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Amendment No. 1 to FORM S-1 REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

# **Guild Holdings Company**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 6162

(Primary Standard Industrial Classification Code Number) 85-2453154

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

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#### CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

	Proposed	
	Maximum	
Title of Each Class of	Aggregate	Amount of
Securities to Be Registered	Offering Price(1)(2)	Registration Fee(3)
Class A common stock, par value \$0.01 per share	\$100,000,000	\$10,910

- Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(o) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.
- (2)Includes offering price of any additional shares that the underwriters have the option to purchase, if any. See " Underwriting.
- Previously paid.

The registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Securities and Exchange Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

The information in this preliminary prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This preliminary prospectus is not an offer to sell nor does it seek an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

Subject to Completion, dated October 9, 2020

#### Shares



# **Guild Holdings Company**

#### **Class A Common Stock**

This is the initial public offering of shares of Class A common stock of Guild Holdings Company. The selling stockholders identified in this prospectus are offering shares of our Class A common stock. All of the shares of Class A common stock being sold in this offering are being sold by the selling stockholders. Guild will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of the shares in this offering.

Prior to this offering, there has been no public market for our Class A common stock. We currently anticipate that the initial public offering price per share of our Class A common stock will be between \$ and \$ per share.

Following this offering, Guild Holdings Company will have two classes of authorized common stock. The Class A common stock offered hereby will have one vote per share. The Class B common stock will have 10 votes per share. McCarthy Capital Mortgage Investors, LLC ("MCMI"), an entity controlled by McCarthy Partners Management, LLC, a registered investment adviser ("McCarthy Partners" and, together with its affiliates, predecessors and the various funds it manages, including MCMI, "McCarthy Capital"), will hold 100% of our issued and outstanding Class B common stock after this offering and will control approximately

% of the combined voting power of our outstanding common stock. As a result, MCMI will be able to control any action requiring the general approval of our stockholders, including the election of our Board of Directors, the adoption of amendments to our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws and the approval of any merger or sale of substantially all of our assets.

We intend to apply to list our Class A common stock on the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE") under the symbol "GHLD."

We are an "emerging growth company," as that term is used in the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act of 2012, and, under applicable Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") rules, we have elected to take advantage of certain reduced public company reporting requirements for this prospectus and future filings.

We will be a "controlled company" under the corporate governance rules for NYSE-listed companies and will be exempt from certain corporate governance requirements of such rules. See "Risk Factors—Risks Related to Our Organization and Structure," "Management—Controlled Company" and "Principal and Selling Stockholders."

# Investing in our Class A common stock involves risks. See "Risk Factors" beginning on page 29 of this prospectus.

	Per Share	Total
Initial public offering price	\$	\$
Underwriting discounts and commissions(1)	\$	\$
Proceeds to selling stockholders, before expenses	\$	\$

<sup>(1)</sup> See "Underwriting" for additional information regarding the underwriting discount and certain expenses payable to the underwriters.

The selling stockholders have granted the underwriters an over-allotment option for a period of 30 days to purchase up to an additional shares of our Class A common stock.

At our request, the underwriters have reserved up to shares of Class A common stock, or up to 5% of the shares of Class A common stock offered by this prospectus for sale, at the initial public offering price, to certain individuals associated with us. See "Underwriting—Reserved Share Program."

Neither the SEC nor any state securities commission or other regulatory body has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The underwriters expect to deliver the shares of Class A common stock on or about

Wells Fargo Securities

**BofA Securities JMP Securities** 

J.P. Morgan

**Compass Point** 

C.L. King & Associates

The date of this prospectus is

, 2020

, 2020.



- (1) Average annual ROE from 2008 through 2019.
- (2) Share of total originations from 2007 through the twelve months ended June 30, 2020, based on Guild's origination data and data from Inside Mortgage Finance.
- (3) Based on Guild's annual net income and market share from 2008-2019.
- (4) Guild's origination volume for the twelve months ended June 30, 2020.
- (5) Guild's recapture rate for the twelve months ended June 30, 2020. Refinance recapture rate is equal to the total UPB of Guild's clients that refinanced their mortgage with Guild in a given period, divided by the total UPB of the clients that refinanced their mortgage. This calculation excludes clients to whom Guild did not actively market due to contractual prohibitions or other business reasons.
- (6) Equal to the compound annual growth rate of Guild's annual origination volume from 2007 through the twelve months ended June 30, 2020.
- (7) Average gain-on-sale margin from January 1, 2008 through June 30, 2020. Represents the components of loan origination fees and gain-on-sale of loans, net divided by total in-house origination to derive basis points.
- (8) Percent of Guild's total origination volume that consisted of purchase mortgages for the five years ended December 31, 2019.

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Through and including , 2020 (the 25th day after the date of this prospectus), all dealers effecting transactions in these securities, whether or not participating in this offering, may be required to deliver a prospectus. This is in addition to a dealer's obligation to deliver a prospectus when acting as an underwriter and with respect to an unsold allotment or subscription.

We and the selling stockholders have not, and the underwriters have not, authorized anyone to provide any information, other than the information contained in this prospectus or in any free writing prospectuses we have prepared, or to make any representations to you. We, the selling stockholders and the underwriters take no responsibility for, and can provide no assurance as to the reliability of, any other information that others may give you. You must not rely on any unauthorized information or representations. This prospectus is an offer to sell only the shares of our Class A common stock offered hereby by the selling stockholders and only under circumstances and in jurisdictions where it is lawful to do so. The information contained in this prospectus is current only as of its date, regardless of the time of delivery of this prospectus or of any sale of our Class A common stock. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since that date.

For investors outside of the United States: We and the selling stockholders have not, and the underwriters have not, done anything that would permit this offering or possession or distribution of this prospectus or any free writing prospectus we may provide to you in connection with this offering in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required, other than in the United States. You are required to

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inform yourselves about and to observe any restrictions relating to this offering and the distribution of this prospectus and any such free writing prospectus outside of the United States.

#### INDUSTRY AND OTHER DATA

Certain industry data and market data included in this prospectus were obtained from independent third-party surveys, market research, publicly available information, reports of governmental agencies and industry publications and surveys. Except as otherwise specified, such data is derived from Inside Mortgage Finance Publications, Inc. Copyright © 2020 Used with permission, Mortgage Bankers Association, Ellie Mae, STRATMOR Group, CoreLogic and the U.S. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. Information and data derived from the Mortgage Bankers Association and STRATMOR Peer Group Roundtables Program (Spring 2020), large independent mortgage lenders peer set, includes participating independent mortgage lenders with more than \$5 billion of origination volume during the year ended December 31, 2019. Not all independent mortgage lenders of that size may be included in the peer set. Information and data derived from the Mortgage Bankers Association 2020 Servicing Operations Study (2019 data), mid-size independent mortgage servicers and banks peer set, includes participating independent mortgage servicers and banks with servicing portfolios of less than 700,000 loans as of December 31, 2019. Not all independent mortgage servicers and banks servicing portfolios of that size may be included in the peer set. Management's estimates presented herein are based upon management's review of independent third-party surveys and industry publications prepared by a number of sources and other publicly available information. All of the industry data, market data and related estimates used in this prospectus involve a number of assumptions and limitations, and you are cautioned not to give undue weight to such data and estimates. Although we have no reason to believe that the information from these surveys and industry publications included in this prospectus is not reliable, we have not independently verified this information and cannot guarantee its accuracy or completeness. In addition, we believe that industry data, market data and related estimates provide general guidance but are inherently imprecise. The industry in which we operate is subject to a high degree of uncertainty and risk due to a variety of factors, including those described in the section titled "Risk Factors." These and other factors could cause results to differ materially from those expressed in the estimates made by independent parties and by us.

#### TRADEMARKS AND TRADE NAMES

Our logo and any trade names of Guild appearing in this prospectus are our property. This prospectus also contains trademarks and trade names of other companies, which are the property of their respective owners. Solely for convenience, trademarks and trade names referred to in this prospectus may appear without the ® or TM symbols, but such references are not intended to indicate, in any way, that we will not assert, to the fullest extent under applicable law, our rights or the rights of the applicable licensor to these trademarks and trade names.

#### ASSUMPTIONS AND EXCLUSIONS

Except as otherwise noted, all information in this prospectus (including, but not limited to, the number of shares of our Class A common stock and shares of our Class B common stock to be outstanding after the completion of this offering) assumes:

- · the occurrence of the "reorganization transactions" described in the section of this prospectus entitled "Organizational Structure";
- that the underwriters do not exercise their option to purchase up to additional shares from the selling stockholders;
- an initial public offering price of \$ per share (the midpoint of the estimated public offering price range set forth on the front cover of this prospectus);

- the filing and effectiveness of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation ("certificate of incorporation") and amended and restated bylaws ("bylaws") upon the closing of this offering;
- the exclusion of shares of our Class A common stock we expect to issue pursuant to restricted stock units we intend to grant in connection with this offering under our 2020 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "2020 Plan"), which we plan to adopt in connection with this offering, based on the midpoint of the estimated price range set forth on the front cover of this prospectus; and
- the exclusion of additional shares of our Class A common stock that will remain available for issuance pursuant to future awards under our 2020 Plan based on the midpoint of the estimated price range set forth on the front cover of this prospectus.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Unless otherwise indicated or the context otherwise requires, references in this prospectus to (i) the "Issuer" refer to Guild Holdings Company, a Delaware corporation, and the issuer of the shares of our Class A common stock offered hereby and (ii) "Guild Mortgage Co." refer to Guild Mortgage Company, a California corporation, our operating company prior to this offering and an entity that will become a wholly owned subsidiary of the Issuer in connection with the reorganization transactions described in this prospectus. The Issuer was formed as a Delaware corporation on August 11, 2020 and, prior to the consummation of the reorganization transactions and this offering, did not conduct any activities other than those incidental to our formation and this offering.

Prior to the consummation of the reorganization transactions and in reference to events which took place prior to the consummation of the reorganization transactions, unless the context requires otherwise, the words "Guild," "we," the "Company," "us," and "our" refer to Guild Mortgage Company, a California corporation, and its consolidated subsidiaries. Subsequent to the consummation of the reorganization transactions and in reference to events which are to take place subsequent to the consummation of the reorganization transactions, unless the context requires otherwise, the words "Guild," "we," the "Company," "us," and "our" refer to Guild Holdings Company, a Delaware corporation, and its consolidated subsidiaries. Prior to the consummation of the reorganization transactions, Guild was a wholly owned subsidiary of Guild Mortgage Company, LLC, a California limited liability company, which changed its name to Guild Investors, LLC, on September 22, 2020. This prospectus refers to that former parent entity, both before and after such name change, as "Guild Investors, LLC." See "Organizational Structure" for additional information.

All financial information presented in this prospectus is derived from the consolidated financial statements of Guild Mortgage Co. included elsewhere in this prospectus. All financial information presented in this prospectus has been prepared in U.S. dollars in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America ("GAAP"), except for the presentation of the following non-GAAP measures: Adjusted Net Income, Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted Return on Equity. See "Selected Historical Consolidated Financial and Operating Data—Non-GAAP Financial Measures" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Non-GAAP Financial Measures" in this prospectus for further information regarding our use of these non-GAAP financial measures, including limitations related to such measures, and a reconciliation of such measures to the nearest comparable financial measures calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP.

#### PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

This summary highlights information appearing elsewhere in this prospectus. This summary does not contain all of the information you should consider before investing in shares of our Class A common stock. You should read this entire prospectus carefully, including the sections titled "Risk Factors" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and the financial statements and related notes appearing at the end of this prospectus, before making any investment decision. In this prospectus, we make certain forward-looking statements, including expectations relating to our future performance. These expectations reflect our management's view of our prospects and are subject to the risks described under "Risk Factors" and "Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements." Our expectations for our future performance may change after the date of this prospectus, and there is no guarantee that such expectations will prove to be accurate.

#### **Company Overview**

We are a growth-oriented mortgage company that employs a relationship-based loan sourcing strategy to execute on our mission of delivering the promise of home ownership in neighborhoods and communities across the United States. Our business model is centered on providing a personalized mortgage-borrowing experience that is delivered by our knowledgeable loan officers and supported by our diverse product offerings. Throughout these individualized interactions, we work to earn our clients' trust and confidence as a financial partner that can help them find their way through life's changes and build for the future.

We believe our business would be difficult to replicate. Guild was established in 1960, and we are among the longest-operating seller-servicers in the United States. Over the course of our operating history, we have navigated numerous economic cycles and market dislocations. We have also expanded our retail origination footprint to 31 states within the United States, and we have developed end-to-end technology systems, a reputable brand, industry expertise and many durable relationships with our clients and members of our referral network.

We have adapted to changes in market conditions by remaining dedicated to what matters most to our business: building relationships with our clients and referral partners in an effort to create "clients for life." We have made it a priority to extend the lifecycle of our client relationships with a persistent focus on the client experience to drive our long-term performance. As a result of our client-focused strategy, during the twelve months ended June 30, 2020, we had an overall recapture rate of 61%. Recapture rate is calculated as the total unpaid principal balance ("UPB") of our clients that originated a new mortgage with us in a given period, divided by the total UPB of our clients that paid off their existing mortgage and originated a new mortgage in the same period. This calculation excludes clients to whom we did not actively market due to contractual prohibitions or other business reasons.

Our business model benefits from the complementary relationship between our origination and servicing segments which, together, have propelled our performance through interest rate and market cycles.

# Our Business Model Proprietary End to End Technology Servicing Servicing Servicing Recapture & Retention Recapture & Retention Recording Freence Relationship Management

- Our origination strategy focuses on increasing purchase-mortgage business and providing a superior personalized mortgage-borrowing
  experience that encourages our clients to return to us. This strategy allows us to generate consistent origination volume—calculated as the
  total dollar volume of loans originated—through differing market environments, contributes to our servicing segment and facilitates
  business from repeat clients.
- Our in-house servicing platform creates opportunities to extend our relationship with clients and generate refinance and purchase volume
  that replenishes run-off from our servicing portfolio. In coordination with our portfolio recapture team, our loan officers handle recapture
  activity for their existing client base directly, rather than outsourcing that function through a call center. This approach creates a
  continuous client relationship that we believe encourages repeat business. In addition, our scalable servicing platform provides a recurring
  stream of revenue that is complementary to our origination business.

In 2007, seeing an opportunity to expand the Company's sales and production strategy and grow its market share, a management-led partnership that included a majority investment from McCarthy Capital acquired the Company from its founder. Our senior leadership team continues to own a meaningful percentage of our business. As of June 30, 2020, our senior leadership team would have owned approximately 25% of our Class A common stock on a pro forma basis after giving effect to the completion of the reorganization transactions and, upon completion of this offering, our senior leadership team will own approximately % of our Class A common stock (or %, if the underwriters exercise in full their option to purchase an additional shares of Class A common stock from the selling stockholders). As a result, we believe that the economic interests of senior leadership are substantially aligned with those of our stockholders.

Following the acquisition of the Company from its founder in 2007, we embarked on a growth strategy focused on prudently expanding our geographic footprint beyond the West Coast. Through steady organic growth and a series of targeted acquisitions, we grew our annual origination volume from \$1.4 billion for the year ended December 31, 2007 to \$27.8 billion for the twelve months ended June 30, 2020, and grew our servicing portfolio from \$2.5 billion of UPB as of December 31, 2007 to \$52.8 billion of UPB as of June 30, 2020. Unless otherwise indicated, the UPB of our servicing portfolio excludes any subserviced loans. Furthermore, we grew our share of the U.S. residential mortgage origination market from 7 basis points for the year ended December 31, 2007 to 94 basis points for the twelve months ended June 30, 2020, based on our origination data and market data from Inside Mortgage Finance. We expect to continue to expand our business in the geographic areas in which we already serve our clients, as well as in new markets throughout the United States.



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(1) CAGR is equal to the compound annual growth rate of Guild's annual origination volume for the year ended December 31, 2007 through the twelve months ended June 30, 2020.

Our productivity today, and our ability to scale in the future, is made possible by our purpose-built technology platform that provides an end-to-end solution for prospecting, application gathering, underwriting, compliance, quality control, servicing and client retention. Our experienced loan officers use this technology platform and our custom-built client relationship management system, Guild 360, to find new clients, close new loans and enhance and expand existing client relationships. Guild 360 provides a comprehensive view of the client lifecycle, identifying lead generation opportunities in an effort to anticipate client needs for refinancings and new purchases. In addition to improving the productivity of our own employees, our technology has empowered the five businesses we acquired at least two years ago to increase origination volume by an average of 29% in the second year post-acquisition.

We recognize that the mortgage borrowing process is not one-size-fits-all. We understand that preferences with respect to how and when mortgage borrowers would like to interact with their lender are varied: sometimes, clients want to self-serve on the internet, while at other times, they prefer to speak in person or talk over the phone. For example, according to a 2019 survey of recent and prospective homebuyers conducted by PricewaterhouseCoopers, although digital interactions are more popular earlier on in the lending process, borrowers prefer in-person or over-the-phone interaction during later stages of the borrowing process. Our business model provides clients with both a comprehensive digital interface and an experienced team that delivers high-tech, high-touch client service, allowing clients to engage with us in whatever format and frequency provides them the most comfort and convenience.

Our business has generated a profit each year since 2008, and our net income has grown substantially over this time period. For the six months ended June 30, 2020, our total net revenue was \$604.3 million, net income was \$110.8 million, annualized return on equity was 48.5% and Adjusted Net Income was \$238.2 million. For the same period, Adjusted EBITDA was \$325.8 million and annualized Adjusted Return

on Equity was 104.4%. For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019, our total net revenue was \$712.9 million, net income was \$5.6 million, return on equity was 1.3%, Adjusted Net Income was \$139.1 million, Adjusted EBITDA was \$201.5 million and Adjusted Return on Equity was 32.8%. For information on how we use these non-GAAP measures and a reconciliation of them to their most comparable GAAP measures, see "Summary Historical Consolidated Financial and Other Data" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Non-GAAP Financial Measures."

#### **Market Opportunity**

We believe our proven growth strategy, deep referral network and personalized client service position us to capitalize on opportunities resulting from the following market conditions.

#### Large Addressable Market

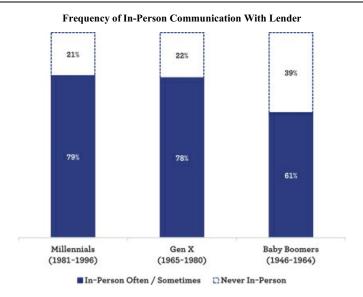
Mortgage loans are the largest class of consumer debt in the United States. According to the New York Federal Reserve, there was approximately \$10.2 trillion of residential mortgage debt outstanding as of June 30, 2020.

From 2007 through the year ended December 31, 2019, annual first-lien residential mortgage originations in the United States have averaged approximately \$1.8 trillion and, over that period, conventional conforming or government mortgages accounted for approximately 82% of first-lien residential mortgage originations in the United States, according to Inside Mortgage Finance. Guild's product offerings include both conventional conforming and government-eligible loans, and such loans have constituted over 90% of our cumulative origination volume from 2007 through June 30, 2020.

#### Demographic Trends and Borrower Preferences Support our Focus on Mortgage Purchase Volume and First-Time Homebuyers

From 2007 through the year ended December 31, 2019, annual purchase-mortgage volume in the United States averaged \$0.8 trillion and on average accounted for approximately 47% of annual first-lien residential mortgage volume, according to Inside Mortgage Finance. Over the same period, first-time homebuyers accounted for 46% of annual mortgage purchase volume, according to a March 2020 study published by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (the "CFPB").

Over the next decade, according to Inside Mortgage Finance, approximately 45 million people will turn 34, the median age of a first-time homebuyer, potentially generating increased demand for mortgage purchase loans. Our focus on purchase-mortgage business and personalized client service could position us to capitalize on this market opportunity because younger generations of first-time and repeat homebuyers often choose to communicate with their lenders in-person. According to a 2019 Ellie Mae study, 79% of Millennial and 78% of Generation X consumers reported meeting with their lender in person often or sometimes.



