UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 26, 2012

iStar Financial Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 1-15371 (Commission File Number) **95-6881527** (IRS Employer Identification Number)

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

10036 (Zip Code)

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

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 26, 2012, iStar Financial Inc. issued an earnings release announcing its financial results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2012. A copy of the earnings release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

The information in this Current Report, including the exhibit hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. The information in this Current Report shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, unless it is specifically incorporated by reference therein.

ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 Earnings Release.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: Octob	er 26, 2012	By: /s/ Jay Sugarman Jay Sugarman Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Date: Octob	er 26, 2012	By: /s/ David DiStaso David DiStaso Chief Financial Officer
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David M. DiStaso Chief Financial Officer

iStar Financial Announces Third Quarter 2012 Results

- · Adjusted income (loss) allocable to common shareholders for the third quarter 2012 was (\$26) million.
- Net income (loss) allocable to common shareholders for the third quarter 2012 was (\$72) million or (\$0.86) per diluted common share.
- · Subsequent to quarter end, the Company completed a new \$1.8 billion, five-year secured term loan to refinance its 2011 A-1 / A-2 facilities.
- In connection with the new financing, the Company's corporate family rating was upgraded by Moody's to B2 and its long-term issuer credit rating was affirmed by S&P at B+.

NEW YORK - October 26, 2012 - iStar Financial Inc. (NYSE: SFI) today reported results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2012.

Third Quarter 2012 Results

iStar reported net income (loss) allocable to common shareholders for the third quarter of (\$71.8) million, or (\$0.86) per diluted common share, compared to (\$62.2) million, or (\$0.71) per diluted common share, for the third quarter 2011. Results in the prior year period included a one-time \$22.2 million gain from discontinued operations associated with a net lease asset portfolio sale.

Adjusted income (loss) allocable to common shareholders for the third quarter was (\$26.0) million, compared to (\$19.0) million for the third quarter 2011. Adjusted income (loss) represents net income computed in accordance with GAAP, prior to the effects of certain non-cash items, including depreciation, loan loss provisions and impairments.

Adjusted EBITDA for the quarter was \$76.6 million, compared to \$83.1 million for the same period last year. Please see the financial tables that follow the text of this press release for the Company's calculations of adjusted income and adjusted EBITDA, as well as reconciliations to GAAP net income (loss).

During the third quarter, iStar generated \$318.0 million of proceeds from its portfolio, comprised of \$157.9 million in principal repayments, \$79.5 million of residential unit sales, \$67.1 million from sales of owned real estate assets and \$13.4 million from other investments. Additionally, the Company funded a total of \$28.4 million in new and existing investments.

"We have continued to execute our corporate strategy to reduce overall debt levels, maximize the value of our existing portfolio and access the capital markets in order to position ourselves for increased investment activity," said Jay Sugarman, iStar's chairman and chief executive officer. "We are pleased with our overall progress in these areas as we head into 2013."

Capital Markets

During the quarter, iStar repaid \$147.7 million on the A-1 tranche of its 2011 secured credit facility, bringing the outstanding balance to \$498.3 million at the end of the quarter. The balance of the A-2 tranche of the 2011 secured credit facility at the end of the quarter was \$1.45 billion.

On October 15, the Company closed on a new \$1.82 billion senior secured credit facility due October 15, 2017, the proceeds of which were used to refinance the remaining balances of the 2011 A-1 / A-2 secured credit facilities. The transaction enabled iStar to unencumber certain liquid assets and provided long-term financing on a substantial portion of the Company's portfolio.

In response to the new financing, Moody's Investor Service upgraded iStar's corporate family rating to B2 and senior unsecured credit rating to B3. In addition, Moody's assigned a B1 rating to the new senior secured term loan and upgraded the A-1 and A-2 tranches of the Company's 2012 senior secured facilities to Ba3 and B1, respectively. In addition, Standard & Poor's affirmed both iStar's long-term issuer credit rating and its senior unsecured rating at B+ and assigned a BB- rating on the new senior secured term loan.

During the quarter, the Company closed on a \$54.5 million secured, 10-year term loan, the proceeds of which was used to refinance existing debt on one net lease asset. The new loan bears interest at a rate of 4.85% versus 6.41% for the refinanced loan.

The Company also repaid \$66.4 million on the A-1 tranche of its 2012 secured credit facility during the quarter, bringing the remaining outstanding balance to \$262.3 million at September 30, 2012. Based on the total amount repaid, the Company has already exceeded the minimum cumulative amortization on the A-1 tranche of its 2012 secured credit facility of \$123.0 million required to be paid before December 31, 2013. The balance of the A-2 tranche of the 2012 secured credit facility at the end of the quarter was \$470.0 million.

