

ISTAR FINANCIAL INC
Form 10-Q
August 10, 2009

Table of Contents

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

FORM 10-Q

(Mark
One)

**QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR
15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2009

OR

**TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR
15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**For the transition period from _____ to _____
Commission File No. 1-15371**

iSTAR FINANCIAL INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

95-6881527
(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

1114 Avenue of the Americas, 39th Floor
New York, NY
(Address of principal executive offices)

10036
(Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(212) 930-9400**

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (i) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding twelve months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports); and (ii) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Edgar Filing: ISTAR FINANCIAL INC - Form 10-Q

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated
filer

Accelerated
filer

Non-accelerated
filer

Smaller reporting
company

(Do not check if a
smaller reporting
company)

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

As of July 31, 2009, there were 99,651,865 shares of common stock, \$0.001 par value per share of iStar Financial Inc., ("Common Stock") outstanding.

Table of Contents**iStar Financial Inc.****Index to Form 10-Q**

	Page
<u>Part I.</u> <u>Consolidated Financial Information</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Item 1.</u> <u>Financial Statements:</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Consolidated Balance Sheets (unaudited) as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Consolidated Statements of Operations (unaudited) For the three and six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity (unaudited) For the six months ended June 30, 2009</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (unaudited) For the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited)</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>Item 2.</u> <u>Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations</u>	<u>45</u>
<u>Item 3.</u> <u>Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk</u>	<u>62</u>
<u>Item 4.</u> <u>Controls and Procedures</u>	<u>63</u>
<u>Part II.</u> <u>Other Information</u>	<u>65</u>
<u>Item 1.</u> <u>Legal Proceedings</u>	<u>65</u>
<u>Item 1a.</u> <u>Risk Factors</u>	<u>66</u>
<u>Item 2.</u> <u>Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds</u>	<u>66</u>
<u>Item 3.</u> <u>Defaults Upon Senior Securities</u>	<u>66</u>
<u>Item 4.</u> <u>Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders</u>	<u>66</u>
<u>Item 5.</u> <u>Other Information</u>	<u>67</u>
<u>Item 6.</u> <u>Exhibits</u>	<u>67</u>
<u>SIGNATURES</u>	<u>68</u>

Table of Contents**PART 1. CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL INFORMATION****Item I. Financial Statements****iStar Financial Inc.****Consolidated Balance Sheets****(In thousands, except per share data)****(unaudited)**

	As of June 30, 2009	As of December 31, 2008, As Adjusted(1)
ASSETS		
Loans and other lending investments, net	\$ 9,578,241	\$ 10,586,644
Corporate tenant lease assets, net	2,992,286	3,044,811
Other investments	391,292	447,318
Other real estate owned	382,570	242,505
Cash and cash equivalents	417,352	496,537
Restricted cash	34,406	155,965
Accrued interest and operating lease income receivable, net	66,611	87,151
Deferred operating lease income receivable	118,062	116,793
Deferred expenses and other assets, net	137,774	119,024
Total assets	\$ 14,118,594	\$ 15,296,748
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	\$ 230,491	\$ 354,492
Debt obligations, net	11,826,503	12,486,404
Total liabilities	12,056,994	12,840,896
Commitments and contingencies		
Redeemable noncontrolling interests	7,447	9,190
Equity:		
iStar Financial Inc. shareholders' equity:		
Series D Preferred Stock, \$0.001 par value, liquidation preference \$25.00 per share, 4,000 shares issued and outstanding at June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008	4	4
Series E Preferred Stock, \$0.001 par value, liquidation preference \$25.00 per share, 5,600 shares issued and outstanding at June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008	6	6
Series F Preferred Stock, \$0.001 par value, liquidation preference \$25.00 per share, 4,000 shares issued and outstanding at June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008	4	4
Series G Preferred Stock, \$0.001 par value, liquidation preference \$25.00 per share, 3,200 shares issued and outstanding at June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008	3	3
Series I Preferred Stock, \$0.001 par value, liquidation preference \$25.00 per share, 5,000 shares issued and outstanding at June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008	5	5
High Performance Units	9,800	9,800

Edgar Filing: ISTAR FINANCIAL INC - Form 10-Q

Common Stock, \$0.001 par value, 200,000 shares authorized, 137,832 issued and 99,618 outstanding at June 30, 2009 and 137,352 issued and 105,457 outstanding at December 31, 2008	138	137
Additional paid-in capital	3,781,697	3,768,772
Retained earnings (deficit)	(1,628,971)	(1,240,280)
Accumulated other comprehensive income (see Note 13)	4,381	1,707
Treasury stock, at cost, \$0.001 par value, 38,214 shares at June 30, 2009 and 31,895 shares at December 31, 2008	(137,883)	(121,159)
Total iStar Financial Inc. shareholders' equity	2,029,184	2,418,999
Noncontrolling interests	24,969	27,663
Total equity	2,054,153	2,446,662
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 14,118,594	\$ 15,296,748

Explanatory Note:

- (1) On January 1, 2009, the Company adopted the provisions of FSP APB 14-1, "Accounting for Convertible Debt Instruments That May Be Settled in Cash Upon Conversion (including Partial Cash Settlement)" and SFAS No. 160, "Noncontrolling Interest in Consolidated Financial Statements an amendment of ARB No. 51." Both new standards require retroactive application for prior periods presented. See Notes 3 and 8 for further details.

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

Table of Contents**iStar Financial Inc.****Consolidated Statements of Operations****(In thousands, except per share data)****(unaudited)**

	For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2008, As Adjusted(1)		For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2008, As Adjusted(1)	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
Revenue:				
Interest income	\$ 142,181	\$ 235,354	\$ 319,408	\$ 511,453
Operating lease income	76,835	77,295	155,485	155,495
Other income	5,560	7,760	8,073	65,785
Total revenue	224,576	320,409	482,966	732,733
Costs and expenses:				
Interest expense	127,186	164,470	258,351	334,250
Operating costs corporate tenant lease assets	5,615	4,546	12,161	9,613
Depreciation and amortization	24,825	24,025	48,477	47,887
General and administrative	38,421	44,004	77,810	86,780
Provision for loan losses	435,016	276,660	693,112	366,160
Impairment of other assets	24,817	57,692	45,962	57,692
Impairment of goodwill		39,092	4,186	39,092
Other expense	53,310	1,704	60,308	5,504
Total costs and expenses	709,190	612,193	1,200,367	946,978
Income (loss) before earnings (loss) from equity method investments and other items	(484,614)	(291,784)	(717,401)	(214,245)
Gain on early extinguishment of debt	200,879		355,256	
Gain on sale of joint venture interest		280,219		280,219
Earnings (loss) from equity method investments	1,864	6,070	(18,636)	3,473
Income (loss) from continuing operations	(281,871)	(5,495)	(380,781)	69,447
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	(102)	5,994	119	14,025
Gain from discontinued operations		50,476	11,617	52,532
Net income (loss)	(281,973)	50,975	(369,045)	136,004
Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interests	271	771	1,514	567
Gain on sale of joint venture interest attributable to noncontrolling interests			(18,560)	(18,560)
Gain from discontinued operations attributable to noncontrolling interests		(3,689)		(3,689)
Net income (loss) attributable to iStar Financial Inc.	(281,702)	29,497	(367,531)	114,322
Preferred dividend requirements	(10,580)	(10,580)	(21,160)	(21,160)
Net income (loss) attributable to iStar Financial Inc. and allocable to common shareholders, HPU holders and Participating Security holders(2)(3)(4)	\$(292,282)	\$ 18,917	\$(388,691)	\$ 93,162
Per common share data(4):				
Income (loss) attributable to iStar Financial Inc. from continuing operations:				

Edgar Filing: ISTAR FINANCIAL INC - Form 10-Q

Basic	\$ (2.85)	\$ (0.24)	\$ (3.79)	\$ 0.21
Diluted	\$ (2.85)	\$ (0.24)	\$ (3.79)	\$ 0.22
Net income (loss) attributable to iStar Financial Inc.:				
Basic	\$ (2.85)	\$ 0.14	\$ (3.68)	\$ 0.67
Diluted	\$ (2.85)	\$ 0.14	\$ (3.68)	\$ 0.67
Weighted average number of common shares basic	99,769	134,399	102,671	134,330
Weighted average number of common shares diluted	99,769	134,399	102,671	134,782
Per HPU share data(2)(4):				
Income (loss) attributable to iStar Financial Inc. from continuing operations:				
Basic	\$ (538.80)	\$ (46.73)	\$ (718.14)	\$ 40.20
Diluted	\$ (538.80)	\$ (46.73)	\$ (718.14)	\$ 40.13
Net income (loss) attributable to iStar Financial Inc.:				
Basic	\$ (539.00)	\$ 26.07	\$ (697.07)	\$ 126.93
Diluted	\$ (539.00)	\$ 26.07	\$ (697.07)	\$ 126.53
Weighted average number of HPU shares basic and diluted	15	15	15	15

Explanatory Notes:

- (1) On January 1, 2009, the Company adopted the provisions of FSP APB 14-1, "Accounting for Convertible Debt Instruments That May Be Settled in Cash Upon Conversion (including Partial Cash Settlement)," SFAS No. 160, "Noncontrolling Interest in Consolidated Financial Statements an amendment of ARB No. 51," and FSP EITF 03-6-1, "Determining Whether Instruments Granted in Share-Based Payment Transactions Are Participating Securities." These new standards require retroactive application for prior periods presented. See Notes 3, 8, 9 and 12 for further details.
- (2) HPU holders are Company employees who purchased high performance common stock units under the Company's High Performance Unit Program (see Note 12).
- (3) Participating Security holders are Company employees and directors who hold unvested restricted stock units and common stock equivalents granted under the Company's Long Term Incentive Plans (see Notes 11 and 12).
- (4) See Note 12 for amounts attributable to iStar Financial Inc. for income (loss) from continuing operations and further details on the calculation of earnings per share.

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

Table of Contents**iStar Financial Inc.****Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity****For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2009****(In thousands)****(unaudited)**

	iStar Financial Inc. Shareholders' Equity											Total	
	Series D Preferred Stock	Series E Preferred Stock	Series F Preferred Stock	Series G Preferred Stock	Series I Preferred Stock	HPU's	Common Stock at Par	Additional Paid-In Capital	Retained Earnings (Deficit)	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Treasury Stock at cost		Noncontrolling Interests
Balance at December 31, 2008, As Adjusted(1)	\$ 4	\$ 6	\$ 4	\$ 3	\$ 5	\$9,800	\$ 137	\$3,731,379	\$(1,232,506)	\$ 1,707	\$(121,159)	\$ 27,663	\$2,417,043
Adoption of FSP APB 14-1 (see Notes 3 and 8)								37,393	(7,774)				29,619
Adjusted beginning balance January 1, 2009	\$ 4	\$ 6	\$ 4	\$ 3	\$ 5	\$9,800	\$ 137	\$3,768,772	\$(1,240,280)	\$ 1,707	\$(121,159)	\$ 27,663	\$2,446,662
Dividends declared preferred									(21,160)				(21,160)
Repurchase of stock											(16,724)		(16,724)
Issuance of stock - vested restricted stock units							1	12,925					12,926
Net loss for the period(2)									(367,531)			(1,511)	(369,042)
Contributions from noncontrolling interests												5	5
Distributions to noncontrolling interests												(1,188)	(1,188)
Change in accumulated other comprehensive income										2,674			2,674
Balance at June 30, 2009	\$ 4	\$ 6	\$ 4	\$ 3	\$ 5	\$9,800	\$ 138	\$3,781,697	\$(1,628,971)	\$ 4,381	\$(137,883)	\$ 24,969	\$2,054,153

Explanatory Notes:

- (1) On January 1, 2009, the Company adopted the provisions of SFAS No. 160, "Noncontrolling Interest in Consolidated Financial Statements an amendment of ARB No. 51." The new standard requires retroactive application for prior periods presented. See Notes 3 and 9 for further details.
- (2) For the six months ended June 30, 2009, net loss excludes \$3 attributable to redeemable noncontrolling interests.

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

Table of Contents**iStar Financial Inc.****Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows****(In thousands)****(unaudited)**

**For the
Six Months Ended
June 30,
2008,
As Adjusted(1)**

	2009	As Adjusted(1)
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income (loss)	\$ (369,045)	\$ 136,004
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to cash flows from operating activities:		
Non-cash expense for stock-based compensation	13,051	12,602
Shares withheld for employee taxes on stock-based compensation arrangements	(535)	(2,845)
Impairment of goodwill	4,186	39,092
Impairment of other assets	45,962	57,692
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	48,598	54,510
Amortization of discounts/premiums and deferred financing costs on debt	3,877	21,136
Amortization of discounts/premiums, deferred interest and costs on lending investments	(66,257)	(112,376)
Discounts, loan fees and deferred interest received	4,821	17,199
(Income) loss from unconsolidated entities	18,636	(3,473)
Distributions from operations of unconsolidated entities	18,149	32,133
Deferred operating lease income receivable	(8,340)	(8,790)
Gain from discontinued operations	(11,617)	(52,532)
Gain on early extinguishment of debt	(355,256)	
Gain on sale of joint venture interest		(280,219)
Provision for loan losses	693,112	366,160
Provision for deferred taxes	1,342	2,486
Other non-cash adjustments	(384)	(2,134)
Note receivable from investment redemption		(44,228)
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Changes in accrued interest and operating lease income receivable, net	19,748	26,032
Changes in deferred expenses and other assets, net	7,165	(17,078)
Changes in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	(29,557)	(25,090)
 Cash flows from operating activities	 37,656	 216,281
Cash flows from investing activities:		
New investment originations		(13,559)
Add-on fundings under existing loan commitments	(734,107)	(1,912,899)
Purchase of securities	(11,137)	
Repayments of and principal collections on loans	382,895	1,261,571
Net proceeds from sales of loans	399,720	179,008
Net proceeds from sales of discontinued operations	36,455	406,151
Net proceeds from sales of other real estate owned	145,572	86,176
Net proceeds from sale of joint venture interest		416,970
Net proceeds from repayments and sales of securities	16,328	9,022
Contributions to unconsolidated entities	(18,673)	(23,421)
Distributions from unconsolidated entities	5,811	6,390
Capital improvements for build-to-suit facilities	(7,152)	(60,307)
Capital expenditures and improvements on corporate tenant lease assets	(1,691)	(14,871)
Other investing activities, net	(5,588)	(12,809)
 Cash flows from investing activities	 208,433	 327,422
Cash flows from financing activities:		

Edgar Filing: ISTAR FINANCIAL INC - Form 10-Q

Borrowings under revolving credit facilities	115,039	8,700,315
Repayments under revolving credit facilities	(350,896)	(8,980,245)
Repayments under interim financing		(1,289,811)
Borrowings under secured term loans	1,000,000	1,307,776
Repayments under secured term loans	(305,758)	(74,698)
Borrowings under unsecured notes		740,506
Repayments under unsecured notes	(383,399)	(591,968)
Repurchases of unsecured notes	(423,691)	
Contributions from noncontrolling interests	5	107
Distributions to noncontrolling interests	(1,188)	(3,257)
Changes in restricted cash held in connection with debt obligations	114,300	(19,640)
Payments for deferred financing costs/proceeds from hedge settlements, net	(51,802)	(27,904)
Common dividends paid		(151,921)
Preferred dividends paid	(21,160)	(21,160)
HPU dividends paid		(3,156)
HPUs redeemed		(11)
Purchase of treasury stock	(16,724)	(5,209)
Proceeds from exercise of options and issuance of DRIP/Stock purchase shares		6,612
Cash flows from financing activities	(325,274)	(413,664)
Changes in cash and cash equivalents	(79,185)	130,039
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	496,537	104,507
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 417,352	\$ 234,546

Explanatory Note:

- (1) On January 1, 2009, the Company adopted the provisions of FSP APB 14-1, "Accounting for Convertible Debt Instruments That May Be Settled in Cash Upon Conversion (including Partial Cash Settlement)" and SFAS No. 160, "Noncontrolling Interest in Consolidated Financial Statements an amendment of ARB No. 51." Both new standards require retroactive application for prior periods presented. See Notes 3 and 8 for further details.

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

Table of Contents

iStar Financial Inc.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

(unaudited)

Note 1 Business and Organization

Business iStar Financial Inc., or the "Company," is a publicly-traded finance company focused on the commercial real estate industry. The Company primarily provides custom-tailored financing to high-end private and corporate owners of real estate, including senior and mezzanine real estate debt, senior and mezzanine corporate capital, as well as corporate net lease financing and equity. The Company, which is taxed as a real estate investment trust, or "REIT," provides innovative and value-added financing solutions to its customers. The Company delivers customized financing products to sophisticated real estate borrowers and corporate customers who require a high level of flexibility and service. The Company's two primary lines of business are lending and corporate tenant leasing.

The lending business is primarily comprised of senior and mezzanine real estate loans that typically range in size from \$20 million to \$150 million and have initial maturities generally ranging from three to ten years. These loans may be either fixed-rate (based on the U.S. Treasury rate plus a spread) or variable-rate (based on LIBOR plus a spread) and are structured to meet the specific financing needs of the borrowers. The Company also provides senior and subordinated capital to corporations, particularly those engaged in real estate or real estate related businesses. These financings may be either secured or unsecured, typically range in size from \$20 million to \$150 million and have initial maturities generally ranging from three to ten years. As part of the lending business, the Company also acquires whole loans, loan participations and debt securities which present attractive risk-reward opportunities.

The Company's corporate tenant leasing business provides capital to corporations and other owners who control facilities leased to single creditworthy customers. The Company's net leased assets are generally mission critical headquarters or distribution facilities that are subject to long-term leases with public companies, many of which are rated corporate credits, and most of these leases provide for expenses at the facility to be paid by the corporate customer on a triple net lease basis. Corporate tenant lease, or "CTL," transactions have initial terms generally ranging from 15 to 20 years and typically range in size from \$20 million to \$150 million.

