 0.42	\$ (0.02)	\$ 1.31	\$ 0.83
Diluted Earnings/(Loss) per Common Share	\$ 0.42	\$ (0.02)	\$ 1.30	\$ 0.82

Segment Reporting

At December 31, 2025, the Company's reportable segments include (i) mortgage-related assets and (ii) Lima One. The Corporate column in the table below primarily consists of corporate cash and related interest income, investments in loan originators and related economics, general and administrative expenses not directly attributable to Lima One, interest expense on unsecured senior notes, securitization issuance costs, and preferred stock dividends.

The following tables summarize segment financial information, which in total reconciles to the same data for the Company as a whole:

(In Thousands)	Mortgage- Related Assets	Lima One	Corporate	Total
Three months ended December 31, 2025				
Interest Income	\$ 140,273	\$ 48,152	\$ 1,999	\$ 190,424
Interest Expense	99,401	30,982	4,560	134,943
Net Interest Income/(Expense)	\$ 40,872	\$ 17,170	\$ (2,561)	\$ 55,481
Reversal/(Provision) for Credit Losses on Residential Whole Loans	276	—	—	276
Reversal/(Provision) for Credit Losses on Other Assets	—	—	—	—
Net Interest Income/(Expense) after Reversal/(Provision) for Credit Losses	\$ 41,148	\$ 17,170	\$ (2,561)	\$ 55,757
Net gain/(loss) on residential whole loans measured at fair value through earnings	\$ 13,223	\$ (8,818)	\$ —	\$ 4,405
Impairment and other net gain/(loss) on securities and other portfolio investments	15,712	3	—	15,715
Net gain on real estate owned	794	(3,435)	—	(2,641)
Net gain/(loss) on derivatives used for risk management purposes	11,933	1,629	—	13,562
Net gain/(loss) on securitized debt measured at fair value through earnings	(3,175)	1,641	—	(1,534)
Lima One mortgage banking income	—	5,730	—	5,730
Net realized gain/(loss) on residential whole loans held at carrying value	—	—	—	—
Other, net	(72)	(1,514)	(417)	(2,003)
Other Income/(Loss), net	\$ 38,415	\$ (4,764)	\$ (417)	\$ 33,234
Compensation and benefits	\$ —	\$ 9,081	\$ 7,838	\$ 16,919
Other general and administrative expense	—	4,529	5,530	10,059
Loan servicing, financing and other related costs	3,694	1,417	2,283	7,394
Amortization of intangible assets	—	300	—	300
Income/(loss) before income taxes	\$ 75,869	\$ (2,921)	\$ (18,629)	\$ 54,319
Provision for/(benefit from) income taxes	—	—	—	—
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ 75,869	\$ (2,921)	\$ (18,629)	\$ 54,319
Less Preferred Stock Dividend Requirement	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 10,705	\$ 10,705
Net Income/(Loss) Available to Common Stock and Participating Securities	\$ 75,869	\$ (2,921)	\$ (29,334)	\$ 43,614

(Dollars in Thousands)	Mortgage- Related Assets	Lima One	Corporate	Total
December 31, 2025				
Total Assets	\$ 10,128,088	\$ 2,632,740	\$ 285,621	\$ 13,046,449
December 31, 2024				
Total Assets	\$ 7,395,925	\$ 3,632,472	\$ 381,207	\$ 11,409,604

Reconciliation of GAAP Net Income to non-GAAP Distributable Earnings

“Distributable earnings” is a non-GAAP financial measure of our operating performance, within the meaning of Regulation G and Item 10(e) of Regulation S-K, as promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission. Distributable earnings is determined by adjusting GAAP net income/(loss) by removing certain unrealized gains and losses, primarily on residential mortgage investments, associated debt, and hedges that are, in each case, accounted for at fair value through earnings, certain realized gains and losses, as well as certain non-cash expenses and securitization-related transaction costs. Realized gains and losses arising from loans sold to third-parties by Lima One shortly after the origination of such loans are included in Distributable earnings. The transaction costs are primarily comprised of costs only incurred at the time of execution of our securitizations and include costs such as underwriting fees, legal fees, diligence fees, bank fees and other similar transaction related expenses. These costs are all incurred prior to or at the execution of our securitizations and do not recur. Recurring expenses, such as servicing fees, custodial fees, trustee fees and other similar ongoing fees are not excluded from Distributable earnings. Management believes that the adjustments made to GAAP earnings result in the removal of (i) income or expenses that are not reflective of the longer term performance of our investment portfolio, (ii) certain non-cash expenses, and (iii) expense items required to be recognized solely due to the election of the fair value option on certain related residential mortgage assets and associated liabilities. Distributable earnings is one of the factors that our Board of Directors considers when evaluating distributions to our shareholders. Accordingly, we believe that the adjustments to compute Distributable earnings specified below provide investors and analysts with additional information to evaluate our financial results.

Distributable earnings should be used in conjunction with results presented in accordance with GAAP. Distributable earnings does not represent and should not be considered as a substitute for net income or cash flows from operating activities, each as determined in accordance with GAAP, and our calculation of this measure may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies.