The Company's leverage was 2.5x at September 30, 2012, unchanged from the prior quarter. Please see the financial tables that follow the text of this press release for a calculation of the Company's leverage. The Company's weighted average effective cost of debt for the third quarter was 6.5%. At the end of the quarter, cash and cash equivalents, including cash reserved for repayment of indebtedness, totaled \$739.3 million.

Subsequent to quarter end, the Company repaid the remaining \$460.7 million balance of its senior unsecured convertible notes due October 1, 2012 at maturity with cash.

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Portfolio Overview

At September 30, 2012, the Company's total portfolio had a carrying value of \$6.00 billion, gross of general loan loss reserves. The portfolio was comprised of \$2.16 billion of loans, \$1.54 billion of net lease assets, \$1.88 billion of owned real estate and \$419.6 million of other investments.

At September 30, 2012, the Company's \$1.52 billion of performing loans had a weighted average last dollar loan-to-value ratio of 70.8% and a weighted average maturity of 2.9 years. The performing loans consisted of 46% floating rate loans that generated a weighted average effective yield for the quarter of 6.4%, or approximately 638 basis points over the average one-month LIBOR rate for the quarter, and 54% fixed rate loans that generated a weighted average effective yield for the quarter of 8.5%. The weighted average risk rating of the Company's performing loans improved to 3.08 from 3.16 in the prior quarter. Included in the performing loan balance were \$18.8 million of watch list assets, decreasing from \$75.0 million in the prior quarter.

At September 30, 2012, the Company's non-performing loans (NPLs) had a carrying value of \$639.9 million, net of \$490.6 million of specific reserves. This compares to \$639.0 million, net of \$491.3 million of specific reserves, at the end of the prior quarter.

For the third quarter, the Company recorded \$16.8 million in loan loss provision versus \$26.5 million in the prior quarter. At September 30, 2012, loan loss reserves totaled \$543.5 million or 20.4% of total gross carrying value of loans. This compares to loan loss reserves of \$563.8 million or 19.8% of total gross carrying value of loans at June 30, 2012.

At the end of the quarter, the Company's \$1.54 billion of net lease assets, net of \$352.7 million of accumulated depreciation, were 91.3% leased with a weighted average remaining lease term of 12.0 years. The weighted average risk rating of the Company's net lease assets was 2.70, unchanged from the prior quarter. The Company's occupied net lease assets generated a weighted average effective yield of 9.6% and the total net lease assets generated a weighted average effective yield of 8.6% for the quarter.

At the end of the quarter, the Company's \$1.88 billion owned real estate portfolio was comprised of \$985.5 million of operating commercial real estate assets and \$896.1 million of land assets. A portion of these assets have been classified as other real estate owned (OREO), based on management's current intention to market and sell the assets in the near term, while the remainder are considered real estate held for investment (REHI), based on management's current intention and strategy to hold, operate or develop the assets over a longer term.

The Company's owned real estate portfolio generated \$29.9 million of combined revenue and income from sales of residential property units, offset by \$24.5 million of net expenses for the quarter.

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[Financial Tables to Follow]

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iStar Financial Inc. (NYSE: SFI) is a fully-integrated finance and investment company focused on the commercial real estate industry. The Company provides custom-tailored investment capital to high-end private and corporate owners of real estate and invests directly across a range of real estate sectors. The Company, which is taxed as a real estate investment trust ("REIT"), has invested more than \$35 billion over the past two decades. Additional information on iStar Financial is available on the Company's website at www.istarfinancial.com.

iStar Financial will hold a quarterly earnings conference call at 10:00 a.m. ET today, October 26, 2012. This conference call will be broadcast live over the Internet and can be accessed by all interested parties through iStar Financial's website, www.istarfinancial.com, under the "Investor Relations" section. To listen to the live call, please go to the website's "Investor Relations" section at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the call to register, download and install any necessary audio software. For those who are not available to listen to the live broadcast, a replay will be available shortly after the call on the iStar Financial website.