Source: Ellie Mae.

#### The Mortgage Industry is Highly Fragmented

According to Inside Mortgage Finance, since 2010, non-bank lenders have increased their share of annual first-lien residential mortgage originations from approximately 16% to more than 50%, and the aggregate share of loans originated by the top 10 originators fell from 73% to 42%, as the largest national banks reduced their presence in the mortgage sector. Further, the top five companies in the retail mortgage market comprised only 17.3% of total originations in 2019, according to Inside Mortgage Finance. This market fragmentation creates significant opportunity for us to continue to grow.

We believe that our employees' local presence in the communities that we serve and our long-standing referral networks position us to succeed in a large, fragmented market. We believe that many borrowers, and first-time homebuyers in particular, rely on recommendations from real estate professionals, homebuilders, current and past homeowners, financial planners and other members within their communities to identify their mortgage lender. Our local presence positions us to capture origination volume generated by such referral networks and to provide expertise and advice to borrowers that is specific to the communities in which they are looking to purchase homes.

#### Considerable Barriers to Entry

The residential mortgage industry is characterized by high barriers to entry. Mortgage lenders must obtain approval from Freddie Mac, Fannie Mae and Ginnie Mae and maintain various state licenses in order to originate, sell and service conventional conforming and federal and GSE-backed loans. In addition, sophisticated technology, origination and servicing processes and regulatory expertise are required to build and manage a successful mortgage business.

Over the course of our long operating history, we have developed strong relationships with Freddie Mac, Fannie Mae and Ginnie Mae, as well as state regulatory authorities. We have also invested heavily in

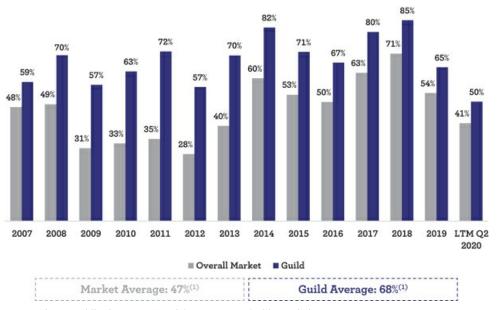
our technology and in developing our infrastructure and internal processes. Furthermore, our management team has an average of 24 years of experience managing through various market and regulatory environments. We believe these long-standing relationships, and the time and resources we have dedicated to developing our brand and infrastructure, provide a competitive advantage and position our business for continued success.

#### Our Strengths

#### Differentiated Access to Purchase Loans Enables Durable Origination Volume and Attractive Margins

Our strategy has generated significant origination volume, including a high percentage of purchase money volume. Over the five years ended December 31, 2019, we have originated more than \$84.1 billion of total volume, including \$61.4 billion of purchase volume. Our purchase volume represents 73% of our total origination volume over that period, compared to 58% of total origination volume in the United States, according to Inside Mortgage Finance. Further, Guild achieved a higher purchase mix than the industry average each year since 2007. We believe our focus on purchase loans makes our business more stable by making it less sensitive to interest rate changes and less dependent on refinance activity, which enhances our ability to generate more consistent returns through market cycles.

#### Purchase Origination Volume As a Percentage of Total Originations

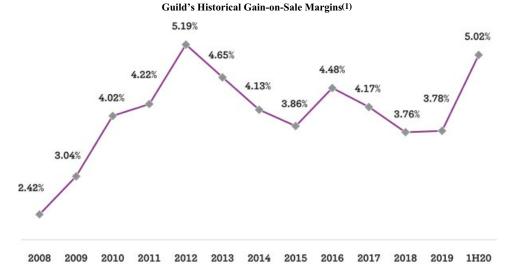


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Average based on periods shown in the chart above.

We source a majority of our loans through an established referral network of realtors, builders and other partners (our "referral partners") with whom we have developed longstanding relationships over years of positive interactions. This network provides us with direct and frequent leads for loans to homebuyers who are seeking a personalized experience and access to our diverse product offerings, including affordable lending solutions designed to serve the first-time homebuyer market. Our loan officers educate our clients

on the unique aspects of the products that we offer and help them to identify the product that will best suit their needs. This tailored and interactive approach to the lending process helped us achieve Money Magazine's Best Mortgage Company for First Time Home Buyers award in 2020. Further, we believe our focus on service over price, and the value we provide to our clients, has enabled us to generate attractive gain-on-sale margins.



(1) Represents the components of loan origination fees and gain on sale of loans, net described under "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Our Components of Revenue" divided by total in-house origination to derive basis points.

#### Proven Track Record of Navigating through Market Cycles and Executing on Growth Strategies

We have demonstrated our ability to adapt and successfully operate through various market conditions and interest rate environments. Since 1960, we have operated through eight recessions and a wide range of housing market conditions, consistently evolving our risk management framework and operating culture in order to continue serving our clients. We have been profitable each year since 2008, and we believe our track record is largely due to our expertise in the mortgage market, nimble operating style and balanced business model.

Following the acquisition of the Company from its founder in 2007, we shifted our focus to actively growing our origination franchise and scaling our servicing portfolio. In the 12 years since then, we have grown annual origination volume by 19 times and our servicing portfolio dollar volume by 21 times, using a combination of organic and inorganic growth strategies. Through productivity gains from our evolving technology platform, recruiting new loan officers and executing on our targeted acquisition strategy, we have grown in our existing markets and also expanded into new geographies. The success of our acquisition strategy has also supported our profitability.

#### Our Strategy is Tailored to Address Homebuyer Needs and Promote Deep Referral Network Relationships

We believe that borrowers often prefer to work with people and companies that are present in their neighborhoods and are able to deliver customized solutions to fit their specific needs. Understanding these unique needs is the reason we feel it is vital to be in the communities we serve, living and working with our clients and members of our referral networks.

We provide an individualized lending approach, a broad product set and the operational and regulatory expertise required to meet our clients' needs. Through our decentralized fulfillment model, we perform underwriting and closing services on a regional basis, which allows us to recognize and adapt to the intricacies of each region and build relationships between our fulfillment team and our local loan officers. Our origination processes are designed to deliver reliable service and on-time closings.

We believe that our referral networks and local community presence position us to succeed in a highly fragmented market. Our local presence positions us to capture loan volume generated by these referral networks and provide tailored advice that acknowledges the fact that purchasing a home is an emotional life decision and borrowers have varied preferences with respect to the mortgage lending process. We provide our clients with the opportunity to engage with us in whatever manner they may prefer—whether that may be in person, online or over the phone. Our technology platform furthers our ability to deliver reliable service and on-time closings by creating milestones and swim lanes to provide clear accountability with respect to meeting closing deadlines.

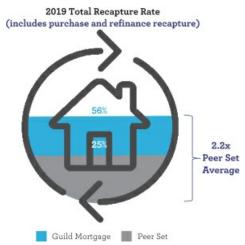
#### Internally-Developed Technology Platform Underpins Loan Officer Productivity and Fosters Repeat Business

We leverage our robust technology platform and coaching program to increase our loan officers' productivity and overall recapture rates.

Our technology platform provides loan officers with end-to-end support from client acquisition to loan closing and client retention. Our loan officers benefit from our custom-built technology platform and our data repository, which has been developed over the course of our long operating history. We continue to build our data repository through our ongoing origination activity, and we have added data from more than 525,000 transactions since January 1, 2010. By utilizing this data to further develop our platform and to curate suggested customer touchpoints, we foster a balanced combination of personalized and digital strategies for lead nurturing, as well as client education and communication, that we believe gives our loan officers a competitive edge.

In addition, our technology platform adds substantial value to loan officers that cannot be replicated or transferred to our peers. This helps us to generate strong loan officer loyalty and benefit from high retention rates among our top performing loan officers. The loan officers responsible for 71% of our production volume over the last five years are still with the Company today.

This technology-focused approach to managing client relationships, coupled with our loan officers' strong referral networks and other relationships within their communities, has contributed to the increase in our overall recapture rate from 37% for the year ended December 31, 2017 to 61% for the twelve months ended June 30, 2020. In addition, for the year ended December 31, 2019, Guild's portfolio recapture volume—calculated as the dollar volume of originations for existing retail clients who refinanced or received a new purchase mortgage during that period—totaled \$4.9 billion, which resulted in a 26% purchase recapture rate, a 64% refinance recapture rate and a 56% overall recapture rate—outperforming the average overall recapture rate of 25% for large independent mortgage lenders participating in the Mortgage Bankers Association and STRATMOR Peer Group Roundtables Program (Spring 2020). We believe our ability to achieve purchase and refinance recapture rates in excess of market averages is a testament to our innovative platform and business model.



Source: Company information and Mortgage Bankers Association and STRATMOR Peer Group Roundtables Program (Spring 2020), large independent mortgage lenders peer set.

We also empower our loan officers through the Company's coaching program, Elevate, which is designed to support loan officers at each stage of their careers and provides a roadmap to develop highly productive partnerships with referral networks. The program is taught by our highest producing loan officers and allows participants to learn effective solutions from their peers that are in the market originating mortgages on a day-to-day basis. The program also furthers our goal of creating a collaborative culture by engaging our national sales team to share best practices with their peers around the country. Participating loan officers have consistently achieved increased average productivity following participation in the program.

#### Strong Culture Set by Experienced Management Team

At the heart of our Company is our culture, grounded in strong values, innovation, creativity and collaboration. We believe our culture sets us apart and is the backbone of our success. It has enabled us to continuously innovate and evolve to navigate the dynamic mortgage market.

Guild is an inclusive organization and encourages open and honest dialogue across employees, clients and partners. We have a diverse leadership team that fills key roles in each of our business lines. Our leadership team has an average of 24 years of industry experience, has worked at Guild for an average of 21 years and includes top performers from the businesses that Guild has acquired. We have high employee retention, as well as a successful recruiting program, because we empower our employees, maintain a culture that supports collaboration and development and provide our employees with the tools and resources they need to be successful.

We also believe strongly in supporting the communities in which we operate. To that end, Guild and its employees give back to the neighborhoods and communities we serve through sustained investment of time and resources, including through our Guild Giving Foundation.

Further, our management team is well respected across the mortgage industry and has developed strong relationships with our financing counterparties, our referral networks and the investors to which we

sell the majority of the loans that we originate—Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and Ginnie Mae. Because of these relationships, we often have unique opportunities to work on, and shape, pilot programs for new products. This allows us to stay at the leading edge of product development, provide our clients with a broad solution set and further develop our relationships with stakeholders critical to the success of our business.

#### **Our Growth Strategies**

We have increased our origination volume from \$1.4 billion for the year ended December 31, 2007 to \$27.8 billion for the twelve months ended June 30, 2020. Our strategy has proven to be scalable as we have further penetrated many of our existing markets and expanded our presence across the United States. We believe that we are well positioned to continue capturing additional origination business through our well-recognized brand, internally-developed technology platform and differentiated position in the purchase market.

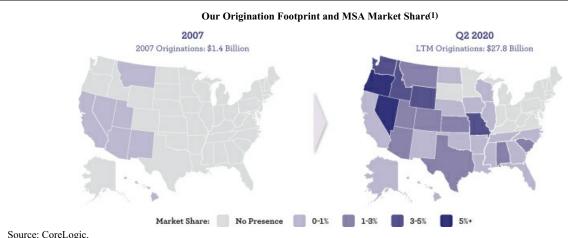
#### Increase Our Market Share in Existing MSAs and Continue Building Our Team of Loan Officers

We are a top-10 lender in 26 of the 50 largest metropolitan statistical areas ("MSAs") in which we operate according to CoreLogic, and our share of total origination volume has grown by 14 times over the last 12 years through June 30, 2020, based on our origination data and data from Inside Mortgage Finance. Our hands-on approach in local communities has allowed us to continually capture increased business as we strengthen and broaden our relationships in the MSAs in which we operate. Our ability to improve the productivity of our existing loan officers through more effective use of our technology platform and our talent development programs further supports our growth efforts. For illustrative purposes, if we were able to capture an additional 1% of market share in the states where we currently operate an in-state retail location, we could add \$15.8 billion to our annual origination volume, according to origination volume data for the year ended December 31, 2019 from the Mortgage Bankers Association.

We believe we can continue to generate growth by adding loan officers to our team with recruiting efforts that leverage our reputation for providing the tools, data and support that allow loan officers to develop their business. We focus on recruiting the right loan officers to the Guild team, namely those who we believe will not only add incremental origination volume but will also fit well with our culture and further our mission to be a trusted partner for our clients. By maintaining our strong culture and continually developing our loan officers using our proprietary coaching program and technology platform, we have been able to efficiently scale our business.

#### Expand the Geographic Footprint of our Business

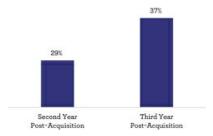
Our retail operations cover 31 states, with our largest presence on the West Coast. By continuing to execute our growth strategy, we believe we can grow our geographic footprint to include all 50 states over the long term. According to the Mortgage Bankers Association, the states where we did not operate an in-state retail location as of June 30, 2020 accounted for approximately 29% of total origination volume in 2019. We believe this could create an opportunity for us to grow our origination volume through continued market expansion.



(1) Indicates MSA market share only for states where the Company operates in-state retail locations.

Over the last 12 years through December 31, 2019, we acquired six businesses with 391 loan officers. To identify targets that fit best with Guild, we look for independent lenders who share our values and our commitment to innovation, creativity and collaboration. We prefer to partner with lenders that have a strong foothold in their market and a clearly defined approach to sustaining that success. We have also thoughtfully structured our past acquisitions to include an earn-out component designed to minimize up-front premium paid and ensure an attractive return on investment. Following an acquisition, we fully integrate each business operationally, on-boarding the acquired business to our platform, while allowing its management team to continue executing the strategy that has been successful for them in the past. After a target business has been integrated into the Guild platform, we strive to support growth organically in the same way we do in our existing MSAs. We also strive to generate synergies and support profitability by improving execution and increasing gain-on-sale margins for the businesses that we acquire. For the four businesses that we acquired at least three years ago, originations increased by an average of 37% in the third year following those acquisitions. We believe this demonstrates the soundness of our approach to acquisitions and our ability to successfully integrate acquired businesses into the Guild organization.

#### Average Increase in Volume per Acquisition



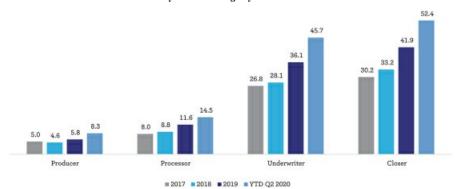
Given the fragmented nature of the mortgage market, we believe we can continue to generate meaningful growth through acquisitions. There were more than 900 independent mortgage lenders in the United States as of December 31, 2019, according to a June 2020 report published by the CFPB. We

believe this provides a large pool of potential targets for new acquisitions. Over the twelve months ended June 30, 2020, our share of mortgage originations accounted for 94 basis points of total residential mortgage originations in the United States, with our market share in the states where we have our strongest presence reaching more than 5%.

#### Enhance Productivity and Ancillary Fee Opportunities through Continued Investment in our Technology Platform

The mortgage industry is continually evolving, and our technology platform has been built to adapt with the market and our strategies. Our technology platform is the backbone of our regulatory efforts and the processes we use to effectively and efficiently onboard, underwrite, close and service mortgages. These functions are essential to providing outstanding client service and running our business efficiently. We continue to invest in our technology platform, and we believe our investment will continue to enhance our productivity and allow us to differentiate ourselves in the market place as it has to date, with the average number of loans closed per producer per month increasing from two during the year ended December 31, 2007 to ten in July of 2020. As of June 30, 2020, we employed 67 programmers and 92 other technology professionals who maintain and develop our systems.

#### Monthly Loan Closings by Job Function(1)



(1) Based on first-lien, retail funded units and average headcount over the period.

Additionally, using our data repository and adaptable technology platform, we have an opportunity to identify and offer our client base relevant ancillary products, such as title, property and casualty, life and umbrella insurance and other products and services complementary to the mortgages that we originate. Ancillary product offerings like these could increase the value of the services that we provide to our clients, further solidifying our position as a trusted partner in their financial decisions, and also create an opportunity to earn ancillary fee income through sourcing high-quality, timely and actionable referrals to insurance companies and other potential partners.

#### **Summary of Risk Factors**

You should consider carefully the risks described under the "Risk Factors" section beginning on page 29 and elsewhere in this prospectus. These risks could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition, operating results, cash flow and prospects, which could cause the trading

price of our Class A common stock to decline and could result in a partial or total loss of your investment. These risks include, among others, those related to:

- changes in macro-economic conditions and in U.S. residential real estate market conditions, including changes in prevailing interest rates or monetary policies and the effects of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic;
- · disruptions in the secondary home loan market and their effects on our ability to sell the loans that we originate;
- changes in certain U.S. government-sponsored entities and government agencies, including Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, Ginnie Mae, the Federal Housing Administration (the "FHA"), the U.S. Department of Agriculture (the "USDA") and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (the "VA"), or their current roles;
- the effects of our existing and future indebtedness on our liquidity and our ability to operate our business;
- failure to maintain and improve the technological infrastructure that supports our origination and servicing platform;
- any cybersecurity breaches or other attacks involving our computer systems or those of our third-party service providers;
- · our inability to secure additional capital, if needed, to operate and grow our business;
- the impact of operational risks, including employee or consumer fraud, the obligation to repurchase sold loans in the event of a
  documentation error, and data processing system failures and errors;
- failure to comply with, or material changes to, the various laws, regulations and practices, and interpretations thereof, applicable to our business;
- · changes in accounting rules, tax legislation and other legislation;
- risks related to our being a public company; and
- risks related to our Class A common stock, our dual class common stock structure and this offering.

#### Our Principal Stockholder

Following the completion of the reorganization transactions and this offering, MCMI will own 100% of our issued and outstanding Class B common stock and will control approximately % of the combined voting power of our outstanding common stock. As a result, MCMI will control any action requiring the general approval of our stockholders, including the election of our Board of Directors, the adoption of amendments to our certificate of incorporation and bylaws and the approval of any merger or sale of substantially all of our assets. Because MCMI will control more than 50% of the combined voting power of our outstanding common stock, we will be a "controlled company" under the corporate governance rules for NYSE-listed companies. Therefore we will be permitted to, and we intend to, elect not to comply with certain corporate governance requirements of the NYSE. For more information on the implications of this distinction, see "Risk Factors—Risks Related to our Class A Common Stock and this Offering," "Management—Controlled Company," and "Principal and Selling Stockholders."

Two members of our Board of Directors serve as members of the investment team at McCarthy Capital: Patrick Duffy, the Chairman of our Board of Directors, serves as the President and Managing Partner of McCarthy Capital and Mike Meyer serves as the Portfolio Director of McCarthy Capital. For more information, see "Management."

#### **Corporate Information**

Guild Mortgage Co. was incorporated in the State of California on August 10, 1960. The Issuer was incorporated in the State of Delaware on August 11, 2020, in connection with our reorganization under the laws of the State of Delaware. See "Organizational Structure." Our principal executive office is located at 5887 Copley Drive, San Diego, California 92111, and our telephone number at that address is (858) 560-6330. Our website address is www.guildmortgage.com. Information contained on or accessible through our website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus, and you should not consider that information to be part of this prospectus or in deciding whether to purchase shares of our Class A common stock.

#### Implications of Being an Emerging Growth Company

We qualify as an "emerging growth company" as defined in the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act of 2012 (the "JOBS Act"). As an emerging growth company, we may take advantage of specified reduced disclosure and other requirements that are otherwise applicable generally to public companies, including:

- presenting only two years of audited financial statements in addition to any required unaudited interim financial statements with correspondingly reduced "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" disclosure in this prospectus;
- not being required to comply with any requirement that may be adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board regarding
  mandatory audit firm rotation or a supplement to the auditor's report providing additional information about the audit and the financial
  statements:
- reduced disclosure about our executive compensation arrangements in our periodic reports, proxy statements and registration statements;
- exemption from the requirements to hold non-binding advisory votes on executive compensation and stockholder approval of any golden parachute payments not previously approved; and
- exemption from the auditor attestation requirement in the assessment of our internal control over financial reporting pursuant to Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as amended (the "Sarbanes-Oxley Act").

