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Company Overview



Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance, Inc. is a commercial mortgage real estate investment trust focused on investing in performing senior and subordinate mortgage loans and commercial mortgage-backed securities

Ticker (NYSE)	ARI
Equity Capitalization⁽¹⁾	\$676 million
Dividend per Common Share⁽²⁾	\$1.60
Dividend Yield⁽³⁾	10.0%
Portfolio as of 6/30/2013	\$733 million
Levered Weighted Average Portfolio IRR as of 6/30/2013⁽⁴⁾	14.2%

(1) Includes common equity market capitalization as of September 23, 2013 and preferred equity outstanding at June 30, 2013.

(2) Current dividend per common share of \$0.40 annualized.

(3) Based upon the annualized current dividend per common share and ARI's closing common share price of \$15.99 on September 23, 2013.

(4) The Internal Rate of Return ("IRR") reflects the returns on the investments in the Company's portfolio underwritten by the Manager, calculated on a weighted average basis assuming no dispositions, early prepayments or defaults but assumes extensions are exercised and that the cost of borrowings and derivative instruments under the Company's master repurchase agreement with Wells Fargo Bank N.A. (the "Wells Facility") remains constant over the remaining terms and extension terms under the facility. The calculation also assumes extension options on the Wells Facility with respect to the Hilton CMBS are exercised. With respect to the mezzanine loan for the New York City multifamily condominium conversion that closed in December 2012 and the mezzanine loan for the New York City condominium construction that closed in January 2013, the IRR calculation assumes certain estimates with respect to the timing and magnitude of future fundings for the remaining commitments and associated loan repayments, as well as assuming no defaults. IRR is the annualized effective compounded return rate that accounts for the time-value of money and represents the rate of return on an investment over a holding period expressed as a percentage of the investment. It is the discount rate that makes the net present value of all cash outflows (the costs of investment) equal to the net present value of cash inflows (returns on investment). It is derived from the negative and positive cash flows resulting from or produced by each transaction (or for a transaction involving more than one investment, cash flows resulting from or produced by each of the investments), whether positive, such as investment returns, or negative, such as transaction expenses or other costs of investment, taking into account the dates on which such cash flows occurred or are expected to occur, and compounding interest accordingly. See "Risk Factors" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012, and subsequent filings by ARI, for a discussion of some of the factors that could adversely impact the returns received by the Company from the investments over time. Substantially all of the Company's borrowings under the Company's master repurchase facility with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. (the "JPMorgan Facility") were repaid. The Company's ability to achieve its levered weighted average underwritten IRR is additionally dependent upon the Company re-borrowing approximately \$53 million under the JPMorgan Facility or any replacement facility. Without such re-borrowing, the levered weighted average IRR with regard to its portfolio of first mortgage loan will be significantly lower than the amount shown above, as indicated by the current weighted average underwritten IRR on slide 8.

Investment Highlights

Macro Environment Continues to Create Opportunities

- \$1.6 trillion of commercial mortgage debt will mature over the next five years in the U.S.⁽¹⁾
- Increased CRE transaction volume has led to increased need for financing
- US CMBS issuance YTD 2013 is \$56.7 billion compared to \$28.1 billion YTD 2012⁽²⁾

Experienced Management Team and Relationship with Apollo

- Apollo's CRE debt platform has invested \$3.8 billion of equity into \$7 billion of CRE debt investments since 2009
- Long standing and deep relationships with global investment banks, insurances companies and CRE owners
- Capacity to structure and underwrite complex transactions across a broad spectrum of property types

Stable Investment Portfolio

- Amortized cost basis of \$733 million with a levered weighted average IRR of approximately 14.2%⁽³⁾
- Weighted average duration of 3.0 Years
- Investments diversified by geographic region and underlying property type

Well Positioned in Rising Interest Rate Environment

- 34% of loans in the portfolio have floating interest rates; Fixed rate loans had WAC of 11.1% at June 30, 2013
- ARI continues to be low-levered; As of June 30, 2013, the debt-to-common equity ratio was 0.4:1
- As loans mature or pay-off, ARI can re-deploy capital in a higher rate environment

Attractive Price and Dividend Yield

- As of September 23, 2013
 - 10.0% dividend yield
 - 0.98 price/book, based upon June 30, 2013 book value per common share of \$16.26