(Note: Statements in this press release which are not historical fact may be deemed forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Although iStar Financial Inc. believes the expectations reflected in any forward-looking statements are based on reasonable assumptions, the Company can give no assurance that its expectations will be attained. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from iStar Financial Inc.'s expectations include the Company's ability to generate liquidity and to repay indebtedness as it comes due, additional loan loss provisions, the amount and timing of asset sales (including OREO assets), increases in NPLs, repayment levels, the Company's ability to reduce its indebtedness, the Company's ability to maintain compliance with its debt covenants, economic conditions, the availability of liquidity for commercial real estate transactions and other risks detailed from time to time in iStar Financial Inc.'s SEC reports.)

iStar Financial Inc. Consolidated Statements of Operations (In thousands) (unaudited)

		Three Months Ended September 30,				Nine Months Ended September 30,			
		2012		2011		2012		2011	
REVENUES									
Interest income	\$	31,171	\$	45,851	\$	104,822	\$	186,805	
Operating lease income		38,582		38,322		114,990		114,076	
Other income		16,494		10,140		55,125		26,412	
Total revenues	\$	86,247	\$	94,313	\$	274,937	\$	327,293	
COSTS AND EXPENSES									
Internet empones	\$	91,777	\$	90,659	\$	271,595	\$	255,505	
Interest expense	Э	5,548	Э	4,845	Э	13,676	Э	255,505	
Operating costs - net lease assets Operating costs - REHI and OREO		24,454		,				,	
Depreciation and amortization		24,454		19,792 13,953		68,952 50,263		55,582 43,777	
General and administrative ⁽¹⁾		19,037		26,978		61,674		43,777	
Provision for loan losses		16,834		9,232		60,865		30,462	
Impairment of assets		6,542		9,912		29,541		14,165	
Other expense		2,394		3,974		6,754		7,156	
Total costs and expenses	\$	183,373	\$	179,345	\$	563,320	\$	497,239	
Income (loss) before earnings from equity method investments									
and other items	\$	(97,126)	\$	(85,032)	\$	(288,383)	\$	(169,946)	
Gain (loss) on early extinguishment of debt, net		(3,694)		(3,207)		(6,858)		102,348	
Earnings from equity method investments		22,719	_	10,817		75,925		54,881	
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes	\$	(78,101)	\$	(77,422)	\$	(219,316)	\$	(12,717)	
Income tax expense		(1,791)		(1,354)		(6,540)		(9,731)	
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$	(79,892)	\$	(78,776)	\$	(225,856)	\$	(22,448)	
Income from discontinued operations		2		1,917		1,532		3,470	
Gain from discontinued operations		—		22,198		27,257		22,198	
Income from sales of residential property		15,584				35,583		_	
Net income (loss)	\$	(64,306)	\$	(54,661)	\$	(161,484)	\$	3,220	
Net (income) loss attributable to noncontrolling interests		666		1,002		1,363		558	
Net income (loss) attributable to iStar Financial Inc.	\$	(63,640)	\$	(53,659)	\$	(160,121)	\$	3,778	
Preferred dividends		(10,580)		(10,580)		(31,740)		(31,740)	
Net (income) loss allocable to HPUs and Participating									
Security holders ⁽²⁾		2,436		2,008		6,288		845	
Net income (loss) allocable to common shareholders	\$	(71,784)	\$	(62,231)	\$	(185,573)	\$	(27,117)	

(1) For the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, includes \$3,512 and \$7,153 of stock-based compensation expense, respectively. For the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, includes \$11,625 and \$15,622 of stock-based compensation expense, respectively.

(2) HPU Holders are current and former Company employees who purchased high performance common stock units under the Company's High Performance Unit Program. Participating Security holders are Company employees and directors who hold unvested restricted stock units, restricted stock awards and common stock equivalents granted under the Company's LTIP that are eligible to participate in dividends.

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iStar Financial Inc. Earnings Per Share Information

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

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	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	 2012		2011	 2012		2011	
EPS INFORMATION FOR COMMON SHARES	 						
Income (loss) attributable to iStar Financial Inc. from continuing							
operations ⁽¹⁾							
Basic and Diluted	\$ (0.86)	\$	(0.97)	\$ (2.55)	\$	(0.58)	
Net income (loss) attributable to iStar Financial Inc.							
Basic and Diluted	\$ (0.86)	\$	(0.71)	\$ (2.22)	\$	(0.30)	
Weighted average shares outstanding							
Basic and Diluted	83,629		87,951	83,765		91,020	
Common shares outstanding at end of period	83,639		80,509	83,639		80,509	

EPS INFORMATION FOR HPU SHARES

Income (loss) attributable to iStar Financial Inc. from continuing				
operations ⁽¹⁾				
Basic and Diluted	\$ (162.40)	\$ (184.14)	\$ (482.06)	\$ (108.06)
Net income (loss) attributable to iStar Financial Inc.				
Basic and Diluted	\$ (162.40)	\$ (133.87)	\$ (419.20)	\$ (56.33)
Weighted average shares outstanding				
Basic and diluted	15	15	15	15

(1) Adjusted for preferred dividends, net (income) loss from noncontrolling interests and income from sales of residential property.

