## 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): August 9, 2023

	(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)	
Maryland	001-41123	86-3125132
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification Number)
1680	Michigan Avenue, Suite 700, Miami Beach, Florida 33 (Address of principal executive offices) (zip code)	3139
Regi	strant's telephone number, including area code (312) 809-	7002
Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is in General Instruction A.2. below):	ntended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the	he registrant under any of the following provisions (see
$\ \square$ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the	e Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)	
☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the E	Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)	
$\ \square$ 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 Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share	REFI	The Nasdaq Global Market LLC
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this ch		es Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of
Emerging growth company $oxtimes$		
If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of	9	n period for complying with any new or revised financial

#### Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On August 9, 2023, Chicago Atlantic Real Estate Finance, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing its financial results for the quarter ended June 30, 2023. The text of the press release is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information set forth under this Item 2.02, including Exhibit 99.1, is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. The information set forth under this Item 2.02, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, unless it is specifically incorporated by reference therein.

### Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On August 9, 2023, the Company disseminated a presentation to be used in connection with its conference call to discuss its financial results for the quarter ended June 30, 2023, which will be held on Wednesday, August 9, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. (eastern time). A copy of the presentation has been posted to the Company's Investor Relations page of its website and is included herewith as Exhibit 99.2, and by this reference incorporated herein.

The information disclosed under this Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.2 hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. The information provided herein shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing made under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press r	release, dated August 9, 2023.
	nd Quarter 2023 Earnings Supplemental Presentation, dated August 9, 2023.
	r Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

#### SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this Current Report on Form 8-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CHICAGO ATLANTIC REAL ESTATE FINANCE, INC.

Date: August 9, 2023 By: /s/ Anthony Cappell

Name: Anthony Cappell Title: Chief Executive Officer



#### Chicago Atlantic Real Estate Finance Announces Second Quarter 2023 Financial Results

CHICAGO— (August 9, 2023) Chicago Atlantic Real Estate Finance, Inc. (NASDAQ: REFI) ("Chicago Atlantic" or the "Company"), a commercial mortgage real estate investment trust, today announced its results for the second quarter ended June 30, 2023.

John Mazarakis, Executive Chairman of Chicago Atlantic, noted, "Our capital structure is among the best in the mortgage REIT sector and the strongest in the cannabis space. We have no shortage of demand for capital from strong credit operators, and that demand is reflected in our pipeline. As planned, we intentionally held back on our loan originations pace during the quarter to remain highly selective on new investments. In doing so, we have been able to take advantage of a new program with the State of New York that offers the opportunity within the REIT to fund up to \$50 million in long-term financing at an attractive rate."

Tony Cappell, Chief Executive Officer, added, "With an ongoing shakeout within the industry of both capital providers and less-experienced cannabis operators, we continue to benefit from our past decisions to focus primarily on vertically integrated operators and limited license states. The loan portfolio is well-positioned with the percentage of floating rate loans at 88%, real estate collateral coverage of 1.5x, a loan-to-enterprise value of 41% and a weighted average yield to maturity at 19.2%. With leverage of 16% at quarter end and over \$46 million of current liquidity, we have the flexibility to pursue continued growth in the portfolio."

#### **Portfolio Performance**

- As of June 30, 2023, total loan commitments of approximately \$329.2 million (\$315.6 million funded, \$13.6 million in future fundings) across 25 portfolio investments.
- Weighted average yield to maturity was approximately 19.2% as of June 30, 2023 compared with approximately 19.4% as of March 31, 2023.
- Real estate collateral coverage was 1.5x as of June 30, 2023 compared with 1.6x as of March 31, 2023.
- Loan to enterprise value (calculated as outstanding principal balance divided by total value of collateral) was approximately 41.0% as of June 30, 2023 and March 31, 2023
- The percentage of loans which bear a variable interest rate remained stable at approximately 88% as of June 30, 2023 and March 31, 2023.

#### **Investment Activity**

- During the second quarter, Chicago Atlantic had total gross originations of \$1.9 million, all of which was funded to existing borrowers. New originations were more than offset by principal repayments of \$6.9 million, of which \$5.0 million was attributable to unscheduled early repayments.
- During the quarter, the Company established an at-the-market equity program (the "ATM Program") that allows Chicago Atlantic to issue, at its discretion, up to \$75 million of shares of common stock to the public from time to time. The Company subsequently issued approximately 80,000 shares of common stock at a weighted average price of \$15.78 per share, raising net proceeds of approximately \$1.2 million.
- On June 30, 2023, the Company increased the availability on its revolving credit facility to \$100.0 million. The Company had \$43.0 million and \$58.0 million outstanding on the revolving credit facility as of June 30, 2023 and August 9, 2023, respectively. The Company currently has total liquidity of approximately \$46.4 million, comprised of \$4.4 million in cash and \$42.0 million of availability under the credit facility.
- On June 30, 2023, New York Governor Kathy Hochul and Chicago Atlantic announced that Chicago Atlantic will invest up to \$150 million across its platform in the New York State Cannabis Social Equity Investment Fund (or the "New York Fund"). The REIT's funding is subject to the identification and due diligence of appropriate dispensary locations, a process to which Chicago Atlantic's in-house real estate team has lent its considerable expertise.
- On August 1, 2023, the REIT advanced \$18.8 million, which will fund the opening of 17 dispensaries, at least 15 of which are expected to be operational in late fourth quarter of 2023.

#### Dividends

 On July 14, 2023, Chicago Atlantic paid a regular quarterly cash dividend of \$0.47 per share of common stock for the second quarter of 2023 to common stockholders of record on June 30, 2023.