The following table provides a reconciliation of our GAAP net income/(loss) used in the calculation of basic EPS to our non-GAAP Distributable earnings for the quarterly periods below:

(In Thousands, Except Per Share Amounts)	Quarter Ended				
	December 31, 2025	September 30, 2025	June 30, 2025	March 31, 2025	December 31, 2024
GAAP Net income/(loss) used in the calculation of basic EPS	\$ 43,402	\$ 37,082	\$ 22,424	\$ 32,751	\$ (2,396)
Adjustments:					
Unrealized and realized gains and losses on:					
Residential whole loans held at fair value	(4,405)	(41,293)	(33,612)	(54,380)	102,339
Securities held at fair value	(14,313)	(17,310)	(4,008)	(20,201)	26,273
Residential whole loans and securities at carrying value	(1,399)	(668)	343	305	—
Interest rate swaps and ERIS swap futures	657	14,826	32,565	44,842	(46,632)
Securitized debt held at fair value	(1,586)	21,303	3,712	18,575	(47,267)
Other portfolio investments	(3)	(26)	(2,637)	(744)	(94)
Expense items:					
Amortization of intangible assets	300	300	800	800	800
Equity based compensation	1,880	1,861	2,274	6,052	1,637
Securitization-related transaction costs	2,188	3,550	1,753	1,696	5,252
Depreciation	1,045	1,328	1,087	879	938
Total adjustments	(15,636)	(16,129)	2,277	(2,176)	43,246
Distributable earnings	\$ 27,766	\$ 20,953	\$ 24,701	\$ 30,575	\$ 40,850
GAAP earnings/(loss) per basic common share	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.32	\$ (0.02)
Distributable earnings per basic common share	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.39
Weighted average common shares for basic earnings per share	103,061	103,683	103,705	103,777	103,675

Reconciliation of GAAP Book Value per Common Share to non-GAAP Economic Book Value per Common Share

“Economic book value” is a non-GAAP financial measure of our financial position. To calculate our Economic book value, our portfolios of Residential whole loans and securitized debt held at carrying value are adjusted to their fair value, rather than the carrying value that is required to be reported under the GAAP accounting model applied to these financial instruments. These adjustments are also reflected in the table below in our end of period stockholders’ equity. Management considers that Economic book value provides investors with a useful supplemental measure to evaluate our financial position as it reflects the impact of fair value changes for all of our investment activities, irrespective of the accounting model applied for GAAP reporting purposes. Economic book value does not represent and should not be considered as a substitute for Stockholders’ Equity, as determined in accordance with GAAP, and our calculation of this measure may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies.

The following table provides a reconciliation of our GAAP book value per common share to our non-GAAP Economic book value per common share as of the quarterly periods below:

(In Millions, Except Per Share Amounts)	Quarter Ended:				
	December 31, 2025	September 30, 2025	June 30, 2025	March 31, 2025	December 31, 2024
GAAP Total Stockholders’ Equity	\$ 1,827.7	\$ 1,821.5	\$ 1,822.1	\$ 1,838.4	\$ 1,841.8
Preferred Stock, liquidation preference	(485.3)	(479.9)	(475.0)	(475.0)	(475.0)
GAAP Stockholders’ Equity for book value per common share	1,342.4	1,341.6	1,347.1	1,363.4	1,366.8
Adjustments:					
Fair value adjustment to Residential whole loans, at carrying value	10.1	8.7	1.8	(6.3)	(15.3)
Fair value adjustment to Securitized debt, at carrying value	45.7	48.5	57.1	63.1	70.3
Stockholders’ Equity including fair value adjustments to Residential whole loans and Securitized debt held at carrying value (Economic book value)	\$ 1,398.2	\$ 1,398.8	\$ 1,406.0	\$ 1,420.2	\$ 1,421.8
GAAP book value per common share	\$ 13.20	\$ 13.13	\$ 13.12	\$ 13.28	\$ 13.39
Economic book value per common share	\$ 13.75	\$ 13.69	\$ 13.69	\$ 13.84	\$ 13.93
Number of shares of common stock outstanding	101.7	102.2	102.7	102.7	102.1

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Q4 Financial Highlights

Hybrid mortgage REIT with extensive experience in managing residential mortgage assets through economic cycles

Key Metrics	GAAP Book Value \$13.20 <i>per common share</i>	Economic Book Value¹ \$13.75 <i>per common share</i>	Total Economic Return² 3.1% <i>Q4 2025</i>	Recourse Leverage³ 2.5x <i>as of Dec. 31, 2025</i>
Financial Metrics	GAAP Net Income⁴ \$0.42 <i>per common share</i>	Distributable Earnings⁵ \$0.27 <i>per common share</i>	Quarterly Dividend \$0.36 <i>per common share</i>	Dividend Yield 14.6% <i>as of Feb 13, 2026</i>
Portfolio Highlights	Agency MBS \$1.2B <i>acquired in Q4</i>	Non-QM Loans \$443M <i>acquired in Q4</i>	Business Purpose Loans \$226M <i>originated in Q4⁶</i>	Unrestricted Cash \$213M <i>as of Dec. 31, 2025</i>

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2025 Highlights and Strategic Actions Update

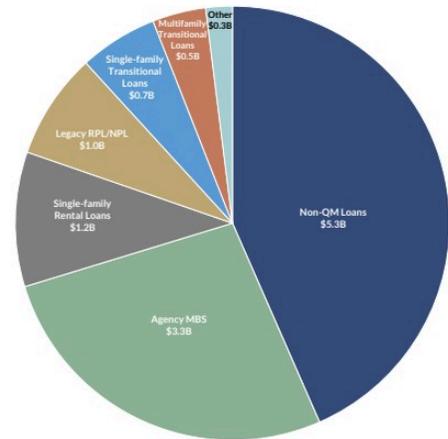
Initiative	Progress
Deployment of Excess Cash	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Deployed over \$100M of excess cash into target assets to reduce cash drag and grow investment portfolio to \$12.3B ✓ Acquired \$1.8B of Non-QM loans and \$2.1B of Agency MBS in 2025
Growth of Lima One	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Hired 45 new sales employees in 2025 ✓ Debut of wholesale channel and relaunch of multifamily lending expected in early 2026
Resolution of Non-Performing Loans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Loan portfolio 60+ day delinquency rate declined from 7.5% to 7.1% throughout 2025 ✓ Resolved \$154M of previously delinquent loans in Q4, unlocking additional capital to be re-deployed at mid-teen ROEs
Expense Reductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ G&A expenses were \$119M in 2025, down from \$132M in 2024 ✓ Further cost savings expected in 2026
Share Repurchases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Repurchased over 1M common shares at significant discount to Economic Book Value ✓ Funded primarily by issuance of Series B and C preferred shares