The Company's primary sources of revenues are interest income, which is the interest that borrowers pay on loans, and operating lease income, which is the rent that corporate customers pay to lease its CTL properties. The Company primarily generates income through the "spread" or "margin," which is the difference between the revenues generated from loans and leases and interest expense and the cost of CTL operations. The Company generally seeks to match-fund its revenue generating assets with either fixed or floating rate debt of a similar maturity so that changes in interest rates or the shape of the yield curve will have a minimal impact on earnings.

Organization The Company began its business in 1993 through private investment funds. In 1998, the Company converted its organizational form to a Maryland corporation and the Company replaced its former dual class common share structure with a single class of common stock. The Company's common stock ("Common Stock") began trading on the New York Stock Exchange on November 4, 1999. Prior to this date, the Company's Common Stock was traded on the American Stock Exchange. Since that time, the Company has grown through the origination of new lending and leasing transactions, as well as through corporate acquisitions, including the acquisition of TriNet Corporate Realty Trust, Inc. in 1999, the acquisition of Falcon Financial Investment Trust and the acquisition of a significant non-controlling interest in Oak Hill Advisors, L.P. and affiliates in 2005, and the acquisition of the commercial real estate lending business and loan portfolio ("Fremont CRE") of Fremont Investment and Loan ("Fremont"), a division of Fremont General Corporation, in 2007.

Table of Contents

iStar Financial Inc.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)

(unaudited)

Note 2 Basis of Presentation and Principles of Consolidation

Basis of Presentation The accompanying unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared in conformity with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10-01 of Regulation S-X for interim financial statements. Accordingly, they do not include all the information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America ("GAAP") for complete financial statements. These unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements and related Notes should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and related Notes included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the dates of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

In the opinion of management, the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements contain all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring adjustments, necessary for a fair statement of the Company's consolidated financial position at June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, the results of its operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008 and its changes in equity and its cash flows for the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008. Such operating results may not be indicative of the expected results for any other interim periods or the entire year.

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified in the Consolidated Financial Statements and the related Notes to conform to the 2009 presentation. In addition, the Company adopted three new accounting standards on January 1, 2009 which required retroactive application for presentation of prior periods' Consolidated Financial Statements (see Notes 3, 8, 9 and 12 for further details).

Principles of Consolidation The Consolidated Financial Statements include the accounts of the Company, its qualified REIT subsidiaries, its majority-owned and controlled partnerships and other entities that are consolidated under the provisions of FASB Interpretation No. 46(R), "Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities," an interpretation of ARB 51 ("FIN 46(R)"). The following are variable interest entities for which the Company is the primary beneficiary and has consolidated for financial statement purposes:

During 2008, the Company made a \$49.0 million commitment to OHA Strategic Credit Fund Parallel I, LP ("OHA SCF"). OHA SCF was created to invest in distressed, stressed and undervalued loans, bonds, equities and other investments. The Fund intends to opportunistically invest capital following a period of credit market dislocation. The Company determined that OHA SCF is a variable interest entity ("VIE") and that the Company is the primary beneficiary. As such, the Company consolidates this entity for financial statement purposes. However, as the entity is managed by a third party, the Company does not have control over the entity's assets and liabilities. As of June 30, 2009, OHA SCF had \$27.1 million of total assets, no debt and \$0.1 million of noncontrolling interest. The investments held by this entity are presented in "Other investments" on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets. As of June 30, 2009, the Company had a total unfunded commitment of \$32.2 million related to this entity.

During 2007, the Company made a €100.0 million commitment to Moor Park Real Estate Partners II, L.P. Incorporated ("Moor Park"). Moor Park is a third-party managed fund that was created to make investments in European real estate as a 33% investor along-side a sister fund. The Company determined that Moor Park is a VIE and that the Company is the primary beneficiary. As such, the

Table of Contents

iStar Financial Inc.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)

(unaudited)

Note 2 Basis of Presentation and Principles of Consolidation (Continued)

Company consolidates this entity for financial statement purposes. However, as the entity is managed by a third party, the Company does not have control over the entity's assets and liabilities. As of June 30, 2009, Moor Park had \$9.4 million of total assets, no debt and \$0.1 million of noncontrolling interest. The investments held by this entity are presented in "Loans and other lending investments, net" on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets. As of June 30, 2009, the Company had a total unfunded commitment of €63.3 million (or \$88.8 million) related to this entity.

During 2006, the Company made an investment in Madison Deutsche Andau Holdings, LP ("Madison DA"). Madison DA was created to invest in mortgage loans secured by real estate in Europe. The Company determined that Madison DA is a VIE and that the Company is the primary beneficiary. As such, the Company consolidates Madison DA for financial statement purposes. However, as the entity is managed by a third party, the Company does not have control over the entity's assets and liabilities. As of June 30, 2009, Madison DA had \$62.9 million of total assets, no debt and \$9.6 million of noncontrolling interest. The investments held by this entity are presented in "Loans and other lending investments" on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Note 3 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

As of June 30, 2009, the Company's significant accounting policies, which are detailed in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008, had not changed materially.

New accounting standards

In June 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued FASB Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 168, "The FASB Accounting Standards Codification and the Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles a replacement of FASB Statement No. 162" ("SFAS No. 168"), which will require the FASB Accounting Standards Codification ("Codification") to become the single official source of authoritative, nongovernmental U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). The Codification will be effective for interim and annual periods ending on or after September 15, 2009. The Company will adopt SFAS No. 168 for the period ending September 30, 2009, as required, and is currently evaluating the impact of this adoption on its Consolidated Financial Statements.

In June 2009, the FASB issued FASB Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 167, "Amendments to FASB Interpretation No. 46(R)" ("SFAS No. 167"), which eliminates the exemption for qualifying special purpose entities, creates a new approach for determining who should consolidate a variable-interest entity and requires an ongoing reassessment to determine if a Company should consolidate a variable interest entity. The standard is effective through a cumulative-effect adjustment (with a retroactive option) at adoption and effective for interim and annual periods beginning after November 15, 2009. The Company will adopt SFAS No. 167 on January 1, 2010, as required, and is currently evaluating the impact of this adoption on its Consolidated Financial Statements.

In June 2009, the FASB issued FASB Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 166, "Accounting for Transfers of Financial Assets an amendment of FASB Statement No. 140" ("SFAS No. 166"), which eliminates the qualifying special-purpose entity concept, creates a new unit of account definition that must be met for transfers of portions of financial assets to be eligible for sale accounting,

Table of Contents

iStar Financial Inc.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)

(unaudited)

Note 3 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

clarifies and changes the de-recognition criteria for a transfer to be accounted for as a sale, changes the amount of recognized gain or loss on a transfer of financial assets accounted for as a sale when beneficial interests are received by the transferor and requires new disclosures. The new standard is effective prospectively for transfers of financial assets occurring in interim and annual periods beginning after November 15, 2009. The Company will adopt SFAS No. 166 on January 1, 2010, as required, and is currently evaluating the impact of this adoption on its Consolidated Financial Statements.

In May 2009, the FASB issued FASB Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 165, "Subsequent Events" ("SFAS No. 165"), which moved the accounting requirements out of the auditing literature into the body of authoritative literature issued by the FASB. The standard replaced terminology of Type I and Type II with "recognized" and "unrecognized" subsequent events and requires disclosure of the date through which the entity has evaluated subsequent events; whether that evaluation date is the date of issuance or the date the financial statements were available to be issued. SFAS No. 165 is effective for interim or annual periods ending after June 15, 2009. The Company adopted the standard for the period ended June 30, 2009, as required. See Note 17 for additional disclosures required by the adoption of this standard.

On April 2, 2009, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position FAS 157-4, "Determining Fair Value When the Volume and Level of Activity for the Asset or Liability Have Significantly Decreased and Identifying Transactions That Are Not Orderly" ("FSP FAS 157-4"), which offers additional guidance for determining whether the market for a security is inactive and whether transactions in inactive markets are or are not distressed. It also enhances the guidance and illustrations for how to value securities in an inactive market. FSP FAS 157-4 is effective for interim and annual reporting periods ending after June 15, 2009. The Company adopted the standard for the period ended June 30, 2009, as required, and it did not have a significant impact on the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements.

On April 2, 2009, the FASB issued FASB Staff Positions FAS 115-2 and FAS 124-2, "Recognition and Presentation of Other-Than-Temporary Impairments" ("FSP FAS 115-2"), which changes the method for determining whether an other-than-temporary impairment exists for debt securities and the amount of impairment charge to be recorded in earnings. To determine whether an other-than-temporary impairment exists, an entity will assess the likelihood of selling the security prior to recovering its cost basis, a change from the current requirements where an entity assesses whether it has the intent and ability to hold a security to recovery. If the criteria is met to assert that an entity has the positive intent to hold and will not have to sell the security before recovery, impairment charges related to credit losses would be recognized in earnings, while impairment charges related to non-credit loss (e.g. liquidity risk) would be reflected in other comprehensive income. Upon adoption, changes in assertions will require cumulative effect adjustments to the opening balance of retained earnings. FSP FAS 115-2 is effective for interim and annual reporting periods ending after June 15, 2009. The Company adopted the standard for the period ended June 30, 2009, as required, and it did not have a significant impact on the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements. See Note 4 for additional disclosures required by the adoption of this standard.

On April 2, 2009, the FASB issued FASB Staff Positions FAS 107-1 and APB 28-1, "Interim Disclosures about Fair Value of Financial Instruments" ("FSP FAS 107-1"), which expands disclosures of fair values of financial instruments under FASB Statement No. 107, "Disclosures about Fair Value of Financial Instruments," to include interim financial statements. FSP FAS 107-1 is effective for interim and annual reporting periods ending after June 15, 2009. The Company adopted the standard for the period

Table of Contents

iStar Financial Inc.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)

(unaudited)

Note 3 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

ended June 30, 2009, as required. See Note 15 for additional disclosures required by the adoption of this standard.

In February 2009, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position FAS 141(R)-1, "Accounting for Assets Acquired and Liabilities Assumed in a Business Combination That Arise from Contingencies" ("FSP FAS 141(R)-1"), which amends provisions related to the initial recognition and measurement, subsequent measurement and disclosures of assets and liabilities arising from contingencies in a business combination under FASB No. 141(R), "Business Combinations" ("SFAS No. 141(R)"). The amendment carries forward the requirements for acquired contingencies under FASB No. 141, "Business Combinations," which recognizes contingencies at fair value on the acquisition date, if fair value can be reasonably estimated during the allocation period. Otherwise, companies would account for the acquired contingencies in accordance with FASB No. 5, "Accounting for Contingencies." In addition, the amendment eliminates the requirement to disclose an estimate of the range of outcomes for recognized contingencies at the acquisition date. FSP FAS 141(R)-1 is effective for all business combinations on or after January 1, 2009. The Company adopted this Staff Position on January 1, 2009, as required, and it did not have a significant impact on the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements.

In June 2008, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position EITF 03-6-1, "Determining Whether Instruments Granted in Share-Based Payment Transactions Are Participating Securities" ("FSP EITF 03-6-1"). FSP EITF 03-6-1 addresses whether instruments granted in share-based payment transactions are participating securities prior to vesting and, therefore, need to be included in the earnings allocation in calculating earnings per share under the two-class method as described in SFAS No. 128, "Earnings per Share." Under the guidance in FSP EITF 03-6-1, unvested share-based payment awards that contain non-forfeitable rights to dividends or dividend equivalents (whether paid or unpaid) are participating securities and shall be included in the computation of earnings per share pursuant to the two-class method. FSP EITF 03-6-1 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008, and interim periods within those years. All prior-period EPS data presented shall be adjusted retrospectively (including interim financial statements) to conform to the provisions of this FSP. The Company adopted this standard on January 1, 2009, as required. See Note 12 for further details on the impact of the adoption of this Staff Position.

In May 2008, the FASB issued FSP APB 14-1, "Accounting for Convertible Debt Instruments That May Be Settled in Cash Upon Conversion (Including Partial Cash Settlement)" ("FSP APB 14-1"). This standard requires the initial proceeds from convertible debt that may be settled in cash be bifurcated between a liability component and an equity component. The objective of the guidance is to require the liability and equity components of convertible debt to be separately accounted for in a manner such that the interest expense recorded on the convertible debt would not equal the contractual rate of interest on the convertible debt, but instead would be recorded at a rate that would reflect the issuer's conventional non-convertible debt borrowing rate at the date of issuance. This is accomplished through the creation of a discount on the debt that would be accreted using the effective interest method as additional non-cash interest expense over the period the debt is expected to remain outstanding. The provisions of FSP APB 14-1 will be applied retrospectively to all periods presented for fiscal years beginning after December 31, 2008. The adoption of FSP APB 14-1 on January 1, 2009 resulted in a reduction of the carrying value of the debt and an increase to additional paid in capital (or equity) of \$37.4 million, representing the conversion feature. In addition, beginning retained earnings was reduced by \$7.8 million

Table of Contents

iStar Financial Inc.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)

(unaudited)

Note 3 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

representing additional accretion of the new debt discount using the effective interest method of non-cash interest expense from inception to adoption. The Consolidated Statements of Operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2008 were retroactively adjusted to include an additional \$1.6 million and \$3.2 million, respectively, of interest expense from the adoption of the guidance. See Notes 8 and 12 for further details on the impact of the adoption of this guidance.

In April 2008, the FASB issued FSP FAS 142-3, "Determination of the Useful Life of Intangible Assets" ("FSP FAS 142-3"). FSP FAS 142-3 removes the requirement of SFAS No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets" ("SFAS No. 142") for an entity to consider, when determining the useful life of an acquired intangible asset, whether the intangible asset can be renewed without substantial cost or material modifications to the existing terms and conditions associated with the intangible asset. FSP FAS 142-3 replaces the previous useful-life assessment criteria with a requirement that an entity considers its own experience in renewing similar arrangements. If the entity has no relevant experience, it would consider market participant assumptions regarding renewal. FSP FAS 142-3 is effective prospectively for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008, and interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption was prohibited. The Company adopted this interpretation on January 1, 2009, as required, and it did not have a significant impact on the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements.

In March 2008, the FASB issued Statement No. 161, "Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities - an amendment of FASB Statement No. 133" ("SFAS No. 161"). The Statement requires companies to provide enhanced disclosures regarding derivative instruments and hedging activities. It requires companies to better convey the purpose of derivative use in terms of the risks that the Company is intending to manage. Disclosures about (a) how and why an entity uses derivative instruments, (b) how derivative instruments and related hedged items are accounted for under SFAS No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities" ("SFAS No. 133"), and its related interpretations, and (c) how derivative instruments and related hedged items affect a company's financial position, financial performance, and cash flows are required. This Statement retains the same scope as SFAS No. 133, is effective for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after November 15, 2008 and does not require comparative period disclosures in the year of adoption. The Company adopted SFAS No. 161 on January 1, 2009, as required. See Note 10 for the disclosures required by the adoption of this standard.

In February 2008, the FASB issued a FASB Staff Position on Accounting for Transfers of Financial Assets and Repurchase Financing Transactions ("FSP FAS 140-3). This FSP addresses the issue of whether or not these transactions should be viewed as two separate transactions or as one "linked" transaction. The FSP includes a "rebuttable presumption" that presumes linkage of the two transactions unless the presumption can be overcome by meeting certain criteria. The FSP became effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2008 and applies only to original transfers made after that date; early adoption was not allowed. The Company adopted this interpretation on January 1, 2009, as required, and it did not have a significant impact on the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements.

In February 2008, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position FSP 157-2, "Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 157" ("FSP 157-2"). FSP 157-2 provided a one-year deferral of the effective date of SFAS No. 157 for all non-financial assets and non-financial liabilities, except those that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring basis. These non-financial items include assets and liabilities such as reporting units measured at fair value in a goodwill impairment test and

Table of Contents

iStar Financial Inc.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)

(unaudited)

Note 3 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

non-financial assets acquired and liabilities assumed in a business combination. The Company adopted the provisions of FSP 157-2 on January 1, 2009, as required, and made the required fair value disclosures for non-recurring non-financial assets and non-financial liabilities (see Note 15 for further details).

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 141(R), "Business Combinations" ("SFAS No. 141(R)"). SFAS No. 141(R) expands the definition of transactions and events that qualify as business combinations, requires that the acquired assets and liabilities, including contingencies, be recorded at the fair value determined on the acquisition date and changes thereafter are reflected in revenue, not goodwill; changes the recognition timing for restructuring costs, and requires acquisition costs to be expensed as incurred. Adoption of SFAS No. 141(R) is required for combinations made in annual reporting periods on or after December 15, 2008. Early adoption and retroactive application of SFAS No. 141(R) to fiscal years preceding the effective date are not permitted. The Company adopted SFAS No. 141(R) on January 1, 2009, as required, and it did not have a significant impact on the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 160, "Noncontrolling Interest in Consolidated Financial Statements an amendment of ARB No. 51" ("SFAS No. 160"). SFAS No. 160 re-characterizes minority interests in consolidated subsidiaries as noncontrolling interests and requires the classification of minority interests as a component of equity. Under SFAS 160, a change in control is measured at fair value, with any gain or loss recognized in earnings. The effective date for SFAS No. 160 is for annual periods beginning on or after December 15, 2008. Early adoption and retroactive application of SFAS No. 160 to fiscal years preceding the effective date are not permitted. The Company adopted this standard on January 1, 2009, as required, and reclassified the carrying value of certain noncontrolling interests (previously referred to as minority interests) from the mezzanine section of the balance sheet to equity. Net income on the Consolidated Statements of Operations includes the operating results of both the Company and its related noncontrolling interest holders. In accordance with EITF Topic D-98, "Classification and Measurement of Redeemable Securities," subsidiaries where the noncontrolling interest holder has certain redemption rights have been classified as "Redeemable noncontrolling interests" on the Consolidated Balance Sheets and their related operating income or loss have been included in "Net (income) loss attributable to noncontrolling interests" on the Consolidated Statements of Operations. See Note 9 for additional disclosures required by the adoption of this standard.