#### **Second Quarter 2023 Financial Results**

- Net interest income of approximately \$13.7 million, representing a sequential decrease of 8.3%; due to the impact of timing of early principal repayments and lower average principal outstanding during the three months ended June 30, 2023 compared to March 31, 2023. Additionally, the decrease reflects the impact of one loan placed on non-accrual status during the quarter which represented approximately \$0.6 million of the total decrease. These decreases were partially offset by approximately \$0.6 million of interest income from prepayment fees and acceleration of original issue discounts, and a decrease in the weighted average borrowings on the revolving credit facility.
- Total expenses of approximately \$3.9 million before provision for current expected credit losses, representing a sequential decrease of 5.8%; primarily attributable to a \$0.3 million decrease in net management and incentive fees.
- The total reserve for current expected credit losses of \$5.2 million increased sequentially by \$1.1 million and amounts to approximately 1.6% of the portfolio principal balance of \$318.0 million as of June 30, 2023.
- Distributable Earnings of approximately \$10.1 million, or \$0.55 per weighted average diluted common share, representing a sequential decrease of 11.3%.
- Book value per common share of \$15.06 as of June 30, 2023 compared with \$15.04 as of March 31, 2023, primarily due to second quarter distributable earnings in excess of the regular quarterly dividend of \$0.47, offset by the increase in the provision for current expected credit losses.
- As of June 30, 2023, the Company had \$43.0 million outstanding on its \$100.0 million secured credit facility, resulting in a leverage ratio (debt to book equity) of approximately 16%.

#### 2023 Outlook

Chicago Atlantic affirmed its 2023 outlook previously issued on March 9, 2023.

#### **Conference Call and Quarterly Earnings Supplemental Details**

The Company will host a conference call later today at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time. Interested parties may access the conference call live via webcast on Chicago Atlantic's investor relations website or may participate via telephone by registering using this online form. Upon registration, all telephone participants will receive the dial-in number along with a unique PIN number that can be used to access the call. A replay of the conference call webcast will be archived on the Company's website for at least 30 days.

Chicago Atlantic posted its Second Quarter 2023 Earnings Supplemental on the Investor Relations page of its website. Chicago Atlantic routinely posts important information for investors on its website, www.refi.reit. The Company intends to use this website as a means of disclosing material information, for complying with our disclosure obligations under Regulation FD and to post and update investor presentations and similar materials on a regular basis. The Company encourages investors, analysts, the media and others interested in Chicago Atlantic to monitor the Investor Relations page of its website, in addition to following its press releases, SEC filings, publicly available earnings calls, presentations, webcasts and other information posted from time to time on the website. Please visit the IR Resources section of the website to sign up for email notifications.

#### About Chicago Atlantic Real Estate Finance, Inc.

Chicago Atlantic Real Estate Finance, Inc. (NASDAQ: REFI) is a market-leading commercial mortgage REIT utilizing significant real estate, credit and cannabis expertise to originate senior secured loans primarily to state-licensed cannabis operators in limited-license states in the United States. REFI is part of the Chicago Atlantic platform, which has over 50 employees and has deployed over \$1.8 billion across more than 50 loans.

#### Forward-Looking Statements

This release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 that reflect our current views and projections with respect to, among other things, future events and financial performance. Words such as "believes," "expects," "will," "intends," "plans," "guidance," "estimates," "projects," "anticipates," and "future" or similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements, including statements about our future growth and strategies for such growth, are subject to the inherent uncertainties in predicting future results and conditions and are not guarantees of future performance, conditions or results. More information on these risks and other potential factors that could affect our business and financial results is included in our filings with the SEC. New risks and uncertainties arise over time, and it is not possible to predict those events or how they may affect us. We do not undertake any obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law.

#### **Contact:**

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## CHICAGO ATLANTIC REAL ESTATE FINANCE, INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

		June 30, 2023 (unaudited)	D	ecember 31, 2022
Assets				
Loans held for investment	\$	314,536,900	\$	339,273,538
Current expected credit loss reserve		(5,121,577)		(3,940,939)
Loans held for investment at carrying value, net		309,415,323		335,332,599
Cash		18,020,688		5,715,827
Debt securities, at fair value		877,610		
Interest receivable		944,812		1,204,412
Other receivables and assets, net		1,010,720		1,018,212
Related party receivables		237,885		<u>-</u>
Total Assets	\$	330,557,038	\$	343,271,050
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Liabilities				
Revolving loan	\$	43,000,000	\$	58,000,000
Dividend payable		8,708,161		13,618,591
Management and incentive fees payable		1,799,667		3,295,600
Related party payable		1,601,773		1,397,515
Accounts payable and other liabilities		1,415,612		1,058,128
Interest reserve		341,951		1,868,193
Total Liabilities		56,867,164		79,238,027
Commitments and contingencies (Note 8)				
Stockholders' equity				
Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, 100,000,000 shares authorized and 18,175,393 and 17,766,936 shares issued and				
outstanding, respectively		181,754		176,859
Additional paid-in-capital		276,405,754		268,995,848
Accumulated earnings (deficit)		(2,897,634)		(5,139,684)
Total stockholders' equity		273,689,874		264,033,023
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	330,557,038	\$	343,271,050

# CHICAGO ATLANTIC REAL ESTATE FINANCE, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (UNAUDITED)

	th	For the three months ended June 30, 2023		For the three months ended March 31, 2023		For the ree months ended June 30, 2022
Revenues						
Interest income	\$	14,659,222	\$	16,527,304	\$	11,850,028
Interest expense		(994,926)		(1,618,296)		(449,556)
Net interest income		13,664,296		14,909,008		11,400,472
Expenses						
Management and incentive fees, net		1,799,667		2,138,005		1,247,561
General and administrative expense		1,280,401		1,274,825		777,212
Professional fees		537,894		569,375		743,670
Stock based compensation		263,844		138,335		122,525
Provision for current expected credit losses		1,139,112		96,119		1,045,665
Total expenses		5,020,918		4,216,659		3,936,633
Net Income before income taxes		8,643,378		10,692,349		7,463,839
Income tax expense		-		-		-
Net Income	\$	8,643,378	\$	10,692,349	\$	7,463,839
Earnings per common share:						
Basic earnings per common share (in dollars per share)	\$	0.48	\$	0.60	\$	0.42
Diluted earnings per common share (in dollars per share)	\$	0.47	\$	0.60	\$	0.42
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding:						
Basic weighted average shares of common stock outstanding (in shares)		18,094,288		17,879,444		17,657,913
Diluted weighted average shares of common stock outstanding (in shares)		18,273,512		17,960,103		17,752,413