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iStar Financial Inc. Consolidated Balance Sheets (In thousands) (unaudited)

	Sept	As of September 30, 2012		
ASSETS				
Loans and other lending investments, net	\$	2,118,723	\$	2,860,762
Net lease assets, net		1,540,464		1,702,764
Real estate held for investment, net		1,174,955		1,228,134
Other real estate owned		706,715		677,458
Other investments		419,648		457,835
Cash and cash equivalents		284,659		356,826
Restricted cash		493,386		32,630
Accrued interest and operating lease income receivable, net		12,982		20,208
Deferred operating lease income receivable		81,416		73,368
Deferred expenses and other assets, net		107,471		107,852
Total assets	\$	6,940,419	\$	7,517,837
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY				
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	\$	136,658	\$	105,357
Debt obligations, net:				
Secured credit facilities		2,647,919		2,393,240
Unsecured senior notes		2,401,431		2,805,817
Secured term loans		241,288		296,643
Unsecured credit facility		—		243,650
Other debt obligations		98,222		98,190
Total debt obligations, net		5,388,860		5,837,540
Total liabilities	\$	5,525,518	\$	5,942,897
Redeemable noncontrolling interests	\$	14,208	\$	1,336
Total iStar Financial Inc. shareholders' equity		1,325,650		1,528,356
Noncontrolling interests		75,043		45,248
Total equity	\$	1,400,693		1,573,604

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iStar Financial Inc. **Supplemental Information** (In thousands) (unaudited) Three Months Ended Nine Months Ended September 30, September 30, 2012 2011 2012 2011 NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES Reconciliation of Net Income to Adjusted Income Net income (loss) allocable to common shareholders \$ (71,784) \$ (62,231) \$ (185,573) \$ (27,117)

Add: Depreciation and amortization		16,787		15,077		51,205		47,142
Add: Provision for loan losses		16,834 9,232			60,865		30,462	
Add: Impairment of assets		6,542		9,912		30,061		14,140
Add: Stock-based compensation expense		3,512		7,153		11,625		15,622
Less: (Gain)/loss on early extinguishment of debt, net		3,694		3,207		6,858		(102,348)
Less: HPU/Participating Security allocation		(1,555)		(1,394)		(5,264)		(152)
Adjusted income (loss) allocable to common shareholders ⁽¹⁾	\$	(25,970)	\$	(19,044)	\$	(30,223)	\$	(22,251)
Reconciliation of Net Income to Adjusted EBITDA								
Net income (loss)	\$	(64,306)	\$	(54,661)	\$	(161,484)	\$	3,220
Add: Interest expense		91,777		91,777		272,659		258,183
Add: Income tax expense		1,791		1,354		6,540		9,731
Add: Depreciation and amortization		16,787		15,077		51,205		47,142
EBITDA	\$	46,049	\$	53,547	\$	168,920	\$	318,276
Add: Provision for loan losses		16,834		9,232		60,865		30,462
Add: Impairment of assets		6,542		9,912		30,061		14,140
Add: Stock-based compensation expense		3,512		7,153		11,625		15,622
Less: (Gain)/loss on early extinguishment of debt, net		3,694		3,207		6,858		(102,348)
Adjusted EBITDA (1)	\$	76,631	\$	83,051	\$	278,329	\$	276,152
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(1) Adjusted Income (loss) allocable to common shareholders and Adjusted EBITDA should be examined in conjunction with net income (loss) as shown in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. These non-GAAP financial measures should not be considered as an alternative to net income (determined in accordance with GAAP) as an indicator of the Company's performance, or to cash flows from operating activities (determined in accordance with GAAP) as a measure of the Company's liquidity, nor are they indicative of funds available to fund the Company's cash needs or available for distribution to shareholders. It should be noted that the Company's manner of calculating these non-GAAP financial measures may differ from the calculations of similarly-titled measures by other companies. Management believes that it is useful to consider Adjusted Income and Adjusted EBITDA because the adjustments are non-cash items that do not necessarily reflect an actual change in the long-term economic value or performance of our assets. Management considers these non-GAAP financial measures as supplemental information to net income in analyzing the performance of our underlying business. Interest expense and depreciation and amortization exclude adjustments from discontinued operations of \$1,118 and \$1,124, respectively, for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and \$2,678, \$3,366 and (\$25), respectively, for the nine months ended September 30, 2011.

