# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

# FORM 8-K

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

> October 23, 2003 (Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported))

# **iSTAR FINANCIAL INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Maryland

1-15371 (Commission File Number)

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

> **1114 Avenue of the Americas, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, New York** (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**95-6881527** (IRS Employer Identification Number)

> **10036** (Zip Code)

(212) 930-9400

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

ITEM 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits

99.1 Earnings Release.

# ITEM 12. Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

The information in this Current Report, including the exhibit hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for the purpose 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.

On October 23, 2003, iStar Financial Inc. issued an earnings release announcing its financial results for the second quarter ended August 31, 2003. A copy of the earnings release is attached as Exhibit 99.1

2

# **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.

**iSTAR FINANCIAL INC.** 

By: /s/ Jay Sugarman Jay Sugarman Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

By: /s/ Catherine D. Rice Catherine D. Rice Chief Financial Officer

Date: October 23, 2003

Date: October 23, 2003



iStar Financial Inc. 1114 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10036 (212) 930-9400

# News Release

# **COMPANY CONTACTS**

Catherine D. Rice	Andrew C. Richardson	Erin C. Gatewood
Chief Financial Officer	Executive Vice President – Capital Markets	Associate – Investor Relations

## iStar Financial Announces Record Quarterly Earnings

- Adjusted earnings per diluted common share increases to a record \$0.83 for third quarter 2003.
- New financing activity during third quarter totals a record \$847.8 million in 15 separate transactions.
- First mortgage, first mortgage participation transactions and investment grade corporate tenant leases comprise 68% of third quarter financing commitments.
- iStar Financial issues 7.80% Cumulative Redeemable Series F Preferred Stock.

**NEW YORK – October 23, 2003** – iStar Financial Inc. (NYSE: SFI) reported that adjusted earnings for the quarter ended September 30, 2003 were \$0.83 per diluted common share, up from \$0.67 per diluted common share for the quarter ended September 30, 2002. Adjusted earnings allocable to common shareholders for third quarter 2003 were \$87.0 million on a diluted basis, compared to \$62.5 million for third quarter 2002. Adjusted earnings represents net income to common shareholders, computed in accordance with GAAP, before depreciation, amortization, gain (loss) from discontinued operations, extraordinary items and cumulative effect of change in accounting principle.

Net income allocable to common shareholders for the third quarter was \$66.1 million, or \$0.63 per diluted common share, compared with \$43.4 million, or \$0.47 per diluted common share, in the third quarter of 2002. Third quarter 2002 net income includes an \$8.9 million (\$0.10 per diluted common share) non-cash charge related to performance-based vesting of restricted shares granted under the Company's long-term incentive plan. Please see the financial tables which follow the text of this press release for a detailed reconciliation of adjusted earnings to GAAP net income.

iStar Financial Announces Record Earnings Page 2 of 16

In the third quarter of 2003, iStar Financial achieved a return on average book assets of 6.1% and a return on average common book equity of 19.5%, while leverage remained unchanged from last quarter at 1.8x book equity. Net investment income for the quarter ended September 30, 2003 increased to a record \$91.2 million, up 16.3% from \$78.4 million for the third quarter of 2002. Net investment income represents interest income, operating lease income and equity in earnings from joint ventures and unconsolidated subsidiaries, less interest expense, operating costs for corporate tenant lease assets and loss on early extinguishment of debt in each case as computed in accordance with GAAP.

iStar Financial announced that during the third quarter, it closed 15 new financing commitments for a total of \$847.8 million, of which \$815.2 million was funded during the quarter. In addition, the Company funded \$12.1 million under seven pre-existing commitments and received \$435.5 million in principal repayments. The Company's recent transactions continue to reflect its core business strategy of originating structured financing transactions for leading corporations and private owners of high-quality commercial real estate assets across the United States.

Jay Sugarman, iStar Financial's chairman and chief executive officer, stated, "We are very pleased with our results this quarter, and our asset quality and balance sheet remain solid despite continuing weak U.S. commercial real estate fundamentals. During the quarter iStar Financial continued to provide valueadded financings for its high-end real estate and corporate customers. Repeat customer transactions increased to almost \$5 billion and we continued to build diversification into our asset base with total assets now exceeding \$6.5 billion. While real estate fundamentals remain weak in most markets, our underwriting reflects these conditions and we continue to see opportunities to generate safe, high quality income streams."

Mr. Sugarman continued, "Our investment pipeline remains strong and reflects our increasing market penetration and reputation for meeting our customers' needs. In addition, because we match fund our assets, recent volatility in interest rates is not expected to meaningfully impact our business. Our ROAs and ROEs have historically remained steady in both high and low interest rate environments."