#### Distributable Earnings and Adjusted Distributable Earnings

In addition to using certain financial metrics prepared in accordance with GAAP to evaluate our performance, we also use Distributable Earnings and Adjusted Distributable Earnings to evaluate our performance. Each of Distributable Earnings and Adjusted Distributable Earnings is a measure that is not prepared in accordance with GAAP. We define Distributable Earnings as, for a specified period, the net income (loss) computed in accordance with GAAP, excluding (i) non-cash equity compensation expense, (ii) depreciation and amortization, (iii) any unrealized gains, losses or other non-cash items recorded in net income (loss) for the period, regardless of whether such items are included in other comprehensive income or loss, or in net income (loss); provided that Distributable Earnings does not exclude, in the case of investments with a deferred interest feature (such as OID, debt instruments with PIK interest and zero coupon securities), accrued income that we have not yet received in cash, (iv) provision for current expected credit losses and (v) one-time events pursuant to changes in GAAP and certain non-cash charges, in each case after discussions between our Manager and our independent directors and after approval by a majority of such independent directors. We define Adjusted Distributable Earnings, for a specified period, as Distributable Earnings excluding certain non-recurring organizational expenses (such as one-time expenses related to our formation and start-up).

We believe providing Distributable Earnings and Adjusted Distributable Earnings on a supplemental basis to our net income as determined in accordance with GAAP is helpful to stockholders in assessing the overall performance of our business. As a REIT, we are required to distribute at least 90% of our annual REIT taxable income and to pay tax at regular corporate rates to the extent that we annually distribute less than 100% of such taxable income. Given these requirements and our belief that dividends are generally one of the principal reasons that stockholders invest in our common stock, we generally intend to attempt to pay dividends to our stockholders in an amount equal to our net taxable income, if and to the extent authorized by our Board. Distributable Earnings is one of many factors considered by our Board in authorizing dividends and, while not a direct measure of net taxable income, over time, the measure can be considered a useful indicator of our dividends.

In our Annual Report on Form 10-K, we defined Distributable Earnings so that, in addition to the exclusions noted above, the term also excluded from net income Incentive Compensation paid to our Manager. We believe that revising the term Distributable Earnings so that it is presented net of Incentive Compensation, while not a direct measure of net taxable income, over time, can be considered a more useful indicator of our ability to pay dividends. This adjustment to the calculation of Distributable Earnings has no impact on period-to-period comparisons.

Distributable Earnings and Adjusted Distributable Earnings should not be considered as substitutes for GAAP net income. We caution readers that our methodology for calculating Distributable Earnings and Adjusted Distributable Earnings may differ from the methodologies employed by other REITs to calculate the same or similar supplemental performance measures, and as a result, our reported Distributable Earnings and Adjusted Distributable Earnings may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other REITs.

	For the three months ended June 30, 2023		For the three months ended March 31, 2023		th	For the ree months ended June 30, 2022
Net Income	\$	8,643,378		10,692,349		7,463,839
Adjustments to net income						
Non-cash equity compensation expense		263,844		138,335		122,525
Depreciation and amortization		91,798		167,304		168,826
Provision for current expected credit losses		1,139,112		96,119		1,045,665
Distributable Earnings		10,138,132		11,094,107		8,800,855
Adjustments to Distributable Earnings		-		-		-
Adjusted Distributable Earnings		10,138,132		11,094,107		8,800,855
Basic distributable earnings per common share (in dollars per share)	\$	0.56	\$	0.62	\$	0.50
Diluted distributable earnings per common share (in dollars per share)	\$	0.55	\$	0.62	\$	0.50
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding:						
Basic weighted average shares of common stock outstanding (in shares)		18,094,288		17,879,444		17,657,913
Diluted weighted average shares of common stock outstanding (in shares)		18,273,512		17,960,103		17,752,413



### Important Disclosure Information

This presentation contains forward-looking statements, within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, regarding future events and the future results of the Company that are based on current expectations, estimates, forecasts, projections about the industry in which the Company operates and the beliefs and assumptions of the management of the Company. Words such as "address," "anticipate," "believe," constinue," "develop," "estimate," "expect," "further," "goal," "intend," "may," "plan," "shed," "may," "plan," "shed," "should," "target," will," variations of such words and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. Such statements reflect the current views of the Company and its management with respect to future events and are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, the Company's actual results, performance or achievements could differ materially from the results expressed in, or implied by, these forward-looking statements. This presentation has been prepared by the Company based on information in thomation in the south of the company and the company and the company active the company does not represent that the information herein is complete. The information in this presentation may change after that date the Company undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statements in order to reflect any event or circumstance occurring after the date of this presentation or currently unknown facts or conditions. You are urged to review and carefully consider any cautionary statements and other disclosures, including the statements under the heading "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from current expectations include, among others: the Company's business and investment strategy; the impact of COVID-19 on the Company's business and the global economy; the war between Russia and the Ukraine and market volatility resulting from such conflict; the ability of Chicago Atlantic REIT Manager, LLC (the "Manager") to locate suitable loan opportunities for the Company's investment strategy; allocation of loan opportunities to the Company by the Manager; the Company's projected operating results; actions and initiatives of the U.S. or state governments and changes to government policies and the execution and impact of these actions, initiatives and policies, including the fact that cannabis remains illegal under federal law; the estimated growth in and evolving market dynamics of the cannabis market; the demand for cannabis cultivation and processing facilities; shifts in public opinion regarding cannabis; the state of the U.S. economy generally or in specific geographic regions; economic trends and economic recoveries; the amount and timing of the Company's cash flows, if any, from the Company's loans; the Company's ability to obtain and maintain financing arrangements; the Company's expected leverage; changes in the value of the Company's loans; the Company's expected portfolio of loans; the Company's expected investment and underwriting process; rates of default or decreased recovery rates on the Company's loans; the degree to which any interest rate or other hedging strategies may or may not protect the Company's results of operations, cash flows and the market value of the Company's loans; interest rate mismatches between the Company's loans and the Company's borrowings used to fund such loans; the departure of any of the executive officers or key personnel supporting and assisting the Company's loans; interest rate mismatches between the Company's loans and the Company's borrowings used to fund such loans; the departure of any of the exec