Table of Contents**iStar Financial Inc.****Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)****(unaudited)****Note 4 Loans and Other Lending Investments, net**

The following is a summary description of the Company's loans and other lending investments (\$ in thousands)(1):

Type of Investment	Underlying Property Type	# of Borrowers In Class	Principal Balances Outstanding	Carrying Value as of		Effective Maturity Dates	Contractual Interest Payment Rates(2)	Contractual Interest Accrual Rates(2)
				June 30, 2009	December 31, 2008			
Senior Mortgages(3)(4)(5)(6)	Residential/Retail/Land/Industrial, R&D/Mixed Use/Office/Hotel/Entertainment, Leisure/Other	233	\$ 9,108,903	\$ 9,023,727	\$ 9,261,424	2009 to 2026	Fixed: 5.71% to 21% Variable: LIBOR + 2% to LIBOR + 8.5%	Fixed: 5.71% to 21% Variable: LIBOR + 2% to LIBOR + 8.5%
Subordinate Mortgages(3)(4)(5)(6)	Residential/Retail/Land/Mixed Use/Office/Hotel/Entertainment, Leisure/Other	22	518,692	515,960	589,414	2009 to 2018	Fixed: 7.32% to 10.5% Variable: LIBOR + 2.85% to LIBOR + 11.5%	Fixed: 7.32% to 15% Variable: LIBOR + 2.85% to LIBOR + 11.5%
Corporate/Partnership Loans(3)(4)(5)(6)	Residential/Retail/Land/Mixed Use/Office/Hotel/Other	34	1,262,491	1,241,716	1,435,941	2009 to 2046	Fixed: 4.5% to 15% Variable: LIBOR + 2.15% to LIBOR + 7%	Fixed: 8.5% to 17% Variable: LIBOR + 2.15% to LIBOR + 14%
Total Loans				10,781,403	11,286,779			
Reserve for Loan Losses				(1,469,415)	(976,788)			
Total Loans, net				9,311,988	10,309,991			
Other Lending Investments	Retail/Industrial, R&D/Entertainment, Leisure/Other	6	446,664	266,253	276,653	2012 to 2023	Fixed: 6% to 9.25%	Fixed: 6% to 9.25%
Total Loans and Other Lending Investments, net				\$ 9,578,241	\$ 10,586,644			

Explanatory Notes:

- (1) Details (other than carrying values) are for loans outstanding as of June 30, 2009. Differences between principal and carrying value primarily relate to unamortized deferred fees on loans and impairments on securities.
- (2) Substantially all variable-rate loans are based on either 30-day LIBOR and reprice monthly or six-month LIBOR and reprice semi-annually. The 30-day LIBOR and six-month LIBOR rates on June 30, 2009 were 0.31% and 1.11%, respectively.
- (3) Certain loans require fixed payments of principal resulting in partial principal amortization over the term of the loan with the remaining principal due at maturity.
- (4) As of June 30, 2009, 90 loans with a combined carrying value of \$4.16 billion are on non-accrual status. As of December 31, 2008, 68 loans with a combined carrying value of \$3.11 billion were on non-accrual status.
- (5) As of June 30, 2009, 18 loans with a combined carrying value of \$846.1 million have a stated accrual rate that exceeds the stated pay rate. Of these, 11 loans with a combined carrying value of \$533.8 million have stated accrual rates of up to 17%, however, no interest is due until their scheduled

Edgar Filing: ISTAR FINANCIAL INC - Form 10-Q

maturities ranging from 2009 to 2017. One Corporate/Partnership loan, with a carrying value of \$56.7 million, has a stated accrual rate of 7.54% and no interest is due until its scheduled maturity in 2046.

(6)

As of June 30, 2009, balances include foreign denominated loans with combined carrying values of approximately £133.5 million, €180.5 million, CAD 59.1 million and SEK 101.3 million that have been converted to \$536.9 million based on exchange rates in effect at June 30, 2009.

Table of Contents**iStar Financial Inc.****Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)****(unaudited)****Note 4 Loans and Other Lending Investments, net (Continued)**

During the six months ended June 30, 2009, the Company funded \$734.1 million under existing loan commitments and received gross principal repayments of \$905.5 million, a portion of which was allocable to the Fremont Participation (as defined below). During the six months ended June 30, 2008, the Company funded \$1.91 billion under existing loan commitments, originated or acquired an aggregate of \$11.6 million in loans and other lending investments and received gross principal repayments of \$2.40 billion, a portion of which was allocable to the Fremont Participation.

During the three and six months ended June 30, 2009, the Company sold loans for net proceeds of \$154.1 million and \$412.2 million, respectively, for which it recognized charge-offs of \$41.0 million and \$92.1 million, respectively. During the three and six months ended June 30, 2008, the Company sold loans for net proceeds of \$20.3 million and \$179.0 million, respectively, for which it recorded net realized losses of \$1.5 million and \$0.6 million, respectively.

Reserve for loan losses Changes in the Company's reserve for loan losses were as follows (in thousands):

Reserve for loan losses, December 31, 2007	\$ 217,910
Provision for loan losses	1,029,322
Charge-offs	(270,444)
Reserve for loan losses, December 31, 2008	976,788
Provision for loan losses	693,112
Charge-offs	(200,485)
Reserve for loan losses, June 30, 2009	\$ 1,469,415

As of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, the Company identified loans with carrying values of \$4.51 billion and \$3.37 billion, respectively, and Managed Loan Values (as defined below) of \$5.01 billion and \$3.78 billion, respectively, that were impaired in accordance with FASB Statement No. 114, "Accounting by Creditors for Impairments of a Loan (an amendment of FASB Statement No. 5 and 15)" ("SFAS No. 114"). As of June 30, 2009, the Company assessed the impaired loans for specific impairment and determined that non-performing loans with a Managed Loan Value of \$4.29 billion required specific reserves totaling \$1.25 billion and that the remaining impaired loans did not require any specific reserves. The provision for loan losses for the three and six months ended June 30, 2009 was \$435.0 million and \$693.1 million, respectively, and \$276.7 million and \$366.2 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2008, respectively. The total reserve for loan losses at June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, included SFAS No. 114 asset specific reserves of \$1.25 billion and \$799.6 million, respectively, and general reserves of \$220.3 million and \$177.2 million, respectively, in accordance with FASB Statement No. 5, "Accounting Contingencies" ("SFAS No. 5").

The average Managed Loan Value of total impaired loans was approximately \$4.27 billion and \$1.12 billion during the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively. The Company recorded interest income on cash payments from impaired loans of \$5.9 million and \$8.9 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2009, respectively, and \$0.9 million and \$2.8 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2008, respectively.

Table of Contents

iStar Financial Inc.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)

(unaudited)

Note 4 Loans and Other Lending Investments, net (Continued)

Managed Loan Value Managed Loan Value represents the Company's carrying value of loans, gross of specific reserves, and the Fremont Participation interest (as defined below) outstanding on the Fremont CRE portfolio. The Fremont Participation receives 70% of all loan principal repayments, including repayments of principal that the Company has funded subsequent to the sale of the participation interest. Therefore, the Company is in the first loss position and believes that the total recorded investment is more relevant than the Company's carrying value when assessing the Company's risk of loss on the loans in the Fremont CRE portfolio and has disclosed both values where applicable.

Securities As of June 30, 2009, Other lending investments-securities included available-for-sale debt securities with an amortized cost of \$3.8 million and a fair value of \$7.3 million. In addition, as of June 30, 2009, available-for-sale debt securities included a gross unrealized gain of \$3.5 million recorded in "Accumulated other comprehensive income." During the six months ended June 30, 2009, the Company sold available-for-sale securities with a cumulative carrying value of \$7.2 million, for which it recorded a net realized gain of \$0.5 million in "Other income" on the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations.

In addition, as of June 30, 2009, Other lending investments-securities included held-to-maturity debt securities with an amortized cost basis and carrying value of \$256.9 million, a fair value of \$257.7 million and gross unrealized gains of \$0.8 million.

During the six months ended June 30, 2009, the Company determined that unrealized losses on certain held-to-maturity and available-for-sale debt securities were other-than-temporary and recorded impairment charges totaling \$9.5 million. During the three and six months ended June 30, 2008, the Company recorded impairment charges on held-to-maturity and available-for-sale debt securities totaling \$40.0 million. There are no other-than-temporary impairments recorded in "Accumulated other comprehensive income" in the Consolidated Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2009.

As of June 30, 2009, \$221.1 million of held-to-maturity securities mature in one to five years and \$35.8 million of held-to-maturity securities and \$7.3 million of available-for-sale securities mature in five to ten years.

SOP 03-3 loans AICPA Statement of Position 03-3 ("SOP 03-3") prescribes the accounting treatment for acquired loans with evidence of credit deterioration for which it is probable, at acquisition, that all contractually required payments will not be received. As of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, the Company had SOP 03-3 loans with a cumulative principal balance of \$202.4 million and \$208.8 million, respectively, and a cumulative carrying value of \$175.5 million and \$175.1 million, respectively. The Company does not have a reasonable expectation about the timing and amount of cash flows expected to be collected on the SOP 03-3 loans and is recognizing income using the cash basis of accounting or applying cash to reduce the carrying value of the loans, using the cost recovery method. The majority of the Company's SOP 03-3 loans were acquired in the acquisition of Fremont CRE.

Fremont Participation On July 2, 2007, the Company sold a \$4.20 billion participation interest ("Fremont Participation") in the \$6.27 billion Fremont CRE portfolio. Under the terms of the participation, the Company pays 70% of all principal collected from the Fremont CRE portfolio, including principal collected from amounts funded on the loans subsequent to the acquisition of the portfolio, until the participation is fully repaid. The Fremont CRE participation pays floating interest at LIBOR + 1.50%.

Table of Contents**iStar Financial Inc.****Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)****(unaudited)****Note 4 Loans and Other Lending Investments, net (Continued)**

Changes in the outstanding Fremont CRE participation balance were as follows (in thousands):

Loan participation, December 31, 2008	\$ 1,297,944
Principal repayments(1)	(432,382)
Loan participation, June 30, 2009	\$ 865,562

Explanatory Note:

(1)

Includes \$47.8 million of principal repayments received by the Company as of June 30, 2009 that had not yet been remitted to the Fremont Participation holder and are reflected as a payable in "Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities" on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Unfunded commitments As of June 30, 2009, the Company had 122 loans with unfunded commitments totaling \$1.34 billion, of which \$161.8 million were discretionary and \$1.17 billion were non-discretionary. Unfunded loan commitments are primarily related to construction loans.

Other Real Estate Owned During the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, the Company received titles to properties in satisfaction of senior mortgage loans with cumulative carrying values of \$375.8 million and \$265.3 million, respectively, for which those properties had served as collateral, and recorded charge-offs totaling \$96.2 million and \$46.6 million, respectively, related to these loans. During the three and six months ended June 30, 2009, the Company sold OREO assets for net proceeds of \$72.3 million and \$145.6 million, respectively, resulting in net losses of \$5.8 million and \$10.7 million, respectively. During the six months ended June 30, 2008, the Company sold OREO assets for net proceeds of \$81.3 million, and a net gain of \$0.5 million.

Capital expenditures related to OREO assets totaled \$3.3 million and \$4.9 million during the three and six months ended June 30, 2009, respectively, and \$8.0 million and \$9.5 million during the three and six months ended June 30, 2008, respectively.

During the three and six months ended June 30, 2009, the Company recorded impairment charges to existing OREO properties totaling \$16.4 million and \$18.2 million, respectively, resulting from changing market conditions. In addition, the Company recorded expense related to holding costs for OREO properties of \$7.0 million and \$13.4 million during the three and six months ended June 30, 2009, respectively, and \$4.8 million and \$7.1 million during the three and six months ended June 30, 2008, respectively.

Encumbered loans and OREO assets As of June 30, 2009, loans and other lending investments with a cumulative carrying value of \$4.36 billion and OREO assets with a cumulative carrying value \$166.7 million were pledged as collateral under the Company's secured indebtedness. As of December 31, 2008, loans and other lending investments with a cumulative carrying value of \$1.18 billion were pledged as collateral under the Company's secured indebtedness. See Note 8 for further details.

Note 5 Corporate Tenant Lease Assets, net

During the three and six months ended June 30, 2009, the Company disposed of CTL assets for net proceeds of \$4.1 million and \$36.5 million, respectively, which resulted in no gains for the three months ended June 30, 2009 and gains of \$11.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2009. During the three and six months ended June 30, 2008, the Company disposed of CTL assets for net proceeds of \$245.1 million and \$253.3 million, respectively, which resulted in gains of \$23.3 million and \$25.4 million, respectively.

Table of Contents**iStar Financial Inc.****Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)****(unaudited)****Note 5 Corporate Tenant Lease Assets, net (Continued)**

The Company's investments in CTL assets, at cost, were as follows (in thousands):

	As of June 30, 2009	As of December 31, 2008
Facilities and improvements	\$2,810,083	\$ 2,828,747
Land and land improvements	668,987	669,320
Less: accumulated depreciation	(486,784)	(453,256)
Corporate tenant lease assets, net	\$2,992,286	\$ 3,044,811

Under certain leases, the Company is entitled to receive additional participating lease payments to the extent gross revenues of the corporate customer exceed a base amount. The Company earned an additional \$0.1 million in participating lease payments on such leases during the six months ended June 30, 2009 and earned \$1.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2008. In addition, the Company also receives reimbursements from customers for certain facility operating expenses including common area costs, insurance and real estate taxes. Customer expense reimbursements were \$10.4 million and \$18.9 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2009, respectively, and \$10.0 million and \$19.4 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2008, respectively. Customer expense reimbursements are included as a reduction of "Operating costs - corporate tenant lease assets" on the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations.

Capitalized interest Capitalized interest was approximately \$0.2 million and \$2.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

Allowance for doubtful accounts As of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, the total allowance for doubtful accounts was \$2.9 million and \$5.3 million, respectively.

Unfunded commitments As of June 30, 2009, the Company had \$11.3 million of non-discretionary unfunded commitments related to six existing customers in the form of tenant improvements which were negotiated between the Company and the customers at the commencement of the leases.

Encumbered CTL assets As of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, CTL assets with an aggregate net book value of \$2.61 billion and \$1.52 billion, respectively, were encumbered with mortgages or pledged as collateral securing the Company's debt (see Note 8 for further detail).

Note 6 Other Investments

Other investments consist of the following items (in thousands):

	As of June 30, 2009	As of December 31, 2008
Equity method investments	\$303,868	\$ 326,248
CTL intangibles, net(1)	55,049	58,499
Cost method investments	12,573	54,488
Marketable securities at fair value	19,802	8,083
Other investments	\$391,292	\$ 447,318

Explanatory Note:

- (1) Accumulated amortization on CTL intangibles was \$29.5 million and \$24.1 million as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively.

Table of Contents**iStar Financial Inc.****Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)****(unaudited)****Note 6 Other Investments (Continued)****Equity method investments**

Oak Hill As of June 30, 2009, the Company owned 47.5% interests in Oak Hill Advisors, L.P., Oak Hill Credit Alpha MGP, LLC, Oak Hill Credit Opportunities MGP, LLC, OHA Finance MGP, LLC, OHA Capital Solutions MGP, LLC and OHA Strategic Credit Fund, LLC, OHA Leveraged Loan Portfolio GenPar, LLC, Oak Hill Credit OPP Fund, LP and 48.1% interests in OHSF GP Partners II, LLC and OHSF GP Partners (Investors), LLC, (collectively, "Oak Hill"). Oak Hill engages in investment and asset management services. The Company has determined that all of these entities are variable interest entities and that an external member is the primary beneficiary. As such, the Company accounts for these ventures under the equity method. Upon acquisition of the original interests in Oak Hill there was a difference between the Company's book value of the equity investments and the underlying equity in the net assets of Oak Hill of approximately \$200.2 million. The Company allocated this value to identifiable intangible assets of approximately \$81.8 million and goodwill of \$118.4 million. The unamortized balance related to intangible assets for these investments was approximately \$48.3 million and \$51.2 million as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively. The Company's carrying value in Oak Hill was \$171.4 million and \$181.3 million at June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively. The Company recognized equity in earnings from these entities of \$2.6 million and \$4.5 million for the three months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively, and \$4.9 million and \$7.9 million for the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

Madison Funds As of June 30, 2009, the Company owned a 29.52% interest in Madison International Real Estate Fund II, LP, a 32.92% interest in Madison International Real Estate Fund III, LP and a 29.52% interest in Madison GP1 Investors, LP (collectively, the "Madison Funds"). The Madison Funds invest in illiquid ownership positions of entities that own real estate assets. The Company's carrying value in the Madison Funds was \$65.6 million and \$60.4 million at June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively. The Company recognized equity in earnings from the Madison Funds of \$0.9 million and \$1.1 million for the three months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively, and equity in losses of \$7.6 million and \$1.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

Other equity method investments The Company also had smaller investments in several other entities that were accounted for under the equity method where the Company has ownership interests up to 50.0%. The Company's aggregate carrying value in these investments was \$66.9 million and \$84.5 million as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively. During the six months ended June 30, 2009, the Company recognized a \$4.7 million non-cash impairment charge for an equity method investment that was determined to be impaired. The Company recognized cumulative net equity in losses of \$1.6 million and earnings of \$0.5 million for the three months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively, and losses of \$15.9 million and \$2.9 million for the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

TimberStar Southwest Prior to selling its interest, the Company owned a 46.7% interest in TimberStar Southwest Holdco LLC ("TimberStar Southwest"), through its majority owned subsidiary TimberStar. The Company accounted for this investment under the equity method due to the venture's external partners having certain participating rights giving them shared control. In April 2008, the Company closed on the sale of TimberStar Southwest for a gross sales price of \$1.71 billion, including the assumption of debt. The Company received net proceeds of approximately \$417.0 million for its interest in the venture and recorded a gain of \$280.2 million, which includes \$18.6 million attributable to noncontrolling interests. The amounts were recorded in "Gain on sale of joint venture interest" and "Gain on sale of joint venture interest attributable to noncontrolling interests" on the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations.