Q4 Portfolio Highlights

Q4 Portfolio Activity

- **Acquired \$1.9B of residential mortgage loans and securities, growing investment portfolio to \$12.3B**
 - Added \$1.2B of Agency MBS
 - Purchased \$443M of Non-QM loans
 - Lima One originated \$226M⁶ of new business purpose loans
- **Portfolio runoff and asset sales of \$814M**
 - Sold \$45M of newly-originated SFR loans
 - Sold \$25M of CRT securities, \$4M of Transitional loans and \$22M of REO properties
- **Current rate environment continues to provide opportunities to add new assets at attractive yields**
 - Average coupon on all loans acquired in Q4 was 8.0%
 - Incremental ROE for new investments expected to be mid-teens

Investment Portfolio at Dec. 31⁷

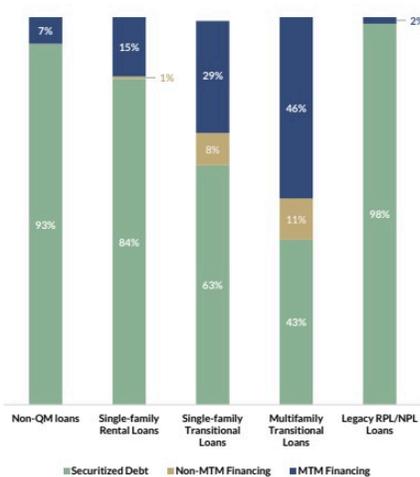


Q4 Liability Highlights

Liability Activity

- **Recourse leverage³ rose to 2.5x**
 - Increase driven by higher allocation toward Agency MBS
- **Continued emphasis on non-mark-to-market (non-MTM)⁸ borrowing against our loan portfolio**
- **Issued our 21st Non-QM securitization in December**
 - Collateralized by \$446M UPB of loans
 - 93% of our Non-QM portfolio is securitized
- **\$4.5B interest rate derivatives position at Dec. 31**
 - Net addition of \$707M of new hedges expiring in 3-10 years
 - Generated net positive carry of \$15M
- **Net portfolio duration estimated to be 0.98 at Dec. 31**

Loan Portfolio Financing Sources



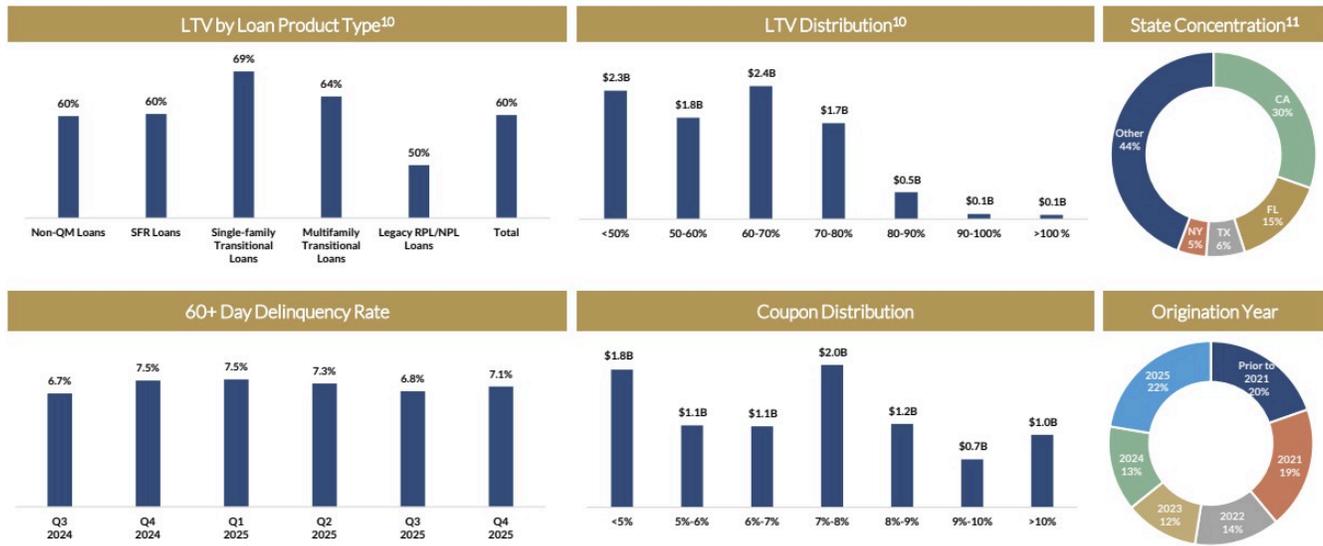
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Q4 Lima One Highlights

Single-family Transitional	New Construction Loans \$83M	New Rehab Loans \$48M	New Bridge Loans \$25M	Average Coupon 9.8% <i>for Q4 originations</i>	Total Origination Volume ⁶ \$226M
Single-family Rental	Rental Loans Originated \$70M	Rental Loans Sold \$45M	Gain-on-sale Income \$1.4M	Average Coupon 6.7% <i>for Q4 originations</i>	
Other Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Mortgage banking income rose to \$5.7M ❑ Origination volume declined primarily due to seasonality ❑ Final preparations for wholesale channel debut and multifamily lending relaunch in early 2026 ❑ Additional technology enhancements underway to improve borrower experience 				