#### Market and Industry Data

In this presentation, the Company relies on and refers to certain information and statistics obtained from third-party sources which it believes to be reliable, including reports by market research firms. The Company has not independently verified the accuracy or completeness of any such third-party information. Because the cannabis industry is relatively new and rapidly evolving, such market and industry data may be subject to significant change in a relatively short time period.

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### Company Overview

- Successful IPO in December 2021 (NASDAQ: REFI)
- Track record of identifying market inefficiencies, particularly where risk is fundamentally mispriced
- Ability to redeploy capital quickly
- Access to Sponsor's leading cannabis lending platform as lead or co-lead
- Proprietary sourcing network and direct originations team
- Experienced and robust origination team responsible for sourcing and closing over \$2.0B in credit facilities since
- Sizable and growing loan portfolio offering compelling risk-adjusted returns
- Diversified across operators, geographies and asset types with strong real estate collateral coverage as well as additional collateral

Note:

(1) As of August 1, 2023 (2) As of June 30, 2023

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\$2.0B 55 in loans closed since cannabis loans closed platform inception(1) across platform(1) \$400+mm \$329.2mm near-term pipeline under current commitments(2) evaluation(1) with substantial pipeline 1.5x 19.2% real estate collateral gross portfolio coverage in current yield(2) portfolio(2)

### **Investment Highlights**



Pioneer in cannabis lending with first-mover advantage



Proprietary and extensive deal sourcing capabilities



Differentiated investment approach



Compelling opportunity in rapidly growing cannabis market



Lender of choice to leading cannabis operators



### Industry-Leading Management and Investment Team

Deep Cannabis, Credit and Real Estate Expertise With Entrepreneurial Approach



John Mazarakis<sup>(1)</sup> Executive Chairman

- Originated over \$500mm in cannabis credit transactions
- Developed and owns over 1mm sf of real estate across 4 states
- Founded restaurant group with 30+ units and 1,200+ employees
- MBA from Chicago Booth and BA from University of Delaware



Tony Cappell<sup>(1)</sup> CEO

- Debt investor with over 15 years of experience, beginning at Wells Fargo
- Completed over 150 deals, comprising over \$5bn in total credit
- Former Managing Director and Head of Underwriting at Stonegate Capital
- MBA from Chicago Booth and BA from University of Wisconsin



Andreas Bodmeier<sup>(1)</sup>
Co-President and CIO

- Underwritten over \$500mm in cannabis credit transactions
- Former Principal of consulting firm focused on FX and commodity risk management
- Former Senior Advisor, U.S.
   Dept. of Health and Human
   Services
- PhD in Finance and MBA from Chicago Booth and MSc from Humboldt University (Berlin)



Peter Sack<sup>(1)</sup> Co-President

- Former Principal at BC Partners Credit, leading their cannabis practice
- Underwritten \$138mm in cannabis credit transactions
- Former private equity investor, focusing on distressed industrial opportunities
- MBA from University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business and BA from Yale University



Phil Silverman Interim CFO

- Finance and accounting expert, with over 10 years of experience, focusing on financial reporting, operations, and internal controls within the asset management industry
- Previously served as CFO of Chicago Atlantic Group, LLC., the Company's Sponsor, since January 2021
- B.S in Finance from Indiana University and is CPA certified

100 YEARS OF COMBINED EXPERIENCE AND OVER \$8 BILLION IN REAL ESTATE AND COMMERCIAL CREDIT

Note: (1) Denotes member of Investment Committee

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### Veteran Independent Directors

Significant Public Board, REIT, Financial and Corporate Governance Expertise



#### Jason Papastavrou

- Lead Independent Director
- Founder and CIO of ARIS Capital Management
- Current member of board of directors of GXO Logistics (NYSE:GXO); and, previous board member of XPO Logistics (NYSE:XPO) and United Rentals (NYSE:URI)
- BS in Mathematics and MS and PhD in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science from MIT



#### **Donald Gulbrandsen**

- Current investor in Chicago Atlantic
- Founder and CEO of Gulbrandsen Companies, a holding company for specialty chemical manufacturing companies
  - Products sold in over 45 countries
- Over 900 employees in 7 facilities worldwide
- BS in Chemical Engineering and BA in History from Cornell University



#### Fredrick C. Herbst

- Audit Committee Chair
- Former CFO of Ready Capital (NYSE:RC) and Arbor Realty Trust (NYSE:ABR), two publicly traded, commercial mortgage REITs
- Former Managing Director of Waterfall Asset Management
- Former CFO of Clayton Holdings and The Hurst Companies
- CPA and BA in Accounting from Wittenberg University



#### Brandon Konigsberg

- Former CFO at J.P. Morgan Securities and Managing Director at JPMorgan Chase
- Current member of board of directors of GTJ REIT, SECregistered equity REIT
- Former auditor at Goldstein, Golub and Kessler
- CPA and BA in Accounting from University of Albany and MBA from New York University's Stern School of Business



#### Michael Steiner

- Current investor in Chicago Atlantic
- Founder and President of Service Energy and Petroleum Equipment, which are engaged in distribution of petroleum products
- Expert in highly regulated industries
- BA in History from Wake Forest University and MBA from University of Delaware