We may take advantage of these exemptions until we are no longer an emerging growth company. We will remain an emerging growth company until the earliest of (i) the end of the fiscal year following the fifth anniversary of the completion of this offering, (ii) the first fiscal year after our annual gross revenues exceed \$1.07 billion, (iii) the date on which we have, during the immediately preceding three-year period, issued more than \$1.0 billion in non-convertible debt securities, or (iv) the end of any fiscal year in which the market value of our common stock held by non-affiliates exceeds \$700.0 million as of the end of the second quarter of that fiscal year (and we have been a public company for at least 12 months and have filed one annual report on Form 10-K). We may choose to take advantage of some, but not all, of the available exemptions. We have taken advantage of certain reduced reporting obligations in this prospectus. Accordingly, the information contained herein may be different than the information you receive from other public companies in which you hold stock.

In addition, the JOBS Act provides that an emerging growth company can take advantage of an extended transition period for complying with new or revised accounting standards. This allows an emerging growth company to delay the adoption of certain accounting standards until those standards would otherwise apply to private companies. We have elected to avail ourselves of this exemption and, therefore, while we are an emerging growth company we will not be subject to new or revised accounting standards at the same time that they become applicable to other public companies that are not emerging growth companies.

#### **Recent Developments**

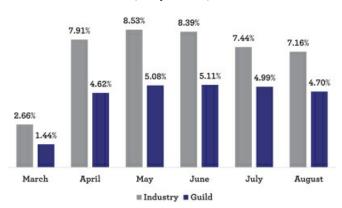
#### COVID-19 Pandemic

Business Operations and Liquidity

We continue to closely monitor the economic impact resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Although we experienced record origination volume and increased profit margins in our origination segment during the six months ended June 30, 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic has had a negative impact on the financial results of our servicing segment. The federal government enacted the CARES Act, which allows borrowers with federally backed loans to request a temporary mortgage forbearance. As a result of the CARES Act forbearance requirements, we have recorded, and expect to record additional, increases in delinquencies in our servicing portfolio. As of June 30, 2020, the 60-plus day delinquency rate on our servicing portfolio was 3.5%, compared to a 60-plus day delinquency rate of 1.5% as of February 28, 2020. This increased delinquency rate on our servicing portfolio may require us to finance substantial amounts of advances of principal and interest, property taxes, insurance premiums and other expenses to protect investors' interests in the properties securing the loans. These advances and payments, coupled with increased servicing costs and lower servicing revenue, have negatively affected and will continue to negatively affect our cash position. Additionally, we are currently prohibited from collecting certain servicing-related fees, such as late fees, and initiating foreclosure proceedings. As a result, we expect the effects of the CARES Act forbearance requirements to reduce our servicing income and increase our servicing expenses.

As of August 31, 2020, approximately 4.70% of the loans in our servicing portfolio had elected the forbearance option compared to the industry average of 7.16%, as reported by the Mortgage Bankers Association. Of the 4.70% of the loans in our servicing portfolio that had elected forbearance as of August 31, 2020, approximately 27.6% remained current on their August payments. We believe our portfolio has performed better than the industry average because of our in-house servicing capabilities and timely response to the COVID-19 pandemic and that our performance is a testament to the strength of our client relationships. Our in-house servicing team and local loan officers continue to work with our clients to understand forbearance plans and determine the best paths forward for their unique circumstances. By maintaining relationships with our clients throughout the loan lifecycle, and supporting our clients during times of uncertainty, we position ourselves to capture future business.

# Servicing Portfolio Forbearance (as of period end)



Source: Mortgage Bankers Association.

#### Employee Safety

We are also continuing to focus on the wellbeing and safety of our employees. Since March, we have moved to a remote working environment for the majority of our employees and, for those that are coming into our offices, we have instituted additional health and safety precautions, such as restricting visitors, providing masks and mandating more frequent sanitizing of our offices.

#### Increased Liquidity

During the three months ended June 30, 2020 (the "second quarter of 2020"), to support our increased loan origination volume, we increased the capacity of our existing loan funding facilities by \$165.0 million, of which \$90.0 million represented a temporary increase in capacity. Subsequent to June 30, 2020, we increased the capacity of all of our existing loan funding facilities by an aggregate amount equal to \$739.0 million, of which \$90.0 million represented a temporary increase in capacity. We added one additional loan funding facility during the second quarter of 2020 with a total facility size of \$100.0 million, for which we subsequently increased the capacity by \$100.0 million during the three months ended September 30, 2020 (the "third quarter of 2020"). As of the date of this prospectus, the aggregate available amount under our loan facilities was approximately \$100.0 million during the three months and the subsequently increased the capacity by \$100.0 million during the three months ended September 30, 2020 (the "third quarter of 2020"). As of the date of this prospectus, the aggregate available amount under our loan facilities was approximately \$100.0 million during the three months are provided to the subsequently increased the capacity by \$100.0 million during the three months ended September 30, 2020 (the "third quarter of 2020").

During the second quarter of 2020, we renewed one of our MSR notes payable and increased the aggregate amount available under that MSR note payable by \$27.0 million. In the third quarter of 2020, we renewed another MSR note payable and increased the aggregate amount available under that MSR note payable by \$15.0 million. In addition, in September 2020, we drew down \$22.0 million under one of our MSR notes payable. See "—Liquidity, Capital Resources and Cash Flows" for further information regarding our funding facilities.

The extent to which the COVID-19 pandemic affects our business, results of operations and financial condition will ultimately depend on future developments, which are highly uncertain and cannot be predicted, including the scope and duration of the pandemic and actions taken by governmental authorities and other third parties in response to the pandemic. See "Risk Factors—The COVID-19 pandemic has had, and will likely continue to have, an adverse effect on our business, and its ultimate effect on our business and financial results will depend on future developments, which are highly uncertain and cannot be predicted, including the scope and duration of the pandemic and actions taken or to be taken by government authorities in response to the pandemic."

#### Preliminary Estimated Results as of and for the Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2020

Our origination volume was \$10.0 billion for the third quarter of 2020. For the third quarter of 2020, based on preliminary results, we expect to report net income between \$180.0 million and \$189.0 million and annualized return on equity between 121% and 126%. Over the same time period, we expect to report Adjusted EBITDA between \$260.0 million and \$276.0 million, Adjusted Net Income between \$191.0 million and \$202.0 million and annualized Adjusted Return on Equity between 128% and 134%. For information on how we use these non-GAAP measures and a reconciliation of them to their most comparable GAAP measures, see "Summary Historical Consolidated Financial and Other Data" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Non-GAAP Financial Measures" in addition to the reconciliation tables provided below.

We believe the increases in net income for the third quarter of 2020 compared to the second quarter of 2020, were driven primarily by an increase in loan originations. We expect to report that net income increased from \$123.3 million for the second quarter of 2020 to a preliminary range of \$180.0 million to \$189.0 million for the third quarter of 2020. During the third quarter of 2020, we saw favorable market conditions lead to strong demand and origination volume. We do not know how long these favorable market conditions will continue going forward. There is no assurance that these results are indicative of our results in any future period.

The estimated results and ranges of results as of and for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020 that are provided above and in the tables below (the "preliminary estimated results") are preliminary and may change. We have yet to complete our normal review procedures for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020 and, as such, our final results for this period may differ from the preliminary estimated results. Any such changes could be material. The preliminary estimated results should not be viewed as a substitute for full interim financial information prepared in accordance with GAAP. The preliminary estimated results are not necessarily indicative of the results to be achieved for the remainder of 2020 or any future period. KPMG LLP has not audited, reviewed, compiled or performed any procedures with respect to the estimated results. Accordingly, KPMG LLP does not express an opinion or any other form of assurance with respect thereto.

We have presented the following preliminary estimated results and our actual results as of and for the three months and the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively:

	As of September 30,				
	20	2020			
(in thousands)	Low	High	(Actual)		
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	\$ 246,000	\$ 259,000	\$ 106,416		
Warehouse lines of credit	1,864,000	1,960,000	1,557,263		
Notes payable	203,000	213,000	153,000		
Total stockholder's equity	674,000	708,000	381,951		

	Thre	Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended		
	S	September 30,			September 30,		
	20:	2020 2019		2020		2019	
(in thousands)	Low	High	(Actual)	Low	High	(Actual)	
Total gain-on-sale margin range (bps)(1)	548	576	379	514	541	381	

(1) Represents the components of loan origination fees and gain on sale of loans, net described under "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Description of Certain Components of Financial Data—Our Components of Revenue" divided by total in-house origination to derive basis points. For the third quarter of 2020, based on preliminary results, we expect to report gain-on-sale margin based on pull-through adjusted lock volume between 4.72% and 4.96%. For the third quarter of 2019, we reported gain-on-sale margin based on pull-through adjusted lock volume of 3.60%. For the nine months ended September 30, 2020, based on preliminary results, we expect to report gain-on-sale margin based on pull-through adjusted lock volume between 3.74% and 3.93%. For the nine months ended September 30, 2019, we reported gain-on-sale margin based on pull-through adjusted lock volume of 3.40%. Gain-on-sale margin based on pull-through adjusted lock volume of 3.40%. Gain-on-sale margin based on pull-through adjusted lock volume of 3.40%. Gain-on-sale margin based on pull-through adjusted lock volume of 3.40%. Gain-on-sale margin based on pull-through adjusted lock volume of 3.40%. Gain-on-sale margin based on pull-through adjusted lock volume. Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Description of Certain Components of Financial Data—Our Components of Revenue" divided by pull-through adjusted lock volume.

	Three Mont Septemb		Nine Months Ended September 30,		
	2020	2019	2020	2019	
(in thousands)	(Actu	al)	(Actual)		
Loan origination volume	\$ 10,046,462	\$ 7,126,419	\$ 24,605,336	\$ 15,669,257	
Total locked volume(1)	13,237,100	8,358,522	38,414,731	19,630,574	
Pull-through adjusted lock volume(2)	11,667,180	7,493,415	33,858,744	17,598,810	

Total locked volume represents the aggregate dollar value of the potential loans for which the Company has agreed to extend credit to consumers at specified rates for a specified period of time,

- subject to certain contingencies that are described in the interest rate lock commitments between the Company and each of those consumers. The total locked volume for a given period is representative of the interest rate lock commitments that the Company has initially entered into during that period.
- (2) Pull-through adjusted lock volume is equal to total locked volume multiplied by pull-through rates of 88.14%, 89.65%, 88.14% and 89.65% for the three months ended September 30, 2020 and September 30, 2019 and the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and September 30, 2019, respectively. We estimate the pull-through rate based on changes in pricing and actual borrower behavior using a historical analysis of loan closing data and "fallout" data with respect to the number of commitments that have historically remained unexercised.

	Thr	ee Months Ende	d	Nine Months Ended			
	:	September 30,		September 30,			
	2020 2019			202	0	2019	
(in thousands)	Low	High	(Actual)	Low High		(Actual)	
Net income (loss)	\$180,000	\$189,000	\$ 8,496	\$288,000	\$302,000	\$ (38,502)	
Adjusted Net Income	191,000	202,000	58,623	424,000	445,000	111,526	
Adjusted EBITDA	260,000	276,000	77,125	580,000	609,000	157,261	
Return on equity(1)	121%	126%	8%	70%	73%	(12)%	
Adjusted Return on Equity(2)	128%	134%	57%	104%	107%	36%	

- (1) For the three months ended September 30, 2020 and September 30, 2019 and the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and September 30, 2019, return on equity is shown on an annualized basis.
- (2) For the three months ended September 30, 2020 and September 30, 2019 and the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and September 30, 2019, Adjusted Return on Equity is shown on an annualized basis.

The following tables reconcile net income (loss) to Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted EBITDA and the calculation of Adjusted Return on Equity to return on equity, the most directly comparable financial measures calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP.

Reconciliation of Net Income (Loss) to	Three Months Ended September 30,			ded ,		
Adjusted Net Income	20	20	2019	20	20	2019
(in thousands)	Low	High	(Actual)	Low	High	(Actual)
Net income (loss)	\$ 180,000	\$ 189,000	\$ 8,496	\$ 288,000	\$ 302,000	\$ (38,502)
Add adjustments:						
Change in fair value of MSRs due to model inputs and						
assumptions	9,000	10,000	63,062	157,000	165,000	194,104
Change in fair value of contingent liabilities due to acquisitions	6,000	7,000	4,222	26,000	27,000	7,276
Tax impact of adjustments	(4,000)	(4,000)	(17,157)	(47,000)	(49,000)	(51,352)
Adjusted Net Income	<u>\$ 191,000</u>	\$ 202,000	\$ 58,623	<u>\$ 424,000</u>	<u>\$ 445,000</u>	<u>\$ 111,526</u>

Reconciliation of Net Income (Loss) to	Т	hree Months September			Nine Months Ended September 30,			
Adjusted EBITDA		2020 2019			020	2019		
(in thousands)	Low	High	(Actual)	Low	High	(Actual)		
Net income (loss)	\$ 180,00	\$ 189,00	0 \$ 8,496	\$ 288,000	\$ 302,000	\$ (38,502)		
Add adjustments:								
Interest expense on non-funding debt	2,00	2,00	0 2,194	6,000	7,000	6,797		
Income tax provision	62,00	0 66,000	0 (2,661)	98,000	103,000	(18,050)		
Depreciation and amortization	1,00	00 2,00	0 1,812	5,000	5,000	5,636		
Change in fair value of MSRs due to model inputs and								
assumptions	9,00	00 10,000	0 63,062	157,000	165,000	194,104		
Change in fair value of contingent liabilities due to								
acquisitions	6,00	7,00	0 4,222	26,000	27,000	7,276		
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 260,00	90 \$ 276,00	<u>\$ 77,125</u>	\$ 580,000	\$ 609,000	\$ 157,261		
Adjusted Return on Equity Calculation		e Months End eptember 30,	led	Nine Months Ended September 30,				
(in thousands, except where in	202	0	2019	202	0	2019		
percentages)	Low	High	(Actual)	Low	High	(Actual)		
Numerator: Adjusted Net Income	\$191,000	\$202,000	\$ 58,623	\$424,000	\$445,000	\$111,526		
Denominator: Average stockholder's equity	597,000	601,000	411,446	545,000	552,000	411,446		
Adjusted Return on Equity(1)	128%	134%	57%	104%	107%	36%		
Return on equity(2)	121%	126%	8%	70%	73%	(12)%		

For the three months ended September 30, 2020 and September 30, 2019 and the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and September 30, 2019, Adjusted Return on Equity is shown on an annualized basis.

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<sup>2019,</sup> return on equity is shown on an annualized basis.

#### THE OFFERING

Issuer

Guild Holdings Company, a Delaware corporation.

Class A common stock offered by the selling stockholders

shares (or shares if the underwriters exercise in full their option to purchase an additional shares of Class A common stock from the selling stockholders).

Class A common stock to be outstanding immediately after this offering

shares (or shares if the underwriters exercise in full their option to purchase an additional shares of Class A common stock from the selling stockholders).

If, immediately after this offering, MCMI were to elect to convert all of its shares of our Class B common stock into shares of our Class A common stock, shares of our Class A common stock would be outstanding ( % of which would be owned by non-affiliates of the Company).

Class B common stock to be outstanding immediately after this offering

shares (or shares if the underwriters exercise in full their option to purchase an additional shares of Class A common stock from the selling stockholders). Upon the completion of this offering, all of the outstanding shares of our Class B common stock will be held by MCMI. See "Description of Capital Stock."

Voting rights

Each share of our Class A common stock entitles its holder to one vote per share and each share of our Class B common stock entitles its holder to 10 votes per share.

All classes of our common stock with voting rights generally vote together as a single class on all matters submitted to a vote of our stockholders.

Upon the completion of the reorganization transactions and this offering, the outstanding shares of our Class B common stock will be entitled to an aggregate of approximately % of the combined voting power of our outstanding common stock, and the outstanding shares of our Class A common stock will be entitled to an aggregate of approximately % of the combined voting power of our outstanding common stock.

Conversion rights

Each share of our Class B common stock is convertible at any time, at the option of the holder, into one share of our Class A common stock.

Each share of our Class B common stock will automatically convert into one share of our Class A common stock (a) immediately prior to any sale or other transfer of such share by a holder of such share, subject to certain limited exceptions, such as transfers to permitted transferees, or (b) if MCMI, the direct or indirect equityholders of MCMI and their permitted

transferees own less than 10% of our issued and outstanding shares of common stock. See

"Description of Capital Stock."

Use of proceeds We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of shares of our Class A common

stock by the selling stockholders in this offering. See "Use of Proceeds."

Dividend policy We do not anticipate declaring or paying any regular cash dividends on our capital stock in

the foreseeable future. Instead, we anticipate that most or all of our future earnings will be retained to support our operations and finance the growth and development of our business. Any future determination to declare and pay cash dividends, if any, will be made at the discretion of our Board of Directors and will depend on a variety of factors. See "Dividend"

Policy."

Controlled company Upon completion of this offering, MCMI will continue to beneficially own more than 50%

of the combined voting power of our outstanding common stock. As a result, we will be permitted, and intend, to avail ourselves of the "controlled company" exemptions under the rules of the NYSE, including exemptions from certain of the corporate governance listing

requirements. See "Management-Controlled Company."

Listing We intend to apply to list our Class A common stock on the NYSE under the symbol

"GHLD."

Reserved Share Program At our request, the underwriters have reserved for sale, at the initial public offering price, up

to shares of Class A common stock, or 5% of the shares of Class A common stock offered by this prospectus, for sale to certain persons associated with us. The sales will be made at our direction through a reserved share program. If these persons purchase Class A common stock, it will reduce the number of shares of Class A common stock available for sale to the general public. Any reserved shares of Class A common stock that are not so purchased will be offered by the underwriters to the general public on the same terms as the other shares of Class A common stock offered by this prospectus. See "Underwriting—

Reserved Share Program" for more information.

Risk factors You should read the "Risk Factors" section beginning on page 29 and the other information

included in this prospectus for a discussion of factors to consider before deciding to invest in

shares of our Class A common stock.

Except as otherwise noted, all information in this prospectus (including, but not limited to, the number of shares of our Class A common stock and shares of our Class B common stock to be outstanding after the completion of this offering) assumes:

the occurrence of the reorganization transactions;

that the underwriters do not exercise their option to purchase up to selling stockholders;

additional shares of our Class A common stock from the

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- an initial public offering price of \$ per share (the midpoint of the estimated public offering price range set forth on the front cover of this prospectus);
- the filing and effectiveness of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws upon the closing of this offering;
- the exclusion of shares of our Class A common stock we expect to issue pursuant to restricted stock units we intend to grant in connection with this offering under the 2020 Plan, which we plan to adopt in connection with this offering, based on the midpoint of the estimated price range set forth on the front cover of this prospectus; and
- the exclusion of additional shares of our Class A common stock that will remain available for issuance pursuant to future awards under our 2020 Plan based on the midpoint of the estimated price range set forth on the front cover of this prospectus.

#### SUMMARY HISTORICAL CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL AND OPERATING DATA

The following tables present summary historical consolidated financial and operating data of Guild Mortgage Co. as of the dates and for the periods indicated. The summary consolidated statements of operations data presented below for the years ended December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018 and the summary consolidated balance sheet data as of December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018 have been derived from Guild Mortgage Co.'s audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. The summary consolidated statements of operations data presented below for the six-month periods ended June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2019 and the summary consolidated balance sheet data as of June 30, 2020 have been derived from Guild Mortgage Co.'s unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. This prospectus does not include financial statements of the Issuer because it has only been formed for the purpose of effecting the reorganization transactions and, until the consummation of the reorganization transactions, will hold no material assets and will not engage in any operations. See "Organizational Structure."