[NYSE: SFI]

### Selected Income Statement Data

(In thousands)

(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,					Nine Mont Septem	nths Ended nber 30,			
	2003 2002		2003 2002 2003					2002		
	¢	01 0 4 4	¢	50.350	¢					
Net investment income(1)	\$	91,244	\$	78,378	\$	263,577		205,376		
Other income		9,971		4,822		22,741		21,263		
Non-interest expense		(27,448)		(32,225)		(76,140)		(80,562)		
Net income before minority interest	\$	73,767	\$	50,975	\$	210,178	\$	146,077		
Minority interest in consolidated entities		(40)		(40)		(119)		(122)		
Income from discontinued operations		450		1,612		1,555		5,620		
Gain from discontinued operations		701		123		964		717		
Preferred dividend requirements		(8,258)		(9,227)		(26,712)		(27,681)		
Net income allocable to common shareholders and										
HPU holders(2)	\$	66,620	\$	43,443	\$	185,866	\$	124,611		

(1) Net investment income for the nine months ended September 30, 2002, includes a \$12,166 charge relating to early extinguishment of debt.

(2) HPU holders are Company employees who purchased high performance common stock units under the Company's High Performance Unit Program.

#### Selected Balance Sheet Data

(In thousands)

	 As of September 30, 2003 (unaudited)	 As of December 31, 2002
Loans and other lending investments, net	\$ 3,579,479	\$ 3,050,342
Corporate tenant lease assets, net	2,519,050	2,291,805
Total assets	6,505,785	5,611,697
Debt obligations	4,114,348	3,461,590
Total liabilities	4,233,776	3,583,816
Total shareholders' equity	2,267,105	2,025,300

-more-

iStar Financial Announces Record Earnings Page 4 of 16

#### **Transaction Volume**

In the third quarter of 2003, iStar Financial generated \$847.8 million in new financing commitments in 15 separate transactions. The Company also funded an additional \$12.1 million under seven pre-existing financing commitments and received \$435.5 million in loan repayments. Of the Company's third quarter financing commitments, 45.3% represented first mortgage and first mortgage participation transactions, and 22.3% represented long-term investment grade corporate tenant lease transactions.

During the quarter, the weighted average first dollar and last dollar loan-to-value ratio on new loan commitments was 27.6% and 69.2%, respectively. This ratio represents the average beginning and ending points for the Company's lending exposure in the aggregate capitalization of the underlying properties or companies it finances.

Mr. Sugarman commented, "We continue to see attractive risk-adjusted returns in our core real estate finance business across a variety of different asset types including office, hotel and multifamily. While we reached a new financing volume record this quarter, we maintain a cautious outlook with respect to commercial real estate fundamentals. Our new financings continue to be dominated by first mortgages and investment grade corporate tenant leases, reflecting our near-term outlook."

Mr. Sugarman continued, "As we anticipated, repayments were relatively high this quarter despite the upward trend in interest rates as many of our borrowers have taken advantage of the strong sales market for institutional-quality assets."

## **Capital Markets**

In September 2003, iStar Financial completed an underwritten public offering of 4,000,000 shares of its 7.80% Series F Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, having a liquidation preference of \$25.00 per share. The Company used the approximately \$96.6 million of net proceeds from the offering to repay secured debt. At September 30, 2003, the Company had \$1.2 billion outstanding under its five primary credit facilities, which total \$2.7 billion in committed capacity.

Catherine D. Rice, iStar Financial's chief financial officer, stated, "We are pleased to have cost-effectively raised preferred equity capital in this volatile interest rate environment. With the completion of this offering, iStar Financial now has over \$2.2 billion of tangible equity capital supporting its asset base."

Ms. Rice continued, "During the quarter, we met with the rating agencies as part of our annual update process. Yesterday, Moody's confirmed our senior unsecured debt rating at Ba1, with a positive outlook. We were hopeful that we would receive an upgrade from Moody's in the fourth quarter; however, we remain on positive outlook and Moody's has indicated that it expects to revisit our rating sometime in the second quarter of next year. We expect to receive feedback from S&P later this quarter."

Consistent with the Securities and Exchange Commission's Regulation FD and the newly adopted Regulation G, iStar Financial comments on earnings expectations within the context of its regular earnings press releases. For fiscal year 2003, the Company currently expects adjusted earnings per diluted common share of \$3.24-\$3.25. iStar Financial also expects adjusted earnings per diluted common share for the fourth quarter of \$0.84-\$0.85. iStar Financial expects GAAP earnings per diluted common share of \$2.39-\$2.42 for 2003. The Company also expects GAAP earnings per diluted common share for the fourth quarter of \$0.60-\$0.63. The 2003 earnings guidance assumes net asset growth of \$1.1-\$1.3 billion, which is higher than the Company's previous estimate of \$800 million to \$1.0 billion. The \$1.1-\$1.3 billion figures assume approximately \$2.3 billion of gross originations and approximately \$1.1 billion of loan repayments.

Ms. Rice commented, "Because we completed over \$770 million of net asset growth through September 30, 2003 and the investment pipeline remains strong, we are slightly increasing our net asset growth guidance for full year 2003. In addition, we expect other income for the fourth quarter 2003 to be higher than our approximate \$10 million quarterly run rate due to prepayment penalties from two loans that are expected to prepay in the fourth quarter. For these reasons, we currently expect our full year earnings results for 2003 to come in at the upper end of the previously communicated range of \$3.20-\$3.25 and \$2.34-\$2.44 for adjusted EPS and GAAP EPS, respectively."