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### **Investment Portfolio Activity**





■ Drawn ■ Future Funding

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Portfolio Diversity
Our portfolio is diversified across operators, geographies, and asset types

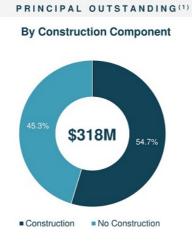


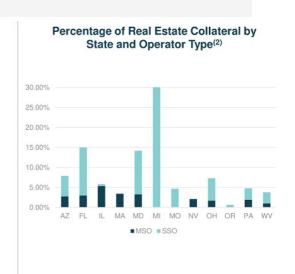
Note: (1) As of June 30, 2023

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Portfolio Diversity (Continued)
Our portfolio is diversified across operators, geographies, and asset types







Note: (1) As of June 30, 2023 (2) SSO = single state operator, MSO = multi-state operator

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Loan Collateral Coverage
41% loan to enterprise value and 1.5x real estate collateral coverage



<sup>(1)</sup> Our loans to owner operators in the state-licensed cannabis industry are secured by additional collateral, including personal and corporate guarantee(s), where applicable subject to local laws and regulations. Loan to enterprise value ratio (LTEV) is calculated as total loan principal outstanding divided by total value of collateral.

(2) See page 18 for real estate collateral coverage by loan. Expressed as percentage of total carrying value, before reserve for current expected credit losses of \$314.5 million as of June 30, 2023.

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### Portfolio Overview (as of June 30, 2023)

Loan	Location(s)	Initial Funding Date (1)	Maturity Date (2)	Total Commitment (3)	Principal Balance	Carrying Value	Percent of Portfolio	Future Fundings	Cash Rate (4)	PIK Rate (4)	All-In Rate	YTM IRR (5)
1	Various	10/27/22	10/30/26	\$ 30,000,000	\$ 30,000,000	\$ 29,251,230	9.3%		P+6.50% (7)	0.00%	14.75%	17.0%
2	Michigan	3/5/21	12/31/24	35,891,667	38,001,475	37,879,644	12.0%		P+6.65% (7)(8)	4.25%	16.75%	18.0%
3(9)	Various	3/25/21	11/29/24	20,105,628	20,392,227	19,953,638	6.3%		P+10.375% (7)	2.75%	21.38%	23.2%
4(10)	Arizona	4/19/21	12/31/23	14,120,000	13,970,276	13,970,276	4.4%		P+11.75% (7)		20.00%	17.5%
5	Massachusetts	4/19/21	4/30/25	3,500,000	3,296,000	3,296,000	1.0%	204,000	P+12.25% (7)		20.50%	22.4%
6	Michigan	8/20/21	2/20/24	6,000,000	4,264,421	4,261,957	1.4%	1,500,000	P+9.00% (7)		17.25%	20.7%
7	Illinois, Arizona	8/24/21	6/30/25	25,000,000	20,807,799	20,636,007	6.6%		P+6.00% (7)	2.00%	16.25%	18.5%
8	West Virginia	9/1/21	9/1/24	9,500,000	11,030,188	10,955,817	3.5%		P+9.25% (7)	2.00%	19.50%	26.0%
9(12)	Pennsylvania	9/3/21	6/30/24	15,000,000	16,155,903	16,155,903	5.1%		P+10.75% (7)	3.00%	22.00%	19.2%
10	Michigan	9/20/21	9/30/24	470,411	196,005	196,005	0.1%		11.00%		11.00%	21.4%
11	Maryland	9/30/21	9/30/24	32,000,000	32,975,433	32,527,478	10.3%	-	P+8.75% (7)	2.00%	19.00%	21.8%
12	Various	11/8/21	10/31/24	13,574,667	12,628,000	12,537,366	4.0%		P+9.25% (7)		17.50%	19.5%
13	Michigan	11/22/21	11/1/24	13,100,000	13,111,841	13,020,533	4.1%		P+6.00% (7)	1.50%	15.75%	18.7%
14	Various	12/27/21	12/27/26	5,000,000	5,125,000	5,125,000	1.6%	2	P+12.25% (7)	2.50%	22.13%	23.5%
15	Michigan	12/29/21	12/29/23	6,000,000	3,884,077	3,861,639	1.2%	2,400,000	P+17.50% (7)	5.00%	30.75%	27.0%
16	Florida	12/30/21	12/31/24	13,000,000	6,825,000	6,787,397	2.2%	5,500,000	P+9.25% (7)	-	17.50%	22.7%
17	Florida	1/18/22	1/31/25	15,000,000	15,000,000	14,799,991	4.7%		P+4.75% (7)		13.00%	14.2%
18	Ohio	2/3/22	2/28/25	11,662,050	12,837,973	12,705,848	4.0%		P+1.75% (7)	3.00%	13.00%	19.8%
19	Florida	3/11/22	8/29/25	20,000,000	20,794,861	20,732,430	6.6%		11.00%	3.00%	14.00%	15.5%
20	Missouri	5/9/22	5/30/25	17,000,000	17.513.744	17,407,209	5.5%		11.00%	3.00%	14.00%	14.7%
21	Illinois	7/1/22	6/30/26	9,000,000	5,153,793	5,085,794	1.6%	4,000,000	P+8.50% (7)	3.00%	19.75%	26.6%
22	Maryland	1/24/23	1/24/26	11,250,000	11.093.727	10,515,420	3.3%		P+5.75% (7)	1.40%	15.40%	20.1%
23	Arizona	3/27/23	3/31/26	2,000,000	1,980,000	1,934,318	0.6%		P+7.50% (7)		15.75%	18.6%
24	Oregon	3/31/23	9/27/26	1,000,000	940,000	940,000	0.3%		P+10.50% (7)		18.75%	21.5%
25(11)	New York	-		-	-	-	0.0%	-	15.00%		15.00%	16.3%
			Subtotal	329,174,423	317,977,743	314.536.900	100.0%	13.604.000	15.2%	2.0%	17.2%	19.2%