The summary consolidated historical financial and operating data are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected in any future period. You should read the following summary historical financial and operating data in conjunction with the sections of this prospectus entitled "Selected Historical Consolidated Financial and Operating Data" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and Guild Mortgage Co.'s audited and unaudited consolidated financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this prospectus. The summary historical financial and operating data in this section are not intended to replace, and are qualified in their entirety by, Guild Mortgage Co.'s audited and unaudited consolidated financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this prospectus.

	Six M	onths	Year Ended		
	Ended J	June 30,	Decemb	ber 31,	
	2020	2020 2019		2018	
Statements of Income (Loss) Data					
<u>in thousands)</u>					
Revenue					
Loan origination fees and gain on sale of loans, net	\$ 733,293	\$ 327,503	\$ 820,814	\$ 616,608	
Loan servicing and other fees	76,310	68,437	142,705	123,681	
Valuation adjustment of mortgage servicing rights	(204,810)	(160,222)	(255,219)	(17,050)	
Interest income (expense), net	(492)	2,194	3,396	(326)	
Other income (expense)	(4)	1,181	1,193	6	
Net revenue	604,297	239,093	712,889	722,919	
Expense					
Salaries, commissions and benefits	376,898	241,316	578,170	510,253	
General and administrative	48,192	28,624	63,983	50,976	
Occupancy, equipment and communication	26,955	26,942	53,678	52,483	
Depreciation and amortization	3,146	3,824	7,333	7,180	
Provision for foreclosure losses	1,860	774	3,895	4,434	
Total expenses	457,051	301,480	707,059	625,326	
Income (loss) before income tax (benefit) expense	147,246	(62,387)	5,830	97,593	
Income tax (benefit) expense	36,465	(15,389)	253	24,260	
Net income (loss)	<u>\$ 110,781</u>	\$ (46,998)	\$ 5,577	\$ 73,333	

	As	of June 30,	As of Dec	ember 31,
		2020	2019	2018
Balance Sheet Data				
(in thousands)				
Assets				
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	\$	148,462	\$ 106,735	\$ 62,755
Mortgage loans held for sale		1,982,521	1,504,842	966,171
Derivative asset		141,629	19,922	12,541
Mortgage servicing rights, net		336,687	418,402	511,852
Other assets		1,093,706	557,512	484,932
Total assets	\$	3,703,005	\$ 2,607,413	\$ 2,038,251
Liabilities and stockholder's equity				
Warehouse lines of credit	\$	1,689,291	\$ 1,303,187	\$ 839,734
Notes payable		188,000	218,000	160,000
Other liabilities		1,318,902	680,195	597,576
Total liabilities		3,196,193	2,201,382	1,597,310
Total stockholder's equity	\$	506,812	\$ 406,031	\$ 440,941

#### **Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

To supplement Guild Mortgage Co.'s financial statements presented in accordance with GAAP and to provide investors with additional information regarding Guild Mortgage Co.'s GAAP financial results, we have presented in this prospectus Adjusted Net Income, Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted Return on Equity, which are non-GAAP financial measures. These non-GAAP financial measures are not based on any standardized methodology prescribed by GAAP and are not necessarily comparable to similarly titled measures presented by other companies.

Adjusted Net Income. We define Adjusted Net Income as earnings before the change in the fair value measurements related to our mortgage servicing rights ("MSRs") and contingent liabilities related to completed acquisitions due to changes in valuation assumptions. The fair value of our MSRs is estimated based on a projection of expected future cash flows and the fair value of our contingent liabilities related to completed acquisitions is estimated based on a projection of expected future earn-out payments. Adjusted Net Income is also adjusted by applying an implied tax effect to these adjustments. The Company excludes the change in the fair value of its MSRs due to changes in model inputs and assumptions from Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted EBITDA because the Company believes this non-cash, non-realized adjustment to total revenues is not indicative of the Company's operating performance or results of operation but rather reflects changes in model inputs and assumptions (e.g., discount rates and prepayment speed assumptions) that impact the carrying value of the Company's MSRs from period to period.

Adjusted EBITDA. We define Adjusted EBITDA as earnings before interest (without adjustment for net warehouse interest related to loan fundings and payoff interest related to loan prepayments), taxes, depreciation and amortization exclusive of any change in the fair value measurements of the MSRs due to valuation assumptions and contingent liabilities from business acquisitions. The Company excludes the change in the fair value of its MSRs due to changes in model inputs and assumptions from Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted EBITDA because the Company believes this non-cash, non-realized adjustment to total revenues is not indicative of the Company's operating performance or results of operation but rather reflects changes in model inputs and assumptions (e.g., discount rates and prepayment speed assumptions) that impact the carrying value of the Company's MSRs from period to period.

Adjusted Return on Equity. We define Adjusted Return on Equity as Adjusted Net Income as a percentage of average beginning and ending stockholder's equity during the period. For periods of less than one year, Adjusted Return on Equity is shown on an annualized basis.

We use these non-GAAP financial measures to evaluate our operating performance, to establish budgets and to develop operational goals for managing our business. These non-GAAP financial measures are designed to evaluate operating results exclusive of fair value adjustments that are not indicative of management's operating performance. Accordingly, we believe that these financial measures provide useful information to investors and others in understanding and evaluating our operating results, enhancing the overall understanding of our past performance and future prospects.

Our non-GAAP financial measures are not prepared in accordance with GAAP and should not be considered in isolation of, or as an alternative to, measures prepared in accordance with GAAP. There are a number of limitations related to the use of these non-GAAP financial measures rather than net income (loss), which is the most directly comparable financial measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP for Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted EBITDA, and return on equity, which is the most directly comparable financial measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP for Adjusted Return on Equity. These limitations include that these non-GAAP financial measures are not based on a comprehensive set of accounting rules or principles and many of the adjustments to the GAAP financial measures reflect the exclusion of items that are recurring and may be reflected in the Company's financial results for the foreseeable future. In addition, other companies may use other measures to evaluate their performance, all of which could reduce the usefulness of our non-GAAP financial measures as tools for comparison.

The following tables reconcile Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted EBITDA to net income (loss), the most directly comparable financial measures calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP.

Reconciliation of Net Income (Loss) to		Months Ended Twelve Months Ended June 30, June 30,		Twelve Months Ended June 30,		ended ber 31,
Adjusted Net Income	·					
(\$ in thousands)	2020	2019	2020	2019	2019	2018
Net income (loss)	\$ 110,781	\$ (46,998)	163,356	\$ (33,173)	\$ 5,577	\$ 73,333
Add adjustments:						
Change in fair value of MSRs due to model						
inputs and assumptions	151,080	130,734	191,744	152,016	171,398	(26,178)
Change in fair value of contingent liabilities						
due to acquisitions	20,025	3,054	24,891	(157)	7,920	(2,642)
Tax impact of adjustments(1)	(43,718)	(34,183)	(55,351)	(38,776)	(45,816)	7,364
Adjusted Net Income	\$ 238,168	\$ 52,607	\$ 324,640	\$ 79,910	\$ 139,079	\$ 51,877
(1) Implied tax rate used is 25.5%.						

Reconciliation of Net Income (Loss) to Adjusted EBITDA	Six Months Ended June 30,		Years ended December 31,	
(\$ in thousands)	2020 2019		2019	2018
Net income (loss)	\$ 110,781	\$ (46,998)	\$ 5,577	\$ 73,333
Add adjustments:				
Interest expense on non-funding debt	4,291	4,603	8,980	7,019
Income tax provision	36,465	(15,389)	253	24,260
Depreciation and amortization	3,146	3,824	7,333	7,180
Change in fair value of MSRs due to model inputs and assumptions	151,080	130,734	171,398	(26,178)
Change in fair value of contingent liabilities due to acquisitions	20,025	3,054	7,920	(2,642)
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 325,788	\$ 79,828	\$ 201,461	\$ 82,972

Adjusted Return on Equity Calculation		Six Months Ended Twelv June 30,		ths Ended 30,	Years ended December 31,		
(\$ in thousands, except where in percentages)	2020	2019	2020	2019	2019	2018	
Numerator: Adjusted Net Income	\$238,168	\$ 52,607	\$324,640	\$ 79,910	\$139,079	\$ 51,877	
Denominator: Average stockholder's equity	456,422	407,199	440,134	410,287	423,486	429,244	
Adjusted Return on Equity(1)	104.4%	25.8%	73.8%	<u>19.5</u> %	32.8%	12.1%	
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Return on equity(2)	48.5%	(23.1)%	37.1%	(8.1)%	1.3%	17.1%	

<sup>(1)</sup> For the six months ended June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2019, Adjusted Return on Equity is shown on an annualized basis.
(2) For the six months ended June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2019, return on equity is shown on an annualized basis.

Reconciliation of Net Income	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Ended September 30,			
(Loss) to Adjusted Net Income	2020 2019			20	2019		
(in thousands)	Low High		(Actual)	Low	High	(Actual)	
Net income (loss)	\$ 180,000	\$ 189,000	\$ 8,496	\$ 288,000	\$ 302,000	\$ (38,502)	
Add adjustments:							
Change in fair value of MSRs due to model inputs and							
assumptions	9,000	10,000	63,062	157,000	165,000	194,104	
Change in fair value of contingent liabilities due to							
acquisitions	6,000	7,000	4,222	26,000	27,000	7,276	
Tax impact of adjustments	(4,000)	(4,000)	(17,157)	(47,000)	(49,000)	(51,352)	
Adjusted Net Income	\$ 191,000	\$ 202,000	\$ 58,623	\$ 424,000	\$ 445,000	\$ 111,526	

Reconciliation of Net Income		ee Months En September 30		Nine Months Ended September 30,			
(Loss) to Adjusted EBITDA	2020 2019		2019	2020		2019	
(in thousands)	Low	High	(Actual)	Low	High	(Actual)	
Net income (loss)	\$ 180,000	\$ 189,000	\$ 8,496	\$ 288,000	\$ 302,000	\$ (38,502)	
Add adjustments:							
Interest expense on non-funding debt	2,000	2,000	2,194	6,000	7,000	6,797	
Income tax provision	62,000	66,000	(2,661)	98,000	103,000	(18,050)	
Depreciation and amortization	1,000	2,000	1,812	5,000	5,000	5,636	
Change in fair value of MSRs due to model inputs and							
assumptions	9,000	10,000	63,062	157,000	165,000	194,104	
Change in fair value of contingent liabilities due to acquisitions	6,000	7,000	4,222	26,000	27,000	7,276	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 260,000	\$ 276,000	\$ 77,125	\$ 580,000	\$ 609,000	\$ 157,261	

Adjusted Return on Equity Calculation		ee Months End September 30,	led	Nine Months Ended September 30,		
(in thousands, except where in	202	20	2019	202	2019	
percentages)	Low High		(Actual)	Low	High	(Actual)
Numerator: Adjusted Net Income	\$191,000	\$202,000	\$ 58,623	\$424,000	\$445,000	\$111,526
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Return on equity(2)	121%	126%	8%	70%	73%	(12)%

<sup>(1)</sup> For the three months ended September 30, 2020 and September 30, 2019 and the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and September 30, 2019, Adjusted Return on Equity is shown on an annualized basis.

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(2) For the three months ended September 30, 2020 and September 30, 2019 and the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and September 30, 2019, return on equity is shown on an annualized basis.

The following table reconciles the valuation adjustment of mortgage servicing rights from the Company's consolidated statements of income to the change in fair value of MSRs due to model inputs and assumptions included in the reconciliation tables above.

Reconciliation of valuation adjustment of mortgage servicing rights to change in fair value of MSRs due to	Six Months Ended June 30,			onths Ended e 30,	Year ended December 31,		
model inputs and assumptions							
(\$ in thousands)	2020	2019	2019	2020	2019	2018	
Valuation adjustment of mortgage servicing rights	\$ (204,810)	\$ (160,222)	\$ (203,842)	\$ (299,807)	\$ (255,219)	\$ (17,050)	
Subtract adjustment:							
Change in fair value of MSRs due to collection/realization of cash flows	(53,730)	(29,488)	(51,826)	(108,063)	(83,821)	(43,228)	
Change in fair value of MSRs due to model inputs and assumptions	<u>\$ (151,080</u> )	<u>\$ (130,734</u> )	<u>\$ (152,016)</u>	<u>\$ (191,744)</u>	<u>\$ (171,398</u> )	\$ 26,178	

#### RISK FACTORS

Investing in our Class A common stock involves risks. You should carefully consider the risks and uncertainties described below, together with all of the other information included in this prospectus, including the financial statements and the related notes appearing at the end of this prospectus, before deciding to invest in our Class A common stock. Our business, financial condition, operating results, cash flow and prospects could be materially and adversely affected by any of these risks or uncertainties. In that case, the trading price of our Class A common stock could decline, and you could lose all or part of your investment. The risks and uncertainties described below are not the only ones we face. Additional risks and uncertainties that we are unaware of or that we currently see as immaterial may also adversely affect our business. Some statements in this prospectus, including statements included in the following risk factors, constitute forward-looking statements. Please refer to "Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements."

#### **Risks Related to Our Business**

The COVID-19 pandemic has had, and will likely continue to have, an adverse effect on our business, and its ultimate effect on our business and financial results will depend on future developments, which are highly uncertain and cannot be predicted, including the scope and duration of the pandemic and actions taken or to be taken by government authorities in response to the pandemic.

The COVID-19 pandemic has negatively affected, and continues to negatively affect, the national economy and the local economies in the communities in which we operate and has created unprecedented economic, financial and health disruptions that have, and will likely continue to have, an adverse effect on our business. The pandemic has also caused significant volatility and disruption in the financial markets. In the event of a prolonged economic downturn, real estate transactions, the volume of mortgages we originate and the value of the homes that serve as collateral for the loans that we service may decrease significantly.

The COVID-19 pandemic is also affecting our mortgage servicing operations. The federal government enacted the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the "CARES Act"), which allows borrowers with federally backed loans to request a temporary mortgage forbearance. As a result of the CARES Act forbearance requirements, we have recorded, and expect to record additional, increases in delinquencies in our servicing portfolio, which may require us to finance substantial amounts of advances of principal and interest, property taxes, insurance premiums and other expenses to protect investors' interests in the properties securing the loans. We expect that a borrower who has experienced a loss of employment or a reduction of income may not repay the forborne payments at the end of the forbearance period, or at all. Additionally, we are prohibited from collecting certain servicing-related fees, such as late fees, and initiating foreclosure proceedings. As a result, we expect the effects of the CARES Act forbearance requirements to reduce our servicing income, increase our servicing expenses and require significant cash outlays.

The COVID-19 pandemic may also affect our liquidity. We fund substantially all of the mortgage loans we close through borrowings under our loan funding facilities. Given the broad impact of COVID-19 on the financial markets, our future ability to borrow money to fund our current and future loan production and other cash needs is unknown. Our mortgage origination liquidity could also be affected if our lenders curtail access to uncommitted mortgage warehouse financing capacity or impose higher costs to access such capacity. Our liquidity may be further constrained as there may be less demand by investors to acquire our mortgage loans in the secondary market. In addition, we may be required to use significant amounts of cash to fund advances for loans subject to forbearance requirements or that are delinquent.

Our business operations may also be disrupted if significant portions of our workforce are unable to work effectively, including because of illness, quarantines, government actions or other restrictive measures in connection with the pandemic. As a result of the pandemic, a significant portion of our employees have been working remotely. Although some government authorities were in varying stages of

lifting or modifying some of these measures, some have already, and others may in the future, reinstitute these measures or impose new, more restrictive measures, if the risks, or the perception of the risks, related to the COVID-19 pandemic worsen at any time. Such restrictive measures could also slow certain aspects of our operations that depend on third parties such as appraisers, closing agents and others for loan-related verifications.

The extent to which the COVID-19 pandemic impacts our business, results of operations, and financial condition will ultimately depend on future developments, which are highly uncertain and cannot be predicted, including the scope and duration of the pandemic and actions taken by governmental authorities and other third parties in response to the pandemic.

#### A disruption in the secondary home loan market or our ability to sell the loans that we originate could have a detrimental effect on our business.

Demand in the secondary market for home loans and our ability to sell the mortgages that we originate depends on many factors that are beyond our control, including general economic conditions, the willingness of lenders to provide funding for and purchase home loans and changes in regulatory requirements. Our inability to sell the mortgages that we originate in the secondary market in a timely manner and on favorable terms could be detrimental to our business. In particular, we sell the majority of the mortgages that we originate to Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and Ginnie Mae, and the gain recognized from these sales represents a significant portion of our revenues and net earnings. If it is not possible or economical for us to continue selling mortgages to the GSEs, or other loan purchasers, our business, prospects, financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected.

#### Macroeconomic and U.S. residential real estate market conditions could materially and adversely affect our revenue and results of operations.

Our business has been, and will continue to be, affected by a number of factors that are beyond our control, including the health of the U.S. residential real estate industry, which is seasonal, cyclical, and affected by changes in general economic conditions, including the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Furthermore, our clients' and potential clients' income, and thus their ability and willingness to make home purchases and mortgage payments, may be negatively affected by macroeconomic factors such as unemployment, wage deflation, changes in property values and taxes and the availability and cost of credit. As a result, these macroeconomic factors can adversely affect our origination volume.

Increased delinquencies could also increase the cost of servicing existing mortgages and could be detrimental to our business. Lower servicing fees could result in decreased cash flow, and also could decrease the estimated value of our MSRs, resulting in recognition of losses when we write down those values. In addition, an increase in delinquencies lowers the interest income we receive on cash held in collection and other accounts and increases our obligation to advance certain principal, interest, tax and insurance obligations owed by the delinquent mortgage loan borrower.

# We highly depend on certain U.S. government-sponsored entities and government agencies, and any changes in these entities or their current roles could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

A substantial portion of the loans we originate are loans eligible for sale to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and government insured or guaranteed loans, such as loans backed by the FHA, the VA and the USDA eligible for Ginnie Mae securities issuance. The future of the GSEs, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, is uncertain, including with respect to how long they will continue to be in existence, the extent of their roles in the market and what forms they will have, and whether they will be government agencies, government-sponsored agencies or private for-profit entities. If the operation of the GSEs is discontinued or reduced, if there is a significant change in their capital structure, financial condition, activity levels or roles in the primary or secondary mortgage markets or in their underwriting criteria or if we lose approvals with those

agencies or our relationships with those agencies is otherwise adversely affected, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be adversely affected.

# Changes in prevailing interest rates or U.S. monetary policies may have a detrimental effect on our business. Our hedging strategies may not be successful in mitigating interest rate risk.

Our profitability is directly affected by changes in interest rates. The market value of closed loans held for sale and interest rate locks generally change along with interest rates. As such, volatility in prevailing interest rates may have a detrimental effect on our financial performance and results of operations. Many factors beyond our control impact interest rates, including economic conditions, governmental monetary policies, inflation, recession, changes in unemployment, the money supply, and disorder and instability in domestic and foreign financial markets. Changes in monetary policies of U.S. government agencies could influence not only consumer demand for mortgages but also the fair value of our financial assets and liabilities.

We pursue hedging strategies to mitigate our exposure to adverse changes in interest rates, including with respect to loans held for sale and interest rate locks. Hedging interest rate risk, however, is a complex process, requiring sophisticated models and constant monitoring, and is not a perfect science. Due to interest rate fluctuations, hedged assets and liabilities will appreciate or depreciate in market value. The effect of this unrealized appreciation or depreciation will generally be offset by income or loss on the derivative instruments that are linked to the hedged assets and liabilities. If we engage in derivative transactions, we will be exposed to credit and market risk. If the counterparty fails to perform, counterparty risk exists to the extent of the fair value gain in the derivative. Interest rate risk exists to the extent that interest rates change in ways that are significantly different from what we expected when we entered into the derivative transaction. In addition, we may not engage in hedging strategies with respect to all or a portion of our exposure to changes in interest rates at any given time, or may engage in hedging strategies to a degree or in a manner that is different from that of other companies in our industry. Failure to manage interest rate risk could have a material adverse effect on our business. See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk."