Due to strong share price performance, our CEO contingently vested in the remaining 400,000 incentive shares out of a total 2 million available to be earned by him under the Company's long-term incentive plan on October 3, 2003. As we have disclosed in our public SEC filings, these shares will become fully vested, subject to certain conditions, on March 30, 2004, at which time the Company would record in "General and Administrative – Stock-based Compensation Expense" a one-time charge equal to the Company's stock price at that date multiplied by the 2 million vested shares. For example, if the closing stock price on March 30, 2004 were \$38.00, the charge to earnings would be \$76 million.

-more-

iStar Financial Announces Record Earnings Page 6 of 16

### Capital Markets (continued)

Ms. Rice commented, "When our CEO entered into his employment agreement with the Company almost three years ago, it was structured so that he would receive no incentive shares if the Company generated less than a 20% average annual total rate of return for its shareholders from January 1, 2001 through March 30, 2004. In order to earn the maximum 2 million shares available, the Company would have had to generate a greater than 35% average annual total rate of return during the same period. As of October 3, 2003, the Company generated a 39.7% average annual total rate of return for its shareholders since January 1, 2001, compared to -7.2%, -4.6% and 15.8% for the S&P 500 Index, the Russell 1000 Financials Index and the Morgan Stanley REIT Index, respectively. This represents over \$2.4 billion of shareholder value created since January 1, 2001."

In addition, during the first quarter the Company anticipates that its CFO will vest in the 100,000 restricted performance shares awarded to her under the Company's long-term incentive plan in connection with her joining the Company, and approximately 155,000 common shares will be issued to the principals of the former ACRE Partners, representing the final contingent consideration relating to the acquisition of this company in 2000. The first quarter 2004 charge relating to the CFO's restricted shares and ACRE consideration would be calculated in a manner similar to the CEO's incentive share vesting, and would be approximately \$10 million in the aggregate (assuming a \$38.00 stock price on the respective vesting dates).

Before giving effect to the compensation charges described in the preceding paragraphs, the Company currently expects diluted adjusted EPS for fiscal year 2004 of \$3.40-\$3.48, and diluted GAAP EPS of \$2.43-\$2.53. Our 2004 earnings will be reduced by the resulting amounts of the compensation charges. We cannot predict the amount of the aggregate charge at this time, as it will be a function of our stock price at future dates. The Company's 2004 earnings guidance assumes approximately \$1.8 billion of net asset growth.

Ms. Rice commented, "Despite the current low interest rates that we believe will continue into next year, we expect to generate steady earnings growth, before giving effect to the first quarter compensation charges, and to maintain a substantial earnings and free cash flow cushion for our dividend. Our \$1.8 billion net asset growth assumption reflects the increased velocity of our business, and we believe we have been appropriately conservative with respect to net investment margins and releasing assumptions for next year."

As of September 30, 2003, the Company's loan portfolio consisted of 61% floating rate and 39% fixed rate loans. Approximately 62% of the Company's floating rate loans have LIBOR floors with a weighted average LIBOR floor of 2.25%. The weighted average GAAP LIBOR margin, inclusive of LIBOR

floors, was 5.73%. The weighted average GAAP yield of the Company's fixed rate loans was 11.59%.

-more-

iStar Financial Announces Record Earnings Page 7 of 16

#### **Risk Management**

At September 30, 2003, first mortgages, participations in first mortgages, corporate tenant leases and corporate financing transactions collectively comprised 90.2% of the Company's asset base. The weighted average first and last dollar loan-to-value ratio for all structured finance assets (senior and junior loans) was 27.6% and 69.0%, respectively. As of September 30, 2003 the weighted average debt service coverage for all structured finance assets, based on either year-to-date cash flow or trailing 12-month cash flow through June 30, 2003, was 2.2x.

At quarter end, the Company's corporate tenant lease assets were 92.7% leased with a weighted average remaining lease term of 9.6 years. Corporate tenant lease expirations for the remainder of 2003 represent 0.7% of annualized total revenue for third quarter 2003. At quarter end, 87.6% of the Company's corporate lease customers were public companies (or subsidiaries of public companies).

The Company establishes loss reserves based on a quarterly bottom-up review of each of its assets, as well as using top-down guidance from industry-wide loss data and market trends. On a quarterly basis, the Company conducts a comprehensive credit review, resulting in an individual risk rating assigned to each asset. Attendance at the quarterly review sessions is mandatory for each of the Company's professional employees. These quarterly meetings are designed to enable management to evaluate and proactively manage asset-specific credit issues and identify credit trends on a portfolio-wide basis as an "early warning" system.

The Company assigns two separate quarterly risk ratings to its structured finance assets using a "one" to "five" scale. The Company assigns a rating representing the Company's evaluation of the risk of principal loss, and a rating representing performance compared to original underwriting. Corporate tenant lease risk ratings reflect our assessment of the quality and longevity of the cash flow yield from the asset. Assets with risk ratings of "four" and "five" indicate management time and attention is required, and a "five" rating denotes a potential problem asset. In addition to the ratings system, the Company maintains a "watch list" of assets that require highly proactive asset management.