(1) Source: Trepp, LLC

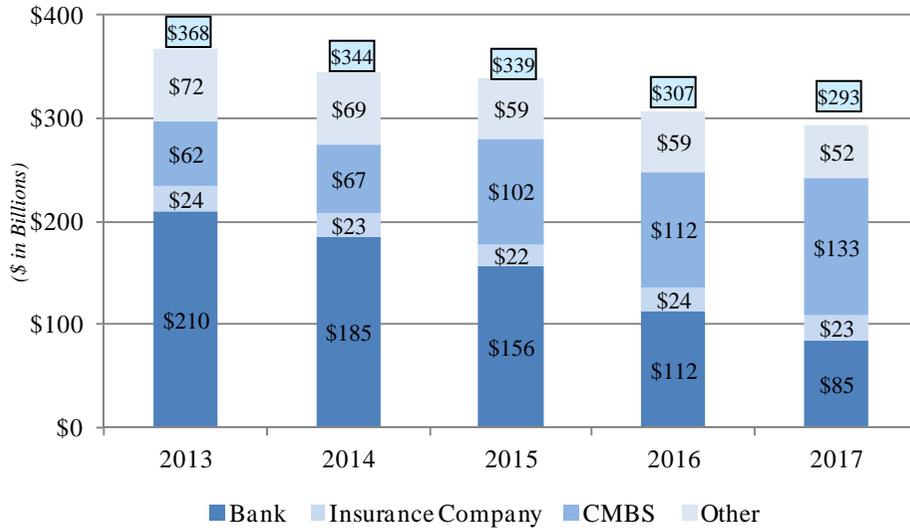
(2) Source: Commercial Mortgage Alert, September 17, 2013

(3) The IRR for the investments listed reflect the returns underwritten by the Manager, calculated on a weighted average basis assuming no dispositions, early prepayments or defaults but assumes extensions as well as the cost of borrowings and derivative instruments under the Wells Facility. The calculation also assumes extension options on the Wells Facility with respect to the Hilton CMBS are exercised. With respect to the mezzanine loan for the New York City multifamily condominium conversion that closed in December 2012 and the mezzanine loan for the New York City condominium construction that closed in January 2013, the IRR calculation assumes certain estimates with respect to the timing and magnitude of future fundings for the remaining commitments and associated loan repayments, as well as assuming no defaults. IRR is the annualized effective compounded return rate that accounts for the time-value of money and represents the rate of return on an investment over a holding period expressed as a percentage of the investment. It is the discount rate that makes the net present value of all cash outflows (the costs of investment) equal to the net present value of cash inflows (returns on investment). It is derived from the negative and positive cash flows resulting from or produced by each transaction (or for a transaction involving more than one investment, cash flows resulting from or produced by each of the investments), whether positive, such as investment returns, or negative, such as transaction expenses or other costs of investment, taking into account the dates on which such cash flows occurred or are expected to occur, and compounding interest accordingly. See "Risk Factors" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012, and subsequent filings by ARI, for a discussion of some of the factors that could adversely impact the returns received by the Company from the investments over time. Substantially all of the Company's borrowings under the JPMorgan Facility were repaid. The Company's ability to achieve its levered weighted average underwritten IRR is additionally dependent upon the Company re-borrowing approximately \$53 million under the JPMorgan Facility or any replacement facility. Without such re-borrowing, the levered weighted average IRR with regard to its portfolio of first mortgage loan will be significantly lower than the amount shown above, as indicated by the current weighted average underwritten IRR on slide 8.