Table of Contents**iStar Financial Inc.****Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)****(unaudited)****Note 6 Other Investments (Continued)**

The following table presents the investee level summarized financial information of the Company's equity method investments (in thousands):

	For the Three Months Ended June 30,		For the Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
Income Statement				
Revenues	\$40,639	\$ 38,542	\$(237,707)	\$ 114,199
Costs and expenses	\$35,108	\$ 50,199	\$ 89,341	\$ 124,537
Net income (loss)	\$ 5,531	\$(11,657)	\$(327,048)	\$ (10,338)

During the three months ended March 31, 2009, the Company recorded a non-cash out-of-period charge of \$9.4 million to recognize additional losses from an equity method investment as a result of additional depreciation expense that should have been recorded at the equity method entity. This adjustment was recorded as a reduction to "Other investments" in the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets and an increase to "Loss from equity method investments," in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations. The Company concluded that the amount of losses that should have been recorded in periods beginning in July 2007 were not material to any of its previously issued financial statements. The Company also concluded that the cumulative out-of-period charge is not material to the quarter or estimated fiscal year in which it was recorded. As such, the charge was recorded in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations for the six months ended June 30, 2009, rather than restating prior periods.

Unfunded commitments As of June 30, 2009, the Company had \$49.2 million of non-discretionary unfunded commitments related to nine equity method investments.

CTL intangible assets, net

As of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, the Company had \$55.0 million and \$58.5 million, respectively, of unamortized finite lived intangible assets primarily related to the acquisition of prior CTL facilities. The total amortization expense for these intangible assets was \$3.0 million and \$2.5 million for the three months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively, and \$5.1 million and \$5.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

Cost method investments

The Company has investments in several real estate related funds or other strategic investment opportunities within niche markets that are accounted for under the cost method and had cumulative carrying values of \$12.6 million and \$54.5 million as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively.

During the six months ended June 30, 2008, the Company redeemed its interest in a profits participation that was originally received as part of a prior lending investment and carried as a cost method investment prior to redemption. As a result of the transaction, the Company received cash of \$44.2 million and recorded an equal amount of income in "Other income" on the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations.

Timber and timberlands

On June 30, 2008, the Company closed on the sale of its Maine timber property for net proceeds of \$152.7 million, resulting in a total gain of \$27.0 million, which includes \$3.7 million attributable to noncontrolling interests. These gains are included in "Gain from discontinued operations" and "Gain from

Table of Contents**iStar Financial Inc.****Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)****(unaudited)****Note 6 Other Investments (Continued)**

discontinued operations attributable to noncontrolling interests" on the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations. The Company reflected net income from the operations of its Maine timber property of \$0.6 million and \$2.4 million in "Income from discontinued operations" for the three and six months ended June 30, 2008, respectively.

Unfunded commitments As of June 30, 2009, the Company had \$8.0 million of non-discretionary unfunded commitments related to two cost method investments.

Note 7 Other Assets and Other Liabilities

Deferred expenses and other assets, net, consist of the following items (in thousands):

	As of June 30, 2009	As of December 31, 2008
Deferred financing fees, net(1)	\$ 52,730	\$ 25,387
Other receivables	22,164	29,036
Corporate furniture, fixtures and equipment, net(2)	15,861	16,640
Leasing costs, net(3)	15,226	16,072
Receivables due from asset sales	12,505	
Derivative assets	2,786	3,872
Intangible assets, net(4)	2,020	2,687
Deferred tax asset	1,333	1,415
Goodwill		4,186
Other assets	13,149	19,729
Deferred expenses and other assets, net	\$ 137,774	\$ 119,024

Explanatory Notes:

- (1) Accumulated amortization on deferred financing fees was \$36.3 million and \$24.1 million as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively.
- (2) Accumulated depreciation on corporate furniture, fixture and equipment was \$8.0 million and \$7.2 million as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively.
- (3) Accumulated amortization on leasing costs was \$9.9 million and \$8.7 million as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively.
- (4) Accumulated amortization on intangible assets was \$2.0 million and \$1.6 million as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively.

Table of Contents**iStar Financial Inc.****Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)****(unaudited)****Note 7 Other Assets and Other Liabilities (Continued)**

Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities consist of the following items (in thousands):

	As of June 30, 2009	As of December 31, 2008
Accrued interest payable	\$ 64,769	\$ 87,057
Fremont Participation payable (see Note 4)	49,206	141,717
Accrued expenses	24,844	41,745
Lease settlement liability	21,190	
Security deposits from customers	16,937	17,550
Unearned operating lease income	16,818	21,659
Deferred tax liabilities	8,160	6,900
Property taxes payable	5,719	5,187
Deferred income & liabilities	3,576	3,980
Other liabilities	19,272	28,697
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	\$ 230,491	\$ 354,492

As a result of the Company's decision to remain in its current space that is leased through 2021, the Company entered into a settlement agreement with its landlord regarding a long-term lease for new headquarters space dated May 22, 2007 (as amended and restated, the "Lease"). Under the settlement, the Company agreed to pay the landlord a \$42.4 million settlement payment over a period of six months in order to settle all disputes between the Company and the landlord relating to the Lease and the landlord agreed among other things, to terminate the Lease. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2009, the Company recognized a \$42.4 million lease termination expense in "Other expense" on the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

Table of Contents**iStar Financial Inc.****Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)****(unaudited)****Note 8 Debt Obligations, net**

As of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, the Company had debt obligations under various arrangements with financial institutions as follows (in thousands):

	Carrying Value as of			Scheduled Maturity
	June 30,	December 31,	Stated Interest Rates(2)	Date(2)
	2009	2008, As Adjusted(1)		
Secured revolving credit facilities:				
Line of credit	\$	\$		
Line of credit(3)	626,471		LIBOR + 1.50%(4)	June 2011
Line of credit	334,180		LIBOR + 1.50%(4)	June 2012
Unsecured revolving credit facilities:				
Line of credit(5)	501,396	2,122,904	LIBOR + 0.85%(4)	June 2011
Line of credit(6)	244,326	1,158,369	LIBOR + 0.85%(4)	June 2012
Total revolving credit facilities	1,706,373	3,588,140		
Secured term loans:				
Collateralized by investments in corporate debt		300,000		
Collateralized by CTL assets	947,862	947,862	Greater of 6.25% or LIBOR + 3.40%	April 2011
Collateralized by loans, CTL and OREO assets	1,055,000		LIBOR + 1.50%(4)	June 2011
Collateralized by loans, CTL and OREO assets(7)	617,325		LIBOR + 1.50%(4)	June 2012
Collateralized by loans, CTL and OREO assets	1,000,000		LIBOR + 2.50%	June 2012
Collateralized by CTL assets	115,220	117,371	11.438%	December 2020
Collateralized by CTL and OREO assets	272,711	241,094	LIBOR + 1.65% 6.4% 8.4%	Various through 2029
Total secured term loans	4,008,118	1,606,327		
Secured notes:				
8.0% senior notes	155,253		8.0%	March 2011
10.0% senior notes	479,548		10.0%	June 2014
Total secured notes	634,801			
Unsecured notes:				
4.875% senior notes		249,627		
LIBOR + 0.55% senior notes		176,550		
LIBOR + 0.34% senior notes	290,767	465,000	LIBOR + 0.34%	September 2009
LIBOR + 0.35% senior notes	324,040	480,000	LIBOR + 0.35%	March 2010
5.375% senior notes	173,989	245,000	5.375%	April 2010
6.0% senior notes	298,638	334,820	6.0%	December 2010
5.80% senior notes	197,890	239,500	5.80%	March 2011
5.125% senior notes	200,608	241,150	5.125%	April 2011
5.650% senior notes	345,710	461,595	5.650%	September 2011
5.15% senior notes	476,061	603,768	5.15%	March 2012
5.500% senior notes	160,480	230,700	5.500%	June 2012
LIBOR + 0.50% senior convertible notes	787,750	787,750	LIBOR + 0.50%	October 2012
8.625% senior notes	600,201	697,293	8.625%	June 2013
5.95% senior notes	509,130	795,227	5.95%	October 2013
6.5% senior notes	94,635	128,715	6.5%	December 2013
5.70% senior notes	206,601	295,099	5.70%	March 2014

Edgar Filing: ISTAR FINANCIAL INC - Form 10-Q

6.05% senior notes	105,765	201,880	6.05%	April 2015
5.875% senior notes	290,668	407,748	5.875%	March 2016
5.850% senior notes	99,722	189,530	5.850%	March 2017
Total unsecured notes	5,162,655	7,230,952		
Other debt obligations	100,000	100,000	LIBOR + 1.5%	October 2035
Total debt obligations	11,611,947	12,525,419		
Debt premiums/(discounts), net(1)(8)	214,556	(39,015)		
Total debt obligations, net	\$ 11,826,503	\$ 12,486,404		

Table of Contents

iStar Financial Inc.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)

(unaudited)

Note 8 Debt Obligations, net (Continued)

Explanatory Notes:

- (1) On January 1, 2009, the Company adopted the provisions of FSP APB 14-1. The standard requires retroactive application for prior periods presented. See Note 3 and below for further details.
- (2) All interest rates and maturity dates are for debt outstanding as of June 30, 2009. Some variable-rate debt obligations are based on 30-day LIBOR and reprice monthly. The 30-day LIBOR rate on June 30, 2009 was 0.31%. Foreign variable-rate debt obligations are based on 30-day UK LIBOR for British pound borrowing, 30-day EURIBOR for euro borrowing and 30-day Canadian LIBOR for Canadian dollar borrowing. The 30-day UK LIBOR, EURIBOR and Canadian LIBOR rates on June 30, 2009 were 0.65%, 0.75% and 0.40%, respectively. Other variable-rate debt obligations are based on 90-day LIBOR and reprice every three months. The 90-day LIBOR rate on June 30, 2009 was 0.60%.
- (3) As of June 30, 2009, included foreign borrowings of £16.9 million and €80.0 million. Amounts in the table have been converted to U.S. dollars based on exchange rates in effect at June 30, 2009.
- (4) These revolving and term loan commitments have an annual commitment fee of 0.20%.
- (5) As of June 30, 2009, included foreign borrowings of £14.0 million, €31.4 million, and CAD 7.5 million. Amounts in the table have been converted to U.S. dollars based on exchange rates in effect at June 30, 2009.
- (6) As of June 30, 2009, included foreign borrowings of £11.0 million and CAD 3.1 million. Amounts in the table have been converted to U.S. dollars based on exchange rates in effect at June 30, 2009.
- (7) As of June 30, 2009, included foreign borrowings of £86.0 million, €68.0 million, and CAD 46.9 million. Amounts in the table have been converted to U.S. dollars based on exchange rates in effect at June 30, 2009.
- (8) As of June 30, 2009, includes debt premiums related to secured senior notes of \$247.7 million and a debt discount related to unsecured convertible notes of \$37.8 million, as well as other premiums and discounts on other debt obligations.

As discussed in Note 3, the Company adopted the provisions of FSP APB 14-1 on January 1, 2009, as required. FSP APB 14-1 requires the Company to account for proceeds from the issuance of convertible notes separately between the liability component and the conversion option (or the equity component). This standard is applicable to the Company's issued \$800.0 million aggregate principal amount of convertible senior floating rate notes due October 2012 ("Convertible Notes"). The Convertible Notes are convertible at the option of the holders, into approximately 22.2 shares per \$1,000 principal amount of Convertible Notes, on or after August 15, 2012, or prior to that date if (1) the price of the Company's Common Stock trades above 130% of the conversion price for a specified duration, (2) the trading price of the Convertible Notes is below a certain threshold, subject to specified exceptions, (3) the Convertible Notes have been called for redemption, or (4) specified corporate transactions have occurred. None of the conversion triggers have been met as of June 30, 2009. The conversion rate is subject to certain adjustments and was \$45.05 per share as of June 30, 2009. If the conditions for conversion are met, the Company may choose to pay in cash and/or common stock; however, if this occurs, it is the Company's policy to settle the conversion obligation in cash.

As of June 30, 2009, the carrying value of the additional paid-in-capital, or equity component of the Convertible Notes, was \$37.4 million. As of June 30, 2009, the principal outstanding of the Convertible Notes was \$787.8 million, the unamortized discount was \$37.8 million and the net carrying amount of the liability was \$750.0 million. As required, the adoption was applied retrospectively to all periods presented for fiscal years beginning before December 31, 2008. For the three months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, the Company recognized interest on the Convertible Notes of \$5.9 million and \$8.9 million, respectively, in "Interest expense" on its Consolidated Statements of Operations, of which

Edgar Filing: ISTAR FINANCIAL INC - Form 10-Q

\$2.5 million and \$2.4 million, respectively, related to the amortization of the debt discount. For the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, the Company recognized interest expense on the Convertible Notes of \$12.1 million and \$21.8 million, respectively, in "Interest expense" on its Consolidated Statements of Operations, of which

Table of Contents

iStar Financial Inc.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)

(unaudited)

Note 8 Debt Obligations, net (Continued)

\$4.9 million and \$4.7 million, respectively, related to the amortization of the debt discount. (see Note 12 for further details on the earnings per share impact from adoption).

Unsecured/Secured Credit Agreements In March 2009, the Company entered into a \$1.00 billion First Priority Credit Agreement with participating members of its existing bank lending group. The First Priority Credit Agreement will mature in June 2012. Borrowings bear interest at the rate of LIBOR + 2.50% per year, subject to adjustment based upon the Company's corporate credit ratings (see Ratings Triggers below) and are collateralized by a first-priority lien on the same pool of assets collateralizing the Second Priority Secured Exchange Notes and the Second Priority Credit Agreements (see below). As of June 30, 2009, the First Priority Credit Agreement was fully drawn.

Also in March 2009, the Company restructured its two unsecured revolving credit facilities by entering into two Second Priority Credit Agreements, with \$1.70 billion maturing in 2011 and \$950.0 million maturing in 2012, with the same lenders participating in the First Priority Credit Agreement. Such lenders' commitments under the Company's unsecured facilities have been terminated and replaced by their commitments under the Second Priority Credit Agreements. Under these agreements, the participating lenders will have a second priority lien on the same collateral pool securing the First Priority Credit Agreement and the Second Priority Secured Exchange Notes (see below). Borrowings bear interest at the rate of LIBOR + 1.50% per year, subject to adjustment based upon the Company's corporate credit ratings (see Ratings Triggers below). As of June 30, 2009, the two Second Priority Credit Agreements were fully drawn.

At June 30, 2009, the total carrying value of assets pledged as collateral under the First and Second Priority Credit Agreements and the Second Priority Secured Exchange Notes was \$5.72 billion. Under certain circumstances, the First and Second Priority Credit Agreements require that payments of principal and net sale proceeds received by the Company in respect of assets constituting collateral for the Company's obligations under these agreements be applied toward the mandatory prepayment of loans and commitment reductions under them. The Company would be required to make such prepayments (i) during any time that the ratio of its EBITDA to fixed charges, as defined under the agreements, is less than 1.25 to 1.00, (ii) if, after receiving a payment of principal or net sale proceeds in respect of collateral, the Company has insufficient eligible assets available to pledge as replacement collateral or (iii) if, and for so long as, the aggregate principal amount of loans outstanding under the First Priority Credit Agreement exceeds \$500 million at any time on or after September 30, 2010, or zero at any time on or after March 31, 2011.

Concurrently with entering into the First and Second Priority Credit Agreements, the Company entered into amendments to its \$2.22 billion and \$1.20 billion unsecured revolving credit facilities. As of June 30, 2009, after giving effect to the amendments, outstanding balances on the unsecured credit facilities were \$501.4 million, which will expire in June 2011, and \$244.3 million, which will expire in June 2012. The amendments eliminated certain covenants and events of default. The unsecured revolving credit facilities may not be repaid prior to maturity while the First and Second Priority Credit Agreements remain outstanding. These facilities remain unsecured and no changes were made to the pricing terms of these facilities in connection with these amendments.

In connection with the First and Second Priority Credit Agreements as well as the amendments of the unsecured revolving credit facilities, the Company paid an aggregate of \$38.3 million in fees to lenders and

Table of Contents

iStar Financial Inc.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)

(unaudited)

Note 8 Debt Obligations, net (Continued)

third party costs, which are recorded in "Deferred expenses and other assets, net," on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets and are being amortized to interest expense over the contractual term of the new and amended facilities.

During the three months ended June 30, 2009, the Company also repaid and terminated its LIBOR-based secured revolving credit facility due September 2009.

Capital Markets Activity On May 8, 2009, the Company completed a series of private offers in which the Company issued \$155.3 million aggregate principal amount of its 8.00% second-priority senior secured guaranteed notes due 2011 ("2011 Notes") and \$479.5 million aggregate principal amounts of its 10.0% second-priority senior secured guaranteed notes due 2014 ("2014 Notes" and together with the 2011 Notes, the "Second Priority Secured Exchange Notes") in exchange for \$1.01 billion aggregate principal amount of its senior unsecured notes of various series. The Second Priority Secured Exchange Notes are collateralized by a second-priority lien on the same pool of collateral pledged under the First and Second Priority Credit Agreements consisting of loans, debt securities and the equity interests of certain of the Company's subsidiaries that own loans and debt securities, corporate tenant leases and other assets. The indentures governing the Second Priority Secured Exchange Notes contain a number of covenants, including that the Company maintain collateral coverage of at least 1.3x the aggregate borrowings under the First Priority Credit Agreement, the Second Priority Credit Agreements and the Second Priority Secured Exchange Notes, see "Debt Covenants." In conjunction with the exchange, the Company also repurchased \$12.5 million par value of its outstanding senior floating rate notes due September 2009.