**Total Commitment: \$329.2M** 

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### Portfolio Overview (continued)

#### Notes:

- (1) All loans originated prior to April 1, 2021 were purchased from affiliated entities at fair value plus accrued interest on or subsequent to April 1, 2021
- (2) Certain loans are subject to contractual extension options and may be subject to performance based or other conditions as stipulated in the loan agreement. Actual maturities may differ from contractual maturities stated herein as certain borrowers may have the right to prepay with or without paying a prepayment penalty. The Company may also extend contractual maturities and amend other terms of the loans in connection with loan modifications.
- (3) Total Commitment excludes future amounts to be advanced at sole discretion of the lender.
- (4) "P" = prime rate and depicts floating rate loans that pay interest at the prime rate plus a specific percentage; "PIK" = paid in kind interest. Subtotals represent weighted average rates based on principal outstanding,
- (5) P&I = principal and interest. I/O = interest only. P&I loans may include interest only periods for a portion of the loan term.
- (6) Estimated YTM includes a variety of fees and features that affect the total yield, which may include, but is not limited to, OID, exit fees, prepayment fees, unused fees and contingent features. OID is recognized as a discount to the funded loan principal and is accreted to income over the term of the loan. The estimated YTM calculations require management to make estimates and assumptions, including, but not limited to, the timing and amounts of loan draws on delayed draw loans, the timing and collectability of exit fees, the probability and timing of prepayments and the probability of contingent features occurring. For example, certain credit agreements contain provisions pursuant to which certain PIK interest rates and fees earned by us under such credit agreements will decrease upon the satisfaction of certain specified criteria which we believe may improve the risk profile of the applicable borrower. To be conservative, we have not assumed any prepayment penalties or early payoffs in our estimated YTM calculation. Estimated YTM is based on current management estimates and assumptions, which may change. Actual results could differ from those estimates and assumptions.
- (7) This Loan is subject to prime rate floor. Refer to Note 3 on Page 9 of the consolidated financial statements on Form 10-Q as of June 30, 2023 for detailed listing of rate floor by loan.
- (8) This Loan is subject to an interest rate cap. Refer to Note 3 on Page 9 of the consolidated financial statements on Form 10-Q as of June 30, 2023 for detailed listing of rate cap by loan.
- (9) The aggregate loan commitment to Loan #3 includes a \$15.9 million initial commitment which has a base interest rate of 13.625%, 2.75% PIK and a second commitment of \$4.2 million which has an interest rate of 15.00%, 2.00% PIK. The statistics presented reflect the weighted average of the terms under all advances for the total aggregate loan commitment.
- (10) The aggregate loan commitment to the borrower of Loan #4 includes a \$10.9 million initial commitment advanced in April 2021, and a second loan commitment of \$2.0 million which was advanced in December 2021. The weighted average yield presented reflects the weighted average of the terms under both advances for the total aggregate loan commitment.
- (11) The Company has an aggregate commitment of \$50.0 million to the borrower of Loan #25. The funding of such commitment is subject to certain conditions precedent being met for which the Company, as lender, may exercise its sole discretion in determining if and when such proceeds are advanced. Accordingly, this commitment is not included in total contractual commitments as of June 30, 2023. During the period from July 1, 2023 through August 9, 2023, the Company advanced approximately \$18.8 million of the Loan #25 commitment.
- (12) As of May 30, 2023, Loan #9 has been placed on non-accrual status.

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# Loan Origination Pipeline Driven by proprietary deal sourcing

Over 700 **Qualified** Deals Sourced and Reviewed

\$400+mm¹ in Potential Fundings

\$80mm+1
Terms Issued

## Total current pipeline of \$400+mm<sup>1</sup>

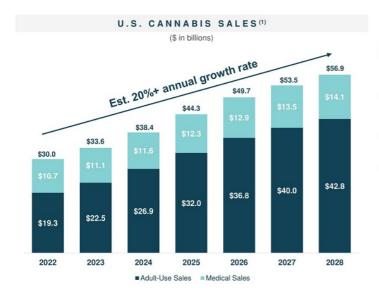
- Continued legalization at the state level creates a new influx of opportunities
- Increase in M&A activity requires additional debt financing
- Robust set of profitable operators and refinancing opportunities



Note: (1) As of August 1, 2023

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### **Compelling Market Opportunity**



### MARKET DRIVERS

- Sales of the U.S. cannabis industry expected to rival beer (\$100bn), spirits (\$97bn) and wine (\$62bn) by 2030
- Continued legalization at state level expected to drive continued demand for capital
- Highly fragmented industry ripe for consolidation
- Wave of East Coast and Midwest Adult-Use Legalization appears imminent

Note: (1) Source: MJBiz Factbook 2023; (\$ in billions)

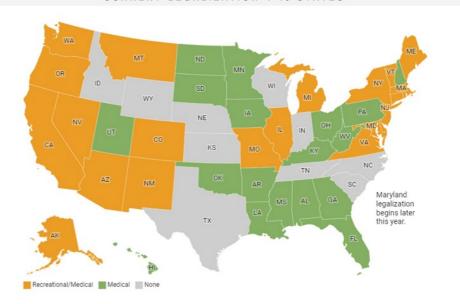
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### **Compelling Market Opportunity**

#### LEGISLATIVE TAILWINDS

- Continued state-level legalization, including transition from medical to adult-use cannabis.
- Adult-use sales began during the first quarter of 2023 in Missouri and Connecticut.
- Adult use cannabis sales began in Maryland on July 1, 2023.