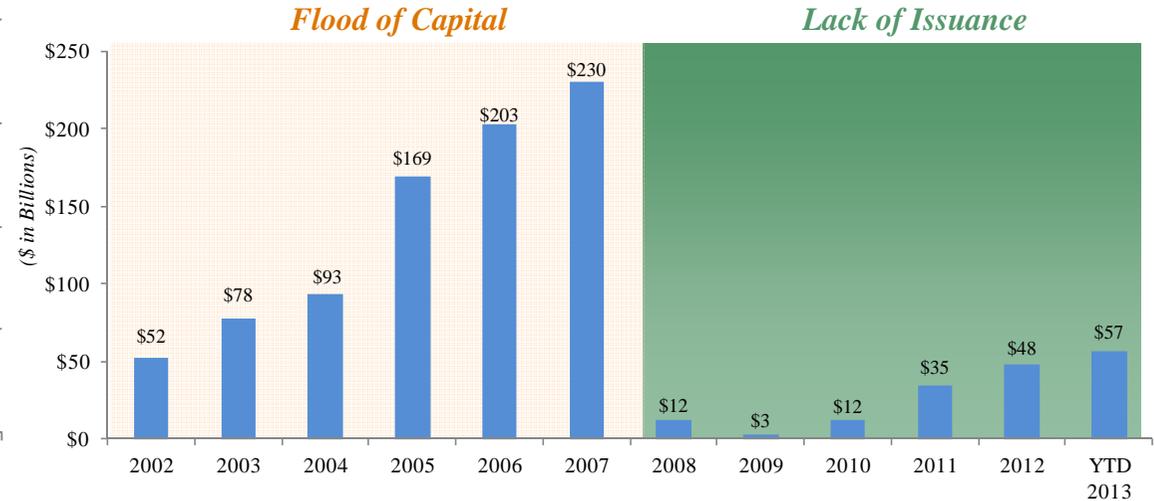
CRE Debt Market Overview

- \$1.6 trillion of commercial mortgage debt is maturing in the next five years in the US⁽¹⁾
- US CMBS issuance is gaining momentum but is significantly lower than the 2005-2007 peak levels⁽²⁾
- Pricing in the CMBS market has stabilized

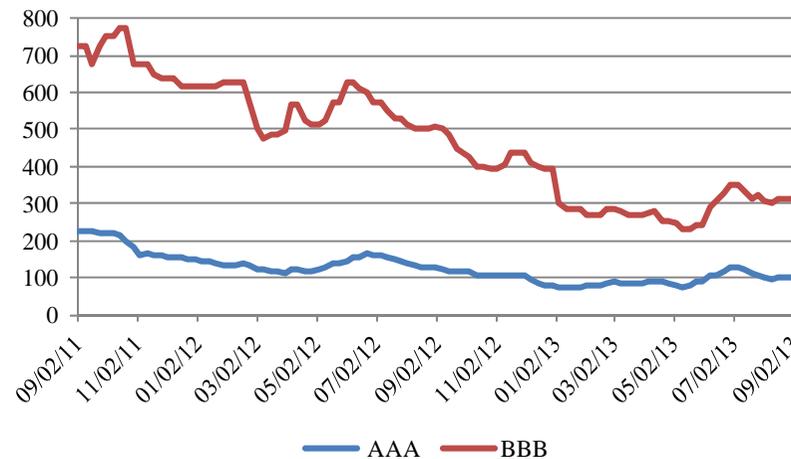
U.S. CRE Loan and CMBS Maturities⁽¹⁾



U.S. CMBS Issuance⁽²⁾



New-Issue 10-Year AAA and BBB Spreads Over Swaps⁽³⁾



(1) Source: Trepp, LLC

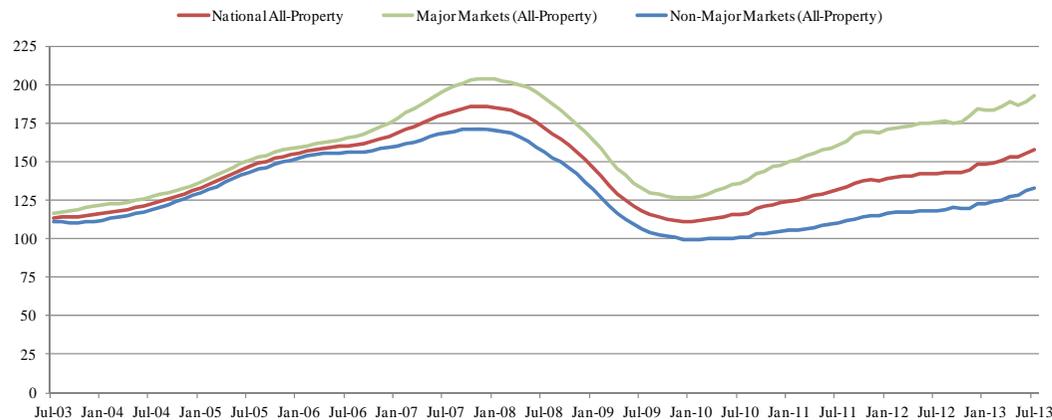
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(3) Source: JP Morgan