The Company has accounted for the issuance of the 2014 Notes in exchange for various series of senior unsecured notes ("TDR Notes") as a troubled debt restructuring in accordance with SFAS No. 15, "Accounting by Debtors and Creditors for Troubled Debt Restructurings." As such, the Company recognized a gain on the TDR Notes to the extent that the prior carrying value exceeded the total future contractual cash payments of the 2014 Notes, consisting of both principal and interest. The issuance of the 2011 Notes in exchange for senior unsecured notes was considered a modification of the original debt resulting in adjustments to the carrying amounts for any new premiums or discounts. As a result of these transactions, including the repurchase of \$12.5 million of outstanding senior floating notes due September 2009, the Company recognized a \$108.0 million gain on early extinguishment of debt, net of closing costs of \$11.8 million and recorded a deferred gain of \$262.7 million which is reflected as premiums to the par value of the new debt. These premiums will be amortized over the terms of the 2011 Notes and the 2014 Notes as a reduction to interest expense. In addition, in connection with the exchange for the 2011 Notes, the Company incurred \$4.3 million of direct costs which were recorded in "Other expense" on the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

During the six months ended June 30, 2009, the Company repurchased, through open market and private transactions, \$658.2 million par value of its senior unsecured notes with various maturities ranging from September 2009 to March 2016. In connection with these repurchases, the Company recorded an aggregate net gain on early extinguishment of debt of approximately \$92.9 million and \$247.3 million, for the three and six months ended June 30, 2009, respectively.

During the six months ended June 30, 2009, the Company also repaid its 4.875% senior notes due January 2009 and its LIBOR + 0.55% senior notes due March 2009.

Table of Contents

iStar Financial Inc.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)

(unaudited)

Note 8 Debt Obligations, net (Continued)

Other Financing Activity In May 2009, the Company obtained ownership rights to a property, through an assignment of ownership interests, that was financed by a senior secured term loan funded by a third party lender and a mezzanine loan funded by the Company. Upon assignment, the Company recorded the \$35.2 million non-recourse senior secured term loan with the third party lender as a debt obligation on its Consolidated Balance Sheets. The loan bears interest at LIBOR + 3.675% with a floor of 6.75% and matures in November 2010.

During the six months ended June 30, 2009, the Company repaid and terminated its LIBOR + 4.50% secured term loan due September 2009.

Debt Covenants The Company's ability to borrow under its secured credit facilities depends on maintaining compliance with various covenants, including minimum net worth levels, as well as specified financial ratios, such as fixed charge coverage, unencumbered assets to unsecured indebtedness, and leverage ratios. All of these covenants are maintenance covenants and, if breached could result in an acceleration of the Company's facilities if a waiver or modification is not agreed upon with the requisite percentage of lenders. The Company's secured credit facilities also impose limitations on repayments, repurchases, refinancings and optional redemptions of its existing unsecured notes or secured exchange notes issued pursuant to the Company's exchange offer, as well as limitations on repurchases of its Common Stock. For so long as the Company maintains its qualification as a REIT, the secured credit facilities permit the Company to distribute 100% of its REIT taxable income on an annual basis. The Company may not pay common dividends if it ceases to qualify as a REIT.

The Company's publicly held debt securities also contain covenants that include fixed charge coverage and unencumbered assets to unsecured indebtedness ratios. The fixed charge coverage ratio is an incurrence test. If the Company does not meet the fixed charge coverage ratio, its ability to incur additional indebtedness will be restricted. The unencumbered assets to unsecured indebtedness covenant is a maintenance covenant and, if breached and not cured within applicable cure periods, could result in acceleration of the Company's publicly held debt unless a waiver or modification is agreed upon with the requisite percentage of the bondholders. Based on the Company's unsecured credit ratings at June 30, 2009, the financial covenants in its publicly held debt securities, including the fixed charge coverage ratio and maintenance of unencumbered assets to unsecured indebtedness ratio, are operative.

The Company's secured credit facilities and its public debt securities contain cross default provisions that allow the lenders and the bondholders to declare an event of default and accelerate the Company's indebtedness to them if the Company fails to pay amounts due in respect of its other recourse indebtedness in excess of specified thresholds. In addition, the Company's secured credit facilities, unsecured credit facilities and the indentures governing its public debt securities provide that the lenders and bondholders may declare an event of default and accelerate its indebtedness to them if there is a non payment default under the Company's other recourse indebtedness in excess of specified thresholds and, if the holders of the other indebtedness are permitted to accelerate, in the case of the secured credit facilities, or accelerate, in the case of its unsecured credit facilities and the bond indentures, the other recourse indebtedness.

Ratings Triggers The Company's First and Second Priority Secured Credit Agreements bear interest at LIBOR based rates plus an applicable margin which varies between the First Priority Credit Agreement and the Second Priority Credit Agreement and is determined based on the Company's corporate credit ratings. The interest rate on borrowings under the Company's unsecured revolving credit facilities also

Table of Contents**iStar Financial Inc.****Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)****(unaudited)****Note 8 Debt Obligations, net (Continued)**

varies based upon its corporate credit ratings. At June 30, 2009, the Company's credit ratings were BB from S&P, Caa1 from Moody's and B- from Fitch. The Company's ability to borrow under its unsecured and revolving credit facilities is not dependent on the level of its credit ratings. Based on the Company's current credit ratings, downgrades in the Company's credit ratings will have no effect on its borrowing rates under these facilities.

Future Scheduled Maturities As of June 30, 2009, future scheduled maturities of outstanding long-term debt obligations, net are as follows (in thousands):

2009 (remaining six months)	\$ 290,767
2010	837,356
2011	4,111,278
2012	3,620,121
2013	1,260,378
Thereafter	1,492,047
Total principal maturities	11,611,947
Unamortized debt premiums, net	214,556
Total long-term debt obligations, net	\$ 11,826,503

Unfunded Commitments As of June 30, 2009, the Company had \$1.44 billion of total unfunded commitments relating to loans, CTLs, and other investments, of which \$1.27 billion was non-discretionary and \$161.8 million was discretionary. See Notes 2, 4, 5 and 6 for further details.

Note 9 Equity

DRIP/Stock Purchase Plan During the six months ended June 30, 2009, the Company did not issue any Common Stock under the plan. During the six months ended June 30, 2008, the Company issued approximately 57,000 shares of its Common Stock resulting in net proceeds of \$1.1 million.

Stock Repurchase Program On March 13, 2009, the Company's Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to \$50 million of Common Stock from time to time in open market and privately negotiated purchases, including pursuant to one or more trading plans.

During the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, the Company repurchased 6.3 million shares and 0.3 million shares, respectively, of its outstanding Common Stock for a cost of approximately \$16.7 million and \$5.2 million, respectively, at an average cost of \$2.65 per share and \$15.52 per share, respectively.

As of June 30, 2009, the Company had \$34.5 million available to repurchase Common Stock under the authorized stock repurchase program.

Noncontrolling Interest The Company adopted SFAS No. 160, as required, on January 1, 2009, which requires the Company to report noncontrolling interests as a component of equity (see Note 3 for further details).

Table of Contents**iStar Financial Inc.****Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)****(unaudited)****Note 9 Equity (Continued)**

Below is net income (loss) attributable to iStar Financial Inc. and allocable to common shareholders, HPU holders and Participating Security holders (in thousands):

	For the Three Months Ended June 30,		For the Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
Amounts attributable to iStar Financial Inc. and allocable to common shareholders, HPU holders and Participating Security holders				
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ (281,871)	\$ (5,495)	\$ (380,781)	\$ 69,447
Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interests	271	771	1,514	567
Gain on sale of joint venture interest attributable to noncontrolling interests		(18,560)		(18,560)
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	(102)	5,994	119	14,025
Gain from discontinued operations		50,476	11,617	52,532
Gain from discontinued operations attributable to noncontrolling interests		(3,689)		(3,689)
Net income (loss) attributable to iStar Financial Inc.	(281,702)	29,497	(367,531)	114,322
Preferred dividend requirements	(10,580)	(10,580)	(21,160)	(21,160)
Net income (loss) attributable to iStar Financial Inc. and allocable to common shareholders, HPU holders and Participating Security holders.	\$ (292,282)	\$ 18,917	\$ (388,691)	\$ 93,162

The following table presents a reconciliation of the carrying amount of equity for the six months ended June 30, 2008 (in thousands):

	iStar Financial, Inc. Shareholders' Equity	Noncontrolling Interests	Total Equity
Balance at December 31, 2007, As Adjusted	\$ 2,899,481	\$ 36,175	\$ 2,935,656
Adoption of FSP APB 14-1	36,514		36,514
Adjusted beginning balance January 1, 2008(1)	\$ 2,935,995	\$ 36,175	\$ 2,972,170
Exercise of options	5,868		5,868
Dividends declared preferred	(21,160)		(21,160)
Dividends declared common	(118,146)		(118,146)
Dividends declared HPU	(2,452)		(2,452)
Repurchase of stock	(5,209)		(5,209)
Issuance of stock vested restricted stock units	10,252		10,252
Issuance of stock DRIP/stock purchase plan	1,087		1,087
Net income for the period(2)	114,322	(837)	113,485
Sale/purchase of certain noncontrolling interests		22,249	22,249
Contributions from noncontrolling interests		107	107
Distributions to noncontrolling interests		(3,061)	(3,061)
Change in accumulated other comprehensive (losses)	10,171		10,171

Table of Contents**iStar Financial Inc.****Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)**

(unaudited)

Note 10 Risk Management and Derivatives

Risk management In the normal course of its on-going business operations, the Company encounters economic risk. There are three main components of economic risk: interest rate risk, credit risk and market risk. The Company is subject to interest rate risk to the degree that its interest-bearing liabilities mature or reprice at different points in time and potentially at different bases, than its interest-earning assets. Credit risk is the risk of default on the Company's investments that result from a property's borrower's or corporate tenant's inability or unwillingness to make contractually required payments. Market risk reflects changes in the value of loans and other lending investments due to changes in interest rates or other market factors, including the rate of prepayments of principal and the value of the collateral underlying loans, the valuation of CTL facilities and OREO assets held by the Company and changes in foreign currency exchange rates.

Use of derivative financial instruments The Company's use of derivative financial instruments is primarily limited to the utilization of interest rate hedges or other instruments to manage interest rate risk exposure and foreign exchange hedges to manage market risk exposure. The principal objective of such hedges are to minimize the risks and/or costs associated with the Company's operating and financial structure as well as to hedge specific anticipated debt issuances and to manage its exposure to foreign exchange rate movements.

Non-designated hedges Derivatives not designated as hedges are not speculative and are used to manage the Company's exposure to interest rate movements, foreign exchange rate movements, and other identified risks, but may not meet the strict hedge accounting requirements of SFAS No. 133. There were no designated hedges outstanding as of June 30, 2009. Changes in the fair value of derivatives not designated in hedging relationships are recorded directly in earnings.

The table below presents the fair value of the Company's derivative financial instruments as well as their classification on the Consolidated Balance Sheets as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 (in thousands):

	Asset Derivatives				Liability Derivatives			
	As of		As of		As of		As of	
	June 30, 2009	December 31, 2008	June 30, 2009	December 31, 2008	June 30, 2009	December 31, 2008	June 30, 2009	December 31, 2008
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments under SFAS No. 133	Balance Sheet	Fair Value	Balance Sheet	Fair Value	Balance Sheet	Fair Value	Balance Sheet	Fair Value
	Location		Location		Location		Location	
Interest rate caps	Other Assets	\$ 1,110	Other Assets	\$ 726	Other Liabilities	\$ (495)	Other Liabilities	\$ (131)
Foreign exchange contracts	Other Assets	1,676	Other Assets	2,949	Other Liabilities	(895)	Other Liabilities	
Fair value interest rate swap	Other Assets		Other Assets	197	N/A		N/A	
Total		\$ 2,786		\$ 3,872		\$ (1,390)		\$ (131)

Table of Contents**iStar Financial Inc.****Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)**

(unaudited)

Note 10 Risk Management and Derivatives (Continued)

The tables below present the effect of the Company's derivative financial instruments on the Consolidated Statements of Operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2009 (in thousands):

	For the three months ended June 30, 2009		For the six months ended June 30, 2009	
	Location of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivative	Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivative	Location of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivative	Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivative
Derivatives Not Designated as Hedging Instruments Under SFAS No. 133				
Interest rate caps	Other expense	\$ 383	Other expense	\$ 19
Foreign exchange contracts	Other expense	(1,028)	Other expense	(73)
Total		\$ (645)		\$ (54)

Foreign currency hedges The following table presents the Company's foreign currency derivatives outstanding as of June 30, 2009 (in thousands):

Derivative Type	Notional Amount	Notional (USD Equivalent)	Maturity
Sell SEK/Buy USD forward	SEK 104,228	13,463	July 2009
Sell EUR/Buy USD forward	€ 5,000	7,024	September 2009
Buy USD/Sell INR forward	INR 486,438	10,000	November 2009

Interest rate caps The following table represents the notional principal amounts of interest rate caps by class (in thousands):

	As of	
	June 30, 2009	December 31, 2008
Interest rate cap bought	\$ 947,862	\$ 947,862
Interest rate cap sold	(947,862)	(947,862)
Total interest rate caps	\$	\$

Credit-risk-related Contingent Features The Company has agreements with each of its derivative counterparties that contain a provision where if the Company either defaults or is capable of being declared in default on any of its indebtedness, then the Company could also be declared in default on its derivative obligations.

Note 11 Stock-Based Compensation Plans and Employee Benefits

On May 27, 2009, the Company's shareholders approved the Company's 2009 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "2009 LTIP") which is designed to provide incentive compensation for officers, key employees, directors and advisors of the Company. The 2009 LTIP provides for awards of stock options, shares of restricted stock, phantom shares (also known as restricted stock units), dividend equivalent rights and other share-based performance awards. A maximum of 8,000,000 shares of Common Stock may be awarded under the 2009 LTIP, plus up to an additional 500,000 shares to the extent that a corresponding number of equity awards previously granted under the Company's 1996 Long-Term Incentive Plan expire or are cancelled or forfeited. All awards under the 2009 LTIP are made at the discretion of the Board of

Table of Contents**iStar Financial Inc.****Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)****(unaudited)****Note 11 Stock-Based Compensation Plans and Employee Benefits (Continued)**

Directors or a committee of the Board of Directors. The awards of the 2.0 million restricted stock units approved on May 27, 2009 and the 10.2 million restricted stock units granted on December 19, 2008 are required to be settled on a net, after-tax basis (after deducting shares for taxes and other applicable withholdings); therefore, the actual number of shares issued will be less than the gross amount of the awards. As of June 30, 2009, approximately 105,000 shares remain available for awards under the 2009 LTIP Plan.

The Company's 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "2006 LTIP") is designed to provide equity-based incentive compensation for officers, key employees, directors, consultants and advisers of the Company. The 2006 LTIP provides for awards of stock options, shares of restricted stock, phantom shares, dividend equivalent rights and other share-based performance awards. A maximum of 4,550,000 shares of Common Stock may be subject to awards under the 2006 LTIP provided that the number of shares of Common Stock reserved for grants of options designated as incentive stock options is 1.0 million, subject to certain anti-dilution provisions in the 2006 LTIP. All awards under this Plan are at the discretion of the Board of Directors or a committee of the Board of Directors. As of June 30, 2009, approximately 592,000 shares remain available for awards under the 2006 LTIP.

Stock Options Changes in options outstanding during the six months ended June 30, 2009, are as follows (shares and aggregate intrinsic value in thousands, except for weighted average strike price):

	Number of Shares			Weighted Average Strike Price	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
	Employees	Non-Employee Directors	Other		
Options Outstanding, December 31, 2008	396	86	47	\$ 19.43	
Issued in 2009					
Exercised in 2009					
Forfeited in 2009	(4)	(2)	(3)	\$ 40.01	
Options Outstanding, June 30, 2009	392	84	44	\$ 19.08	\$

The following table summarizes information concerning outstanding and exercisable options as of June 30, 2009 (options, in thousands):

Exercise Price	Options Outstanding and Exercisable	Remaining Contractual Life (Years)
\$16.88	364	0.51
\$17.38	14	0.71
\$19.69	47	1.51
\$24.94	40	1.88
\$27.00	11	1.99
\$29.82	44	2.92
	520	0.95

Table of Contents**iStar Financial Inc.****Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)****(unaudited)****Note 11 Stock-Based Compensation Plans and Employee Benefits (Continued)**

Restricted Stock Units Changes in non-vested restricted stock units during the six months ended June 30, 2009 are as follows (in thousands, except per share amounts):

Non-Vested Shares	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value Per Share	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Non-vested at December 31, 2008	14,987	\$ 3.32	
Granted	2,000	\$ 2.37	
Vested	(581)	\$ 31.33	
Forfeited	(158)	\$ 2.15	
Non-vested at June 30, 2009	16,248	\$ 3.68	\$ 46,143

On May 27, 2009, the Company's shareholders approved the grant of 2,000,000 market-condition based restricted stock units which were contingently awarded to its Chairman and Chief Executive Officer as a special retention award on October 9, 2008. These units will cliff vest in one installment on October 9, 2011 only if the total shareholder return on the Company's Common Stock is at least 25% per year (compounded at the end of the three year vesting period, including dividends). Total shareholder return will be based on the average NYSE closing prices for the Company's Common Stock for the 20 days prior to (a) the date of the award on October 9, 2008 (which was \$3.38) and (b) the vesting date. No dividends will be paid on these units prior to vesting. The Company measured the fair value of the grant on May 27, 2009 and will record compensation expense based on this fair value ratably over the remaining vesting period.