## Our servicing rights are subject to termination with or without cause.

The servicing agreements under which we service mortgage loans for GSE and non-GSE loan purchasers require that we comply with certain servicing guidelines and abide by certain financial covenants. Under the terms of our master servicing agreements with the GSEs and non-GSEs that purchase the loans we originate, the loan purchasers generally retain the right to terminate us as servicer of the loans we service on their behalf, with or without cause. If we were to have our MSRs terminated on a material portion of our servicing portfolio, or if our costs related to servicing mortgages were increased by the way of additional fees, fines or penalties or an increase in related compliance costs, this could materially and adversely affect our business.

# Our existing and any future indebtedness could adversely affect our ability to operate our business, our financial condition or the results of our operations.

Our existing and any future indebtedness could have important consequences, including:

- requiring us to dedicate a substantial portion of our cash flow to payments on our indebtedness, which would reduce the amount of cash flow available to fund working capital, capital expenditures or other corporate purposes;
- increasing our vulnerability to general adverse economic, industry and market conditions;
- subjecting us to restrictive covenants that may reduce our ability to take certain corporate actions or obtain further debt or equity financing;
- · limiting our ability to plan for and respond to business opportunities or changes in our business or industry; and

placing us at a competitive disadvantage compared to our competitors that have less debt or better debt servicing options.

Failure to make payments or comply with other covenants under our existing debt instruments could result in an event of default. If an event of default occurs and the lender accelerates the amounts due, we may need to seek additional financing, which may not be available on acceptable terms, in a timely manner or at all. In that event, we may not be able to make accelerated payments, and the lender could seek to enforce security interests in the collateral securing such indebtedness, which includes substantially all of our assets.

Our mortgage loan origination and servicing activities rely on our loan funding facilities to fund mortgage loans and otherwise operate our business. If one or more of those facilities are terminated, we may be unable to find replacement financing at commercially favorable terms, or at all, which could be detrimental to our business.

We fund substantially all of the mortgage loans we close through borrowings under our loan funding facilities and funds generated by our operations. Our borrowings are in turn generally repaid with the proceeds we receive from mortgage loan sales. We currently, and may in the future continue to, depend upon a handful of lenders to provide the primary funding facilities for our loans. As of the date of this prospectus, we had seven warehouse lines of credit pursuant to master repurchase agreements, which provide us with an aggregate maximum borrowing capacity of approximately \$2.9 billion. Additionally, as of June 30, 2020, we were party to (i) a term loan credit agreement with one of our warehouse banks, which agreement is collateralized by our Fannie Mae MSRs and provides for a term loan facility of \$100.0 million (which can be increased to up to \$150.0 million), (ii) a loan and security agreement with one of our warehouse banks, which agreement is collateralized by our Ginnie Mae MSRs and provides for a revolving facility of up to \$50.0 million.

In the event that any of our loan funding facilities is terminated or is not renewed, or if the principal amount that may be drawn under our funding agreements were to decrease significantly, we may be unable to find replacement financing on commercially favorable terms, or at all, which could be detrimental to our business. Further, if we are unable to refinance or obtain additional funds for borrowing, our ability to maintain or grow our business could be limited.

Our ability to refinance existing debt and borrow additional funds is affected by a variety of factors, including:

- limitations imposed under existing and future financing facilities that contain restrictive covenants and borrowing conditions that may limit our ability to raise additional debt;
- · a decline in liquidity in the credit markets;
- prevailing interest rates;
- · the financial strength of the lenders from whom we borrow;
- the decision of lenders from whom we borrow to reduce their exposure to mortgage loans due to a change in such lenders' strategic plan, future lines of business or otherwise:
- the amount of eligible collateral pledged on advance facilities, which may be less than the borrowing capacity of the facility;
- the large portion of our loan funding facilities that is uncommitted;
- · more stringent financial covenants in our refinanced facilities, with which we may not be able to comply; and
- accounting changes that impact calculations of covenants in our debt agreements.

If the refinancing or borrowing guidelines become more stringent and those changes result in increased costs to comply or decreased origination volume, those changes could be detrimental to our business.

Our loan funding facilities contain covenants that include certain financial requirements, including maintenance of maximum adjusted leverage ratio, minimum net worth, minimum tangible net worth, minimum current ratio, minimum liquidity, positive quarterly income and other customary debt covenants, as well as limitations on additional indebtedness, dividends, sales of assets, and declines in the mortgage loan servicing portfolio's fair value. A breach of these covenants can result in an event of default under these facilities and as such allow the lenders to pursue certain remedies. In addition, our loan facilities include cross default or cross acceleration provisions that could result in most, if not all, facilities terminating if an event of default or acceleration of maturity occurs under a facility. If we are unable to meet or maintain the necessary covenant requirements or satisfy, or obtain waivers for, the continuing covenants, we may lose the ability to borrow under all of our financing facilities, which could be detrimental to our business.

Our business depends on our ability to maintain and improve the technology infrastructure that supports our origination and servicing platform, and any significant disruption in service on our platform could harm our business, brand, operating results, financial condition and prospects.

Our ability to service our clients depends on the reliable performance of our technology infrastructure. Interruptions, delays or failures in these systems, whether due to adverse weather conditions, natural disasters, power loss, computer viruses, cybersecurity attacks, physical break-ins, terrorism, hardware failures, errors in our software or otherwise, could be prolonged and could affect the security or availability of our platform and our ability to originate and service mortgages. Furthermore, we may incur significant expense maintaining, updating and adapting our technology infrastructure, and our disaster recovery planning may be insufficient to prevent or mitigate these and other events or occurrences. The reliability and security of our systems, and those of certain third parties, is important not only to facilitating our origination and servicing of mortgages, but also to maintaining our reputation and ensuring the proper protection of our confidential and proprietary information and the data of mortgage borrowers and other third parties that we possess or control or to which we have access. Operational failures or prolonged disruptions or delays in the availability of our systems could harm our business, brand, reputation, operating results, financial condition and prospects.

# Our risk management strategies may not be fully effective in mitigating our risk exposures in all market environments or against all types of risk.

We have devoted significant resources to develop our risk management policies and procedures and expect to continue to do so in the future. Nonetheless, our risk management strategies may not be fully effective in mitigating our risk exposure in all market environments or against all types of risk, including market, interest rate, credit, liquidity, operational, cybersecurity, legal, regulatory and compliance risks, as well as other risks that we may not have identified or anticipated. As our products and services change and grow and the markets in which we operate evolve, our risk management strategies may not always adapt to those changes in a timely or effective manner. Some of our methods of managing risk are based upon our use of observed historical market behavior and management's judgment. As a result, these methods may not predict future risk exposures, which could be different or significantly greater than the historical measures indicate. Although we employ a broad and diversified set of risk monitoring and risk mitigation techniques, those techniques and the judgments that accompany their application cannot anticipate every economic and financial outcome or the timing of such outcomes. Any of these circumstances could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

# Pressure from existing and new competitors may adversely affect our business, operating results, financial condition and prospects.

We operate in a highly competitive industry that could become even more competitive due to economic, legislative, regulatory and technological changes. We face significant competition for clients

from bank and non-bank competitors, including national and regional banks, mortgage banking companies, financial technology companies and correspondent lenders. Many of our competitors are significantly larger and have significantly more resources, greater name recognition and more extensive and established retail footprints than we do.

Our ability to compete successfully will depend on a number of factors, including, among other things, our ability to build and maintain long-term client relationships while ensuring high ethical standards and sound lending and servicing practices, the scope, relevance and pricing of products and services that we offer, our clients' satisfaction with our products and services, industry and general economic trends and our ability to keep pace with technological advances in the industry.

Our failure to compete effectively in our markets could restrain our growth or cause us to lose market share, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, prospects, financial condition and results of operations. We may also face a competitive disadvantage as a result of our concentration in the northwest United States and will be unable, as compared to our more geographically diversified peers, to spread our operating costs a broader market. Furthermore, a cyclical decline in the industry's overall level of originations, or decreased demand for loans due to a higher interest rate environment, may lead to increased competition for remaining loan originations. Any increase in these competitive pressures could have an adverse effect on our business, prospects, financial condition and results of operations.

Our failure to maintain or grow our historical referral relationships with our referral partners may materially and adversely affect our business, operating results, financial condition and prospects.

A substantial portion of our mortgage origination leads are sourced through an established network of referral partners with which we have longstanding relationships. We rely on being a preferred provider to realtors, builders and other partners with whom we have relationships. Our failure to maintain or grow these relationships could significantly decrease our origination volume and materially and adversely affect our business, operating results, financial condition and prospects. In addition, changes in the real estate and home construction industries, or in the relationships between those industries and the mortgage industry, could adversely affect our business and operating results, financial condition and prospects. For example, in recent years, there has been an increase in products and services designed to facilitate home sales without the involvement of realtors, and if the role of realtors in the sales process declines, our business could be adversely affected if we are unable to adapt to that development in a manner that preserves our loan origination leads.

If we are not able to continue the historical levels of growth in our market share in the mortgage origination and servicing industry, we may not be able to maintain our historical earnings trends.

Since 2007, Guild Mortgage Co. has consummated six acquisitions that significantly contributed to our growth, particularly in new geographies. We are currently pursuing a growth strategy focused on growing market share in existing markets, as well as expanding opportunistically into new markets. This strategy may not sustain our historical rate of growth or our ability to grow at all. Our ability to execute our growth strategy depends on a variety of factors, such as economic conditions and competition, which are beyond our control, and access to capital and liquidity to fund such growth. Our ability to execute our growth strategy also depends on our ability to identify attractive acquisition targets, execute such transactions in a timely manner and successfully integrate acquired businesses, and we may not be able to do so in the future. In addition, we may issue equity in acquisition transactions, which would dilute our existing investors, and/or debt to finance such transactions, which would increase our leverage and expose us to additional risks relating to indebtedness. We may not be able to obtain the financing necessary to fund internal growth and we may not pursue growth through new acquisitions. Sustainable growth requires that we manage our risks by following prudent origination and servicing standards, hiring and retaining qualified loan officers and other employees, and successfully implementing strategic projects and initiatives. Our growth strategy may also change from time to time as a result of various internal and external factors. For example, natural disasters and other events beyond our control may also adversely

affect our growth. If we are not able to continue our historical levels of growth, we may not be able to maintain these historical earnings trends. The absence of, or our inability to pursue and take advantage of, growth opportunities, or our inability to manage our growth successfully, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of our operations and prospects.

## We may be adversely affected by a decline in our ability to recapture loans from borrowers who refinance.

The size of our servicing portfolio is subject to "run-off." For example, mortgage loans we service may be repaid at maturity, prepaid prior to maturity, refinanced with a mortgage not serviced by us, liquidated through foreclosure, deed-in-lieu of foreclosure or other liquidation process, or repaid through standard amortization of principal. Due to this run-off, our ability to maintain the size of our servicing portfolio, and to generate new originations, depends in part on our ability to continue originating loans with respect to which we will maintain the servicing rights and recapturing loans from existing clients who are in the market to refinance. Clients who refinance their mortgages are not obligated to refinance their loans with us and may choose to do so with a different lender. If we are unsuccessful in maintaining or increasing our share of loan originations or in recapturing our existing loans that are refinanced, our servicing portfolio may become increasingly subject to run-off and/or our loan originations may decline. This could adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

## We are required to make servicing advances that can be subject to delays in recovery or may not be recoverable in certain circumstances.

During any period in which our clients are not making payments on loans we service, including during defaults, delinquencies, forbearances and in certain circumstances where a client prepays a loan, we generally are required under our servicing agreements to advance our own funds to pay principal and interest, property taxes and insurance premiums, legal expenses and other expenses. In addition, in the event a loan serviced by us defaults or becomes delinquent, or to the extent a mortgagee under such loan is allowed to enter into a forbearance by applicable law or regulation, the repayment to us of any advance related to such events may be delayed until the loan is repaid or refinanced or liquidation occurs. Any delay or impairment in our ability to collect an advance may materially and adversely affect our liquidity, and delays in reimbursements of us, or our inability to be reimbursed, for advances could be detrimental to our business. Market disruptions such as the COVID-19 pandemic and the response, including through the CARES Act and the temporary period of forbearance that is being offered for clients unable to pay on certain mortgage loans as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as any extension or expansion of such periods of forbearance or similar or additional actions, may also increase the number of defaults, delinquencies or forbearances related to the loans we service, increasing the advances we make for such loans, which we may not recover in a timely manner or at all. While we have in the past utilized prepayments and payoffs to make advances, such sources, and other sources of liquidity available to us, may not be sufficient in the future, and our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected as a result of required advances. As of August 31, 2020, loans representing approximately 4.7% of the loans in our servicing portfolio were in forbearance.

## If we are unable to attract, integrate and retain qualified personnel, our ability to develop and successfully grow our business could be harmed.

Our business depends on our ability to retain our key executives and management and to hire, develop and retain qualified loan officers and other employees. Our ability to expand our business depends on our being able to hire, train and retain sufficient numbers of employees to staff our in-house servicing centers, as well as other personnel. Our success in recruiting highly skilled and qualified personnel can depend on factors outside of our control, including the strength of the general economy and local employment markets and the availability of alternative forms of employment. Furthermore, the spread of COVID-19 may adversely affect our ability to recruit and retain personnel. If the services of any of our key personnel should

become unavailable for any reason, we may not be able to identify and hire qualified persons on terms acceptable to us, which could have a material and adverse effect on our business, operating results, financial condition and prospects.

We may acquire other businesses or technologies, which could divert our management's attention, result in additional dilution to our stockholders and otherwise disrupt our operations and harm our operating results, financial condition and prospects.

We may determine to emphasize the growth of our business through the acquisition of complementary businesses and technologies rather than through internal development. The identification of suitable acquisition candidates can be difficult, time-consuming and costly, and we may not be able to successfully complete identified acquisitions or the acquisitions may cause diversion of management time and focus away from operating our business. Following any acquisition, we may face difficulty integrating acquired businesses, including technology, finance and accounting and sales and marketing functions; challenges retaining acquired employees; future write-offs of intangibles or other assets; and potential litigation, claims or other known and unknown liabilities.

Depending on the condition of any business or technology we may acquire, that acquisition may, at least in the near term, adversely affect our financial condition and operating results and, if not successfully integrated with our organization, may continue to have these effects over a longer period. We may not realize the anticipated benefits of any acquisitions and we may not be successful in overcoming these risks or any other problems encountered in connection with potential acquisitions. The greater our emphasis on acquisitions, the greater these risks will become. Our inability to overcome these risks could have an adverse effect on our profitability, return on equity and return on assets, our ability to implement our business strategy and enhance stockholder value, which, in turn, could have a material and adverse effect on our business, operating results, financial condition and prospects.

Our MSRs are highly volatile assets with continually changing values. If our estimates of their value prove to be inaccurate, we may be required to write them down, which could adversely affect our business and financial condition.

Our estimates of the fair value of our MSRs are based on the cash flows projected to result from the servicing of the related mortgage loans and continually fluctuate due to a number of factors, including prepayment rates and other market conditions that affect the number of loans that ultimately become delinquent or are repaid or refinanced. These estimates are calculated by a third party using complex internal financial models that account for a high number of variables that drive cash flows associated with MSRs and anticipate changes in those variables over the life of the MSR. As such, the accuracy of our estimates of the fair value of our MSRs are highly dependent upon the reasonableness of the results of such models and the variables and assumptions that we build into them. If loan delinquencies or prepayment speeds are higher than anticipated or other factors perform worse than modeled, the recorded value of certain of our MSRs may decrease, which could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We may from time to time be subject to litigation, which may be extremely costly to defend, could result in substantial judgment or settlement costs and could subject us to other remedies.

From time to time, we have been, and may continue to be, involved in various legal proceedings, including, but not limited to, actions related to our lending and servicing practices as well as alleged violations of the local, state and federal laws to which our business is subject. See "Business—Legal and Regulatory Proceedings." Claims may be expensive to defend and may divert management's time away from our operations, regardless of whether they are meritorious or ultimately lead to a judgment against us. We cannot assure you that we will be able to successfully defend or resolve any current or future litigation matters, and the resolution of such matters may result in significant financial payments by, or penalties imposed upon, us, restrictions on our business and operations, or other remedies, in which case those

litigation matters could have a material and adverse effect on our business, operating results, financial condition and prospects.

## The success and growth of our business will depend upon our ability to adapt to and implement technological changes.

The mortgage industry is continually undergoing rapid technological change with frequent introductions of new products and services. We seek to differentiate ourselves by the range of mortgage programs we offer and rely on our internally-developed technology to make our platform available to our loan officers, evaluate mortgage applicants and service loans. Our future success and growth depend, in part, upon our ability to develop new products and services that satisfy changing client demand and use technology to provide a desirable client experience and to create additional efficiencies in our operations. If we fail to predict demand and develop, commercially market and achieve acceptance of attractive products and services, our business and prospects could be adversely affected. In addition, the implementation of technological changes and upgrades to maintain current systems and integrate new ones may also cause service interruptions, transaction processing errors and system conversion delays, may cause us to fail to comply with applicable laws, and may cause us to incur additional expenses, which may be substantial. Failure to keep pace successfully with technological change affecting the mortgage industry and avoid interruptions, errors and delays could have material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

# Our corporate culture has contributed to our success and if we are unable to maintain it, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be harmed.

We believe our corporate culture has been a critical component to the success of our business. As we develop the infrastructure of a public company and continue to grow, however, it may be difficult to maintain that culture, which could reduce our ability to innovate and operate effectively. Any failure to maintain the key aspects of our culture could result in decreased employee satisfaction and increased difficulty in recruiting and retaining employees and could compromise the quality of the service that we provide to our clients, all of which are important to our success and to the effective execution of our business strategy. In the event that we are unable to maintain our corporate culture, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be harmed.

# The current economic environment poses significant challenges and could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We are operating in a challenging and uncertain economic environment. The mortgage industry continues to be affected by uncertainty in the real estate market, the credit markets, and the global financial market generally. The uncertainty in economic conditions has subjected us and other financial services companies to increased regulatory scrutiny. In addition, deterioration in local economic conditions in our markets could result in losses beyond that provided for in our allowance for credit losses and result in increased mortgage delinquencies, problem assets and foreclosures. This may also result in declining demand for products and services, which could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

## Adverse events to our clients could occur, which can result in substantial losses that could adversely affect our financial condition.

A client's ability or willingness to repay his or her mortgage may be adversely affected by numerous factors, including a loss of or change in employment or income, weak macro-economic conditions, increases in payment obligations to other lenders and deterioration in the value of the home that serves as collateral for the loan. Increases in delinquencies or defaults related to these and other factors may adversely affect our business, financial condition, liquidity and results of operations and may also cause decreased demand in the secondary market for loans originated through Guild. In addition, higher risk

loans incur greater servicing costs because they require more frequent interaction with clients and closer monitoring and oversight. We may not be able to pass along these additional servicing costs associated with higher-risk loans to our clients and they could result in substantial losses that could adversely affect our financial condition

Our business could be materially and adversely affected by a cybersecurity breach or other vulnerability involving our computer systems or those of certain of our third-party service providers.

Our systems and those of certain of our third-party service providers could be vulnerable to hardware and cybersecurity issues. Our operations depend upon our ability to protect our computer equipment against damage from fire, power loss, telecommunications failure or a similar catastrophic event. We could also experience a breach by intentional or negligent conduct on the part of employees or other sources. Any damage or failure that causes an interruption in our operations or those of our third-party service providers could have an adverse effect on our business, operating results, financial condition and prospects. In addition, our operations depend upon our ability to protect the computer systems and network infrastructure we use against damage from cybersecurity attacks by sophisticated third parties with substantial computing resources and capabilities and other disruptive problems caused by the internet or other users. These disruptions could jeopardize the security of information stored in and transmitted through our computer systems and network infrastructure, including personal or confidential information of our clients, employees and others, which may result in significant liability and damage our reputation.