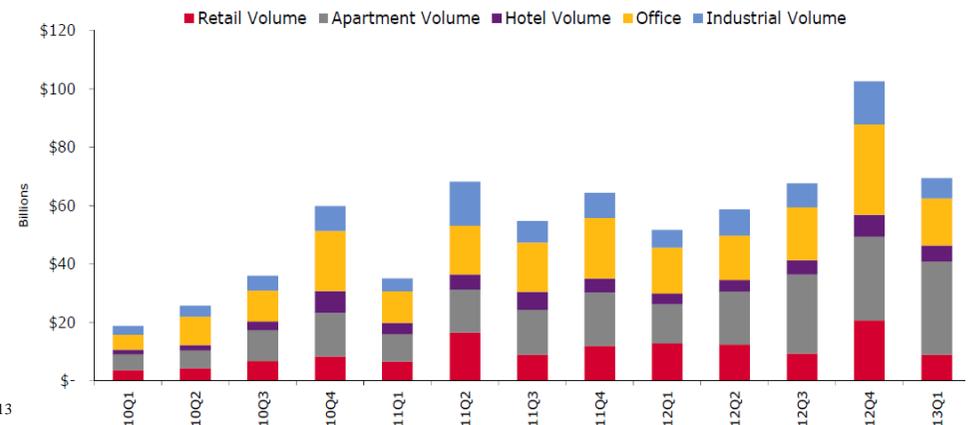
CRE Property Market Overview

- Commercial property transaction volume is accelerating, leading to an increased need for financing
- U.S. commercial property values have increased 32% from the March 2010 trough, and 39% in major markets⁽¹⁾

Moody's/RCA Commercial Property Price Index ⁽¹⁾



U.S. CRE Property Sales Volume⁽²⁾



Price recovery has led to an increase in CRE transactions, which leads to an increased need for CRE debt financing

(1) Source: Moody's and Real Capital Analytics

(2) Source: Wells Fargo and Real Capital Analytics

Apollo Global Management LLC's Platform

APOLLO

Firm Profile ⁽¹⁾

Founded:	1990
AUM:	\$113 bn ⁽²⁾
Employees:	660
Inv. Prof.:	253
Global Offices:	9

Principal Investment Businesses⁽¹⁾

Private Equity \$40bn AUM

- Opportunistic buyouts
- Distressed buyouts and debt investments
- Corporate carve-outs

Credit ⁽³⁾ \$62bn AUM

- U.S. Performing Credit
- Opportunistic Credit
- European Credit
- Non-Performing Loans
- Structured Credit
- Athene

Real Estate \$9bn AUM

- Residential and commercial
- Global private equity and distressed debt investments
- Performing fixed income (CMBS, CRE Loans)

Investment Approach

- *Value-oriented*
- *Contrarian*
- *Integrated investment platform*
- *Opportunistic across market cycles and capital structures*
- *Focus on nine core industries*

Global Footprint



(1) As of June 30, 2013

(2) Includes \$1.2 billion of commitments that have yet to be deployed into one of the funds managed by Apollo Global Management LLC's (together with its subsidiaries, "Apollo") three business segments. Please refer to slide 15 for a definition of Assets Under Management

(3) Includes six funds that are denominated in Euros and translated into U.S. dollars at an exchange rate of €1.00 to \$1.30 as of June 30, 2013

ARI Strategic Focus

ARI's Competitive Advantages

- Ability to underwrite transactions with complexity in execution, operations or structure
- Proven track record to negotiate and execute transactions quickly
- "Solutions provider" for sponsors and sectors in need of capital
- "First Call" for Wall Street firms, brokers and borrowers for subordinate debt
- Leverage off of Apollo's relationships and reputation – Apollo's CRE Debt Platform has invested \$3.8 billion of equity into \$7 billion of CRE debt investments since 2009

Recent Strategic Focus

NYC Construction/Conversion Transactions

- In the past 12-months, ARI has committed to ~ \$275 million in six separate NYC transactions and ~ \$414 million since inception
- Compelling risk adjusted returns achieved by targeting transactions with an attractive basis, strong sponsorship and creative structuring
- Structured as first mortgages, mezzanine loans or preferred equity
- NYC continues to be one of the strongest residential markets, with a 2% multifamily vacancy rate⁽¹⁾

Non-Core Opportunistic Investments

- Triple Net Lease
 - Partnering with a best-in-class operator to target triple net lease investments in secondary markets throughout the United States
 - Expected to target \$50 million equity deployment over the next eighteen months
- Minority Participation in KBC Bank Deutschland
 - Commitment to invest up to \$50 million, representing 21% of the ownership of scalable German banking platform
 - Expected to close within nine months, pending antitrust and regulatory approval