Based upon the Company's third quarter 2003 review, the weighted average risk ratings of the Company's structured finance assets was 2.65 for risk of principal loss, compared to last quarter's rating of 2.52, and 3.11 for performance compared to original underwriting, compared to last quarter's rating of 3.00. The weighted average risk rating for corporate tenant lease assets was 2.69 at the end of the third quarter, an improvement from the prior quarter's rating of 2.79.

For the third quarter, the Company added one corporate tenant lease asset to its credit watch list. One loan asset on the watch list at June 30, 2003, with a book value of \$3.2 million, paid off during the quarter. Additionally, one loan asset and one CTL asset were removed from the watch list. The Company now has five loans and three corporate tenant lease assets on the list, with a combined book value of \$107.6 million as of September 30, 2003, down from \$188.5 million at June 30, 2003.

-more-

iStar Financial Announces Record Earnings Page 8 of 16

#### Risk Management (continued)

One of the loans on the watch list is the Company's 90% interest in a \$31.6 million partnership loan on a class A office building that was acquired at a premium to its face as part of the Company's acquisition of Lazard Freres' structured finance portfolio in 1998. Lazard continues to retain a 10.0% interest in the loan. The loan bears interest at 17.50%, 11.00% of which is paid currently and 6.50% of which is accrued. In August 2003 the borrower stopped making its debt service payments due to insufficient cash flow caused by vacancies at the property. The Company believes the underlying collateral value supports its basis in the outstanding unpaid principal balance of the loan, but believes the \$3.3 million unamortized acquisition premium associated with this loan has been impaired. As a result, the Company wrote off the \$3.3 million premium against its loan loss reserves in the third quarter. The Company is currently comfortable that it has adequate collateral to support the book value for each of the watch list assets.

At quarter end, accumulated loan loss reserves and other asset-specific credit protection represented an aggregate of approximately 6.55% of the gross book value of the Company's loans. In addition, cash deposits, letters of credit, allowances for doubtful accounts and accumulated depreciation relating to corporate tenant lease assets represented 9.58% of the gross book value of the Company's corporate tenant lease assets at quarter end. At September 30, 2003, the Company added one asset to its non-accrual status. The Company now has four assets on non-accrual status with an aggregate gross book value of \$51.3 million, or 0.8% of the gross book value of the Company's investments.

Timothy J. O'Connor, iStar Financial's chief operating officer, stated, "Our assets continue to perform well despite the continuing challenges of weak commercial real estate market conditions. Debt service coverage on our loans remains strong, and the overall increase in our loan risk ratings primarily reflects the impact of this difficult environment on our borrowers. Improvement in our corporate tenant risk ratings is driven by stronger overall credit quality of our corporate customers and longer average least terms."

Mr. O'Connor continued, "As in the past, our risk management team continues to proactively identify and address potential credit and asset issues in order to protect our capital."

#### **Other Developments**

On October 1, 2003, iStar Financial declared a regular quarterly cash dividend of \$0.6625 per common share for the quarter ended September 30, 2003.

-more-

iStar Financial Announces Record Earnings Page 9 of 16

iStar Financial is the leading publicly traded finance company focused on the commercial real estate industry. The Company provides custom-tailored financing to high-end private and corporate owners of real estate nationwide, including senior and junior mortgage debt, senior, mezzanine and subordinated corporate capital, and corporate net lease financing. The Company, which is taxed as a real estate investment trust, seeks to deliver a strong dividend and superior risk-adjusted returns on equity to shareholders by providing innovative and value-added financing solutions to its customers.

iStar Financial will hold a quarterly earnings conference call at 10:00 a.m. ET today, October 23, 2003. 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 completion of pending investments, continued ability to originate new investments, the mix of originations between structured finance and corporate tenant lease assets, repayment levels, the availability and cost of capital for future investments, competition within the finance and real estate industries, economic conditions, loss experience and other risks detailed from time to time in iStar Financial Inc.'s SEC reports.)

#### **Financial Tables to Follow**

-more-

iStar Financial Announces Record Earnings Page 10 of 16

	lated Sta	inancial Inc. tements of Ope except per share aaudited)	ns			
		Three Mor Septem	 		Nine Mon Septem	ed
		2003	 2002		2003	 2002
Revenue:						
Interest income	\$	77,167	\$ 66,786	\$	224,672	\$ 187,057
Operating lease income		65,399	62,594		196,226	174,662
Other income		9,971	4,822		22,741	21,263
Total revenue		152,537	 134,202		443,639	 382,982
Costs and expenses:						
Interest expense		47,185	47,471		145,357	135,935
Operating costs - corporate tenant lease assets		4,881	3,616		12,550	9,543
Depreciation and amortization		13,696	12,591		40,483	34,598
General and administrative		11,154	8,088		27,870	22,849
General and administrative - stock-based compensation		848	9,546		2,537	17,365
Provision for loan losses		1,750	2,000		5,250	5,750
Loss on early extinguishment of debt					_	12,166
Total costs and expenses		79,514	83,312	_	234,047	238,206
Net income before other items		73,023	50,890		209,592	144,776
Equity in earnings from joint ventures and unconsolidated		744	85		586	1,301