It is difficult or impossible to defend against every risk being posed by changing technologies as well as criminals intent on committing cyber-crime and any measures we employ may not be successful in preventing, detecting or stopping attacks. The increasing sophistication and resources of cyber criminals and other non-state threat actors and increased actions by nation-state actors make keeping up with new threats difficult and could result in a breach of security. Controls employed by our information technology department and our third-party service providers, including cloud vendors, could prove inadequate. A breach of our security that results in unauthorized access to our data could expose us to a disruption or challenges relating to our daily operations, as well as to data loss, litigation, damages, fines and penalties, significant increases in compliance costs and reputational damage, any of which could have a material and adverse effect on our business, operating results, financial condition and prospects.

A number of the states, counties and cities in which we maintain branch offices have issuedshelter-in-place and similar orders in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, a significant portion of our employees have been working remotely. This transition to a remote work environment may exacerbate certain risks to our business, including increasing the stress on, and our vulnerability to disruptions of, our technology infrastructure and computer systems, increased risk of phishing and other cybersecurity attacks, and increased risk of unauthorized dissemination of personal or confidential information.

To the extent we or our systems rely on third-party service providers, through either a connection to, or an integration with, those third-parties' systems, the risk of cybersecurity attacks and loss, corruption or unauthorized publication of our information or the confidential information of our clients, employees and others may increase. Third-party risks may include ineffective security measures, data location uncertainty and the possibility of data storage in inappropriate jurisdictions where laws or security measures may be inadequate.

Any or all of the issues described above could adversely affect our ability to attract new clients and continue our relationship with existing clients and could subject us to governmental or third-party lawsuits, investigations, regulatory fines or other actions or liability, thereby harming our business, operating results, financial condition and prospects.

# Potential changes in applicable technology and consumer outreach techniques could have a material and adverse effect on our business, operating results, financial condition and prospects.

Changes in technology and consumer outreach techniques continue to shape the mortgage origination and servicing landscape. In recent years, consumers' behavior patterns, in particular their propensity to use online sources for research, product comparison and guidance, have changed and continue to change. Similarly, available technologies for reaching targeted groups of consumers also continues to evolve, as do laws and regulations relating to such technologies. We expect that we will incur costs in the future to adjust our systems to adapt to changing behaviors and technologies, as well as changing laws and regulations. In the future, technological innovations and changes in the way consumers engage with technology, and such laws and regulations, may materially and adversely affect our operating results, financial condition and prospects, if our business model and technological infrastructure do not evolve accordingly.

In addition, we derive a portion of our website traffic from consumers who search for mortgage lenders through internet search engines. An important factor in attracting consumers to our website is whether we are prominently displayed in response to certain internet searches. Search engines may revise their algorithms from time to time, which could cause our website to be listed less prominently in algorithmic search results and lead to decreased traffic to our website. We may also be listed less prominently as a result of other factors, such as new websites, changes we make to our website or technical issues with the search engine itself. If we are listed less prominently in, or removed altogether from, search result listings for any reason, the traffic to our websites would decline and we may not be able to replace this traffic. An attempt to replace this traffic may require us to increase our marketing expenditures, which would also increase our cost of client acquisition and harm our business, operating results, financial condition and prospects.

# Operating and growing our business may require additional capital, and if capital is not available to us, our business, operating results, financial condition and prospects may suffer.

Operating and growing our business is expected to require further investments in our technology and operations. We may be presented with opportunities that we want to pursue, and unforeseen challenges may present themselves, any of which could cause us to require additional capital. If our cash needs exceed our expectations or we experience rapid growth, we could experience strain in our cash flow, which could adversely affect our operations in the event we were unable to obtain other sources of liquidity. If we seek to raise funds through equity or debt financing, those funds may prove to be unavailable, may only be available on terms that are not acceptable to us or may result in significant dilution to you or higher levels of leverage. If we are unable to obtain adequate financing or financing on terms satisfactory to us, when we require it, our ability to continue to pursue our business objectives and to respond to business opportunities, challenges or unforeseen circumstances could be significantly limited, and our business, operating results, financial condition and prospects could be materially and adversely affected.

# We are subject to certain operational risks, including, but not limited to, employee or customer fraud, the obligation to repurchase sold loans in the event of a documentation error, and data processing system failures and errors.

Employee errors and employee and client misconduct could subject us to financial losses or regulatory sanctions and seriously harm our reputation. Misconduct by our employees could include, among other things, improper use of confidential information and fraud. It is not always possible to prevent employee errors and misconduct or documentation errors, and the precautions we take to prevent and detect this activity may not be effective in all cases. In addition, we rely heavily upon information supplied by third parties, including the information contained in credit applications, property appraisals, title information and valuation, employment and income documentation, in deciding which loans we will originate, as well as the terms of those loans. If any of the information upon which we rely is misrepresented, either fraudulently or inadvertently, and the misrepresentation is not detected prior to the mortgage being funded, the value of that mortgage may be significantly lower than expected, or we may fund a mortgage

that we would not have funded or on terms we would not have extended. Whether a misrepresentation is made by the mortgage applicant or another third party, we generally bear the risk of loss associated with such misrepresentation. A loan subject to a material misrepresentation is typically unsellable or subject to repurchase if it is sold prior to detection of the misrepresentation. The sources of the misrepresentations are often difficult to identify, and it is often difficult to recover any of the monetary losses we may suffer. These risks could adversely affect our business, results of operation, financial condition and reputation.

We are required to make significant estimates and assumptions in the preparation of our financial statements. These estimates and assumptions may not be accurate and they, as well as the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, are subject to change.

The preparation of our consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires our management to make significant estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of our assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements, and the reported amounts of income and expense during the reporting periods. Critical estimates are made by management in determining, among other things, estimates of fair value and allowance for credit losses. If our underlying estimates and assumptions prove to be incorrect or if events occur that require us to revise our previous estimates or assumptions, our business, operating results, financial condition and prospects may be materially and adversely affected.

In addition, changes in GAAP or in accounting interpretations or assumptions could impact our financial statements and our ability to timely prepare our financial statements. A change in these principles or interpretations could also have a significant effect on our reported financial results and could require us to alter our accounting systems in a manner that could increase our operating costs and affect the content of and our ability to timely prepare our financial statements. Our inability to timely prepare our financial statements in the future could materially and adversely affect our share price.

## Seasonality may cause fluctuations in our financial results.

The mortgage origination industry can be seasonal. We typically experience an increase in our mortgage origination activity during the second and third quarters and reduced activity in the first and fourth quarters as homebuyers tend to purchase their homes during the spring and summer in order to move to a new home before the start of the school year. Accordingly, our loan origination revenues varies from quarter to quarter and comparisons of sequential quarters may not be meaningful.

# If we fail to protect our brand and reputation, our ability to grow our business and increase the volume of mortgages we originate and service may be adversely affected.

Maintaining strong brand recognition and a reputation for trustworthiness and for delivering a superior client experience is important to our business. If we fail to protect our brand and deliver on these expectations, or if negative public opinion relating to Guild or other mortgage industry participants resulting from actual or alleged conduct in mortgage origination, servicing or other activities, government oversight or regulation, litigation or other matters should occur, these events could harm our reputation and damage our ability to attract and retain clients or maintain our referral network, which could adversely affect our business.

We could be forced to incur greater expense marketing our brand or maintaining our reputation in the future to preserve our position in the market and, even with such greater expense, we may not be successful in doing so. Many of our competitors have more resources than we do and can spend more advertising their brands and services. If we are unable to maintain or enhance consumer awareness of our brand cost-effectively and maintain our reputation, or otherwise experience negative publicity, our business, operating results, financial condition and prospects could be materially and adversely affected.

## Employee litigation and unfavorable publicity could adversely affect our business.

Our employees may, from time to time, bring lawsuits against us regarding employment issues. Any such employee litigation could be attempted on a class or representative basis. This litigation can be expensive and time-consuming regardless of whether the claims against us are valid or whether we are ultimately determined to be liable, and could divert management's attention from our business. We could also be adversely affected by negative publicity, litigation costs resulting from the defense of these claims and the diversion of time and resources from our operations.

# Failure to comply with fair lending laws and regulations could lead to a wide variety of sanctions that could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Antidiscrimination statutes, such as the Fair Housing Act, the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (the "ECOA") and other fair lending laws and regulations prohibit creditors from discriminating against loan applicants and borrowers based on certain characteristics, such as race, religion and national origin. The Department of Justice and other federal agencies, including the CFPB, are responsible for enforcing these laws and regulations and have taken the position that these laws apply not only to intentional discrimination, but also to neutral practices that have a "disparate impact" on a group that shares a characteristic that a creditor may not consider in making credit decisions protected classes (i.e., creditor, servicing or marketing practices that have a disproportionate negative effect on a protected class of individuals). To the extent that this "disparate impact" theory continues to apply, we will be faced with significant administrative burdens in attempting to comply, and potential liability for failures to comply. A successful regulatory challenge to our performance under these fair lending laws and regulations could result in a wide variety of sanctions, including damages and civil money penalties. Such sanctions could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

#### We are subject to certain risks associated with adverse weather conditions andman-made or natural events.

Weather conditions and man-made or natural events such as tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, fires, floods, drought, power losses, telecommunications failures, strikes, health pandemics and similar events can adversely impact properties that collateralize loans we own or service, as well as properties where we do business and our business operations generally. Any uninsured loss related to such events could result in the loss of cash flow from, and the asset value of, the affected properties, and could adversely affect us disproportionately from other participants in the mortgage industry due to the geographic characteristics of our business, which could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition, liquidity and results of operations.

## Exposure to additional income tax liabilities could affect our future profitability.

We are subject to income taxes in the United States and various state jurisdictions. Our effective tax rate and profitability could be subject to volatility or adversely affected by a number of factors, including:

- · changes in applicable tax laws and regulations, or their interpretation and application, including the possibility of retroactive effect;
- changes in accounting and tax standards or practice;
- changes in the mix of earnings and losses in state jurisdictions with differing tax rates;
- · changes in the valuation of deferred tax assets and liabilities; and
- our operating results before taxes.

In addition, we may be subject to audits of our income, sales and other taxes by U.S. federal, state and local taxing authorities. Outcomes from these audits could have a material and adverse effect on our operating results, financial condition and prospects.

Changes in tax laws may adversely affect us, and the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") or a court may disagree with our tax positions, which may result in adverse effects on our financial condition or the value of our common stock.

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the "TCJA"), enacted on December 22, 2017, significantly affected U.S. tax law, including by changing how the U.S. imposes tax on certain types of income of corporations and by reducing the U.S. federal corporate income tax rate to 21%. It also imposed new limitations on a number of tax benefits, including deductions for business interest, use of net operating loss carryforwards, taxation of foreign income and the foreign tax credit, among others.

The CARES Act, enacted on March 27, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, further amended the U.S. federal tax code, including in respect of certain changes that were made by the TCJA, generally on a temporary basis.

It is possible that future tax law changes will increase the rate of the corporate income tax significantly, impose new limitations on deductions, credits or other tax benefits, or make other changes that may adversely affect our business, cash flows or financial performance. In addition, the IRS has yet to issue guidance on a number of important issues regarding the changes made by the TCJA and the CARES Act. In the absence of such guidance, we will take positions with respect to a number of unsettled issues. It is possible that the IRS or a court will not agree with the positions taken by us, in which case additional taxes, tax penalties and interest may be imposed that could adversely affect our business, cash flows or financial performance.

# If we are unable to adequately protect our intellectual property, our ability to compete could be harmed.

We do not currently have any trademarks, patents or trademark or patent applications pending to protect our intellectual property rights, but we have developed systems and processes relating to our mortgage products and services. We rely on a combination of trade secret laws and contractual agreements, as well as our internal system access security protocols, to establish, maintain and protect our intellectual property rights and technology. Despite efforts to protect our intellectual property, these laws, agreements and systems may not be sufficient to effectively prevent unauthorized disclosure or unauthorized use of our trade secrets or other confidential information or to prevent third parties from misappropriating our technology and offering similar or superior functionality. Monitoring and protecting our intellectual property rights can be challenging and costly, and we may not be effective in policing or prosecuting such unauthorized use or disclosure.

Furthermore, legal standards relating to the validity, enforceability and scope of protection of intellectual property rights are uncertain. Third parties also may take actions that diminish the value of our proprietary rights or our reputation or cause consumer confusion through the use of similar service names or domain names. Any of these results could harm our business, operating results, financial condition and prospects.

Although we enter into confidentiality and invention assignment agreements with our employees and enter into confidentiality agreements with third parties, including suppliers and other partners, we cannot guarantee that we have entered into agreements with each party that has or may have had access to our proprietary information, know-how and trade secrets. Moreover, it is possible that these agreements will be effective in controlling access to, distribution, use, misuse, misappropriation, reverse engineering or disclosure of our proprietary information, know-how and trade secrets. Further, these agreements may not prevent our competitors from independently developing technologies that are substantially equivalent or superior to our products and platform capabilities. These agreements may be breached, and we may not have adequate remedies for any such breach.

We may become subject to intellectual property disputes that are costly and may subject us to significant liability and increased costs of doing business.

Third parties may be able to successfully challenge, oppose, invalidate, render unenforceable, dilute, misappropriate or circumvent our intellectual property rights. Our success depends, in part, on our ability to develop and commercialize our products and services without infringing, misappropriating or otherwise violating the intellectual property rights of third parties. However, we may not be aware that our products or services are infringing, misappropriating or otherwise violating third-party intellectual property rights and such third parties may bring claims alleging such infringement, misappropriation or violation.

Actions we may take to enforce our intellectual property rights may be expensive and divert management's attention away from the ordinary operation of our business, and our inability to secure and protect our intellectual property rights could materially and adversely affect our brand and business, operating results, financial condition and prospects. Furthermore, enforcement actions, even if successful, may not result in an adequate remedy. In addition, many companies have the capability to dedicate greater resources to enforce their intellectual property rights and to defend claims that may be brought against them. If a third party is able to obtain an injunction preventing us from accessing such third-party intellectual property rights, or if we cannot license or develop alternative technology for any infringing aspect of our business, we could be forced to limit or stop sales of our products and platform capabilities or cease business activities related to that intellectual property.

Although we carry general liability insurance, our insurance may not cover potential claims of this type or may not be adequate to indemnify us for all liability that may be imposed. We cannot predict the outcome of lawsuits and cannot ensure that the results of any such actions will not have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations. Claims could subject us to significant liability for damages and could result in our having to stop using technology found to be in violation of a third party's rights. Further, we might be required to seek a license for third-party intellectual property, which may not be available on reasonable royalty or other terms. Alternatively, we could be required to develop alternative non-infringing technology, which could require significant effort and expense. If we cannot license or develop technology for any infringing aspect of our business, we could be forced to limit our services, which could affect our ability to compete effectively. Any of these events or results could harm our business, operating results, financial condition and prospects.

## Risks Related to Regulatory Environment

Our mortgage loan origination and servicing activities are subject to a highly complex legal and regulatory framework, and non-compliance with or changes in laws and regulations governing our industry could harm our business, operating results, financial condition and prospects.

The mortgage industry is subject to a highly complex legal and regulatory framework. In addition to the licensing requirements for each of the jurisdictions in which we originate loans, we must comply with a number of federal, state and local consumer protection and other laws including, among others, the Truth in Lending Act, the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, the ECOA, the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the Fair Housing Act, the Telephone Consumer Protection Act ("TCPA"), the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, the Electronic Fund Transfer Act, the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, Military Lending Act, the Homeowners Protection Act, the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act, the Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act of 2008 (the "SAFE Act"), the Federal Trade Commission Act, the Dodd Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 ("Dodd-Frank Act"), the CARES Act, federal, state and local laws designed to discourage predatory lending and servicing practices, prohibit unfair, deceptive, or abusive acts or practices, protect customer privacy, and regulate debt collection and consumer credit reporting, and state foreclosure laws. These and other laws and regulations directly affect our business and require constant compliance monitoring and internal and external audits and examinations by federal and state regulators. Changes to the laws, regulations and guidelines relating to the origination and servicing of mortgages, including those already adopted and those to be adopted in response to the COVID-19

pandemic, their interpretation or the manner in which they are enforced could render our current business practices non-compliant or make compliance more difficult or expensive.

It is possible that we are not, and will not in the future be, in full compliance with current and future laws and regulations, or interpretations of the foregoing. Our failure, or the failure of our loan officers, other employees, correspondent sellers or others with whom we have business relationships, to operate in compliance with any of the laws, regulations and guidelines relating to the origination and servicing of mortgages could result in, among other things, the loss of licenses and approvals required for us to engage in the business of originating and servicing mortgage loans, governmental investigations and enforcement actions, damage to our brand and reputation, civil and criminal liability and administrative penalties, which could have a material and adverse effect on our business, operating results, financial condition and prospects.

We are subject to state licensing and operational requirements. Our failure to obtain and maintain the appropriate state licenses would prohibit us from originating or servicing mortgages in those states and adversely affect our operations.

Because we are not a federally chartered depository institution, we do not benefit from exemptions to state mortgage lending, loan servicing or debt collection licensing and regulatory requirements. In most states in which we operate, a regulatory agency or agencies regulates and enforces laws relating to mortgage servicing companies and mortgage origination companies such as us. These rules and regulations generally require that we seek and maintain certain licenses and comply with certain business practice standards, including requirements as to the form and content of contracts and other documentation and the licensing of our employees. In most states, we are also subject to periodic examination by state regulatory authorities. Complying with this regulatory framework requires a meaningful dedication of management and financial resources. Changes to existing state legislation or the adoption of new state legislation, as well as our entry into new markets in states in which we had not previously operated, could increase our compliance costs. This could render business in any one state or states cost-prohibitive and could materially affect our business and our growth strategy. Any failure to comply with these licensing and operational requirements could have a material and adverse effect on our business, operating results, financial condition and prospects.

# Changes in the guidelines of the GSEs, FHA, VA, USDA and Ginnie Mae could adversely affect our business.

We are required to follow specific guidelines and eligibility standards that impact the way we service and originate GSE and U.S. government agency loans, including guidelines and standards with respect to credit standards for mortgage loans, our staffing levels and other servicing practices and the servicing and ancillary fees that we may charge. A change in these guidelines could require us to expend additional resources to originate and service mortgages or make it more difficult for us to do so profitably or at all, which could have a material and adverse effect on our business, operating results, financial condition and prospects.

In addition, changes in the nature or extent of the guarantees provided by Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, Ginnie Mae, the USDA or the VA, or the insurance provided by the FHA, or coverage provided by private mortgage insurers, could also have broad adverse market implications. Any future increases in guarantee fees or changes to their structure or increases in the premiums we are required to pay to the FHA or private mortgage insurers for insurance or to the VA or the USDA for guarantees could increase mortgage origination costs and insurance premiums for our clients. These industry changes could result in reduced demand for our mortgage services and consequently our origination volume and reduced profitability for us, which could materially and adversely affect our business, operating results, financial condition and prospects.

The CFPB continues to be active in its monitoring of the loan origination and servicing sectors, and its issuance of new rules and regulations and enforcement of existing rules and regulations could result in enforcement actions, fines and penalties.

As a non-depository lending and servicing institution, we are subject to the regulatory authority of the CFPB, including, without limitation, its authority to conduct investigations, bring enforcement actions, impose monetary penalties, require remediation of practices, pursue administrative proceedings or litigation, and obtain cease and desist orders for violations of applicable federal consumer financial laws. The CFPB has been active in investigations and enforcement actions and has issued civil money penalties to parties when the CFPB has determined that such parties have violated the laws and regulations it enforces. Our failure to comply with the federal consumer protection laws, rules and regulations to which we are subject, whether actual or alleged, could expose us to enforcement actions or potential litigation liabilities.

We may not be able to maintain compliance with all current and potentially applicable U.S. federal and state laws and regulations with respect to data privacy and cybersecurity, and related actions by regulatory authorities or changes in legislation and regulation in the jurisdictions in which we operate could have a material adverse effect on our business.