(1) Source: Green Street Advisors

Portfolio Overview

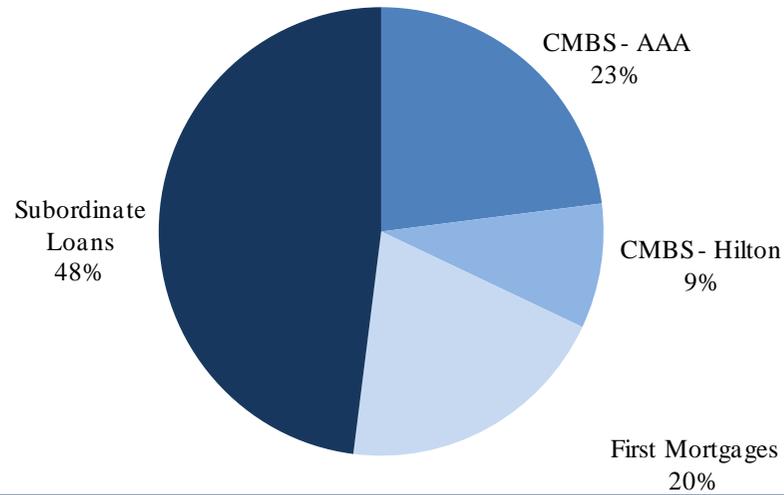
Asset Type (\$000s)	Amortized Cost	Borrowings	Equity at Cost	Remaining Weighted Average Life (years) ⁽¹⁾	Current Weighted Average IRR ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	Levered Weighted Average IRR ⁽⁴⁾
First Mortgage Loans ⁽²⁾	\$143,492	\$3	\$143,489	2.1	11.0%	15.8%
Subordinate Loans	354,865	-	354,865	4.2	13.8	13.8
CMBS - AAA	165,553	144,200	21,353	1.4	15.8	15.8
CMBS - Hilton	69,521	47,109	22,412	2.4	12.6	12.6
Investments at June 30, 2013	\$733,431	\$191,312	\$542,119	3.0 Years	13.1%	14.2%

As of June 30, 2013.

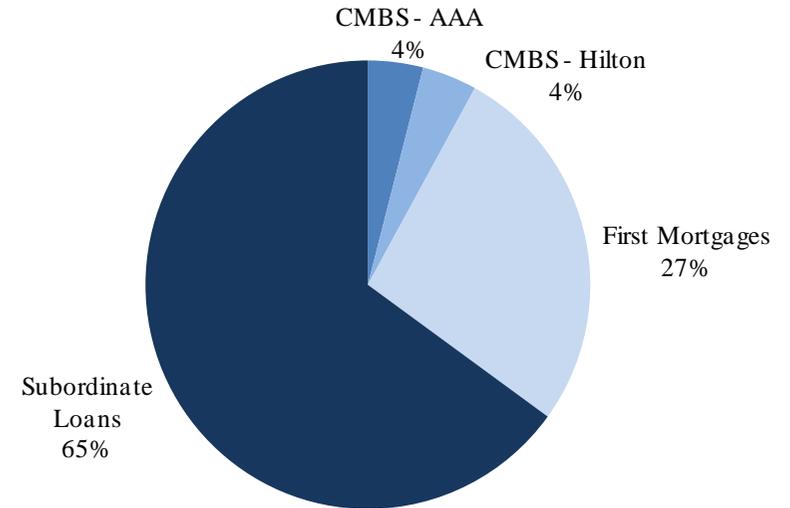
- (1) Remaining Weighted Average Life assumes all extension options are exercised.
- (2) Borrowings under the Company's JPMorgan Facility bear interest at LIBOR plus 250 basis points, or 2.7% at June 30, 2013. The IRR calculation further assumes the JPMorgan Facility or any replacement facility will remain available over the life of these investments.
- (3) The IRR for the investments shown in the above table reflect the returns underwritten by the Manager, calculated on a weighted average basis assuming no dispositions, early prepayments or defaults but assumes extensions are exercised and that the cost of borrowings and derivative instruments under the Wells Facility remains constant over the remaining terms and extension terms under this facility. The calculation also assumes extension options on the Wells Facility with respect to the Hilton CMBS are exercised. With respect to the mezzanine loan for the New York City multifamily condominium conversion that closed in December 2012 and the mezzanine loan for the New York City condominium construction that closed in January 2013, the IRR calculation assumes certain estimates with respect to the timing and magnitude of future fundings for the remaining commitments and associated loan repayments, as well as assuming no defaults. IRR is the annualized effective compounded return rate that accounts for the time-value of money and represents the rate of return on an investment over a holding period expressed as a percentage of the investment. It is the discount rate that makes the net present value of all cash outflows (the costs of investment) equal to the net present value of cash inflows (returns on investment). It is derived from the negative and positive cash flows resulting from or produced by each transaction (or for a transaction involving more than one investment, cash flows resulting from or produced by each of the investments), whether positive, such as investment returns, or negative, such as transaction expenses or other costs of investment, taking into account the dates on which such cash flows occurred or are expected to occur, and compounding interest accordingly. There can be no assurance the actual IRRs will equal the underwritten IRRs shown in the table. See "Risk Factors" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012, and subsequent filings by ARI, for a discussion of some of the factors that could adversely impact the returns received by the Company from the investments shown in the table over time.
- (4) Substantially all of the Company's borrowings under the JPMorgan Facility were repaid. The Company's ability to achieve its underwritten levered weighted average IRR with regard to its portfolio of first mortgage loans is additionally dependent upon the Company re-borrowing approximately \$53,000 under the JPMorgan Facility or any replacement facility. Without such re-borrowing, the levered weighted average IRRs will be as indicated in the current weighted average IRR column above.