subsidiaries					
Minority interest in consolidated entities	(40)	(40)	(119)		(122)
Income from discontinued operations	450	1,612	1,555		5,620
Gain from discontinued operations	701	123	964		717
Net income	 74,878	52,670	212,578		152,292
Preferred dividends	(8,258)	(9,227)	(26,712)		(27,681)
	 			-	
Net income allocable to common shareholders and HPU holders	\$ 66,620 \$	43,443	\$ 185,866	\$	124,611
Net income per common share:(1)					
Basic	\$ 0.66 \$	0.49	\$ 1.85	\$	1.41
Diluted(2)	\$ 0.63 \$	0.47	\$ 1.79	\$	1.36
Weighted average common shares outstanding:					
Basic	100,687	89,431	99,543		88,610
Diluted	104,746	92,566	102,809		91,449

(1) For the three months ended September 30, 2003, net income per basic and diluted common share excludes \$538 and \$517 of net income allocable to HPU holders, respectively. For the nine months ended September 30, 2003, net income per basic and diluted common share excludes \$1,517 and \$1,470 of net income allocable to HPU holders, respectively.

(2) For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2003, net income used to calculate diluted earnings per common share includes joint venture income of \$40 and \$119, respectively.

-more-

iStar Financial Announces Record Earnings Page 11 of 16

#### iStar Financial Inc. Reconciliation of Adjusted Earnings to GAAP Net Income (In thousands, except per share data) (unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,				Nine Mont Septem		
		2003		2002		2003	 2002
ADJUSTED EARNINGS:(1)							
Net income	\$	74,878	\$	52,670	\$	212,578	\$ 152,292
Add: Joint venture income		253				754	621
Add: Depreciation		13,774		12,730		40,756	35,053
Add: Joint venture depreciation and amortization		1,003		960		3,001	3,391
Add: Amortization		6,709		5,451		20,117	25,418
Less: Preferred dividends		(8,258)		(9,227)		(26,712)	(27,681)
Less: Gain from discontinued operations		(701)		(123)		(964)	 (717)
Adjusted earnings allocable to common shareholders and HPU holders:(2) (3)							
Basic	\$	87,405	\$	62,461	\$	248,776	\$ 187,756
Diluted	\$	87,658	\$	62,461	\$	249,530	\$ 188,377
Adjusted earnings per common share:(4)							
Basic	\$	0.86	\$	0.70	\$	2.48	\$ 2.12
Diluted	\$	0.83	\$	0.67	\$	2.40	\$ 2.05
Weighted average common shares outstanding:							
Basic		100,687		89,431		99,543	88,610
Diluted		105,044		92,566		103,106	91,746
Common shares outstanding at end of period:							
Basic		101,423		89,937		101,423	89,937
Diluted		105,780		92,577		105,384	92,954

<sup>(1)</sup> Adjusted earnings should be examined in conjunction with net income as shown in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. Adjusted earnings 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 is this measure 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 adjusted earnings may differ from the calculations of similarly-titled measures by other companies.

- (2) Includes \$8,874 and \$14,950 of non-cash charges related to performance-based vesting of restricted shares granted under the Company's long-term incentive plan for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2002.
- Includes \$3,950 of prepayment penalties associated with early extinguishment of debt for the nine months ended September 30, 2002, respectively. (3)
- For the three months ended September 30, 2003, net income per basic and diluted common share excludes \$705 and \$678 of net income allocable to (4) HPU holders, respectively. For the nine months ended September 30, 2003, net income per basic and diluted common share excludes \$2,030 and \$1,966 of net income allocable to HPU holders, respectively.

-more-

iStar Financial Announces Record Earnings Page 12 of 16

### iStar Financial Inc. **Consolidated Balance Sheets** (In thousands)

		As of ember 30, 2003 unaudited)	]	As of December 31, 2002
ASSETS				
Loans and other lending investments, net	\$	3,579,479	\$	3,050,342
Corporate tenant lease assets, net	Ψ	2,519,050	Ψ	2,291,805
Investments in and advances to joint ventures and unconsolidated subsidiaries		29,957		30,611
Assets held for sale		34,470		28,501
Cash and cash equivalents		23,154		15,934
Restricted cash		70,496		40,211
Accrued interest and operating lease income receivable		24,789		26,804
Deferred operating lease income receivable		47,404		36,739
Deferred expenses and other assets		176,986		90,750
Total assets	\$	6,505,785	\$	5,611,697
				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	\$	117,528	\$	117,001
Dividends payable		1,900		5,225
Debt obligations:				
Unsecured senior notes		653,563		617,317
Unsecured revolving credit facilities		130,000		—
Secured revolving credit facilities		1,098,332		1,273,754
Secured term loans		854,645		682,615
iStar Asset Receivables secured notes		1,338,764		871,943
Other debt obligations		39,044		15,961
Total liabilities	\$	4,233,776	\$	3,583,816
Minority interest		4,904		2,581
Shareholders' equity		2,267,105		2,025,300
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	6,505,785	\$	5,611,697

