

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 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): June 2, 2009

MFA FINANCIAL, INC.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Maryland

(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

1-13991

(Commission
File No.)

13-3974868

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

350 Park Avenue, 21st Floor, New York, New York 10022
(Address of Principal Executive Office) (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:

- ☐ 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))
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ITEM 7.01. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

MFA Financial, Inc. (“MFA”) hereby furnishes the information set forth in the slideshow presentation attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, the text of which is incorporated herein by reference.

The information referenced in this Current Report on Form 8-K (including Exhibit 99.1 referenced in Item 9.01 below) is being “furnished” under “Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure” 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 and shall 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 shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

As discussed therein, the slideshow presentation 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 slideshow presentation as well as in MFA’s reports and 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.

ITEM 8.01. OTHER EVENTS.

MFA is scheduled to present at the KBW 2009 Diversified Financial Services Conference, which is being held at The St. Regis New York, Two East 55th Street, New York, New York, at 4:30 p.m. (local time) on Wednesday, June 3, 2009. A live audio webcast of MFA’s presentation will be available online at <http://www.kbw.com/news/conferenceDivFin2009.html> at 4:30 p.m. (local time) on the day of the presentation and for a 60-day period following the presentation. The link will also be available on MFA’s Investor Information page located on its website (www.mfa-reit.com) for a 60-day period following the presentation.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Slideshow Presentation of MFA Financial, Inc.

SIGNATURES

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.

By: /s/ Timothy W. Korth

General Counsel and Senior Vice President –
Business Development

Date: June 2, 2009

June 2009

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Forward Looking Statements



When used in this presentation or other written or oral communications, statements which are not historical in nature, including those containing words such as “believe,” “expect,” “anticipate,” “estimate,” “plan,” “continue,” “intend,” “should,” “may” or similar expressions, are intended to identify “forward-looking statements” for purposes of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and, as such, may involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and assumptions.

These forward-looking statements include information about possible or assumed future results of our business, financial condition, liquidity, results of operations, plans and objectives. Statements regarding the following subjects, among others, may be forward-looking: changes in interest rates and the market value of MFA’s MBS; changes in the prepayment rates on the mortgage loans securing MFA’s MBS; MFA’s ability to borrow to finance its assets; changes in government regulations affecting MFA’s business; MFA’s ability to maintain its qualification as a REIT for federal income tax purposes; MFA’s ability to maintain its exemption from registration under the Investment Company Act of 1940; and risks associated with investing in real estate assets, including changes in business conditions and the general economy. These and other risks, uncertainties and factors, including those described in the annual, quarterly and/or current reports that MFA files with the SEC, could cause MFA’s actual results to differ materially from those projected in any forward-looking statements it makes.

These forward-looking statements are based on beliefs, assumptions and expectations of MFA’s future performance, taking into account all information currently available. All forward-looking statements speak only as of the date on which they are made. New risks and uncertainties arise over time and it is not possible to predict those events or how they may affect MFA. Except as required by law, MFA is not obligated to, and does not intend to, update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

MFA
is uniquely positioned to benefit
from an existing portfolio of
higher-yielding Agency MBS
complimented by the acquisition of
senior most tranches of
non-Agency RMBS

**Short-term interest
rates are
exceptionally low**

May 29, 2009	
Fed Funds Target	0 - 0.25%
1-Month LIBOR	0.32%
1-MonthRepo	0.40 - 0.46%
3-Month LIBOR	0.66%
3-Month Repo	0.50 - 0.55%

Liquidity

While repo remains available to MFA from multiple counterparties, the financial industry continues to be impacted by global recession