Portfolio Diversification

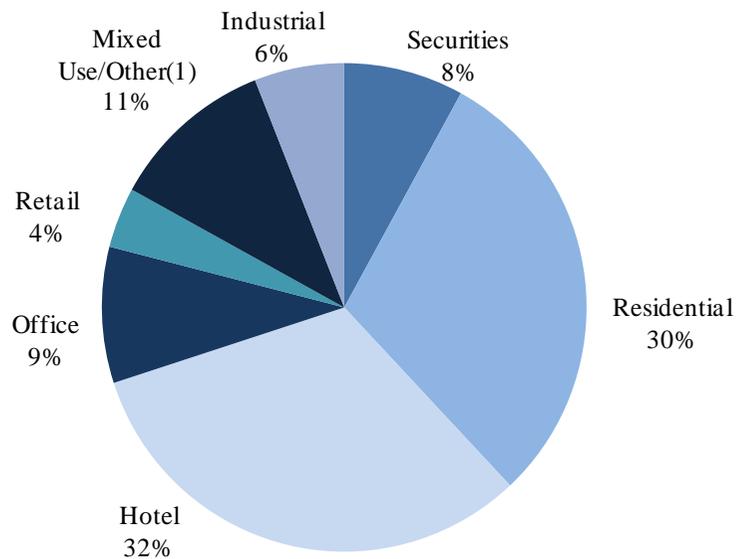
Gross Assets at Amortized Cost Basis



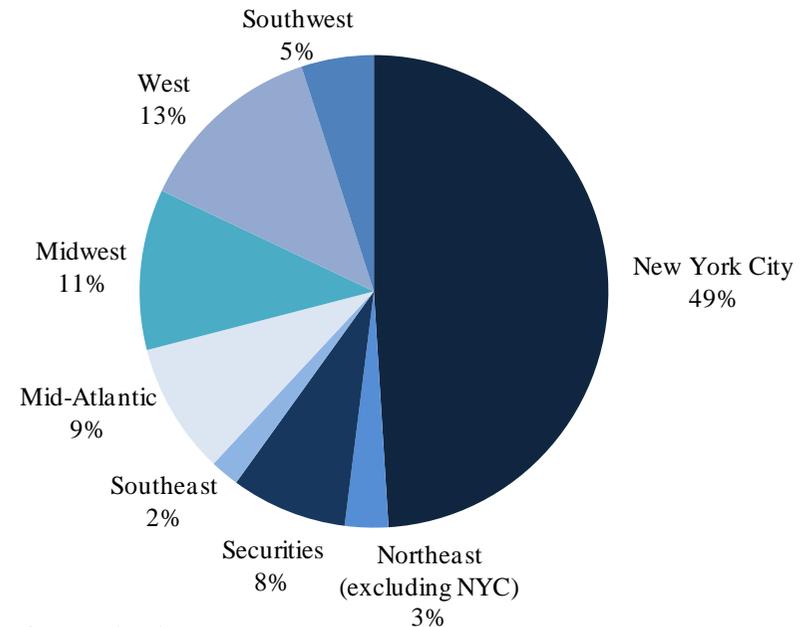
Net Invested Equity at Amortized Cost Basis