-more-

iStar Financial Announces Record Earnings Page 13 of 16

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

As of

As of

		September 30, 2003		September 30, 2003
Return on Average Book Assets				
Adjusted basic earnings allocable to common shareholders and HPU holders(1)	\$	87,405	\$	248,776
Plus: Preferred dividends	<u> </u>	8,258		26,712
Adjusted basic earnings before preferred dividends	\$	95,663	\$	275,488
Adjusted basic earnings before preferred dividends - annualized (A)	\$	382,652	\$	367,317
Average total book assets (B)	\$	6,315,619	\$	6,058,741
Deturn an energy hash exacts $(\Lambda)/(D)$		C 1 0/		C 10/
Return on average book assets (A) / (B)		6.1%	_	6.1%
Return on Average Common Book Equity				
<u>Return on Average Common Dook Equity</u>				
Adjusted basic earnings allocable to common shareholders and HPU holders(1)	\$	87,405	\$	248,776
Adjusted basic earnings allocable to common shareholders and HPU holders - annualized		- ,	•	- , -
(C)	\$	349,620	\$	331,701
Average total book equity	\$	2,209,610	\$	2,146,202
Less: Average book value of preferred equity		(416,388)		(416,305)
Average common book equity (D)	\$	1,793,222	\$	1,729,897
Return on average common book equity (C) / (D)		19.5 %		19.2 %
<u>Efficiency Ratio</u>				
Conoral & administrative expenses	\$	11,154	\$	27,870
General & administrative expenses Plus: General and administrative - stock-based compensation	Э	848	Э	2,870
Total corporate overhead (E)	\$	12,002	\$	30,407
	Э	12,002	Э	50,407
Total revenue (F)	\$	152,537	\$	443,639
	Ψ	102,007	Ψ	
Efficiency ratio (E) / (F)		7.9%		6.9%
			-	
CREDIT STATISTICS				
Book Debt / Equity				
<u> </u>				
Book Debt (A)	\$	4,114,348		
Total Book Equity (B)	\$	2,267,105		
Book Debt / Book Equity (A) / (B)		1.8 x		
	_			

(1) Adjusted earnings should be examined in conjunction with net income as shown in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. Adjusted earnings 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 is this measure 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 adjusted earnings may differ from the calculations of similarly-titled measures by other companies.

-more-

iStar Financial Announces Record Earnings Page 14 of 16

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

# **CREDIT STATISTICS (cont.)**

	ree Months Ended ptember 30, 2003	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2003
<u>Interest Coverage</u>		
EBITDA(1) (A)	\$ 134,648	\$ 396,018
GAAP interest expense (B)	\$ 47,185	\$ 145,357
EBITDA / GAAP interest expense (A) / (B)	2.9 x	2.7 x
<u>Fixed Charge Coverage</u>		
EBITDA(1) (C)	\$ 134,648	\$ 396,018

GAAP interest expense	\$ 47,185 \$	<b>\$</b> 145,357
Plus: preferred dividends	8,258	26,712
Total GAAP interest expense and preferred dividends (D)	\$ 55,443	\$ 172,069
EBITDA / GAAP interest expense and preferred dividends (C) / (D)	2.4 x	2.3 x
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges	2.6 x	2.5 x
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges and preferred stock dividends	2.2 x	2.1 x
RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO ERITDA		

# **RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO EBITDA**

Net Income	\$ 74,878 \$	212,578
Add: Interest expense	47,185	145,357
Add: Depreciation and amortization	13,696	40,483
Add: Minority interest in consolidated entities	40	119
Less: Income from discontinued operations	(450)	(1,555)
Less: Gain from discontinued operations	(701)	(964)
EBITDA(1)	\$ 134,648 \$	396,018

(1) EBITDA should be examined in conjunction with net income as shown in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. EBITDA 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 is this measure 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 EBITDA may differ from the calculations of similarly-titled measures by other companies.

-more-

iStar Financial Announces Record Earnings Page 15 of 16

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

#### FINANCING VOLUME SUMMARY STATISTICS Three Months Ended September 30, 2003

		$\mathbf{L}$						
	F	ixed Rate		Floating Rate		Total/ Weighted Average		CORPORATE LEASING
Amount funded	\$	101,613	\$	506,328	\$	607,941	\$	207,236
Weighted average GAAP yield		11.96%	6	10.15%	ó	10.45%	ó	8.56%
Weighted average all-in spread/margin (basis points)(1)		+ 773		+ 903				+ 418
Weighted average first \$loan-to-value ratio		0.0%	6	34.4%	ó	29.1%	ó	—
Weighted average last \$loan-to-value ratio		56.2%	6	73.8%	ó	71.1%	ó	

UNFUNDED COMMITMENTS		
Number of loans with unfunded commitments		15
Discretionary commitments	\$	71,000
Non-discretionary commitments		135,978
Total unfunded commitments	\$	206,978
Estimated weighted average funding period	Approximate	ly 1.0 years

#### **RECONCILIATION OF DILUTED ADJUSTED EPS GUIDANCE TO GAAP DILUTED EPS GUIDANCE**(2)

	Three Months Ended December 31, 2003	Year Ended December 31, 2003	Year Ended December 31, 2004
GAAP earnings per diluted common share guidance	\$0.60-\$0.63	\$2.39-\$2.42	\$2.43-\$2.53
Add: Depreciation and amortization per diluted common share	\$0.22-\$0.24	\$0.83-\$0.85	\$0.95-\$0.97
Adjusted earnings per diluted common share guidance	\$0.84-\$0.85	\$3.24-\$3.25	\$3.40-\$3.48

<sup>(1)</sup> Based on average quarterly one-month LIBOR (floating-rate loans) and U.S. Treasury rates (fixed-rate loans and corporate leasing transactions) during the quarter.