#### CURRENT LEGALIZATION (1): 40 STATES



Note: (1) Per MJBiz Daily, as of May 2023

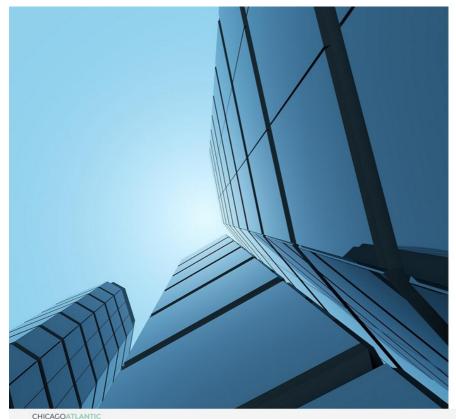
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## Competitive Landscape



COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES					
Shorter loan durations	Better diversification				
Lower LTVs	Deal leads				
Ability to upsize	Close relationships with management teams				
We negotiate the deal	REIT shares 50% of the origination fee				
Underwrite enterprise value in the borrowers	Our borrower's only source of debt				

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### Appendix Q2 2023 Financial Overview

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## Collateral Overview (as of June 30, 2023)

Loan	Investment <sup>(1)</sup>	Location	Property Type	as	Principal Balance of 6/30/2023		Implied Real Estate ateral for REIT™	Our Real Estate Collateral Coverag as of 6/30/2023 <sup>(4)</sup>
1	Senior Real Estate Corporate Loan <sup>(3)</sup>	Multi-State	Retail/Industrial	\$	30,000,000	\$	5,264,571	0.2x
2	Senior Real Estate Corporate Loan	Michigan	Retail/Industrial	\$	38,001,475	\$	55,178,968	1.5x
3	Senior Real Estate Corporate Loan(3)	Multi-State	Retail/Industrial	\$	20,392,227	\$	19,356,702	0.9x
4	Senior Real Estate Corporate Loan(3)	Arizona	Industrial	\$	13,970,276	\$	23,900,000	1.7x
5	Senior Real Estate Corporate Loan	Massachusetts	Retail/Industrial	\$	3,296,000	\$	900,000	0.3x
6	Senior Real Estate Corporate Loan(3)	Michigan	Retail/Industrial	\$	4,264,421	\$	14,800,000	3.5x
7	Senior Real Estate Corporate Loan(3)	Multi-State	Retail/Industrial	\$	20,807,799	\$	41,117,938	2.0x
8	Senior Real Estate Corporate Loan(3)	West Virginia	Retail/Industrial	\$	11,030,188	\$	16,170,000	1.5x
9	Senior Real Estate Corporate Loan(3)	Pennsylvania	Retail/Industrial	\$	16,155,903	\$	16,750,000	1.0x
10	Senior Loan <sup>(3)</sup>	Michigan	Retail	\$	196,005	\$	5,402,107	27.6x
11	Senior Real Estate Corporate Loan(3)	Maryland	Industrial	\$	32,975,433	\$	30,400,000	0.9x
12	Senior Real Estate Corporate Loan(3)	Multi-State	Retail/Industrial	\$	12,628,000	\$	17,789,062	1.4x
13	Senior Real Estate Corporate Loan	Michigan	Retail/Industrial	\$	13,111,841	\$	41,060,473	3.1x
14	Senior Loan	Multi-State	Retail/Industrial	\$	5,125,000	\$		0.0x
15	Senior Real Estate Corporate Loan(3)	Michigan	Retail/Industrial	\$	3,884,077	\$	9,760,000	2.5x
16	Senior Real Estate Corporate Loan(3)	Multi-State	Retail/Industrial	\$	6,825,000	\$	4,800,000	0.7x
17	Senior Real Estate Corporate Loan	Florida	Retail/Industrial	\$	15,000,000	\$	37,940,000	2.5x
18	Senior Real Estate Corporate Loan	Ohio	Retail/Industrial	\$	12,837,973	\$	32,730,000	2.5x
19	Senior Real Estate Corporate Loan	Florida	Retail/Industrial	\$	20,794,861	\$	28,000,000	1.3x
20	Senior Real Estate Corporate Loan(3)	Missouri	Retail/Industrial	\$	17,513,744	\$	27,400,000	1.6x
21	Senior Real Estate Corporate Loan	Illinois	Retail/Industrial	\$	5,153,793	\$	2,770,000	0.5x
22	Senior Real Estate Corporate Loan	Maryland	Retail/Industrial	\$	11,093,727	\$	28,560,000	2.6x
23	Senior Real Estate Corporate Loan	Arizona	Retail/Industrial	\$	1,980,000	\$	3,887,500	2.0x
24	Senior Real Estate Corporate Loan	Oregon	Retail/Industrial	\$	940,000	\$	3,600,000	3.8x
25	Senior Delayed Draw Term Loan	New York	Retail	\$	-	\$	N/M	N/M
				\$	317,977,743	s	467,537,321	1.5x

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### Collateral Overview (continued)

#### Notes:

- (1) Senior Real Estate Corporate Loans are structured as loans to owner operators secured by real estate. Senior Loans are loans to a property owner and leased to third party tenant.
- (2) Real estate is based on appraised value as is, or on a comparable cost basis, as completed. The real estate values shown in the collateral table are estimates by a third-party appraiser of the market value of the subject real property in its current physical condition, use, and zoning as of the appraisals assume that the highest and best use is use as a cannabis cultivator or dispensary, as applicable. The appraisals recognize that the current use is highly regulated by the state in which the property is located; however, there are sales of comparable properties that demonstrate that there is a market for such properties. The appraisals sutilize these comparable sales for the appraised property's value in use. For properties used for cannabis cultivation, the appraisals use similar sized warehouses in their conclusion of the subject's "as-is" value without licenses to cultivate cannabis. However, the appraised value is assumed to be realized from a purchase by another state-licensed cannabis operator or a third party purchaser that would lease the subject property to a state-licensed cannabis operator. The regulator require inspection and approval of the new tenant/user. Further, the value is also determined using the income approach, based on market lease rates for comparable properties, whether dispensaries or cultivation facilities. It indicates the value to a third-party owner that leases to a dispensary or cultivation facility, the appraisal contains a value based on the cost for another operator to construct a similar facility, which we refer to as the "cost approach." We believe the cost approach provides an indication of what another state-licensed operator would pay for a separate facility instead of constructing it itself. The appraisal's opinion of value reflects current conditions and the likely actions of market participants as of the date of appraisal. It is based on the available information gathered and provided to the appraiser, and does not predict future performance. Changing market or pr
- (3) Certain affiliated co-lenders subordinated their interest in the real estate collateral to the Company, thus increasing the collateral coverage for the applicable loan.
- (4) The real estate collateral coverage ratio represents a weighted portfolio average real estate collateral coverage ratio.
- N/M Not meaningful. The Company has not advanced principal under this loan as of June 30, 2023.