Property Type by Net Equity



Geographic Diversification by Net Equity

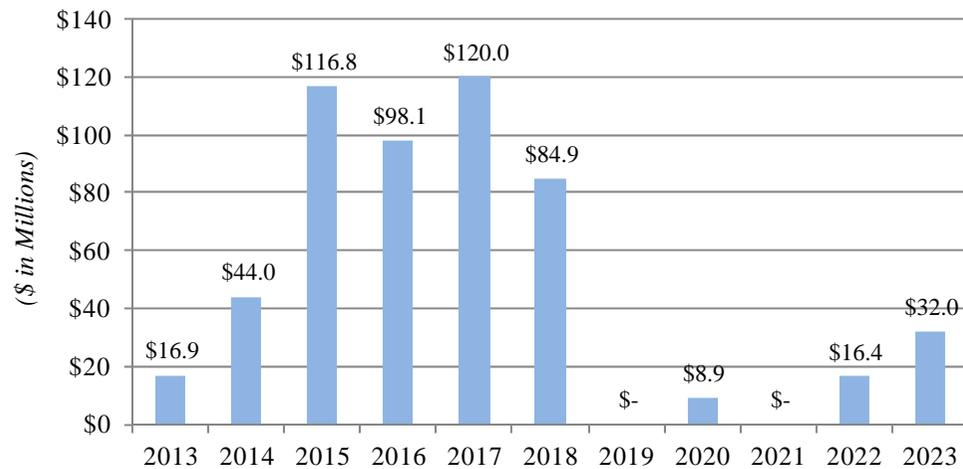


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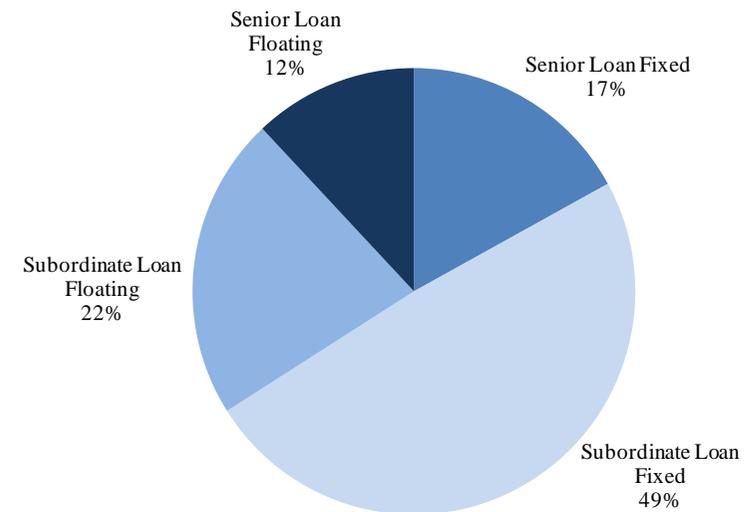
(1) Other category includes the subordinate financing on a ski resort and a first mortgage loan on a development site with income producing parking lots.

Loan Portfolio Overview

Fully Extended Loan Maturity Schedule (\$000s)⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾



Loan Position and Rate Type⁽¹⁾



66% Fixed Rate with an 11.1% WAC
34% Floating Rate

As of June 30, 2013

(1) Based upon Face Amount of Loans; Does not include CMBS (AAA or Hilton).

(2) For the NYC condominium conversion loan that closed in December 2012 and the NYC condominium construction loan that closed in January 2013, the maturities reflect the fully funded amounts of the loans.

Recent Transactions

- NYC Condominium Mezzanine Loan

- \$60 million mezzanine loan commitment secured by the pledge of preferred equity interests in a 352,624 net salable square foot, 146-unit condominium tower being constructed in downtown New York City.
- On a fully funded basis, the Company's loan basis represents an underwritten loan-to-net sellout of approximately 48%
- Underwritten IRR⁽¹⁾ ~ 16%



- Warehouse Portfolio Mezzanine Loan

- \$32 million mezzanine loan commitment secured by pledge of the equity interests in the owner of a portfolio of 15 warehouse facilities totaling 2.8 million square feet spanning nine states
- Part of a \$322 million, ten-year, fixed rate financing comprised of the \$32 million junior mezzanine loan, a \$70 million senior mezzanine loan and a \$220 million first mortgage loan
- Underwritten LTV – 75%
- Underwritten IRR⁽¹⁾ ~ 12%