<sup>(2)</sup> Adjusted earnings should be examined in conjunction with net income as shown in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. Adjusted earnings 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 is this measure 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 adjusted earnings may differ from the calculations of similarly-titled measures by other companies.

-more-

iStar Financial Announces Record Earnings Page 16 of 16

PORTFOLIO STATISTICS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2003(1)           Security Type         \$         %           Corporate Tenant Leases         \$         2,517         43.2 %           First Mortgages(2)         2,517         39.6           Corporate/Partnership Loans/Other         921         14.5           Second Mortgages         172         2,7           Total         \$         6,361         1000.0%           Collateral Type         \$         %         0           Office (CTL)         \$         1,782         28.0 %           Office (Lending)         1,111         17.5         1           Industrial/R&D         900         14.1         17.5           Recreation         397         6.2         .5           Recreation         397         6.2         .5           Mixed Use/Mixed Collateral         292         4.6         .6           Hotel (Investment-Grade CTL)         270         4.3         .2           Other         138         2.2         .2           Total         181         2.8         .2           Other         133         2.2         .2           Total         \$         6,361         .00	iStar Financia Supplemental Inf (In million (unaudited	<b>formation</b> ns)		
Corporate Tenant Leases       \$ 2,751 $43.2\%$ First Mortgages(2)       2,517 $39.6$ Corporate/Partnership Loans/Other $921$ $14.5$ Second Mortgages $172$ $2.7$ Total       \$ 6,361 $100.0\%$ Collateral Type       \$ 6,361 $100.0\%$ Office (CTL)       \$ 1,782 $28.0\%$ Office (CTL)       \$ 1,782 $28.0\%$ Office (Lending)       1,111 $17.5$ Industrial/R&D       900 $14.1$ Hotel (Lending) $679$ $10.7$ Apartment/Residential $479$ $7.5$ Recreation $397$ $6.2$ Mixed Use/Mixed Collateral $292$ $4.6$ Hotel (Investment-Grade CTL) $270$ $4.3$ Retail $181$ $2.8$ Conference Center $132$ $2.1$ Total       \$ 6,361 $100.0\%$	PORTFOLIO STATISTICS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2003(1)			
First Mortgages(2)       2,517       39.6         Corporate/Partnership Loans/Other       921       14.5         Second Mortgages       172       2.7         Total       \$       6,361       100.0%         Collateral Type       \$       %         Office (CTL)       \$       1,782       28.0%         Office (CTL)       \$       1,782       28.0%         Office (Lending)       1,111       17.5         Industrial/R&D       900       14.1         Hotel (Lending)       679       10.7         Apartment/Residential       479       7.5         Recreation       397       6.2         Mixed Use/Mixed Collateral       292       4.6         Hotel (Investment-Grade CTL)       270       4.3         Retail       181       2.8         Conference Center       138       2.2         Total       \$       6.361       100.0%			\$	
Corporate/Partnership Loans/Other         921         14.5           Second Mortgages         172         2.7           Total         \$         6,361         100.0%           Collateral Type         \$         %           Office (CTL)         \$         1,782         28.0%           Office (CTL)         \$         1,782         28.0%           Office (Lending)         1,111         17.5           Industrial/R&D         900         14.1           Hotel (Lending)         679         10.7           Apartment/Residential         479         7.5           Recreation         397         6.2           Mixed Use/Mixed Collateral         292         4.6           Hotel (Investment-Grade CTL)         270         4.3           Retail         181         2.8           Conference Center         138         2.2           Other         132         2.1           Total         \$         6,361         100.0%		\$		
Second Mortgages $172$ $2.7$ Total       \$ $6,361$ $100.0\%$ Collateral Type       \$ $6,361$ $100.0\%$ Office (CTL)       \$ $1,782$ $28.0\%$ Office (Lending)       1,111 $17.5$ Industrial/R&D       900 $14.1$ Hotel (Lending) $679$ $10.7$ Apartment/Residential $479$ $7.5$ Recreation $397$ $6.2$ Mixed Use/Mixed Collateral $292$ $4.6$ Hotel (Investment-Grade CTL) $270$ $4.3$ Retail       181 $2.8$ Conference Center $138$ $2.2$ Other $132$ $2.1$ Total       \$ $6,361$ $100.0\%$				39.6
Total         \$         6,361         100.0%           Collateral Type         \$         6,361         100.0%           Office (CTL)         \$         1,782         28.0%           Office (Lending)         1,111         17.5           Industrial/R&D         900         14.1           Hotel (Lending)         679         10.7           Apartment/Residential         679         10.7           Recreation         397         6.2           Mixed Use/Mixed Collateral         292         4.6           Hotel (Investment-Grade CTL)         270         4.3           Retrail         181         2.8           Conference Center         138         2.2           Other         132         2.1           Total         \$         6,361         100.0 %				