As of June 30, 2009, there were 10,159,000 market condition-based restricted stock units ("Units") outstanding, which were granted to executives and other officers of the Company on December 19, 2008. The Units will vest only if specified price targets for the Company's Common Stock are achieved and if the employee is thereafter employed on the vesting date, as follows: (a) if the Common Stock achieves a price of \$4.00 or more (average NYSE closing price over 20 consecutive trading days) during the first year following the grant date (i.e., prior to December 19, 2009), the Units will vest in three equal installments on January 1, 2010, January 1, 2011, and January 1, 2012; (b) if the Units do not achieve the price target in the first year, but the Common Stock achieves a price of \$7.00 or more (average NYSE closing price over 20 consecutive trading days) prior to December 19, 2010, the Units will vest in two equal installments on January 1, 2011 and January 1, 2012; and (c) if the Units do not achieve the price target in the first or second year, but the Common Stock achieves a price of \$10.00 or more (average NYSE closing price over 20 consecutive trading days) prior to December 19, 2011, the Units will vest in one installment on January 1, 2012. If an applicable price target has been achieved, the Units will thereafter be entitled to dividend equivalent payments as dividends are paid on the Company's Common Stock. Upon vesting of the Units, holders will receive shares of the Company's Common Stock in the amount of the vested Units, net of statutory minimum tax withholdings. On May 27, 2009, the Company's shareholders approved the 2009 LTIP, which authorized additional shares of the Company's Common Stock to be available for awards under the Company's equity compensation plans. The approval converted the Company's accounting for these awards from liability-based to equity-based, and accordingly, the Company reclassified its liability recorded in "Accounts Payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities" to "Additional paid-in capital" on the Consolidated Balance Sheets. The aggregate fair value of the grants on May 27, 2009 was approximately \$27.0 million. The Company has recorded the liability-based expense of \$3.9 million

Table of Contents**iStar Financial Inc.****Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)****(unaudited)****Note 11 Stock-Based Compensation Plans and Employee Benefits (Continued)**

through May 27, 2009 and will record the remaining portion of compensation expense based on the fair value ratably over the vesting period.

As of June 30, 2009, there were 433,623 market condition-based restricted stock units outstanding that were granted to employees on January 18, 2008 and cliff vest on December 31, 2010, only if the total shareholder return on the Company's Common Stock is at least 20% (compounded annually, including dividends) from the date of the award through the end of the vesting period. Total shareholder return will be based on the average NYSE closing prices for the Company's Common Stock for the 20 days prior to (a) the date of the award on January 18, 2008 (which was \$25.04) and (b) the vesting date. No dividends will be paid on these units unless and until they are vested.

The fair value of the market condition-based restricted stock units is based on the market value of the awards utilizing a Monte Carlo model to simulate a range of possible future stock prices for the Company's Common Stock. The following assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of market condition-based awards:

	Valued as of		
	January 18, 2008	May 27, 2009(1)	May 27, 2009(2)
Risk-free interest rate	2.39%	1.16%	1.28%
Expected stock price volatility	27.46%	152.03%	145.45%
Expected annual dividend			

Explanatory Notes:

- (1) Contingent equity-based restricted stock units awarded on October 9, 2008 were measured on May 27, 2009, the date the Company's shareholders approved the grant of the award.
- (2) Equity-based restricted stock units granted on December 19, 2008 were re-measured on May 27, 2009 when they became equity-based awards, in accordance with SFAS No. 123(R).

As of June 30, 2009, there were 3.7 million unvested service-based restricted stock units outstanding that are entitled to be paid dividends as dividends are paid on shares of the Company's Common Stock and these dividends are accounted for as a reduction to retained earnings in a manner consistent with the Company's Common Stock dividends.

The Company recorded \$7.5 million and \$8.0 million of stock-based compensation expense in "General and administrative" on the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations for the three months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively and \$13.1 million and \$12.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively. As of June 30, 2009, there was \$45.1 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested restricted stock units, including the Units. That cost is expected to be recognized over the remaining vesting/service period for the respective grants.

401(k) Plan The Company made gross contributions of \$0.2 million and \$0.2 million for the three months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively, and \$1.0 million and \$1.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

Note 12 Earnings Per Share

Pursuant to Emerging Issues Task Force 03-6, "Participating Securities and the Two-Class Method under FASB Statement No. 128, Earnings Per Share" ("EITF 03-6"), EPS is calculated using the two-class method. The two-class method allocates earnings among common

stock and participating securities to

Table of Contents**iStar Financial Inc.****Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)****(unaudited)****Note 12 Earnings Per Share (Continued)**

calculate EPS when an entity's capital structure includes either two or more classes of common stock or common stock and participating securities. HPU holders are Company employees or former employees who purchased high performance common stock units under the Company's High Performance Unit (HPU) Program. The program is more fully described in the Company's annual proxy statement and in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008. These HPU units have been treated as a separate class of common stock under EITF 03-6.

As discussed in Note 3, the Company adopted FSP EITF 03-6-1 on January 1, 2009. Under the standard, all unvested share-based payment awards that contain non-forfeitable rights to dividends or dividend equivalents (whether paid or unpaid) are deemed a Participating Security and shall be included in the computation of earnings per share pursuant to the two-class method. Accordingly, the Company's unvested restricted stock units and common stock equivalents issued under its Long-Term Incentive Plans are considered participating securities and have been included in the two-class method when calculating EPS. As required, the Company adjusted all prior-period EPS data presented to conform to the provisions of this guidance.

The following table presents a reconciliation of the numerators of the basic and diluted EPS calculations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008 (in thousands, except for per share data):

	For the Three Months Ended June 30,		For the Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2009	2008, As Adjusted(1)	2009	2008, As Adjusted(1)
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ (281,871)	\$ (5,495)	\$ (380,781)	\$ 69,447
Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interests	271	771	1,514	567
Gain on sale of joint venture interest attributable to noncontrolling interests		(18,560)		(18,560)
Preferred dividend requirements	(10,580)	(10,580)	(21,160)	(21,160)
Dividends paid to Participating Security holders(2)				(1,122)

Income (loss) from continuing operations attributable to iStar Financial Inc. and allocable to common shareholders and HPU holders	\$ (292,180)	\$ (33,864)	\$ (400,427)	\$ 29,172
--	--------------	-------------	--------------	-----------

Explanatory Note:

- (1) On January 1, 2009, the Company adopted the provisions of FSP APB 14-1, SFAS No. 160, and FSP EITF 03-6-1. These new standards require retroactive application for prior periods presented. See Notes 3 and 8 for further details.
- (2) In accordance with Emerging Issues Task Force 07-4, "Application of the Two-Class Method under FASB Statement No. 128 to Master Limited Partnerships," ("EITF 07-4") the total dividends paid to Participating Security holders during the period have been deducted from income (loss) from continuing operations, because total dividends distributed by the Company exceeded earnings for the period.

Table of Contents**iStar Financial Inc.****Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)**

(unaudited)

Note 12 Earnings Per Share (Continued)

	For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2008, As Adjusted(1)		For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2008, As Adjusted(1)	
	2009	2009	2009	2009
Earnings allocable to common shares:				
<i>Numerator for basic earnings per share:</i>				
Income (loss) from continuing operations attributable to iStar Financial Inc. and allocable to common shareholders(2)	\$(284,098)	\$ (33,163)	\$(389,655)	\$ 28,569
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	(99)	5,870	116	13,735
Gain from discontinued operations, net of noncontrolling interests		45,819	11,304	47,832
Net income (loss) attributable to iStar Financial Inc. and allocable to common shareholders	\$(284,197)	\$ 18,526	\$(378,235)	\$ 90,136
<i>Numerator for diluted earnings per share:</i>				
Income (loss) from continuing operations attributable to iStar Financial Inc. and allocable to common shareholders(2)(3)	\$(284,098)	\$ (33,163)	\$(389,655)	\$ 28,572
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	(99)	5,870	116	13,736
Gain from discontinued operations, net of noncontrolling interests		45,819	11,304	47,836
Net income (loss) attributable to iStar Financial Inc. and allocable to common shareholders	\$(284,197)	\$ 18,526	\$(378,235)	\$ 90,144
<i>Denominator (basic and diluted):</i>				
Weighted average common shares outstanding for basic earnings per common share	99,769	134,399	102,671	134,330
Add: effect of assumed shares issued under treasury stock method for stock options and restricted shares without non-forfeitable rights to dividends				103
Add: effect of joint venture shares				349
Weighted average common shares outstanding for diluted earnings per common share	99,769	134,399	102,671	134,782
Basic earnings per common share:				
Income (loss) from continuing operations attributable to iStar Financial Inc. and allocable to common shareholders(2)	\$ (2.85)	\$ (0.24)	\$ (3.79)	\$ 0.21
Income (loss) from discontinued operations		0.04		0.10
Gain from discontinued operations, net of noncontrolling interests		0.34	0.11	0.36
	\$ (2.85)	\$ 0.14	\$ (3.68)	\$ 0.67

Edgar Filing: ISTAR FINANCIAL INC - Form 10-Q

Net income (loss) attributable to iStar Financial Inc.
and allocable to common shareholders

Diluted earnings per common share:

Income (loss) from continuing operations attributable to iStar Financial Inc. and allocable to common shareholders(2)	\$ (2.85)	\$ (0.24)	\$ (3.79)	\$ 0.22
Income (loss) from discontinued operations		0.04		0.10
Gain from discontinued operations, net of noncontrolling interests		0.34	0.11	0.35

Net income (loss) attributable to iStar Financial Inc. and allocable to common shareholders	\$ (2.85)	\$ 0.14	\$ (3.68)	\$ 0.67
---	-----------	---------	-----------	---------

Explanatory Notes:

- (1) On January 1, 2009, the Company adopted the provisions of FSP APB 14-1, SFAS No. 160, and FSP EITF 03-6-1. These new standards require retroactive application for prior periods presented. See Notes 3 and 8 for further details.
- (2) Income (loss) from continuing operations attributable to iStar Financial Inc. and allocable to common shareholders have been adjusted for net (income) loss attributable to noncontrolling interests and preferred dividend requirements. In addition, for the six months ended June 30, 2008, income from continuing operations attributable to iStar Financial Inc. and allocable to common shareholders was adjusted to exclude dividends paid to Participating Security holders (see preceding table).
- (3) For the six months ended June 30, 2008, amount includes the allocable portion of \$2 of joint venture income.

Table of Contents**iStar Financial Inc.****Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)****(unaudited)****Note 12 Earnings Per Share (Continued)**

	For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2008, As Adjusted(1)		For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2008, As Adjusted(1)	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
Earnings allocable to High Performance Units:				
<i>Numerator for basic earnings per HPU share:</i>				
Income (loss) from continuing operations attributable to iStar Financial Inc. and allocable to HPU holders(2)	\$ (8,082)	\$ (701)	\$(10,772)	\$ 603
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	(3)	124	3	290
Gain from discontinued operations, net of noncontrolling interests		968	313	1,011
Net income (loss) attributable to iStar Financial Inc. and allocable to HPU holders	\$ (8,085)	\$ 391	\$(10,456)	\$ 1,904
<i>Numerator for diluted earnings per HPU share:</i>				
Income (loss) from continuing operations attributable to iStar Financial Inc. and allocable to HPU holders(2)(3)	\$ (8,082)	\$ (701)	\$(10,772)	\$ 602
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	(3)	124	3	289
Gain from discontinued operations, net of noncontrolling interests		968	313	1,007
Net income (loss) attributable to iStar Financial Inc. and allocable to HPU holders	\$ (8,085)	\$ 391	\$(10,456)	\$ 1,898
<i>Denominator (basic and diluted):</i>				
Weighted average High Performance Units outstanding for basic and diluted earnings per share	15	15	15	15
Basic earnings per HPU share:				
Income (loss) from continuing operations attributable to iStar Financial Inc. and allocable to HPU holders(2)	\$ (538.80)	\$ (46.73)	\$(718.14)	\$ 40.20
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	(0.20)	8.27	0.20	19.33
Gain from discontinued operations, net of noncontrolling interests		64.53	20.87	67.40
Net income (loss) attributable to iStar Financial Inc. and allocable to HPU holders	\$ (539.00)	\$ 26.07	\$(697.07)	\$ 126.93
Diluted earnings per HPU share:				
Income (loss) from continuing operations attributable to iStar Financial Inc. and allocable to HPU holders(2)	\$ (538.80)	\$ (46.73)	\$(718.14)	\$ 40.13
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	(0.20)	8.27	0.20	19.27
Gain from discontinued operations, net of noncontrolling interests		64.53	20.87	67.13
	\$ (539.00)	\$ 26.07	\$(697.07)	\$ 126.53

Net income (loss) attributable to iStar Financial Inc.
and allocable to HPU holders

Explanatory Notes:

- (1) On January 1, 2009, the Company adopted the provisions of FSP APB 14-1, SFAS No. 160, and FSP EITF 03-6-1. These new standards require retroactive application for prior periods presented. See Notes 3 and 8 for further details.
- (2) Income (loss) from continuing operations attributable to iStar Financial Inc. and allocable to HPU holders have been adjusted for net (income) loss attributable to noncontrolling interests and preferred dividend requirements. In addition, for the six months ended June 30, 2008, income from continuing operations allocable attributable to iStar Financial Inc. and to HPU holders was adjusted to exclude dividends paid to Participating Security holders (see preceding table).
- (3) For the six months ended June 30, 2008, amount includes the allocable portion of \$2 of joint venture income.

Table of Contents**iStar Financial Inc.****Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)****(unaudited)****Note 12 Earnings Per Share (Continued)**

For the three and six months ended June 30, 2008, basic and diluted net income allocable to common shareholders and HPU holders per share were retroactively adjusted to reflect the adoption of FSP EITF 03-6-1. The Company reduced its diluted weighted average common shares outstanding for the reporting period by unvested restricted stock units and common stock equivalents deemed to be Participating Securities. In addition, pursuant to EITF 07-4, as a result of dividends paid in excess of earnings during the six months ended June 30, 2008, the Company allocated \$1.1 million of earnings from common shares and HPU shares to Participating Securities. This adoption, along with the adoption of FSP APB 14-1 (see Notes 3 and 8) changed basic and diluted earnings per share as follows: (a) for the three months ended June 30, 2008, basic and diluted net income allocable to common shareholders decreased by (\$0.01) per share, and basic and diluted net income allocable to HPU holders decreased by (\$2.20) per share and (\$2.13) per share, respectively, and (b) for the six months ended June 30, 2008, basic and diluted net income allocable to common shareholders decreased by (\$0.03) per share, and basic and diluted net income allocable to HPU holders decreased by (\$6.00) per share and (\$5.80) per share, respectively.

For the three and six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, the following shares were anti-dilutive (in thousands):

	For the Three Months Ended June 30,		For the Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
Joint venture shares	298	349	298	
Stock options	520	531	520	153
Restricted stock units	12,593	487	12,593	487

In addition, as of June 30, 2009, the conditions for conversion related to the Company's Convertible Notes have not been met. If the conditions for conversion are met, the Company may choose to settle in cash and/or Common Stock, however, if this occurs it is the Company's policy to settle the conversion obligation in cash. Accordingly, there was no impact on the Company's diluted earnings per share, for any of the periods presented.

Table of Contents**iStar Financial Inc.****Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)****(unaudited)****Note 13 Comprehensive Income (loss)**

The statement of comprehensive income (loss) attributable to iStar Financial Inc. is as follows (in thousands):

	For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2008,		For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2008,	
	2009	As Adjusted(1)	2009	As Adjusted(1)
Net income (loss)	\$ (281,973)	\$ 50,975	\$ (369,045)	\$ 136,004
Other comprehensive income:				
Reclassification of losses on available-for-sale securities into earnings upon realization		4,967	4,058	4,967
Reclassification of (gains)/losses on cash flow hedges into earnings upon realization	(2,112)	3,370	(3,593)	3,076
Unrealized gains/(losses) on available-for-sale securities	3,472	(683)	3,472	(1,043)
Unrealized gains/(losses) on cash flow hedges		14,449	(30)	3,171
Unrealized gains/(losses) on cumulative translation adjustment	650		(1,232)	
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$ (279,963)	\$ 73,078	\$ (366,370)	\$ 146,175
Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interests	271	771	1,514	567
Gain on sale of joint venture interest attributable to noncontrolling interests		(18,560)		(18,560)
Gain from discontinued operations attributable to noncontrolling interests		(3,689)		(3,689)
Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to iStar Financial Inc.	\$ (279,692)	\$ 51,600	\$ (364,856)	\$ 124,493

Explanatory Note:

(1)

On January 1, 2009, the Company adopted the provisions of FSP APB 14-1 and SFAS No. 160. Both new standards require retroactive application for prior periods presented. See Notes 3 and 8 for further details.

Accumulated other comprehensive income reflected in the Company's shareholders' equity is comprised of the following (in thousands):

	As of June 30, 2009	As of December 31, 2008
Unrealized gains (losses) on available-for-sale securities	\$ 2,247	\$ (5,283)
Unrealized gains on cash flow hedges	4,920	8,544
Unrealized losses on cumulative translation adjustment	(2,786)	(1,554)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	\$ 4,381	\$ 1,707

Table of Contents

iStar Financial Inc.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)

(unaudited)

Note 14 Dividends

In order to maintain its election to qualify as a REIT, the Company must currently distribute, at a minimum, an amount equal to 90% of its taxable income and must distribute 100% of its taxable income to avoid paying corporate federal income taxes. The Company's current policy is to distribute all of its taxable income, if any, to its shareholders. Because taxable income differs from cash flow from operations due to non-cash revenues and expenses (such as depreciation and certain asset impairments), in certain circumstances, the Company may generate operating cash flow in excess of its dividends or, alternatively, may be required to borrow to make sufficient dividend payments. The Company did not declare any Common Stock dividends for the quarters ended March 31, 2009 and June 30, 2009.