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Portfolio Performance

- Since inception through September 23, 2013, ARI has had 6 loans fully repay, representing ~\$147.7 million of equity
 - The repaid loans resulted in a weighted average realized IRR of 17.0% and a multiple on invested capital ("MOIC") of 1.31x
- The remaining \$43.7 million of equity invested in CMBS continues to outperform projections
 - Bonds purchased at a premium continue to extend beyond the initial underwriting
- **No Realized or Projected Losses Across the Portfolio**

Loan Returns – All Fully Realized Investments Since Inception

Investment	Investment Date	Initial Equity Investment	Realized IRR	MOIC
Mezzanine - Retail	December 2009	\$50,000,000	15.3%	1.45x
First Mortgage - Hotel ⁽¹⁾	August 2010	\$8,556,000	17.5%	1.29x
Bridge Loan - Multifamily	March 2011	\$8,800,000	7.9%	1.01x
Repurchase Agreement	March 2011	\$47,439,169	16.6%	1.23x
Mezzanine - Hotel	March 2012	\$15,000,000	19.2%	1.22x
First Mortgage - Parking/Development Site	April 2012	\$17,883,212	25.1%	1.31x
Total/Weighted Average		\$147,678,381	17.0%	1.31x

(1) IRR and MOIC represent the levered return, assuming the mortgage was financed with 64% leverage on the JP Morgan Facility during the full term of the loan.

Capitalization

- Over the past 18-months, ARI completed three equity capital raises totaling \$355.7 million
 - In August 2012, ARI completed an underwritten public offering of 3.45 million shares of 8.625% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Stock, raising net proceeds of \$83.2 million
 - In October 2012, ARI completed an underwritten public offering of 7.4 million shares of common stock at a price of \$16.81 per share, raising net proceeds of \$124.1 million
 - In March 2013, ARI completed an underwritten public offering of 8.8 million shares of common stock at a price of \$16.90 per share, raising net proceeds of approximately \$148.5 million

Capitalization

<i>(\$ in thousands)</i>	June 30, 2013 (unaudited)
Wells Fargo Facility	191,309
JP Morgan Facility	3
Total Debt	\$191,312
Preferred Equity	86,250
Common Equity	599,744
Total Equity Capitalization	\$685,994

Investment Highlights

- First call relationships for subordinate loan transactions
- Experienced management team
- Strong sponsorship through Apollo Global Management, LLC
- Well positioned in a rising interest rate environment
- Opportune time for CRE debt investing
- Attractive 10.0% dividend yield

Definition of Assets Under Management

Assets Under Management ("AUM") Definition – refers to the investments managed by Apollo Global Management, LLC, together with its subsidiaries ("Apollo") or with respect to which Apollo has control, including capital Apollo has the right to call from its investors pursuant to their capital commitments to various funds managed by Apollo. AUM equals the sum of: (i) the fair value of Apollo's private equity investments plus the capital that Apollo is entitled to call from its investors pursuant to the terms of their capital commitments to the extent a fund is within the commitment period in which management fees are calculated based on total commitments to the fund; (ii) the net asset value of the credit funds managed by Apollo, other than certain collateralized loan obligations or certain CLOs, which Apollo measures by using the mark-to-market value of the aggregate principal amount of the underlying CLO and collateralized debt obligation credit funds that have a fee generating basis other than mark-to-market assets or liabilities, plus used or available leverage and/or capital commitments; (iii) the gross asset value or net asset value of Apollo's real estate entities and the structured portfolio company investments included within the funds Apollo manages, which includes the leverage used by such structured portfolio companies; (iv) the incremental value associated with the reinsurance investments of the portfolio company assets that Apollo manages; and (v) the fair value of any other investments that Apollo manages plus unused credit facilities, including capital commitments for investments that may require pre-qualification before investment plus any other capital commitments available for investment that are not otherwise included in the clauses above. The AUM measure includes AUM for which Apollo charges either no or nominal fees. The definition of AUM is not based on any definition of AUM contained in Apollo's operating agreement or in any of Apollo's fund management agreements. Apollo considers multiple factors for determining what should be included in the definition of AUM. Such factors include but are not limited to (1) Apollo's ability to influence the investment decisions for existing and available assets; (2) Apollo's ability to generate income from the underlying assets in the funds it manages; and (3) the AUM measures that Apollo uses internally or believes are used by other investment managers. Given the differences in the investment strategies and structures among other alternative investment managers, Apollo's calculation of AUM may differ from the calculations employed by other investment managers and, as a result, this measure may not be directly comparable to similar measures presented by other investment managers.