iStar Financial Inc. Supplemental Information (In thousands) (unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2012	
OPERATING STATISTICS		· · · · ·
Expense Ratio		
General and administrative expenses - annualized (A)	\$	76,148
Average total assets (B)	\$	7,063,316
Expense Ratio (A) / (B)		1.1%
<u>Interest Coverage</u>		
Adjusted EBITDA (C)	\$	76,631
Interest expense and preferred dividends (D)	\$	102,357
Adjusted EBITDA / Interest Expense and Preferred Dividends (C) / (D)		0.7 x
	<u>S</u>	As of eptember 30, 2012
Leverage		eptember 30, 2012
Book debt	<u>s</u>	eptember 30, 2012 5,388,860
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Book debt		eptember 30, 2012 5,388,860
Book debt Less: Cash and cash equivalents, including cash reserved for repayment of indebtedness	\$	5,388,860 (739,315)
Book debt Less: Cash and cash equivalents, including cash reserved for repayment of indebtedness	\$	5,388,860 (739,315)
Book debt Less: Cash and cash equivalents, including cash reserved for repayment of indebtedness Net book debt (E) Book equity Add: Accumulated depreciation	\$ \$	5,388,860 (739,315) 4,649,545
Book debt Less: Cash and cash equivalents, including cash reserved for repayment of indebtedness Net book debt (E) Book equity	\$ \$	5,388,860 (739,315) 4,649,545 1,400,693
Book debt Less: Cash and cash equivalents, including cash reserved for repayment of indebtedness Net book debt (E) Book equity Add: Accumulated depreciation	\$ \$	5,388,860 (739,315) 4,649,545 1,400,693 427,749

(In thousands) (unaudited)

	Sept	As of ember 30, 2012
UNFUNDED COMMITMENTS		
Performance-based commitments	\$	83,597
Strategic investments		39,461
Discretionary fundings		167
Total Unfunded Commitments	\$	123,225
UNENCUMBERED ASSETS / UNSECURED DEBT		
Unencumbered assets (A) (1)	\$	3,790,779
Unsecured debt (B)	\$	2,520,360
Unencumbered Assets / Unsecured Debt (A) / (B)		1.5x

LOANS AND OTHER LENDING INVESTMENTS CREDIT STATISTICS

27.1%
41.9%
18.5%
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(1) Unencumbered assets is calculated in accordance with the indentures governing the Company's unsecured debt securities.

(2) Gross carrying value represents iStar's carrying value of loans, gross of loan loss reserves.

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iStar Financial Inc. Supplemental Information (In millions) (unaudited)

PORTFOLIO STATISTICS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2012 (1)

Asset Type	 Total	% of Total
First Mortgages / Senior Loans	\$ 1,635	27.2%
Net Lease Assets	1,540	25.7%
Real Estate Held for Investment	1,175	19.6%
Other Real Estate Owned	707	11.8%
Mezzanine / Subordinated Debt	521	8.7%
Other Investments	420	7.0%
Total	\$ 5,998	100.0%

Geography	 Total	% of Total
West	\$ 1,380	23.0%
Northeast	1,099	18.3%
Southeast	856	14.3%
Southwest	798	13.3%
Mid-Atlantic	591	9.8%
Various	405	6.8%
International	358	6.0%
Central	320	5.3%
Northwest	191	3.2%
Total	\$ 5,998	100.0%

Property Type	Performing Loans	Net Lease Assets		NPLs		REHI		OREO	Total		% of Total
Land	\$ 124	\$	56	\$ 2	16	\$ 76	9 \$	128	\$ 1,	293	21.5%
Condominium	264		—		65		6	389		724	12.1%
Office	115		461		36	e	7			679	11.3%
Industrial / R&D	87		460		8	4	8			603	10.1%
Retail	252		53	1	33	8	1	62		581	9.7%
Entertainment / Leisure	62		418		73	-	_			553	9.2%
Mixed Use / Mixed Collateral	236		—			17	0	61		467	7.8%
Hotel	210		92		94	3	4	22		452	7.5%
Other Property Types	166		—		15	-	_	45		226	3.8%
Other Investments			_		_					420	7.0%

Total	\$	1,516	\$	1,540	\$	640	\$	1,175	\$	707	\$ 5,998	100.0%
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(1) Based on carrying value of the Company's total investment portfolio, gross of general loan loss reserves.												