Q4 Loan Portfolio Credit Metrics⁹



Q4 Loan Portfolio Statistics

	Non-QM Loans	Single-family Rental Loans	Single-family Transitional Loans	Multifamily Transitional Loans	Legacy RPL/NPL Loans	Total ⁹
Portfolio Statistics	as of Dec. 31, 2025					
UPB	\$5.32B	\$1.25B	\$732M	\$532M	\$1.10B	\$8.9B
Average loan balance	\$513K	\$227K	\$418K	\$3.5M	\$188K	\$378K
Gross coupon	6.88%	6.37%	10.32%	10.18%	5.10%	7.09%
Quarterly yield	5.96%	6.20%	9.05%	8.27%	7.42%	6.56%
LTV ¹⁰	60%	60%	69%	64%	50%	60%
Original FICO score	738	740	750	749	646	729
Loan age (months)	30	41	13	32	234	55
3-month prepayment rate ¹²	14 CPR	10 CPR	68 CPR	51 CPR	8 CPR	10 CPR
60+ days delinquent	4.2%	2.5%	11.5%	16.5%	19.5%	7.2%
REO properties ¹³	\$12M	\$14M	\$39M	\$28M	\$42M	\$135M

	as of Dec. 31, 2025					
Additional Statistics	as of Dec. 31, 2025					
Unfunded Commitments ¹⁴	-	-	\$271M	\$23M	-	\$294M
First lien position	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Fixed rate	87%	77%	100%	100%	84%	87%
Hybrid ARMs	13%	23%	-	-	16%	13%
Purchase	53%	16%	44%	69%	34%	46%
Cash-out refinance	36%	70%	16%	13%	34%	38%
Extended UPB ¹⁵	-	-	31%	66%	-	-

Q4 2025 Highlights

- **Non-QM Loans:**
 - Acquired \$443M of new loans with average LTV of 69% and average coupon of 7.3%
 - Issued securitization in December collateralized by \$446M UPB of loans
- **Single-family Rental Loans:**
 - Lima One originated \$70M of loans with average LTV of 68% and average coupon of 6.7%
 - Sold \$45M of newly-originated loans
- **Single-family Transitional Loans:**
 - Lima One originated \$156M of new loans⁶
 - \$205M of principal repayments
- **Multifamily Transitional Loans:**
 - \$103M of principal repayments
 - Resolved \$29M of previously delinquent loans, incurring \$1M of credit losses
- **Legacy RPL/NPL Loans:**
 - 96% of loans purchased between 2014-2019 are performing, paid in full, REO or liquidated
 - Portfolio LTV has declined to 50% due to home price appreciation and principal amortization

Q4 Agency MBS Highlights

Portfolio Statistics	as of Dec. 31, 2025
Current face	\$3.26B
Fair value	\$3.30B
Average coupon	5.41%
Quarterly yield	5.43%
Loan age (months)	11
3-month CPR	13 CPR
Purchase price	100.0%

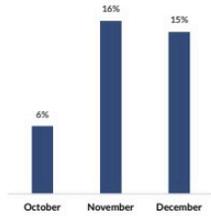
Highlights

- **Acquired \$1.2B of Agency MBS primarily early in Q4**
 - Purchases continued to consist primarily of low pay-up (premium to TBA price) specified pools that provide some prepayment protection
 - Wide spread over Treasuries and less rate volatility made Agency MBS attractive in 2025
- **Complementary to our less liquid, more credit-sensitive assets**
 - Expected levered returns in the mid-teens

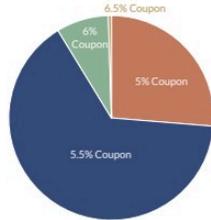
Agency MBS Spread¹⁶



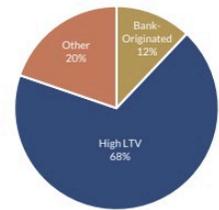
Monthly CPR



Coupon Distribution



Specified Pool Type



Appendix



James Casebere, *Landscape with Houses*
(Dutchess County, NY) #2, 2010 (detail)

MFA Overview

- ❑ MFA Financial, Inc. (NYSE: MFA) is an internally managed real estate investment trust (REIT) that invests in U.S. residential mortgage loans and mortgage-backed securities
- ❑ MFA focuses primarily on mortgage subsectors in which it tries to avoid direct competition with banks and government-sponsored enterprises
- ❑ MFA owns and actively manages a diversified portfolio of non-qualified mortgage (Non-QM) loans, business purpose loans (BPLs), re-performing/non-performing loans (Legacy RPL/NPLs) and agency mortgage-backed securities (MBS)
- ❑ In 2021, MFA acquired Lima One Capital, a leading nationwide BPL originator and servicer with over \$11B⁶ in originations since its formation in 2010
- ❑ MFA originates BPLs directly through Lima One and acquires Non-QM loans through flow and mini-bulk arrangements with a select group of originators with which it holds strong relationships
- ❑ MFA operates a leading residential credit securitization platform with over \$12B of issuance since inception
- ❑ MFA has deep expertise in residential credit as well as a long history of investing in new asset classes when compelling opportunities arise
- ❑ Since its IPO in 1998, MFA has distributed over \$5B of dividends to its stockholders