We are subject to a variety of laws and regulations with respect to data privacy and the collection, processing, storing, sharing, disclosing, using, transfer and protecting of personal information and other data. These laws and regulations constantly evolve and remain subject to significant change. Because we store, process and use data, including our clients' personal information, we are subject to complex and evolving federal, state and local laws and regulations regarding privacy, data protection and other matters. The application and interpretation of these laws and regulations are often uncertain. Compliance with existing and emerging privacy and cybersecurity regulations could result in increased compliance costs and lead to changes in business practices and policies, and any failure to protect the confidentiality of client information could result in enforcement actions and penalties or other remedies, adversely affect our reputation and result in private litigation against us, any of which could materially and adversely affect our business, operating results, financial condition and prospects.

## Our communications with potential and existing clients are subject to laws regulating telephone and email marketing practices.

We make telephone calls and send emails and text messages to potential and existing clients. The United States regulates marketing by telephone and email and the laws and regulations governing the use of emails and telephone calls for marketing purposes continue to evolve, and changes in technology, the marketplace or consumer preferences may lead to the adoption of additional laws or regulations or changes in interpretation of existing laws or regulations. New laws or regulations, or changes to the manner in which existing laws and regulations or interpreted or enforced, may further restrict our ability to contact potential and existing customers by phone and email and could render us unable to communicate with consumers in a cost-effective fashion. The TCPA prohibits companies from making telemarketing calls to numbers listed in the Federal Do-Not-Call Registry and imposes other obligations and limitations on making phone calls and sending text messages to consumers. The Controlling the Assault of Non-Solicited Pornography and Marketing Act regulates commercial email messages and specifies penalties for the transmission of commercial email messages that do not comply with certain requirements, such as providing an opt-out mechanism for stopping future emails from senders. We may be required to comply with these and similar laws, rules and regulations. Failure to comply with obligations and restrictions related to telephone, text message and email marketing could subject us to lawsuits, fines, statutory damages, consent decrees, injunctions, adverse publicity and other losses that could harm our business.

Changes in government regulation of the internet and other aspects of our business, as well as a failure to comply with existing or future regulations and laws, could adversely affect our operations.

We are subject to regulations and laws specifically governing the internet and marketing over the internet. These laws and regulations, which continue to evolve, cover privacy and data protection, data security, anti-spam, pricing, content protection, copyrights, distribution, mobile and other communications, advertising practices, electronic contracts, consumer protections, internet neutrality, the provision of online payment services, unencumbered internet access to our services, the design and operation of websites and the characteristics and quality of offerings online. It is possible that these regulations and laws may be interpreted and applied differently across jurisdictions. In addition, it is not clear how existing laws and regulations governing issues such as property ownership, consumer protection, libel and personal privacy apply to the internet, as many of these laws were adopted prior to the advent of the internet and do not contemplate or address the unique issues they raise when applied to the internet. Any failure, or perceived failure, by us to comply with such regulations could result in damage to our reputation, a loss in business and proceedings or actions against us by governmental entities or others.

Future regulations, or changes in laws and regulations or their existing interpretations or applications, could also impose a significant burden by requiring us to change our business practices, raise compliance costs or other costs of doing business and materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and operating results. We cannot guarantee that we will be able to make the appropriate changes and modifications in a commercially reasonable manner, or at all.

## Risks Related to Our Organization and Structure

## We will be controlled by MCMI, and MCMI's interests may conflict with our interests and the interests of our other stockholders.

After giving effect to the reorganization transactions and this offering, MCMI will hold all of our issued and outstanding Class B common stock and will control approximately % of the combined voting power of our outstanding common stock. As a result, MCMI will be able to control any action requiring the general approval of our stockholders, including the election of our Board of Directors, the adoption of amendments to our certificate of incorporation and bylaws and the approval of any merger or sale of substantially all of our assets. So long as MCMI continues to directly or indirectly own a significant amount of our equity, even if such amount is less than a majority of the combined voting power of our outstanding common stock, MCMI will continue to be able to substantially influence the outcome of votes on all matters requiring approval by the stockholders, including our ability to enter into certain corporate transactions. The interests of MCMI could conflict with or differ from our interests or the interests of our other stockholders. For example, the concentration of ownership held by MCMI could delay, defer or prevent a change of control of our Company or impede a merger, takeover or other business combination that may otherwise be attractive to us or our other stockholders.

We will be a "controlled company" within the meaning of the NYSE rules and, as a result, we will be permitted, and intend to elect, to rely on exemptions from certain corporate governance requirements that provide protection to stockholders of other companies.

After giving effect to the reorganization transactions and the closing of this offering, MCMI will continue to control a majority of the combined voting power of our outstanding common stock, and, as a result, we will be a controlled company under the applicable rules of the NYSE. As a controlled company, we will be permitted, and intend, to elect not to comply with certain corporate governance requirements of the NYSE, including the requirements that:

- a majority of our Board of Directors consist of independent directors;
- we have a nominating and corporate governance committee that is composed entirely of independent directors; and
- we have a compensation committee that is composed entirely of independent directors.

These requirements will not apply to us as long as we remain a controlled company. Accordingly, as an investor in our Class A common stock, you may not have the same protections afforded to stockholders of companies that are subject to all of the corporate governance requirements of the NYSE.

## Our directors and executive officers have significant control over our business.

After giving effect to the reorganization transactions and the closing of this offering, our directors and executive officers will beneficially own, directly or indirectly, in the aggregate, approximately % of the outstanding shares of our Class A common stock and 100% of the outstanding shares of our Class B common stock (to the extent the Chairman of our Board of Directors may be deemed to beneficially own all of the shares of our Class B common stock beneficially owned by MCMI), representing an aggregate of approximately % of the combined voting power of our outstanding common stock. As a result, in addition to their day-to-day management roles, our executive officers and directors will be able to exercise significant influence on our business as stockholders, including influence over election of members of the Board of Directors and the authorization of other corporate actions requiring stockholder approval.

# We are a holding company and depend upon distributions from Guild Mortgage Co. to meet our obligations.

We are a holding company with no material assets other than our ownership of equity interests in Guild Mortgage Co., which, following the completion of the reorganization transactions, will be our wholly owned subsidiary. See "Organizational Structure." Our ability to pay dividends and to pay taxes and cover other expenses will depend on the financial results and cash flows of Guild Mortgage Co. As the sole member of Guild Mortgage Co., we intend to cause Guild Mortgage Co. to make distributions to us in amounts sufficient to meet our obligations. Certain laws and regulations, however, may result in restrictions on Guild Mortgage Co.'s ability to make distributions to us. To the extent that we need funds and Guild Mortgage Co. is restricted from making such distributions under applicable law or regulation or under the terms of any of its financing arrangements, we may not be able to obtain funds on terms acceptable to us or at all and as a result could suffer an adverse effect on our liquidity and financial condition.

#### Risks Related to Being a Public Company

We may incur significant additional costs and expenses, including costs and expenses associated with obligations relating to being a public company, which will require significant resources and management attention and may divert focus from our business operations, and we may generate losses in the future.

We incur significant expenses in developing our technology, marketing and providing the products and services we offer and acquiring clients, and our costs may increase due to our continued new product development and general administrative expenses, such as legal and accounting expenses related to becoming and being a public company. We have not been required in the past to comply with the requirements of the SEC, to file periodic reports with the SEC or to have our consolidated financial statements completed, reviewed or audited and filed within a specified time. As a public company following completion of this offering, we will be required to file periodic reports containing our consolidated financial statements with the SEC within a specified time following the completion of quarterly and annual periods. As a public company, we will incur significant legal, accounting, insurance and other expenses. Compliance with these reporting requirements and other rules of the SEC and the rules of the NYSE will increase our legal and financial compliance costs and make some activities more time-consuming and costly. Furthermore, the need to establish the corporate infrastructure demanded of a public company may divert management's attention from implementing our growth strategy, which could prevent us from successfully implementing our strategic initiatives and improving our business, operating results, financial condition and prospects. If we fail to manage these additional costs or increase our revenue, we may incur losses in the future.

Our quarterly operating results or other operating metrics may fluctuate significantly and may not meet expectations of research analysts, which could cause the trading price of our Class A common stock to decline.

Our quarterly operating results and other operating metrics have fluctuated in the past and may in the future fluctuate as a result of a number of factors, many of which are outside of our control and may be difficult to predict. Period-to-period variability or unpredictability of our results could result in our failure to meet our expectations or those of any analysts that cover us or investors with respect to revenue or other operating results for a particular period. If we fail to meet or exceed such expectations for these or any other reasons, the market price of our Class A common stock could decline significantly, and we could face litigation, including securities class action litigation.

If we fail to correct any material weakness that we identify in our internal control over financial reporting or otherwise fail to maintain effective internal control over financial reporting, we may not be able to report our financial results accurately and timely, in which case our business may be harmed, investors may lose confidence in the accuracy and completeness of our financial reports and the price of our Class A common stock may decline

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting and for evaluating and reporting on our system of internal control. Our internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with GAAP. As a public company, we will be required to comply with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and other rules that govern public companies. In particular, we will be required to certify our compliance with Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act beginning with our second annual report on Form 10-K, which will require us to furnish annually a report by management on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting. In addition, unless we remain an emerging growth company and elect transitional relief available to emerging growth companies, our independent registered public accounting firm will be required to report on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting, beginning as of that second annual report.

If we identify material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting in the future, if we cannot comply with the requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act in a timely manner or attest that our internal control over financial reporting is effective, or if our independent registered public accounting firm cannot express an opinion as to the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting when required, we may not be able to report our financial results accurately and timely. As a result, investors, counterparties and consumers may lose confidence in the accuracy and completeness of our financial reports. As a result, access to capital markets and perceptions of our creditworthiness could be adversely affected, and the market price of our Class A common stock could decline. In addition, we could become subject to investigations by the stock exchange on which our securities are listed, the SEC or other regulatory authorities, which could require additional financial and management resources. These events could have a material and adverse effect on our business, operating results, financial condition and prospects.

If we fail to implement and maintain effective disclosure controls and procedures, we may not be able to meet applicable reporting requirements, which could materially and adversely affect us.

Upon completion of this offering, we will become subject to the informational requirements of the Exchange Act and will be required to file reports and other information with the SEC. As a publicly-traded company, we will be required to maintain disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports that we file with, or submit to, the SEC is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms. They include controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in reports filed with, or submitted to, the SEC is accumulated and communicated to management, including our

principal executive and principal financial officers, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. Effective disclosure controls and procedures are necessary for us to provide reliable reports, effectively prevent and detect fraud, and to operate successfully as a public company. Designing and implementing effective disclosure controls and procedures is a continuous effort that requires significant resources and devotion of time. We may discover deficiencies in our disclosure controls and procedures that may be difficult or time consuming to remediate in a timely manner. Any failure to maintain effective disclosure controls and procedures or to timely effect any necessary improvements thereto could cause us to fail to meet our reporting obligations (which could affect the listing of our Class A common stock on the NYSE). Additionally, ineffective disclosure controls and procedures could also adversely affect our ability to prevent or detect fraud, harm our reputation and cause investors to lose confidence in our reports filed with, or submitted to, the SEC, which would likely have a negative effect on the trading price of our Class A common stock.

We are an "emerging growth company," and the reduced disclosure requirements applicable to emerging growth companies may make our common stock less attractive to investors.

We are an "emerging growth company," as defined in the JOBS Act. We could continue to be considered an emerging growth company for up to five years, although we would lose that status sooner if our gross revenues exceed \$1.07 billion, if we issue more than \$1.0 billion in nonconvertible debt in a three-year period or if the fair value of our common stock held by non-affiliates exceeds \$700.0 million (and we have been a public company for at least 12 months and have filed one annual report on Form 10-K). For as long as we continue to be an emerging growth company, we intend to take advantage of an exemption from the provisions of Section 404(b) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act requiring that our independent registered public accounting firm provide an attestation report on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting. An attestation report by our auditor would require additional procedures by them that could detect problems with our internal control over financial reporting that are not detected by management. If our system of internal control over financial reporting is not determined to be appropriately designed or operating effectively, it could require us to restate financial statements, cause us to fail to meet reporting obligations and cause investors to lose confidence in our reported financial information, all of which could lead to a significant decline in the market price of our Class A common stock. In addition, we may take advantage of exemptions from various reporting requirements that are applicable to other public companies that are not emerging growth companies, including reduced disclosure obligations regarding executive compensation in our periodic reports and proxy statements and exemptions from the requirements of holding a nonbinding advisory vote on executive compensation and stockholder approval of any golden parachute payments not previously approved. It is unclear whether investors will find our Class A common stock less attractive because we may rely on these exemptions.

In addition, the JOBS Act provides that an emerging growth company can take advantage of an extended transition period for complying with new or revised accounting standards. This allows an emerging growth company to delay the adoption of certain accounting standards until those standards would otherwise apply to private companies. We have elected to avail ourselves of this exemption from new or revised accounting standards and, therefore, while we are an emerging growth company, we will not be subject to new or revised accounting standards at the same time that they become applicable to other public companies that are not emerging growth companies. As a result, our financial statements may not be comparable to companies that comply with new or revised accounting pronouncements as of public company effective dates, and we will incur additional costs in connection with complying with the accounting standards applicable to public companies at such time or times as they become applicable to us.

## Risks Related to our Class A Common Stock and this Offering

An active trading market for our Class A common stock may not develop, and you may not be able to resell your shares of our Class A common stock at or above the initial offering price.

Prior to this offering, there has been no public market for our Class A common stock. We cannot predict the extent to which investor interest in us will lead to the development of a trading market on the NYSE or otherwise, or how liquid that market might become. If an active market does not develop, you may have difficulty selling any shares of our Class A common stock that you purchase in this offering. The initial public offering price for the shares of our Class A common stock has been determined by negotiations between us and the representatives of the underwriters, and may not be indicative of prices that will prevail in the open market following this offering. An inactive market may also impair our ability to raise capital by selling shares of our Class A common stock and may impair our ability to acquire or make investments in companies, products or technologies for which we may issue equity securities as consideration or for financing purposes.

# Sales of a substantial number of shares of our common stock by our existing stockholders in the public market could cause the price of our Class A common stock to fall.

Sales of a substantial number of shares of our common stock in the public market, or the perception that these sales might occur, could significantly reduce the market price of our Class A common stock. If our existing stockholders sell, or indicate an intention to sell, substantial amounts of our common stock (including shares of our Class B common stock that would convert to Class A common stock in connection with such sales) in the public market after the lock-up and legal restrictions on resale discussed in this prospectus expire, the trading price of our Class A common stock could substantially decline. Furthermore, after the reorganization transactions and the completion of this offering, 100% of our outstanding Class B common stock will be held by MCMI, and approximately % of our outstanding Class A common stock will be beneficially owned by our executive officers and directors, and we will have entered into a registration rights agreement with certain of these stockholders. If one or more of them were to sell a substantial portion of the shares they hold, it could cause our the price of our Class A common stock to decline.

Based on shares outstanding as of the date of this prospectus, on the closing of this offering, we will have outstanding a total of Class A common stock and shares of Class B common stock. This includes the shares of Class A common stock that are being sold in this offering, which may be resold in the public market immediately. The remaining shares of our Class A common stock, which represent an % of our outstanding shares of Class A common stock after this offering, are currently, and will be following the aggregate of approximately closing of this offering, restricted as a result of securities laws or lock-up agreements but will be able to be sold, subject to any applicable volume limitations, under federal securities laws with respect to affiliate sales. The selling stockholders and each of our directors and executive officers have entered into lock-up agreements with the underwriters under which the holders of such securities have agreed that, subject to certain exceptions, without the prior written consent of Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, BofA Securities, Inc. and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, they will not (i) transfer or dispose of any shares of the common stock, preferred stock or other capital stock of the Company, or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for common stock, preferred stock or other capital stock of the Company; (ii) enter into any other agreement or transaction that transfers to another any of the economic consequences of ownership of any common stock of the Company or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for common stock of the Company; or (iii) file any registration statement under the Securities Act with the SEC with respect to the offering of common stock or other capital stock or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for any common stock or other capital stock of the Company (other than any registration statement filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act to register securities to be sold to the underwriters pursuant to the underwriting agreement), or publicly announce any intention to do any of the foregoing. Shares of our Class A common stock purchased by any of our directors or executive officers in

this offering would also be subject to the foregoing restrictions on transfer, as well as restrictions on disposition imposed by applicable law. The foregoing restrictions will remain in effect for 180 days following the date of this prospectus. Upon the expiration of the foregoing restrictions, our securityholders subject to a lock-up agreement will be able to sell our shares in the public market. In addition, the underwriters may, in their sole discretion, release all or some portion of the shares subject to lockup agreements prior to the expiration of the foregoing restrictions. For a description of these lock-up agreements, see the "Shares Eligible for Future Sale" and "Underwriting" sections of this prospectus.

In addition, as of the date of this prospectus, there were shares of Class A common stock available for issuance pursuant to future awards under our equity incentive plans that will become eligible for sale in the public market to the extent permitted by the provisions of various vesting schedules, the lock-up agreements discussed above and Rules 144 and 701 under the Securities Act. Moreover, we intend to register all shares of Class A common stock that we may issue under our employee benefit plans. Once we register these shares, they can be freely sold in the public market upon issuance, subject to the lock-up agreements and the restrictions imposed on our affiliates under Rule 144.

# The market price for our Class A common stock may be subject to substantial fluctuations, which may make it difficult for you to sell your shares at the volumes, prices and times desired.

The market price of our Class A common stock may be highly volatile, which may make it difficult for you to sell your shares at the volumes, prices and times desired. Some factors that may have a significant effect on the market price of our Class A common stock include:

- actual or anticipated fluctuations in our operating results or those of our competitors';
- actual or anticipated changes in the growth rate of mortgage originations and mortgage servicing income or the growth rate of our businesses
  or those of companies that investors deem comparable to us;
- changes in economic or business conditions;
- · changes in governmental regulation; and
- publication of research reports about us, our competitors, or our industry, or changes in, or failure to meet, estimates made by securities
  analysts or ratings agencies of our financial and operating performance, or lack of research reports by industry analysts or ceasing of analyst
  coverage.

# If securities or industry analysts do not publish research or publish inaccurate or unfavorable research about us or our business, the price of our Class A common stock and trading volume could decline.

The trading market for our Class A common stock will depend, in part, on the research and reports that securities or industry analysts publish about us or our business. We do not currently have and may never obtain research coverage by securities and industry analysts. If no securities or industry analysts commence coverage of the Company, the trading price for our Class A common stock would be negatively impacted. If we obtain securities or industry analyst coverage and if one or more of the analysts who cover us downgrades our Class A common stock or publishes inaccurate or unfavorable research about us or our business, our share price would likely decline. If one or more of these analysts cease coverage of us or fail to publish reports on us regularly, demand for our Class A common stock could decrease, which could cause our stock price and trading volume to decline. In addition, if our operating results fail to meet the expectations of securities analysts, our stock price would likely decline.

# You will experience immediate and substantial dilution in the book value of the shares you purchase in this offering.

If you purchase shares of our Class A common stock in this offering, you will experience immediate and substantial dilution of \$ per share, representing the difference between the initial public

offering price of \$ per share, which is the midpoint of the price range listed on the front cover of this prospectus, and our pro forma net tangible book value per share after giving effect to the reorganization transactions. See the "Dilution" section of this prospectus.

# Our issuance of capital stock in connection with financings, acquisitions, investments, our equity incentive plans or otherwise would dilute all other stockholders.

We may issue capital stock in the future. Any such issuance would result in dilution to all other stockholders. In the future, we may issue stock, including as a grant of equity awards to employees, directors and consultants under our equity incentive plans, to raise capital through equity financings or to acquire or make investments in companies, products or technologies for which we may issue equity securities as consideration or for financing purposes. Any such issuances of capital stock in the future may cause stockholders to experience significant dilution of their ownership interests and the per share value of our Class A common stock to decline.

# We do not intend to pay dividends in the foreseeable future.

We do not anticipate declaring or paying regular cash dividends on our Class A common stock in the foreseeable future Instead, we anticipate that most or all of our future earnings will be retained to support our operations and finance the growth and development of our business. Any future determination to declare and pay cash dividends, if any, will be made at the discretion of our Board of Directors and will depend on a variety of factors, including applicable laws, our financial condition, results of operations, contractual restrictions, capital requirements, business prospects, general business or financial market conditions, and other factors our Board of Directors may deem relevant. Investors should not purchase our Class A common stock with the expectation of receiving cash dividends. See "Dividend Policy."