The Company declared and paid dividends aggregating \$4.0 million, \$5.5 million, \$3.9 million, \$3.1 million and \$4.7 million on its Series D, E, F, G, and I preferred stock, respectively, during the six months ended June 30, 2009. There are no dividend arrearages on any of the preferred shares currently outstanding.

Note 15 Fair Value of Financial Instruments

SFAS No. 157 defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. SFAS No. 157 establishes a fair value hierarchy which prioritizes the inputs used in valuation techniques to measure fair value into three levels as follows:

Level 1: Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical, unrestricted assets or liabilities;

Level 2: Quoted prices in markets that are not active, or inputs which are observable, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the asset or liability;

Level 3: Prices or valuation techniques that require inputs that are both significant to the fair value measurement and unobservable (i.e., supported by little or no market activity).

Certain of the Company's assets and liabilities are recorded at fair value as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008. SFAS No. 157 requires disclosures for assets and liabilities that are measured on a recurring basis and on a nonrecurring basis. Assets required to be marked-to-market and reported at fair value every reporting period are classified as being valued on a recurring basis. Other assets not required to be recorded at fair value every period may be recorded at fair value if a specific provision or other impairment is recorded within the period to mark the carrying value of the asset to market as of the reporting date. Such assets are classified as being valued on a nonrecurring basis.

Table of Contents**iStar Financial Inc.****Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)****(unaudited)****Note 15 Fair Value of Financial Instruments (Continued)**

The following table summarizes the Company's assets and liabilities recorded at fair value on a recurring and non-recurring basis by the above categories as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 (in thousands):

	Total	Quoted market prices in active markets (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)
As of June 30, 2009:				
Recurring basis:				
Financial Assets:				
Derivative assets	\$ 2,786	\$	\$ 2,786	\$
Other lending investments available-for-sale debt securities	\$ 7,250	\$ 7,250	\$	\$
Marketable securities	\$ 19,802	\$ 180	\$ 19,622	\$
Financial Liabilities:				
Derivative liabilities	\$ 1,390	\$	\$ 1,390	\$
Nonrecurring basis:				
Financial Assets:				
Impaired loans	\$ 1,825,360	\$	\$	\$ 1,825,360
Non-financial Assets:				
Impaired OREO	\$ 114,049	\$	\$	\$ 114,049
As of December 31, 2008:				
Recurring basis:				
Financial Assets:				
Derivative assets	\$ 3,872	\$	\$ 3,872	\$
Other lending investments available-for-sale securities	\$ 10,856	\$ 10,856	\$	\$
Marketable securities	\$ 8,083	\$ 8,083	\$	\$
Financial Liabilities:				
Derivative liabilities	\$ 131	\$	\$ 131	\$
Nonrecurring basis:				
Financial Assets:				
Impaired loans	\$ 1,821,012	\$	\$	\$ 1,821,012
Impaired other lending investments securities	\$ 10,128	\$ 10,128	\$	\$
Impaired cost method investments	\$ 3,888	\$	\$	\$ 3,888

The methods the Company used to estimate the fair values presented in the table are described more fully below for each type of asset and liability.

Derivatives The Company uses interest rate swaps, interest rate caps and foreign currency derivatives to manage its interest rate and foreign currency risk. The valuation of these instruments is determined using widely accepted valuation techniques including discounted cash flow analysis on the expected cash flows of each derivative. This analysis reflects the contractual terms of the derivatives, including the period to maturity, and uses observable market-based inputs, including interest rate curves, foreign exchange rates, and implied volatilities. To comply with the provisions of SFAS No. 157, the Company incorporates credit valuation adjustments to appropriately reflect both its own non-performance risk and the respective counterparty's non-performance risk in the fair value measurements. In adjusting the fair value of its derivative contracts for the effect of non-performance risk, the Company has

Table of Contents

iStar Financial Inc.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)

(unaudited)

Note 15 Fair Value of Financial Instruments (Continued)

considered the impact of netting and any applicable credit enhancements, such as collateral postings, thresholds, mutual puts, and guarantees.

Although the Company has determined that the majority of the inputs used to value its derivatives fall within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy, the credit valuation adjustments associated with its derivatives utilize Level 3 inputs, such as estimates of current credit spreads to evaluate the likelihood of default by itself and its counterparties. However, as of June 30, 2009, the Company has assessed the significance of the impact of the credit valuation adjustments on the overall valuation of its derivative positions and has determined that the credit valuation adjustments are not significant to the overall valuation of its derivatives. As a result, the Company has determined that its derivative valuations in their entirety are classified in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

Securities All of the Company's available-for-sale and impaired held-to-maturity debt and equity securities are actively traded and have been valued using quoted market prices. The Company's traded marketable securities are valued using market quotes, to the extent they are available, or broker quotes.

Impaired loans The Company's loans identified as being impaired under the provisions of SFAS No. 114 are collateral dependent loans and are evaluated for impairment by comparing the estimated fair value of the underlying collateral, less costs to sell, to the carrying value of each loan. Due to the nature of the individual properties collateralizing the Company's loans, the Company generally uses the income approach through internally developed valuation models to estimate the fair value of the collateral. This approach requires the Company to make significant judgments in respect to discount rates, capitalization rates and the timing and amounts of estimated future cash flows that are considered Level 3 inputs in accordance with SFAS No. 157. These cash flows include costs of completion, operating costs, and lot and unit sale prices.

Impaired OREO The Company periodically evaluates its OREO assets to determine if events or changes in circumstances have occurred during the reporting period that may have a significant adverse effect on their fair value. Due to the nature of the individual properties in the OREO portfolio, the Company uses the income approach through internally developed valuation models to estimate the fair value of the assets. This approach requires the Company to make significant judgments with respect to discount rates, capitalization rates and the timing and amounts of estimated future cash flows that are considered Level 3 inputs in accordance with SFAS No. 157. These cash flows include costs of completion, operating costs, and lot and unit sale prices.

Cost method investments The Company periodically evaluates its cost method investments to determine if events or changes in circumstances have occurred in that period that may have a significant adverse effect on the fair value of an investment. The Company estimates the fair value of impaired cost method investments using its ratable share of net asset value of the impaired funds.

Disclosures about fair value of financial instruments

In addition to the disclosures required by SFAS No. 157, SFAS No. 107, "Disclosures About Fair Value of Financial Instruments" ("SFAS No. 107"), requires the disclosure of the estimated fair values of all financial instruments. Whereas SFAS No. 157 only requires disclosure regarding assets and liabilities recorded at fair value in the financial statements, SFAS No. 107 requires disclosures of estimated fair

Table of Contents**iStar Financial Inc.****Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)****(unaudited)****Note 15 Fair Value of Financial Instruments (Continued)**

values for all financial instruments regardless of if they are recorded at fair value in the financial statements. The fair value of financial instruments presented in the table below are calculated in accordance with the provisions of SFAS No. 157, as described above.

The book and fair values of financial instruments as of June 30, 2009 were as follows (in thousands):

	As of June 30, 2009	
	Book Value	Fair Value
Financial assets:		
Loans and other lending investments, net	\$ 9,578,241	\$8,402,573
Derivative assets	2,786	2,786
Marketable securities	19,802	19,802
Financial liabilities:		
Debt obligations, net	\$ 11,826,503	\$7,762,306
Derivative liabilities	1,390	1,390

The valuation techniques used to estimate the fair values for individual classifications of financial instruments in the table that were not previously described above, are described more fully below. Different assumptions could significantly affect these estimates. Accordingly, the net realizable values could be materially different from the estimates presented above.

In addition, the estimates are only indicative of the value of individual financial instruments and should not be considered an indication of the fair value of the Company as an operating business.

Short-term financial instruments The carrying values of short-term financial instruments including cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments approximate the fair values of these instruments. These financial instruments generally expose the Company to limited credit risk and have no stated maturities, or have an average maturity of less than 90 days and carry interest rates which approximate market.

Loans and other lending investments For the Company's interest in performing loans and other lending investments, the fair values were determined using a discounted cash flow methodology. This method discounts future estimated cash flows using rates the Company determined best reflect current market interest rates that would be offered for loans with similar characteristics and credit quality. The Company has used the carrying value net of specific reserves for non-performing loans, which represents the Company's estimated fair value of such loans.

Other financial instruments The carrying values of other financial instruments including restricted cash, accrued interest receivable, accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities approximate the fair values of the instruments.

Debt obligations, net For debt obligations traded in secondary markets, the Company uses market quotes, to the extent they are available, or broker quotes. For debt obligations not traded in secondary markets, the Company determined fair value using the discounted cash flow methodology, whereby contractual cash flows are discounted at rates that the Company determined best reflect current market interest rates that would be charged for debt with similar characteristics and credit quality.

Table of Contents**iStar Financial Inc.****Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)****(unaudited)****Note 16 Segment Reporting**

The Company has determined that it has two reportable operating segments: Real Estate Lending and Corporate Tenant Leasing. The reportable segments were determined based on the management approach, which looks to the Company's internal organizational structure. These two lines of business require different support infrastructures. The Real Estate Lending segment includes all of the Company's activities related to senior and mezzanine real estate debt and senior and mezzanine corporate capital investment activities and the financing thereof, including other real estate owned. The Corporate Tenant Leasing segment includes all of the Company's activities related to the ownership and leasing of corporate facilities.

The Company evaluates performance based on the following financial measures for each segment (in thousands):

	Real Estate Lending(1)	Corporate Tenant Leasing	Corporate/ Other(2)	Company Total
<u>Three months ended June 30, 2009</u>				
Total revenues(3)	\$ 140,774	\$ 77,835	\$ 5,967	\$ 224,576
Earnings from equity method investments		606	1,258	1,864
Total operating and interest expense(4)	469,785	55,265	184,140	709,190
Net operating income (loss)(5)	(329,011)	23,176	(176,915)	(482,750)
<u>Three months ended June 30, 2008</u>				
Total revenues(3)	\$ 242,020	\$ 77,304	\$ 1,085	\$ 320,409
Earnings from equity method investments		616	5,454	6,070
Total operating and interest expense(4)	381,008	44,000	187,185	612,193
Net operating income (loss)(5)	(138,988)	33,920	(180,646)	(285,714)
<u>Six months ended June 30, 2009</u>				
Total revenues(3)	\$ 317,405	\$ 156,846	\$ 8,715	\$ 482,966
Earnings (loss) from equity method investments		1,268	(19,904)	(18,636)
Total operating and interest expense(4)	756,410	110,544	333,413	1,200,367
Net operating income (loss)(5)	(439,005)	47,570	(344,602)	(736,037)
<u>Six months ended June 30, 2008</u>				
Total revenues(3)	\$ 574,877	\$ 155,540	\$ 2,316	\$ 732,733
Earnings from equity method investments		1,266	2,207	3,473
Total operating and interest expense(4)	476,393	72,626	397,959	946,978
Net operating income (loss)(5)	98,484	84,180	(393,436)	(210,772)
<u>As of June 30, 2009</u>				
Total long-lived assets(6)	\$ 9,578,241	\$ 2,992,286	\$	\$ 12,570,527
Total assets(7)	10,058,228	3,262,424	797,942	14,118,594
<u>As of December 31, 2008</u>				
Total long-lived assets(5)	\$ 10,586,644	\$ 3,044,811	\$	\$ 13,631,455
Total assets(7)(8)	11,037,624	3,330,907	928,217	15,296,748

Explanatory Notes:

(1)

Real Estate Lending includes the Company's OREO assets and related operating expenses.

Table of Contents

iStar Financial Inc.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)

(unaudited)

Note 16 Segment Reporting (Continued)

- (2) Corporate/Other represents all corporate level items, including general and administrative expenses and any intercompany eliminations necessary to reconcile to the consolidated Company totals. This caption also includes the Company's timber operations, non-CTL related joint venture investments, strategic investments and marketable securities, which are not considered material separate segments.
- (3) Total revenue represents all revenue earned during the period from the assets in each segment. Revenue from the Real Estate Lending business primarily represents interest income and revenue from the Corporate Tenant Leasing business primarily represents operating lease income.
- (4) Total operating and interest expense primarily includes provision for loan losses for the Real Estate Lending business and operating costs on CTL assets for the Corporate Tenant Leasing business, as well as interest expense specifically related to each segment. Interest expense on secured and unsecured notes, the interim financing facility, unsecured and secured revolving credit facilities and general and administrative expense are included in Corporate/Other for all periods. Depreciation and amortization of \$24.8 million and \$24.0 million for the three months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively, and \$48.5 million and \$47.9 million for the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively, are included in the amounts presented above.
- (5) Net operating income (loss) represents income attributable to iStar Financial Inc. before gain on early extinguishment of debt, gain on sale of joint venture interest, income from discontinued operations and gain from discontinued operations.
- (6) Total long-lived assets are comprised of Loans and other lending investments, net and Corporate tenant lease assets, net for the Real Estate Lending and Corporate Tenant Leasing segments, respectively.
- (7) Intangible assets included in Corporate Tenant Leasing at June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 was \$55.0 million and \$58.5 million, respectively. Intangible assets included in Corporate/Other at June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 was \$2.0 million and \$2.7 million, respectively.
- (8) Goodwill included in Corporate Tenant Leasing at December 31, 2008 was \$4.2 million.

Note 17 Subsequent Events

The Company has evaluated events occurring through August 10, 2009 and did not identify any events that would require adjustment to or disclosure in its Consolidated Financial Statements.

Table of Contents

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

Certain statements in this report, other than purely historical information, including estimates, projections, statements relating to our business plans, objectives and expected operating results, and the assumptions upon which those statements are based, are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Forward-looking statements are included with respect to, among other things, iStar Financial Inc.'s (the "Company's") current business plan, business strategy, portfolio management and liquidity. These forward-looking statements generally are identified by the words "believe," "project," "expect," "anticipate," "estimate," "intend," "strategy," "plan," "may," "should," "will," "would," "will be," "will continue," "will likely result," and similar expressions. Forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and assumptions that are subject to risks and uncertainties which may cause actual results or outcomes to differ materially from those contained in the forward-looking statements. We undertake no obligation to update or revise publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. In assessing all forward-looking statements, readers are urged to read carefully all cautionary statements contained in this Form 10-Q and the uncertainties and risks described in Item 1a "Risk Factors" in our 2008 Annual Report (as defined below), all of which could affect our future results of operations, financial condition and liquidity. For purposes of Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, the terms "we," "our" and "us" refer to iStar Financial Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries, unless the context indicates otherwise.

The discussion below should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and related notes in this quarterly report on form 10-Q and our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 (the "2008 Annual Report"). These historical financial statements may not be indicative of our future performance. We have reclassified certain items in our consolidated financial statements of prior periods to conform to our current financial statements presentation.

Introduction

iStar Financial Inc. is a publicly traded finance company focused on the commercial real estate industry. We primarily provide custom tailored financing to high-end private and corporate owners of real estate, including senior and mezzanine real estate debt, senior and mezzanine corporate capital, as well as corporate net lease financing and equity. We are taxed as a real estate investment trust, or "REIT" and provide innovative and value added financing solutions to our customers. We deliver customized financial products to sophisticated real estate borrowers and corporate customers who require a high level of flexibility and service. Our two primary lines of business are lending and corporate tenant leasing.

Our primary sources of revenues are interest income, which is the interest that borrowers pay on loans, and operating lease income, which is the rent that corporate customers pay to lease our CTL properties. We primarily generate income through the "spread" or "margin," which is the difference between the revenues generated from loans and leases and interest expense and the cost of CTL operations. We generally seek to match-fund our revenue generating assets with either fixed or floating rate debt of a similar maturity so that changes in interest rates or the shape of the yield curve will have a minimal impact on earnings.

Executive Overview

Financial market conditions, including the ongoing credit crisis and economic downturn, have continued to adversely affect our business and operating results through the second quarter of 2009. The market deterioration has led to a decline in commercial real estate values. This decline in value, combined with a lack of available debt financing for commercial real estate assets have limited borrowers' ability to repay or refinance their loans. The combination of these factors resulted in a further increase in non-performing loans and the related provision for loan losses during the second quarter. These factors

Table of Contents

and their effect on our operations have also resulted in increases in our financing costs, a continuing inability to access the unsecured debt markets, depressed prices for our Common Stock and continued suspension of quarterly Common Stock dividends. We expect these trends to continue in the foreseeable future.

During the second quarter of 2009, we incurred a net loss of \$(292.3) million on \$224.6 million of revenue, resulting in \$(2.85) of diluted net loss per common share and \$(2.51) of adjusted diluted loss per share. These financial results primarily resulted from a provision for loan losses of \$435.0 million and impairments of other assets of \$24.8 million, which were recognized during the quarter. The provision for loan losses was driven by an increase in non-performing loans to \$4.61 billion, or 39.6% of Managed Loan Value (as defined below in "Risk Management"), as of June 30, 2009, from \$3.46 billion, or 27.5% of Managed Loan Value, at December 31, 2008. The increase in non-performing loans resulted from the continued deterioration in the commercial real estate market and weakened economic conditions impacting our borrowers, who continue to have difficulty refinancing or selling their projects in order to repay their loans in a timely manner. These losses were partially offset by the repurchase of \$371.8 million face amount of senior unsecured notes and the completion of our secured note exchange transactions together resulting in the recognition of \$200.9 million in net gains on the early extinguishment of debt. In addition, general and administrative expenses have declined 12.7% to \$38.4 million for the three months ended June 30, 2009 from \$44.0 million for the three months ended June 30, 2008. This was primarily achieved through reductions in head count and continued integration of our operations. Second quarter results were also impacted by a charge of \$42.4 million relating to the termination of a long-term lease for new headquarters space and the settlement of disputes with the landlord. The new lease was terminated based on our decision to remain in our current space, which is leased through 2021.