Lima One: Leading Nationwide BPL Originator and Servicer



Fully Integrated BPL Platform

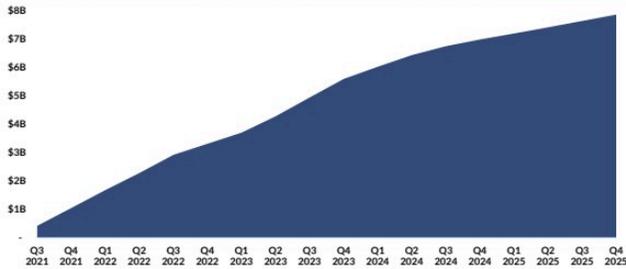
- Lima One is an industry-leading business purpose lender wholly-owned by MFA and headquartered in Greenville, S.C.
- Lima operates an efficient and scalable platform with over 200 employees, including in-house sales, underwriting, servicing and construction management teams
- Lima provides MFA with access to organically-created, high-yielding loans, substantially below the cost to purchase from third-party lenders
- Lima has originated nearly \$8B since MFA's acquisition in 2021 and over \$11B since its formation in 2010⁶

Product Offerings

- Lima One offers a diverse selection of both short-term and long-term financing solutions to experienced real estate investors across the U.S.
- Products have included rehab loans, construction loans, bridge loans, single-family rental loans and small-balance multifamily loans



Origination Volume Since MFA's Acquisition

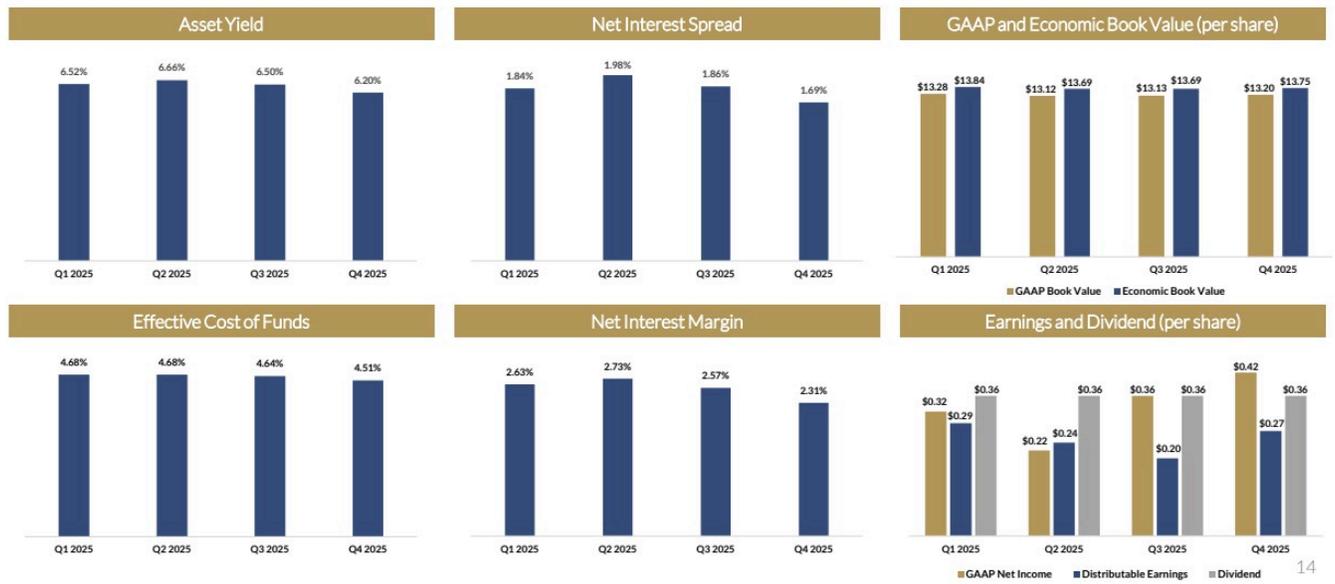


Geographic and Borrower Diversity

- No state concentration above 15% and no borrower concentration above 2%



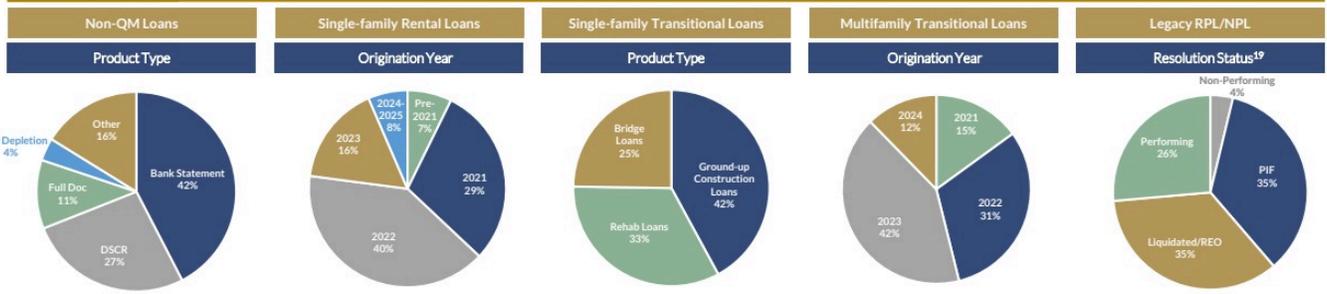
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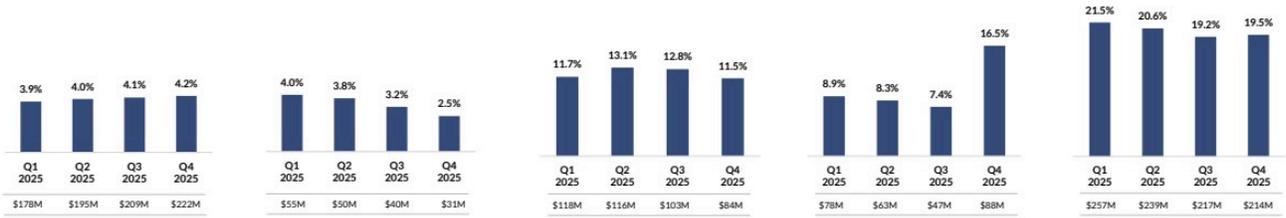
MFA Securitizations Outstanding