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### **Balance Sheet**

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	June 30, 2023 (unaudited)		December 31, 2022
Assets			
Loans held for investment	\$ 314,536,900	\$	339,273,538
Current expected credit loss reserve	 (5,121,577)	9	(3,940,939)
Loans held for investment at carrying value, net	309,415,323		335,332,599
Cash and cash equivalents	18,020,688		5,715,827
Debt securities, at fair value	877,610		
Interest receivable	994,812		1,204,412
Other receivables and assets, net	1.010,720		1,018,212
Related party receivables	237,885		-
Total Assets	\$ 330,557,038	\$	343,271,050
Liabilities			
Revolving loan	\$ 43,000,000	\$	58,000,000
Dividend payable	8,708,161		13,618,591
Management and incentive fees payable	1,799,667		3,295,600
Related party payable	1,601,773		1,397,515
Accounts payable and other liabilities	1,415,612		1,058,128
Interest reserve	 341,951	_	1,868,193
Total Liabilities	56,867,164	_	79,238,027
Commitments and contingencies (Note 8)			
Stockholders' equity			
Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, 100,000,000 shares authorized and 18,175,393 and 17,766,936 shares issued and outstanding, respectively	181,754		176,859
Additional paid-in-capital	276,405,754		268,995,848
Accumulated earnings (deficit)	(2,897,637)		(5,139,684)
Total stockholders' equity	273,689,874	_	264,033,023
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 330.557.038	\$	343,271,050

### Statement of Operations

Net Income before income taxes Income tax expense	14,659,222 (994,926) 13,664,296	\$ 10 507 004
Interest expense  Net interest income  Expenses  Management and incentive fees, net General and administrative expense Professional fees Stock based compensation Provision for current expected credit losses  Total expenses  Net Income before income taxes Income tax expense	(994,926)	\$ 10 507 004
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General and administrative expense Professional fees Stock based compensation Provision for current expected credit losses  Total expenses  Net Income before income taxes		
Professional fees Stock based compensation Provision for current expected credit losses  Total expenses  Net Income before income taxes Income tax expense	1,799,667	2,138,005
Stock based compensation Provision for current expected credit losses Total expenses  Net Income before income taxes Income tax expense	1,280,401	1,274,825
Provision for current expected credit losses  Total expenses  Net Income before income taxes Income tax expense	537,894	569,375
Net Income before income taxes Income tax expense	263,844	138,335
Net Income before income taxes Income tax expense	1,139,112	96,119
Income tax expense	5,020,918	4,216,659
	8,643,378	10,692,349
Net Income \$	-	-
	8,643,378	\$ 10,692,349
Earnings per common share:		
Basic earnings per common share (in dollars per share) \$	0.48	\$ 0.60
Diluted earnings per common share (in dollars per share) \$	0.47	\$ 0.60
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding:		
Basic weighted average shares of common stock outstanding (in shares)	18,094,288	17,879,444
Diluted weighted average shares of common stock outstanding (in shares)	18,273,512	17,960,103

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# Reconciliation of Distributable Earnings and Adjusted Distributable Earnings to GAAP Net Income

	Three Months ended June 30, 2023 (unaudited)	Three Months ended March 31, 2023 (unaudited)
Net Income	\$ 8,643,378	\$ 10,692,349
Adjustments to net income		
Non-cash equity compensation expense	263,844	138,335
Depreciation and amortization	91,798	167,304
Provision for current expected credit losses	1,139,112	96,119
Distributable Earnings	10,138,132	11,094,107
Adjustments to Distributable Earnings	-x	-x
Adjusted Distributable Earnings	10,138,132	11,094,107
Basic weighted average shares of common stock outstanding (in shares)	18,094,288	17,879,444
Adjusted Distributable Basic Earnings per Weighted Average Share	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.62
Diluted weighted average shares of common stock outstanding (in shares)	18,273,512	17,960,103
Adjusted Distributable Diluted Earnings per Weighted Average Share	\$ 0.55	\$ 0.62

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### Management Agreement Overview

#### **External Manager**

- Externally-managed by Chicago Atlantic REIT Manager, LLC, a subsidiary of Chicago Atlantic Group, LLC
- John Mazarakis (Executive Chairman), Tony Cappell (CEO) and Andreas Bodmeier (Co-President & CIO) control and beneficially own the Manager
- The Manager is comprised of an experienced team of investment professionals, who currently manage several externally-managed vehicles with over \$700mm in additional assets
  - Synergies from over 50 professionals, spanning real estate credit, assetbased lending and real estate private equity, as well as robust accounting and compliance functions

#### **Management Agreement and Equity Incentive Plan**

- Initial term of three years
- Following the initial term, the agreement automatically renews every year for an additional one-year period, unless Chicago Atlantic or the Manager elects not to renew
- Shareholder-friendly management agreement:
- 8.5% equity incentive plan:
  - 0.5% granted at completion of IPO
  - 8% granted at discretion of Board based on Company performance after IPO

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Annual Base Management Fee (on Equity)	1.5%
Origination Fees (Rebated to REIT)	50.0%
Incentive Compensation Terms:	
Incentive Fees (of Core Earnings)	20.0%
Hurdle Amount (on Avg. Equity); No Catch-up Provisio	n 8.0%

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