As liquidity in the capital markets has continued to be severely constrained and our repayments have become more uncertain, we have utilized asset sales, additional secured financing and a secured note exchange transaction to supplement our liquidity. As part of this strategy we completed a new secured term loan facility and restructuring of our existing unsecured revolving credit facilities with participating members of our bank lending group during the first quarter of 2009. The new and restructured facilities also provide us with additional operating flexibility through the modification of certain financial covenants. In addition, during the second quarter of 2009, we completed a series of private offers through which \$1.01 billion aggregate principal amount of our senior unsecured notes of various series were exchanged for \$634.8 million aggregate principal amount of new second-lien senior secured notes issued by us and guaranteed by certain of our subsidiaries. Concurrent with the exchange offer, we purchased for cash \$12.5 million par value of our outstanding senior floating rate notes due September 2009 pursuant to a cash tender offer. As of June 30, 2009, we had \$417.4 million of cash and available capacity under our credit facilities.

Key Performance Measures

We use the following metrics to measure our profitability:

Adjusted Diluted EPS, calculated as adjusted diluted earnings (loss) attributable to iStar Financial Inc. and allocable to common shareholders divided by diluted weighted average common shares outstanding. (See section captioned "Adjusted Earnings" for more information on this metric).

Net Finance Margin, calculated as the rate of return on assets less the rate of cost on debt. The rate of return on assets is the sum of interest income and operating lease income, divided by the sum of the average book value of gross loans and other lending investments, corporate tenant lease assets, purchased intangibles and assets held for sale over the period. The rate of cost on debt is the sum of interest expense and operating costs for corporate tenant lease assets, divided by the average book value of gross debt obligations during the period.

Edgar Filing: ISTAR FINANCIAL INC - Form 10-Q

Table of Contents

Return on Average Common Book Equity, calculated as net income (loss) attributable to iStar Financial Inc. and allocable to common shareholders, HPU holders and Participating Security holders divided by average iStar Financial Inc.'s common book equity.

Adjusted Return on Average Common Book Equity, calculated as adjusted basic earnings (loss) attributable to iStar Financial and allocable to common shareholders, HPU holders and Participating Security holders divided by average iStar Financial Inc.'s common book equity.

The following table summarizes these key metrics:

	For the Three Months Ended June 30,	
	2009	2008, As Adjusted(1)
Adjusted Diluted EPS	\$ (2.51)	\$ (1.46)
Net Finance Margin(2)	1.5%	3.1%
Return on Average Common Book Equity	(70.1)%	3.1%
Adjusted Return on Average Common Book Equity	(61.7)%	(33.3)%

Explanatory Notes:

(1)

On January 1, 2009, the Company adopted the provisions of FSP APB 14-1, "Accounting for Convertible Debt Instruments That May Be Settled in Cash Upon Conversion (including Partial Cash Settlement)" and FSP EITF 03-6-1, "Determining Whether Instruments Granted in Share-Based Payment Transactions Are Participating Securities." These new standards require retroactive application for prior periods presented. See Notes 3, 8 and 12 of the Notes to the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements for further details

(2)

For the three months ended June 30, 2008, operating lease income used to calculate the net finance margin includes amounts from discontinued operations of \$7,094, For the three months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, operating costs corporate tenant lease assets used to calculate the net finance margin includes amounts from discontinued operations of \$89 and \$325, respectively.

Results of Operations for the Three Months Ended June 30, 2009 compared to the Three Months Ended June 30, 2008

	2009	2008, As Adjusted(1)	\$ Change	% Change
(in thousands)				
Interest income	\$ 142,181	\$ 235,354	\$ (93,173)	(40)%
Operating lease income	76,835	77,295	(460)	(1)%
Other income	5,560	7,760	(2,200)	(28)%
 Total revenue	 \$ 224,576	 \$ 320,409	 \$ (95,833)	 (30)%
 Interest expense	 \$ 127,186	 \$ 164,470	 \$ (37,284)	 (23)%
Operating costs corporate tenant lease assets	5,615	4,546	1,069	24%
Depreciation and amortization	24,825	24,025	800	3%
General and administrative	38,421	44,004	(5,583)	(13)%
Provision for loan losses	435,016	276,660	158,356	57%
Impairment of other assets	24,817	57,692	(32,875)	(57)%
Impairment of goodwill		39,092	(39,092)	(100)%
Other expense	53,310	1,704	51,606	>100%

Edgar Filing: ISTAR FINANCIAL INC - Form 10-Q

Total costs and expenses	\$ 709,190	\$ 612,193	\$ 96,997	16%
Gain on early extinguishment of debt	\$ 200,879	\$	\$ 200,879	100%
Gain on sale of joint venture interest	\$	\$ 280,219	\$(280,219)	(100)%
Earnings (loss) from equity method investments	\$ 1,864	\$ 6,070	\$ (4,206)	(69)%
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	\$ (102)	\$ 5,994	\$ (6,096)	>(100)%
Gain from discontinued operations	\$	\$ 50,476	\$ (50,476)	(100)%

47

Table of Contents

Explanatory Note:

(1)

On January 1, 2009, the Company adopted the provisions of FSP APB 14-1 and SFAS No. 160. Both new standards require retroactive application for prior periods presented. See Notes 3, 8 and 9 of the Notes to the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements for further details.

Revenue The decrease in total revenue was primarily due to lower interest income, which decreased primarily as a result of the increasing level of non-performing loans within the portfolio. In addition, interest income was lower due to a decrease in loans outstanding and a decrease in the average one-month LIBOR rates to 0.37% in the second quarter of 2009 from 2.59% in the second quarter of 2008.

Costs and expenses Total costs and expenses increased primarily due to the increase in our provision for loan losses and other expenses and was offset by decreases in interest expense, impairments of goodwill and other assets.

The increase in our provision for loan losses was primarily due to additional asset-specific reserves that were required due to the increasing level of non-performing loans within the portfolio, resulting from the continued deterioration in the commercial real estate market and weakened economic conditions that have negatively impacted our borrowers' ability to service their debt and refinance their loans at maturity. See "Risk Management" and "Executive Overview."

Other expense increased primarily due to a \$42.4 million charge pursuant to a settlement agreement under which we terminated a long-term lease for new headquarters space and settled all disputes with the landlord. The remaining increase in other expense primarily relates to bond exchange fees of \$4.3 million and additional holding costs of OREO assets for the period.

Interest expense decreased primarily due to the repayment and retirement of debt during the last twelve months. In addition, a decrease in average borrowing rates to 4.26% from 4.71% contributed to the decrease in interest expense.

At the end of the second quarter of 2008, due to an overall deterioration in market conditions within the commercial real estate market, we determined our goodwill was impaired and recorded a non-cash impairment charge of \$39.1 million, eliminating goodwill in our corporate real estate lending reporting unit.

During the three months ended June 30, 2009, as a result of the continued deterioration in the commercial real estate market, we recorded a \$22.2 million non-cash impairment to reduce the carrying value of OREO assets to their revised estimated fair values less costs to sell. In addition, we recorded a \$2.6 million non-cash impairment charge related to a single CTL asset to reflect a decline in value due to deteriorating sub-market conditions prior to its sale. During the same period in 2008, we recorded non-cash impairment charges, including \$40.0 million of impairments for certain held-to-maturity and available-for-sale securities in our loans and other lending investments portfolio that were other-than-temporarily impaired, \$5.2 million related to a cost method equity investment included in our other investments portfolio and \$12.5 million to reduce Fremont CRE intangibles to their revised estimated fair values.

General and administrative expenses were reduced primarily due to lower payroll and payroll related costs, which declined 24% from the first three months ended June 30, 2009 compared to the same period in 2008. This is primarily the result of reductions in headcount.

Gain on early extinguishment of debt During the three months ended June 30, 2009, we retired \$371.8 million par value of our senior unsecured notes through open market repurchases, completed our secured note exchange transactions and purchased \$12.5 million of our outstanding senior floating rate notes which resulted in an aggregate net gain on early extinguishment of debt of \$200.9 million.

Gain on sale of joint venture interest In April 2008, we closed on the sale of our TimberStar Southwest joint venture for a gross sales price of \$1.71 billion, including the assumption of debt. We

Table of Contents

received net proceeds of approximately \$417.0 million for our interest in the venture and recorded a gain of \$280.2 million.

Earnings (loss) from equity method investments Earnings (loss) from equity method investments decreased primarily due to weaker market performance that affected our strategic investments.

Income (loss) from discontinued operations For the three months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, operating results for CTL and TimberStar assets sold during 2008 and the first half of 2009 are classified as discontinued operations.

Gain from discontinued operations We sold one CTL asset during the three months ended June 30, 2009 and recognized no gains or losses on the sale. During the three months ended June 30, 2008, we sold several CTL assets and our Maine timber property for gains of \$50.5 million.

Results of Operations for the Six Months Ended June 30, 2009 compared to the Six Months Ended June 30, 2008

	2009	2008, As Adjusted(1)	\$ Change	% Change
	(in thousands)			
Interest income	\$ 319,408	\$ 511,453	\$(192,045)	(38)%
Operating lease income	155,485	155,495	(10)	0%
Other income	8,073	65,785	\$(57,712)	(88)%
Total revenue	\$ 482,966	\$ 732,733	\$(249,767)	(34)%
Interest expense	\$ 258,351	\$ 334,250	\$ (75,899)	(23)%
Operating costs corporate tenant lease assets	12,161	9,613	2,548	27%
Depreciation and amortization	48,477	47,887	590	1%
General and administrative	77,810	86,780	(8,970)	(10)%
Provision for loan losses	693,112	366,160	326,952	89%
Impairment of other assets	45,962	57,692	(11,730)	(20)%
Impairment of goodwill	4,186	39,092	\$(34,906)	(89)%
Other expense	60,308	5,504	54,804	>100%
Total costs and expenses	\$ 1,200,367	\$ 946,978	\$ 253,389	27%
Gain on early extinguishment of debt	\$ 355,256	\$	\$ 355,256	100%
Gain on sale of joint venture interest	\$	\$ 280,219	\$(280,219)	(100)%
Earnings (loss) from equity method investments	\$ (18,636)	\$ 3,473	\$ (22,109)	>(100)%
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	\$ 119	\$ 14,025	\$ (13,906)	(99)%
Gain from discontinued operations	\$ 11,617	\$ 52,532	\$ (40,915)	(78)%

Explanatory Note:

(1)

On January 1, 2009, the Company adopted the provisions of FSP APB 14-1 and SFAS No. 160. Both new standards require retroactive application for prior periods presented. See Notes 3, 8 and 9 of the Notes to the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements for further details.

Revenue The decrease in total revenue was primarily due to lower interest income and other income. Interest income decreased primarily due to the increasing level of non-performing loans within the portfolio. In addition, interest income was lower due to a decrease in total loans outstanding and a decrease in the average one-month LIBOR rates to 0.42% in the first half of 2009, from 2.94% in the first half of 2008.

Table of Contents

Other income for the first half of 2008 included a \$44.2 million gain recognized from the redemption of a participation interest in a lending investment. Other income also decreased as the result of fewer prepayment penalties during the first half of 2009 as compared to the same period in 2008.

Costs and expenses Total costs and expenses increased primarily due to the increase in our provision for loan losses and other expenses and was offset by decreases in interest expense, impairments of goodwill and other assets and general and administrative expenses.

The increase in our provision for loan losses was primarily due to additional asset-specific reserves that were required due to the increasing level of non-performing loans within the portfolio, resulting from the continued deterioration in the commercial real estate market and weakened economic conditions that have negatively impacted our borrowers' ability to service their debt and refinance their loans at maturity. See "Risk Management" and "Executive Overview."

Other expense was higher primarily due to a \$42.4 million charge incurred during the second quarter of 2009 pursuant to a settlement agreement under which we terminated a long-term lease for new headquarters space and settled all disputes with the landlord. The remaining increase in other expense primarily relates to bond exchange fees of \$4.3 million and additional holding costs of OREO assets for the period.

Interest expense decreased primarily due to the repayment and retirement of debt. In addition, a decrease in average borrowing rates to 4.20% from 5.03% contributed to the decrease in interest expense.

At the end of the first quarter of 2009, due to the overall deterioration in the commercial real estate market, we determined our goodwill was impaired and recorded a non-cash impairment charge of \$4.2 million, eliminating goodwill in our corporate tenant leasing reporting unit. At the end of the second quarter of 2008, due to the overall deterioration in the commercial real estate market, we determined our goodwill was impaired and recorded a non-cash impairment charge of \$39.1 million, eliminating goodwill in our corporate real estate lending reporting unit.

During the six months ended June 30, 2009, we recorded non-cash impairment charges related to various assets including \$28.9 million to reduce the carrying value of OREO assets to their revised estimated fair values less costs to sell, \$9.5 million for certain held-to-maturity and available-for-sale securities in our loans and other lending investments portfolio that were other-than-temporarily impaired, \$5.0 million in our other investment portfolio and \$2.6 million related to a single CTL asset to reflect a decline in value due to deteriorating sub-market conditions prior to its sale. During the same period in 2008, we recorded non-cash impairment charges related to various assets including \$40.0 million for certain held-to-maturity and available-for-sale securities in our loans and other lending investments portfolio that were other-than-temporarily impaired, \$5.2 million for a cost method equity investment included in our other investments portfolio and \$12.5 million to reduce the Fremont CRE intangible carrying value to its revised estimated fair values.

General and administrative expenses were reduced primarily due to lower payroll and payroll related costs, which declined 23% from the first half of 2009 compared to the same period in 2008. This is primarily the result of reductions in headcount.

Gain on early extinguishment of debt During the six months ended June 30, 2009, we retired \$658.2 million par value of our senior unsecured notes through open market repurchases, completed our secured note exchange transactions and purchased \$12.5 million of our outstanding senior floating rate notes which resulted in an aggregate net gain on early extinguishment of debt of \$355.3 million.

Gain on sale of joint venture interest In April 2008, we closed on the sale of our TimberStar Southwest joint venture for a gross sales price of \$1.71 billion, including the assumption of debt. We received net proceeds of approximately \$417.0 million for our interest in the venture and recorded a gain of \$280.2 million.

Table of Contents

Earnings (loss) from equity method investments Earnings (loss) from equity method investments decreased primarily due to a \$9.4 million non-cash out of period charge to recognize additional losses from an equity method investment as a result of additional depreciation expense that should have been recorded at the equity method entity in prior periods (see Note 6 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements). The decrease was also attributable to weaker market performance that affected our strategic investments during the first half of 2009.

Income (loss) from discontinued operations For the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, operating results for CTL and TimberStar assets sold during 2008 and the first half of 2009 are classified as discontinued operations.

Gain from discontinued operations We sold three CTL assets during the six months ended June 30, 2009 and recognized gains of approximately \$11.6 million. During the six months ended June 30, 2008, we sold several CTL assets and our Maine timber property for gains of \$52.5 million.

Adjusted Earnings

We measure our performance using adjusted earnings in addition to net income. Adjusted earnings represent net income attributable to iStar Financial Inc. and allocable to common shareholders, HPU holders and Participating Security holders computed in accordance with GAAP, before depreciation, depletion, amortization, gain from discontinued operations, ineffectiveness on interest rate hedges, impairments of goodwill and intangible assets, extraordinary items and cumulative effect of change in accounting principle. Adjustments for joint ventures reflect our share of adjusted earnings calculated on the same basis.

We believe that adjusted earnings is a helpful measure to consider, in addition to net income, because this measure helps us to evaluate how our commercial real estate finance business is performing compared to other commercial finance companies, without the effects of certain GAAP adjustments that are not necessarily indicative of current operating performance. The most significant GAAP adjustments that we exclude in determining adjusted earnings are depreciation, depletion, amortization and impairments of goodwill and intangible assets, which are typically non-cash charges. We do not exclude non-cash impairment charges on tangible assets or provisions for loan loss reserves. As a commercial finance company that focuses on real estate lending and corporate tenant leasing, we record significant depreciation on our real estate assets, depletion on our timber assets, and amortization of deferred financing costs associated with our borrowings. Depreciation, depletion and amortization do not affect our daily operations, but they do impact financial results under GAAP. By measuring our performance using adjusted earnings and net income, we are able to evaluate how our business is performing both before and after giving effect to recurring GAAP adjustments such as depreciation, depletion and amortization (including earnings from joint venture interests on the same basis) and excluding impairments of goodwill and intangible assets and gains or losses from the sale of assets that will no longer be part of continuing operations.

Adjusted earnings is not an alternative or substitute for net income in accordance with GAAP as a measure of our performance. Rather, we believe that adjusted earnings is an additional measure that helps us analyze how our business is performing. This measure is also used to track compliance with covenants in certain of our material borrowing arrangements that have covenants based upon this measure. Adjusted earnings should not be viewed as an alternative measure of either our operating liquidity or funds available

Edgar Filing: ISTAR FINANCIAL INC - Form 10-Q

Table of Contents

for our cash needs or for distribution to our shareholders. In addition, we may not calculate adjusted earnings in the same manner as other companies that use a similarly titled measure.

	For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2008, As Adjusted(1)		For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2008, As Adjusted(1)	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
	(in thousands)			
Adjusted earnings:				
Net income (loss).	\$ (281,973)	\$ 50,975	\$ (369,045)	\$ 136,004
Add: Depreciation, depletion and amortization	24,579	26,064	48,078	53,701
Add: Joint venture depreciation, depletion and amortization	3,506	1,945	14,194	10,570
Add: Amortization of deferred financing costs	6,966	12,017	12,126	21,932
Add: Impairment of goodwill and intangible assets		51,549	4,186	51,549
Less: Hedge ineffectiveness, net		(2,341)		(850)
Less: Gain from discontinued operations		(50,476)	(11,617)	(52,532)
Less: Gain on sale of joint venture interest		(280,219)		(280,219)
Less: Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interests	271	771	1,514	567
Less: Preferred dividend r				