Securitization Name	Loan Product Type	Settlement Date	Original Collateral UPB (\$M) ¹⁷	Current Collateral UPB (\$M) ¹⁷	Bonds Sold (\$M)	Original UPB Sold (%) ¹⁸	Outstanding Balance of Bonds Sold (\$M)	Weighted Average Coupon (WAC) of Outstanding Bonds Sold	WAC of Underlying Loans	Callable Date
MFRA 2020-NQM1	Non-QM	Sep-20	391	78	373	95%	59	3.19%	6.66%	Currently Callable
MFRA 2020-NQM2	Non-QM	Oct-20	570	116	535	94%	81	2.64%	6.80%	Currently Callable
MFRA 2020-NQM3	Non-QM	Dec-20	381	90	359	94%	68	2.13%	6.28%	Currently Callable
MFRA 2021-INV1	SFR	Feb-21	217	49	198	91%	29	1.87%	7.29%	Currently Callable
MFRA 2021-NQM1	Non-QM	Apr-21	394	110	371	94%	87	1.89%	6.29%	Currently Callable
MFRA 2021-RPL1	RPL	Jun-21	473	247	435	92%	198	1.51%	5.12%	20% Clean-up Call
MFRA 2021-NQM2	Non-QM	Aug-21	289	121	277	96%	109	1.44%	5.28%	Currently Callable
MFRA 2021-AEINV1	Agency Eligible	Oct-21	312	245	297	95%	N/A	1.43%	3.27%	N/A
MFRA 2021-INV2	SFR	Nov-21	284	183	260	92%	161	2.25%	5.11%	Currently Callable
MFRA 2021-AEINV2	Agency Eligible	Dec-21	340	273	323	95%	N/A	1.52%	3.46%	N/A
MFRA 2022-CHM1	Non-QM	Mar-22	237	144	204	86%	111	4.85%	5.13%	Currently Callable
MFRA 2022-NQM1	Non-QM	Mar-22	333	211	310	93%	188	4.16%	4.56%	Currently Callable
MFRA 2022-INV1	SFR	Apr-22	258	177	224	87%	145	4.05%	4.80%	Currently Callable
MFRA 2022-NQM2	Non-QM	Jun-22	541	397	398	74%	274	4.00%	4.27%	Currently Callable
MFRA 2022-RPL1	RPL	Jul-22	336	210	307	91%	193	3.43%	4.99%	Currently Callable
MFRA 2022-INV2	SFR	Jul-22	214	162	169	79%	116	4.95%	5.61%	Currently Callable
MFRA 2022-NQM3	Non-QM	Sep-22	342	225	274	80%	156	5.57%	5.95%	Currently Callable
MFRA 2022-INV3	SFR	Oct-22	235	176	160	68%	115	6.00%	6.57%	Currently Callable
MFRA 2023-NQM1	Non-QM	Jan-23	314	228	253	81%	168	5.75%	5.90%	Currently Callable
MFRA 2023-INV1	SFR	Feb-23	204	141	154	75%	91	6.10%	6.85%	Feb-26
MFRA 2023-NQM2	Non-QM	May-23	372	274	309	83%	212	4.66%	5.33%	May-26
MFRA 2023-INV2	SFR	Sep-23	215	176	191	89%	152	7.07%	8.00%	Sep-26
MFRA 2023-NQM3	Non-QM	Sep-23	387	249	343	89%	206	6.76%	7.74%	Aug-26
MFRA 2023-NQM4	Non-QM	Dec-23	295	197	268	91%	170	6.36%	7.91%	Dec-26
MFRA 2024-RTL1	Transitional	Feb-24	200	200	160	80%	160	7.09%	10.38%	Feb-26
MFRA 2024-NQM1	Non-QM	Apr-24	365	237	331	91%	203	6.74%	8.04%	Apr-27
MFRA 2024-RTL2	Transitional	May-24	205	205	164	80%	164	7.25%	10.24%	May-26
MFRA 2024-RPL1	RPL	Jul-24	303	249	259	85%	225	4.26%	5.08%	30% Clean-up Call
MFRA 2024-NQM2	Non-QM	Sep-24	340	233	321	94%	213	5.41%	8.33%	Aug-27
MFRA 2024-NPL1	NPL	Oct-24	424	321	306	72%	261	6.35%	5.24%	Currently Callable
MFRA 2024-RTL3	Transitional	Nov-24	250	250	202	81%	202	5.97%	10.49%	Oct-26
MFRA 2024-NQM3	Non-QM	Dec-24	380	314	354	93%	288	5.89%	7.86%	Dec-27
MFRA 2025-NQM1	Non-QM	Mar-25	305	264	283	93%	242	5.60%	7.46%	Feb-28
MFRA 2025-NQM2	Non-QM	May-25	318	281	291	92%	254	5.76%	7.49%	May-28
MFRA 2025-NQM3	Non-QM	Aug-25	350	340	322	92%	312	5.43%	7.55%	Jul-28
MFRA 2025-NQM4	Non-QM	Sep-25	371	364	351	95%	343	5.35%	7.57%	Sep-28
MFRA 2025-NQM5	Non-QM	Dec-25	446	444	424	95%	421	5.26%	7.51%	Nov-28
Total			12,191	8,181	10,760	88%	6,377	5.07%	6.53%	