Collateral Type         \$         %           Office (CTL)         \$         1,782         28.0 %           Office (Lending)         1,111         17.5           Industrial/R&D         900         14.1           Hotel (Lending)         679         10.7           Apartment/Residential         479         7.5           Recreation         397         6.2           Mixed Use/Mixed Collateral         292         4.6           Hotel (Investment-Grade CTL)         270         4.3           Retail         181         2.8           Conference Center         138         2.2           Other         132         2.1           Total         \$         6,361         100.0 %				
Office (CTL)       \$ 1,782       28.0%         Office (Lending)       1,111       17.5         Industrial/R&D       900       14.1         Hotel (Lending)       679       10.7         Apartment/Residential       479       7.5         Recreation       397       6.2         Mixed Use/Mixed Collateral       292       4.6         Hotel (Investment-Grade CTL)       270       4.3         Retail       181       2.8         Conference Center       138       2.2         Other       132       2.1         Total       \$ 6,361       100.0%	Total	\$	6,361	100.0 %
Office (CTL)       \$ 1,782       28.0%         Office (Lending)       1,111       17.5         Industrial/R&D       900       14.1         Hotel (Lending)       679       10.7         Apartment/Residential       479       7.5         Recreation       397       6.2         Mixed Use/Mixed Collateral       292       4.6         Hotel (Investment-Grade CTL)       270       4.3         Retail       181       2.8         Conference Center       138       2.2         Other       132       2.1         Total       \$ 6,361       100.0%				
Office (Lending)       1,111       17.5         Industrial/R&D       900       14.1         Hotel (Lending)       679       10.7         Apartment/Residential       479       7.5         Recreation       397       6.2         Mixed Use/Mixed Collateral       292       4.6         Hotel (Investment-Grade CTL)       270       4.3         Retail       181       2.8         Conference Center       138       2.2         Other       132       2.1         Total       \$       6,361       100.0 %				
Industrial/R&D       900       14.1         Hotel (Lending)       679       10.7         Apartment/Residential       479       7.5         Recreation       397       6.2         Mixed Use/Mixed Collateral       292       4.6         Hotel (Investment-Grade CTL)       270       4.3         Retail       181       2.8         Conference Center       138       2.2         Other       132       2.1         Total       \$ 6,361       100.0 %		\$		
Hotel (Lending)67910.7Apartment/Residential4797.5Recreation3976.2Mixed Use/Mixed Collateral2924.6Hotel (Investment-Grade CTL)2704.3Retail1812.8Conference Center1382.2Other1322.1Total\$ 6,361100.0 %				
Apartment/Residential4797.5Recreation3976.2Mixed Use/Mixed Collateral2924.6Hotel (Investment-Grade CTL)2704.3Retail1812.8Conference Center1382.2Other1322.1Total\$ 6,361100.0 %				
Recreation3976.2Mixed Use/Mixed Collateral2924.6Hotel (Investment-Grade CTL)2704.3Retail1812.8Conference Center1382.2Other1322.1Total\$ 6,361100.0 %				
Mixed Use/Mixed Collateral2924.6Hotel (Investment-Grade CTL)2704.3Retail1812.8Conference Center1382.2Other1322.1Total\$ 6,361100.0 %				
Hotel (Investment-Grade CTL)       270       4.3         Retail       181       2.8         Conference Center       138       2.2         Other       132       2.1         Total       \$ 6,361       100.0 %				
Retail       181       2.8         Conference Center       138       2.2         Other       132       2.1         Total       \$ 6,361       100.0%				
Conference Center         138         2.2           Other         132         2.1           Total         \$ 6,361         100.0%				
Other         132         2.1           Total         \$ 6,361         100.0%				
Total \$ 6,361 100.0%				
		<u>۴</u>		
Product Line %	10(d)	2	0,301	100.0%
Product Line %	Due duest I imp		¢	0/
Corporate Tenant Leasing \$ 2,751 43.2%		¢		
Structured Finance         5         2,751         43.2%           1,610         25.3		Ф		
Portfolio Finance 980 15.4				
Portiono Finance96015.4Corporate Finance6229.8				
Loan Acquisition3986.3				
Total         \$         6,361         100.0%		¢		
	1000	ψ	0,501	100.0 %
Collateral Location \$ %	Collateral Location		\$	%
Contract in Execution         T         T           West         \$ 1,597         25.1%		\$		
Northeast 1,409 22.1		Ψ		
Southeast 810 12.8				
Mid-Atlantic 676 10.6				
South 674 10.6				
Central 595 9.4				
North Central         263         4.1				
Northwest 191 3.0				
Southwest 98 1.5				
Various 48 0.8	Various			
Total \$ 6,361 100.0%	Total	\$	6,361	100.0%

(1) Figures presented prior to loan loss reserves and accumulated depreciation.

(2) Includes junior participation interests in first mortgages.