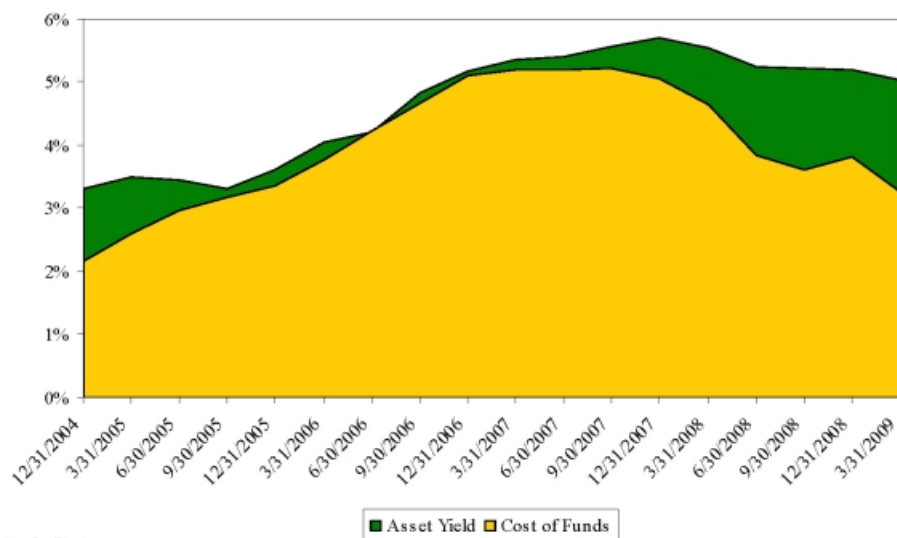
Agency MBS

Spreads have tightened and prices have increased substantially due to \$1.25 trillion of additional Agency MBS purchasing power from the Federal Reserve

Funding Cost Continues to Decline Faster Than Asset Yield



While MFA Portfolio Yield Currently Remains Near 5.0%,
the Cost of Funds is in a Downward Trend



MFA Quarterly Data

Recent Financial Results

March 31, 2009 Book Value: \$6.13

April 30, 2009 Book Value: \$6.36

First Quarter 2009 ROE: 16%

First Quarter 2009 EPS: \$0.23

First Quarter 2009 Dividend Per Share: \$0.22

- MFA has not purchased additional Agency MBS while the Federal Reserve implements its \$1.25 trillion purchase program.
- Through MFA's wholly-owned MFR subsidiary, we are investing in senior most tranches of non-Agency residential MBS at deeply discounted prices to generate loss-adjusted yields in the mid teens without leverage.
- Since March 31, 2009, we have opportunistically sold approximately \$300 million of our longest term to reset 10/1 Agency MBS.

- ♦ Through MFR, we have acquired since December 2008 approximately \$260 million market value of non-Agency MBS (representing 17% of MFA's equity) at a deeply discounted weighted average purchase price of 50% of par with average credit enhancement of 12%.
- ♦ In addition, MFA continues to hold approximately \$190 million current value of legacy non-Agency MBS acquired by MFA prior to July 2007.
- ♦ As we continue to opportunistically grow this combined \$450 million non-Agency MBS portfolio, we increase the positive earnings impact on MFA while decreasing sensitivity to prepayments and potential increases in interest rates.

* As of May 31, 2009

Loss Adjusted Returns For a Representative Non-Agency Security



Price = \$60

- 2007 Vintage Jumbo 7/1s
- 5.85% Coupon
- 730 Approximate Average FICO
- 10% Approximate Credit Enhancement

	Stressed Case	Base Case	Optimistic Case
Yield	9.6%	15.1%	20.6%
Voluntary Prepayment Rate (CPR)	5%	8%	12%
Default Rate (CDR)	14%	12%	8%
Loss Severity	65%	55%	45%
Total Collateral Liquidation	71%	58%	38%

Future potential leverage from TALF, Re-REMIC and/or Repurchase Agreements would substantially enhance projected returns.

Adding Senior Most Tranches of RMBS to
high-yielding Agency MBS is a Compelling Strategy

- Consistent with MFA's focus on high quality assets, we are blending senior most tranche RMBS with higher-yielding (currently 5%) Agency securities, not junior credit enhancement securities or lower tranches of RMBS.
- The majority of MFA's assets will continue to be Agency hybrid MBS due to attractiveness of the asset class and for purposes of our exemption under the Investment Company Act of 1940.
- With senior most tranche RMBS, MFA can generate attractive returns for stockholders with less leverage and less sensitivity to yield curve and interest rate cycles.

Adding Senior Most Tranches of RMBS to
high-yielding Agency MBS is a Compelling Strategy

- Senior most tranches of RMBS offer mid-teen loss-adjusted returns.
- Structured credit enhancement and highly discounted purchase price insulates investors from loss of invested principal.
- We are currently acquiring these assets without leverage.
- These high yielding assets are significantly less sensitive to changes in the yield curve and interest rates.
- The return on the discounted RMBS assets increases if prepayments increase.

Founded in 1997, MFA, an internally managed REIT with permanent equity capital, is uniquely positioned with the requisite expertise to benefit from existing investment in higher-yielding Agency MBS and acquisition of senior most tranches of non-Agency RMBS



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