Supplemental Loan Portfolio Data



60+ Day Delinquency by Asset Class (% and UPB)



Reconciliation of GAAP net income to non-GAAP Distributable earnings

"Distributable earnings" is a non-GAAP financial measure of our operating performance, within the meaning of Regulation G and Item 10(e) of Regulation S-K, as promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission. Distributable earnings is determined by adjusting GAAP net income/(loss) by removing certain unrealized gains and losses, primarily on residential mortgage investments, associated debt, and hedges that are, in each case, accounted for at fair value through earnings, certain realized gains and losses, as well as certain non-cash expenses and securitization-related transaction costs. Realized gains and losses arising from loans sold to third-parties by Lima One shortly after the origination of such loans are included in Distributable earnings. The transaction costs are primarily comprised of costs only incurred at the time of execution of our securitizations and include costs such as underwriting fees, legal fees, diligence fees, bank fees and other similar transaction related expenses. These costs are all incurred prior to or at the execution of our securitizations and do not recur. Recurring expenses, such as servicing fees, custodial fees, trustee fees and other similar ongoing fees are not excluded from distributable earnings. Management believes that the adjustments made to GAAP earnings result in the removal of (i) income or expenses that are not reflective of the longer-term performance of our investment portfolio, (ii) certain non-cash expenses, and (iii) expense items required to be recognized solely due to the election of the fair value option on certain related residential mortgage assets and associated liabilities. Distributable earnings is one of the factors that our Board of Directors considers when evaluating distributions to our shareholders. Accordingly, we believe that the adjustments to compute Distributable earnings specified below provide investors and analysts with additional information to evaluate our financial results.

The following table provides a reconciliation of GAAP net (loss)/income used in the calculation of basic EPS to our non-GAAP Distributable earnings for the quarterly periods presented.

(\$ in millions, except per share amounts)	Q4 2025	Q3 2025	Q2 2025	Q1 2025	Q4 2024
GAAP Net income/(loss) used in the calculation of basic EPS	\$43.4	\$37.0	\$22.4	\$32.8	\$(2.4)
Adjustments:					
Unrealized and realized gains and losses on:					
Residential whole loans held at fair value	(4.4)	(41.3)	(33.6)	(54.4)	102.3
Securities held at fair value	(14.3)	(17.3)	(4.0)	(20.2)	26.3
Residential whole loans and securities at carrying value	(1.4)	(0.7)	0.3	0.3	-
Interest rate swaps and ERMIS swap futures	0.7	14.8	32.5	44.8	(46.6)
Securitized debt held at fair value	(1.6)	21.3	3.7	18.5	(47.3)
Other portfolio investments	-	-	(2.6)	(0.7)	(0.1)
Expense items:					
Amortization of intangible assets	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.8	0.8
Equity based compensation	1.9	1.9	2.3	6.1	1.6
Securitization-related transaction costs	2.2	3.6	1.8	1.7	5.3
Depreciation	1.0	1.3	1.1	0.9	0.9
Total adjustments	\$(15.6)	\$(16.1)	\$2.3	\$(2.2)	\$43.2
Distributable earnings	\$27.8	\$20.9	\$24.7	\$30.6	\$40.8
GAAP earnings/(loss) per basic common share	\$0.42	\$0.36	\$0.22	\$0.32	\$(0.02)
Distributable earnings per basic common share	\$0.27	\$0.20	\$0.24	\$0.29	\$0.39
Weighted average common shares for basic earnings per share	103.1	103.7	103.7	103.8	103.6

Reconciliation of GAAP Book Value to Economic Book Value

"Economic book value" is a non-GAAP financial measure of our financial position. To calculate our Economic book value, our portfolios of Residential whole loans and securitized debt held at carrying value are adjusted to their fair value, rather than the carrying value that is required to be reported under the GAAP accounting model applied to these financial instruments. These adjustments are also reflected in the table below in our end of period stockholders' equity. Management considers that Economic book value provides investors with a useful supplemental measure to evaluate our financial position as it reflects the impact of fair value changes for all of our investment activities, irrespective of the accounting model applied for GAAP reporting purposes. Economic book value does not represent and should not be considered as a substitute for Stockholders' Equity, as determined in accordance with GAAP, and our calculation of this measure may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies.

The following table provides a reconciliation of GAAP book value per common share to our non-GAAP Economic book value per common share as of the end of each quarter since Q4 2024.

(\$ in millions, except per share amounts)	12/31/25	9/30/25	6/30/25	3/31/25	12/31/24
GAAP Total Stockholders' Equity	\$1,827.7	\$1,821.5	\$1,822.1	\$1,838.4	\$1,841.8
Preferred Stock, liquidation preference	(485.3)	(479.9)	(475.0)	(475.0)	(475.0)
GAAP Stockholders' Equity for book value per common share	\$1,342.4	\$1,341.6	\$1,347.1	\$1,363.4	\$1,366.8
Adjustments:					
Fair value adjustment to Residential whole loans, at carrying value	10.1	8.7	1.8	(6.3)	(15.3)
Fair value adjustment to Securitized debt, at carrying value	45.7	48.5	57.1	63.1	70.3
Stockholders' Equity including fair value adjustments to Residential whole loans and Securitized debt held at carrying value (Economic book value)	\$1,398.2	\$1,398.8	\$1,406.0	\$1,420.2	\$1,421.8
GAAP book value per common share	\$13.20	\$13.13	\$13.12	\$13.28	\$13.39
Economic book value per common share	\$13.75	\$13.69	\$13.69	\$13.84	\$13.93
Number of shares of common stock outstanding	101.7	102.2	102.7	102.7	102.1

Book Value and Economic Book Value Rollforward

	GAAP	Economic
Book value per common share as of 9/30/25	\$13.13	\$13.69
Net income available to common shareholders	0.43	0.43
Common stock dividends declared	(0.36)	(0.36)
Fair value changes attributable to residential mortgage securities and other	—	0.01
Change in fair value of residential whole loans reported at carrying value under GAAP	—	0.01
Change in fair value of securitized debt at carrying value under GAAP	—	(0.03)
Book value per common share as of 12/31/25	\$13.20	\$13.75

GAAP Segment Reporting

(Dollars in millions)	Mortgage-Related Assets	Lima One	Corporate	Total
Three months ended 12/31/25				
Interest Income	\$140.3	\$48.2	\$1.9	\$190.4
Interest Expense	99.4	31.0	4.5	134.9
Net Interest Income/(Expense)	\$40.9	\$17.2	\$(2.6)	\$55.5
(Provision)/Reversal of Provision for Credit Losses on Residential Whole Loans	0.3	-	-	0.3
Net Interest Income/(Expense) after Reversal of Provision/(Provision) for Credit Losses	\$41.2	\$17.2	\$(2.6)	\$55.8
Net gain/(loss) on residential whole loans measured at fair value through earnings	13.2	(8.8)	-	4.4
Impairment and other net gain on securities and other portfolio investments	15.7	-	-	15.7
Net gain/(loss) on real estate owned	0.8	(3.4)	-	(2.6)
Net gain/(loss) on derivatives used for risk management purposes	12.0	1.6	-	13.6
Net gain/(loss) on securitized debt measured at fair value through earnings	(3.2)	1.6	-	(1.6)
Lima One mortgage banking income	-	5.7	-	5.7
Net realized gain/(loss) on residential whole loans held at carrying value	-	-	-	-
Other, net	(0.1)	(1.5)	(0.4)	(2.0)
Total Other Income/(Loss), net	\$38.4	\$(4.8)	\$(0.4)	\$33.2
Compensation and benefits	-	9.1	7.8	16.9
General and administrative expenses	-	4.5	5.6	10.1
Loan servicing, financing, and other related costs	3.7	1.4	2.3	7.4
Amortization of intangible assets	-	0.3	-	0.3
Income/(loss) before income taxes	\$75.9	\$(2.9)	\$(18.7)	\$54.3
Provision for/(benefit from) income taxes	-	-	-	-
Net Income/(Loss)	\$75.9	\$(2.9)	\$(18.7)	\$54.3
Less Preferred Stock Dividend Requirement	-	-	10.7	10.7
Net Income/(Loss) Available to Common Stock and Participating Securities	\$75.9	\$(2.9)	\$(29.4)	\$43.6

Endnotes

- 1) Economic book value (EBV) is a non-GAAP financial measure. Refer to slide 18 for further information regarding the calculation of this measure and a reconciliation to GAAP book value.
- 2) Total economic return is calculated as the quarterly change in EBV plus common dividends declared during the quarter divided by EBV at the start of the quarter.
- 3) Recourse leverage is the ratio of MFA's financing liabilities (excluding non-recourse debt) to net equity. Including securitized debt, MFA's overall leverage ratio at Dec. 31, 2025 was 6.0x.
- 4) GAAP net income is presented per basic and diluted common share.
- 5) Distributable earnings is a non-GAAP financial measure. Refer to slide 17 for further information regarding the calculation of this measure and a reconciliation to GAAP net income. Distributable earnings is presented per basic common share.
- 6) Origination amount is based on the maximum loan amount, which includes amounts initially funded plus any committed but undrawn amounts. \$145.3M of funded originations occurred during Q4 2025 and \$69.5M of draws were funded during Q4 2025 on previously originated Transitional loans.
- 7) Amounts presented reflect the aggregation of fair value and carrying value amounts as presented in MFA's consolidated balance sheet at Dec. 31, 2025.
- 8) Non-MTM refers to financing arrangements not subject to margin calls based on changes in the fair value of the financed residential whole loans. Such agreements may experience changes in advance rates or collateral eligibility due to factors such as changes in the delinquency status of the financed residential whole loans.
- 9) Excludes Agency-eligible investor loans, which had a fair value of \$51M at Dec. 31, 2025.
- 10) Loan-to-value (LTV) ratio reflects principal amortization and estimated home price appreciation (or depreciation) since acquisition. Zillow Home Value Index (ZHVI) is utilized to estimate updated LTVs for Non-QM, SFR and Legacy RPL/NPL assets. For Transitional loans, LTV reflects either the current unpaid principal balance (UPB) divided by the most recent as-is property valuation available or the maximum UPB divided by the most recent after repaired value (ARV) available.
- 11) State concentration measured by loan balance. All states in "Other" category have concentrations below 5%.
- 12) CPR includes all principal repayments.
- 13) Balance sheet carrying value of real estate owned (REO) properties at Dec. 31, 2025.
- 14) Undrawn construction funds for performing Transitional loans at Dec. 31, 2025. Borrowers must be current in order to receive unfunded commitments.
- 15) Percentage of Transitional loan portfolios extended beyond original maturity date at Dec. 31, 2025.
- 16) Current coupon Agency MBS spread over blended 5Y and 10Y Treasury yields. Data sourced from Bloomberg and presented in basis points.
- 17) Collateral UPB includes cash for Transitional loan securitizations.
- 18) Bonds sold relative to certificates issued.
- 19) Represents status at Dec. 31, 2025 of all Legacy RPL/NPL loans ever acquired. Non-performing status includes all active loans greater than 60 days delinquent. Liquidated/REO status includes both sold and active REO properties as well as short payoff liquidations and loans sold to third-parties.