# Certain provisions in our certificate of incorporation and bylaws and of Delaware law may prevent or delay an acquisition of Guild, which could decrease the trading price of our Class A common stock.

Our certificate of incorporation and bylaws will contain, and Delaware law contains, provisions that are intended to deter coercive takeover practices and inadequate takeover bids by making such practices or bids unacceptably expensive to the bidder and to encourage prospective acquirers to negotiate with our Board of Directors rather than to attempt a hostile takeover. These provisions include, among others, those establishing:

- a dual class common stock structure, which provides MCMI with the ability to control the outcome of matters requiring stockholder approval, even if it beneficially owns significantly less than a majority of the shares of our outstanding common stock;
- the division of our Board of Directors into three classes of directors, with each class serving a staggered three-year term, which could have the
  effect of making the replacement of incumbent directors more time-consuming and difficult;
- the inability of our stockholders to call a special meeting;
- the inability of our stockholders to act by written consent after MCMI, any other investment funds affiliated with McCarthy Partners, and any company or other entity controlled by,controlling or under common control with MCMI or any such investment fund (other than any portfolio company) (collectively, the "McCarthy Investors") cease to beneficially own a majority of the combined voting power of our capital stock;
- rules regarding how stockholders may present proposals or nominate directors for election at stockholder meetings;
- the right of our Board of Directors to issue preferred stock without stockholder approval;

- the inability of stockholders to remove directors without cause after the McCarthy Investors cease to beneficially own a majority of the combined voting power of our capital stock; and
- the ability of our directors, not our stockholders, to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors.

In addition, because we will not elect to be exempt from Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law (the "DGCL"), this provision could also delay or prevent a change of control that you may favor. Section 203 of the DGCL provides that, subject to limited exceptions, a person that acquires, or is affiliated with a person that acquires, more than 15% of the outstanding voting stock of a Delaware corporation (an "interested stockholder") must not engage in any business combination with that corporation, including by merger, consolidation or acquisitions of additional shares, for a three-year period following the date on which the person became an interested stockholder, unless (i) prior to such time, the board of directors of such corporation approved either the business combination or the transaction that resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder becoming an interested stockholder owned at least 85% of the voting stock of such corporation at the time the transaction commenced (excluding for purposes of determining the voting stock outstanding (but not the outstanding voting stock owned by the interested stockholder) the voting stock owned by directors who are also officers or held in employee benefit plans in which the employees do not have a confidential right to tender or vote stock held by the plan); or (iii) on or subsequent to such time the business combination is approved by the board of directors of such corporation and authorized at a meeting of stockholders by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the outstanding voting stock of such corporation not owned by the interested stockholder.

We believe these provisions will protect our stockholders from coercive or otherwise unfair takeover tactics by requiring potential acquirers to negotiate with our Board of Directors and by providing our Board of Directors with more time to assess any acquisition proposal. These provisions are not intended to make Guild immune from takeovers. However, these provisions will apply even if the offer may be considered beneficial by some stockholders and could delay or prevent an acquisition that our Board of Directors determines is not in the best interests of Guild and its stockholders. These provisions may also prevent or discourage attempts to remove and replace incumbent directors.

# Our Board of Directors will have the ability to issue blank check preferred stock, which may discourage or impede acquisition attempts or other transactions.

Our Board of Directors will have the power, subject to applicable law, to issue series of preferred stock that could, depending on the terms of the series, impede the completion of a merger, tender offer or other takeover attempt. For instance, subject to applicable law, a series of preferred stock may impede a business combination by including class voting rights, which would enable the holder or holders of such series to block a proposed transaction. Our Board of Directors will make any determination to issue shares of preferred stock based on its judgment as to our and our stockholders' best interests. Our Board of Directors, in so acting, could issue shares of preferred stock having terms which could discourage an acquisition attempt or other transaction that some, or a majority, of the stockholders may believe to be in their best interests or in which stockholders would have received a premium for their stock over the then-prevailing market price of the stock.

## Our certificate of incorporation will contain an exclusive forum provision that may discourage lawsuits against us and our directors and officers.

Our certificate of incorporation will provide that, unless the Board of Directors otherwise determines, the state courts in the State of Delaware or, if no state court located within the State of Delaware has jurisdiction, the federal court for the District of Delaware, will be the sole and exclusive forum for any derivative action or proceeding brought on behalf of Guild, any action asserting a claim of breach of a fiduciary duty owed by any director or officer of Guild to Guild or Guild's stockholders, any action asserting a claim against Guild or any director or officer of Guild arising pursuant to any provision of the DGCL or

Guild's certificate of incorporation or bylaws, or any action asserting a claim against Guild or any director or officer of Guild governed by the internal affairs doctrine under Delaware law (collectively, the "covered actions"). This exclusive forum provision will apply to all covered actions, including any covered action in which the plaintiff chooses to assert a claim or claims under federal law in addition to a claim or claims under Delaware law, although stockholders will not be deemed to have waived our compliance with the federal securities laws and the rules and regulations thereunder. This exclusive forum provision does not apply to actions that do not assert any covered Delaware state law claims, such as, for example, any action asserting solely federal securities law claims, and the enforceability of similar choice of forum provisions in other companies' organizational documents has been challenged in legal proceedings and it is possible that, in connection with claims arising under federal securities laws or otherwise, a court could find this exclusive forum provision to be inapplicable or unenforceable.

This exclusive forum provision may limit the ability of Guild's stockholders to bring a claim in a judicial forum that such stockholders find favorable for disputes with Guild or Guild's directors or officers, which may discourage such lawsuits against Guild and Guild's directors and officers. Alternatively, if a court were to find this exclusive forum provision inapplicable to, or unenforceable in respect of, one or more of the specified types of actions or proceedings described above, Guild may incur additional costs associated with resolving such matters in other jurisdictions or forums, which could materially and adversely affect Guild's business, financial condition or results of operations.

# The dual class structure of our common stock may adversely affect the trading market for our Class A common stock.

We cannot predict the potential effects our dual class structure may have on our Class A common stock, such as a lower or more volatile market price. In 2017, S&P Dow Jones and FTSE Russell announced that they would begin excluding most newly public companies with multiple classes of shares of common stock from being added to certain indices, including the Russell 2000, the S&P 500, the S&P MidCap 400 and the S&P SmallCap 600. As a result, our dual class capital structure would make us ineligible for inclusion in any of these indices, and mutual funds, exchange-traded funds and other investment vehicles that attempt to passively track these indices likely will not invest in our stock. Furthermore, we cannot assure you that other stock indices will not take a similar approach to S&P Dow Jones or FTSE Russell in the future. It is unclear what effect, if any, these policies will have on the valuations of publicly traded companies excluded from these indices. Given the sustained flow of investment funds into passive strategies that seek to track certain indices, however, it is possible that exclusion from such indices could make our Class A common stock less attractive to investors. As a result, the market price of our Class A common stock could be adversely affected.

# CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus contains forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements reflect our current views with respect to, among other things, future events and our financial performance. These statements are often, but not always, made through the use of words or phrases such as "may," "should," "could," "predict," "potential," "believe," "will likely result," "expect," "continue," "will," "anticipate," "seek," "estimate," "intend," "plan," "projection," "would" and "outlook," or the negative version of those words or other comparable words or phrases of a future or forward-looking nature. These forward-looking statements are not historical facts and are based on current expectations, estimates and projections about our industry, management's beliefs and certain assumptions made by management, many of which, by their nature, are inherently uncertain and beyond our control. Accordingly, we caution you that any such forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to risks, assumptions and uncertainties that are difficult to predict. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in these forward-looking statements are reasonable as of the date made, actual results may prove to be materially different from the results expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements.

There are or will be important factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those indicated in these forward-looking statements, including, but not limited to, the following:

- any changes in macro-economic conditions and in U.S. residential real estate market conditions, including changes in prevailing interest rates or monetary policies and the effects of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic;
- any disruptions in the secondary home loan market and their effects on our ability to sell the loans that we originate;
- any changes in certain U.S. government-sponsored entities and government agencies, including Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, Ginnie Mae, the FHA, the USDA and the VA, or their current roles;
- · the effects of any termination of our servicing rights;
- the effects of our existing and future indebtedness on our liquidity and our ability to operate our business;
- any failure to maintain and improve the technological infrastructure that supports our origination and servicing platform;
- any failure to maintain or grow our historical referral relationships with our referral partners;
- · any failure to continue the historical levels of growth in our market share in the mortgage origination and servicing industry;
- · any decline in our ability to recapture loans from borrowers who refinance;
- our inability to attract, integrate and retain qualified personnel;
- our failure to identify, develop and integrate acquisitions of other companies or technologies, or any diversion of our management's attention due to the foregoing;
- the high volatility in, or any inaccuracies in the estimates of, the value of our MSRs;
- the costs of potential litigation and claims;
- the degree of business and financial risk associated with certain of our loans;
- · any cybersecurity breaches or other attacks involving our computer systems or those of our third-party service providers;
- · any changes in applicable technology and consumer outreach techniques;
- · our inability to secure additional capital, if needed, to operate and grow our business;

- the impact of operational risks, including employee or consumer fraud, the obligation to repurchase sold loans in the event of a documentation error, and data processing system failures and errors;
- the seasonality of the mortgage origination industry;
- · any failure to protect our brand and reputation;
- the risks associated with adverse weather conditions and man-made or natural events;
- our exposure to additional income tax liabilities and changes in tax laws, or disagreements with the IRS regarding our tax positions;
- any failure to adequately protect our intellectual property and the costs of any potential intellectual property disputes;
- any non-compliance with the complex laws and regulations governing our industry and the related costs associated with maintaining and monitoring compliance;
- any changes in the laws and regulations governing our industry that would require us to change our business practices, raise compliance costs
  or other costs of doing business;
- · our control by, and any conflicts of interest with, MCMI;
- the significant influence on our business that members of our board and management team will be able to exercise as stockholders;
- our dependence, as a holding company, upon distributions from Guild Mortgage Co. to meet our obligations;
- the risks related to our becoming a public company;
- the risks related to our status as an "emerging growth company" and a "controlled company";
- · the risks related to our Class A common stock, our dual class common stock structure and this offering; and
- the other risks, uncertainties and factors set forth in this prospectus, including those set forth under Risk Factors."

The foregoing factors should not be construed as exhaustive and should be read together with the other cautionary statements included in this prospectus. If one or more events related to these or other risks or uncertainties materialize, or if our underlying assumptions prove to be incorrect, actual results may differ materially from what we anticipate. Many of the important factors that will determine these results are beyond our ability to control or predict. Accordingly, you should not place undue reliance on any such forward-looking statements. Any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which it is made, and, except as otherwise required by law, we do not undertake any obligation to publicly update or review any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise. New factors emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for us to predict which will arise. In addition, we cannot assess the impact of each factor on our business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements.

# ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

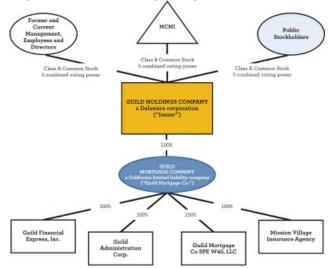
## The Reorganization Transactions

Prior to the completion of this offering, we will consummate an internal reorganization, which we refer to as the "reorganization transactions." Prior to the commencement of the reorganization transactions, all of Guild Mortgage Co.'s outstanding equity interests were owned by MCMI and certain other stockholders through their interests in Guild Investors, LLC. In connection with the reorganization transactions, the following steps have occurred or will occur:

- · the Issuer was incorporated in Delaware as a wholly owned subsidiary of Guild Investors, LLC on August 11, 2020;
- in October 2020, Guild Mortgage Co. declared and paid cash dividends to Guild Investors, LLC in an aggregate amount of approximately
   million:
- Guild Investors, LLC will contribute 100% of the shares of Guild Mortgage Co. to the Issuer, making Guild Mortgage Co. a wholly owned subsidiary of the Issuer, and Guild Mortgage Co. will then be converted into a limited liability company;
- the Issuer will amend and restate its certificate of incorporation to: (1) authorize the issuance of two classes of common stock: Class A common stock and Class B common stock and (2) effect a stock split of its
   existing shares of common stock into
   shares of Class A common stock and
   shares of Class B common stock; and
- Guild Investors, LLC will be dissolved and its members will receive a pro rata liquidating distribution of shares of the Issuer's common stock (with MCMI receiving shares of the Issuer's Class B common stock and all other members receiving shares of the Issuer's Class A common stock)

The reorganization transactions are intended, among other things, to provide for the Issuer in this offering to be a Delaware corporation and to simplify the organizational structure for Guild Mortgage Co.'s equityholders prior to this offering.

The following diagram depicts our organizational structure following the reorganization transactions and this offering.



\* This chart is provided for illustrative purposes only and does not purport to represent all legal entities within our organizational structure.

Upon completion of the transactions described above and this offering:

- the Issuer will consolidate the financial results of Guild Mortgage Co. and its subsidiaries and all of our business operations will continue to be conducted through Guild Mortgage Co. and its consolidated subsidiaries;
- the Issuer will be a Delaware corporation and its authorized capital stock will consist of \$0.01 per share, shares of Class B common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, and per share; shares of Class B common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, and shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01
- MCMI will hold all of the outstanding shares of the Issuer's Class B common stock, representing approximately % of the combined voting power of the Issuer's outstanding capital stock (or %, if the underwriters exercise in full their option to purchase an additional shares of Class A common stock from the selling stockholders); and
- our public stockholders will collectively hold
   of the combined voting power of the Issuer's outstanding common stock (or
   shares and
   %, if the underwriters exercise in
   full their option to purchase an additional
   shares of Class A common stock from the selling stockholders).

The reorganization transactions, including the conversion of Guild Mortgage Co. from a corporation to a limited liability company, are not expected to result in any material U.S. federal income tax consequences to the Issuer and its subsidiaries under current law.

# USE OF PROCEEDS

We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of shares of our Class A common stock by the selling stockholders in this offering (including any proceeds from the sale of shares of our Class A common stock that such selling stockholders may sell pursuant to the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares of our Class A common stock). The selling stockholders will receive all of the proceeds from the sale of shares of our Class A common stock in this offering.

# DIVIDEND POLICY

We do not anticipate declaring or paying any regular cash dividends on our Class A common stock in the foreseeable future Instead, we anticipate that most or all of our future earnings will be retained to support our operations and finance the growth and development of our business. Any future determination to declare and pay cash dividends, if any, will be made at the discretion of our Board of Directors and will depend on a variety of factors, including applicable laws, our financial condition, results of operations, contractual restrictions, capital requirements, business prospects, general business or financial market conditions, and other factors our Board of Directors may deem relevant. As a Delaware corporation, we will be subject to certain restrictions on dividends under DGCL. Generally, a Delaware corporation may only pay dividends either out of "surplus" or out of the current or the immediately preceding year's net profits. Surplus is defined as the excess, if any, at any given time, of the total assets of a corporation over its total liabilities and statutory capital. The value of a corporation's assets can be measured in a number of ways and may not necessarily equal their book value.

Investors should not purchase our Class A common stock with the expectation of receiving cash dividends.

## CAPITALIZATION

The following table sets forth our cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash and our capitalization as of June 30, 2020, on:

- an actual basis; and
- a pro forma basis to give effect to the reorganization transactions described under "Organizational Structure" and this offering.

The selling stockholders are selling all of the shares of our Class A common stock to be sold in this offering. We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of shares of our Class A common stock by the selling stockholders in this offering, including any proceeds from the sale of shares of our Class A common stock that such selling stockholders may sell pursuant to the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares of our Class A common stock

You should read the following table in conjunction with the financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this prospectus and the sections of the prospectus titled "Selected Historical Consolidated Financial and Operating Data," "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and "Description of Capital Stock."

	As of June 30, 2020	
	Actual	Pro Forma
	(in thousands)	
Cash, Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash	\$ 148,462	\$
Debt	\$1,883,455	\$
Stockholder's Equity		
Common stock, par value \$100 per share; 2,000 shares authorized; 928 shares issued and outstanding, actual; no		
shares issued and outstanding, pro forma	\$ 93	_
Class A common stock, par value \$0.01 per share; no shares authorized, issued and outstanding,		
actual; shares authorized, shares issued and outstanding, pro forma	_	
Class B common stock, par value \$0.01 per share; no shares authorized, issued and outstanding, actual;		
shares authorized, shares issued and outstanding, pro forma	_	
Additional paid-in capital	\$ 21,992	
Retained earnings	\$ 484,727	
Total Stockholder's Equity	\$ 506,812	\$
Total Capitalization	\$2,390,267	\$

In connection with the reorganization transactions and upon completion of this offering, the amount of deferred compensation on Guild Mortgage Co.'s balance sheet (approximately \$61.9 million as of June 30, 2020) will be adjusted to reflect the valuation of the Issuer based on the price established by the underwriters for the sale by the selling stockholders of shares of our Class A common stock in this offering. The amount of this obligation, assuming an initial public offering price of \$ per share (the midpoint of the estimated price range set forth on the front cover of this prospectus), would have been \$ as of June 30, 2020 on a pro forma basis after giving effect to the reorganization transactions and this offering.

In addition, in connection with the reorganization transactions and upon completion of this offering, the amount of accrued compensation and benefits on Guild Mortgage Co.'s balance sheet (approximately \$65.3 million as of June 30, 2020) will be adjusted to reflect the valuation of certain stock appreciation rights of Guild Mortgage Co. based on the price established by the underwriters for the sale by the selling stockholders of shares of our Class A common stock in this offering. Such rights will be terminated in connection with this offering and the holders will have the right to receive a payment in cash equal to the intrinsic value of such terminated rights, with such payment to be made on or about the first anniversary of this offering subject to continued employment (or upon an earlier qualifying termination of employment).

The amount of this obligation, assuming an initial public offering price of \$ per share (the midpoint of the estimated price range set forth on the front cover of this prospectus) would have been \$ as of June 30, 2020 on a pro forma basis after giving effect to the reorganization transactions and this offering.

# DILUTION

If you invest in shares of our Class A common stock in this offering, your ownership interest will be immediately diluted to the extent of the difference between the initial public offering price per share of our Class A common stock and the net tangible book value per share of our common stock.

Our pro forma net tangible book value as of June 30, 2020 would have been approximately \$\) million, or \$\) per share of our common stock, representing the amount of total tangible assets less our total liabilities (in the case of pro forma net tangible book value), divided by the total number of shares of common stock outstanding (in the case of pro forma net tangible book value per share), in each case, after giving effect to the reorganization transactions.

We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of the shares of our Class A common stock offered by the selling stockholders in this offering. Consequently, this offering will not result in any change to our pro forma net tangible book value per share, prior to giving effect to the payment of estimated fees and expenses in connection with this offering. Purchasing shares of our Class A common stock in this offering will result in pro-forma net tangible book value dilution to the investors purchasing in this offering of \$ per share. Dilution per share to investors purchasing in this offering is determined by subtracting the pro forma net tangible book value per share from the initial public offering price per share of our Class A common stock paid by investors purchasing in this offering. The following table illustrates this dilution on a per share basis:

Assumed initial public offering price per share(1)	\$
Pro forma net tangible book value per share as of June 30, 2020 <sup>2</sup> )	
Dilution per share to investors purchasing shares of our Class A common stock in this offering	\$

- (1) Represents the midpoint of the estimated price range set forth on the front cover of this prospectus.
- (2) Reflects outstanding shares of common stock on a pro forma basis after giving effect to the reorganization transactions, consisting of (i) shares of our Class A common stock and (ii) shares of our Class B common stock.

The dilution information discussed above is illustrative only and will change based on the actual initial public offering price.

The following table summarizes, as of June 30, 2020, on the pro forma basis described above, the total number of shares of common stock owned by existing stockholders and to be owned by investors purchasing in this offering, the total consideration paid and the average price per share paid or to be paid by existing stockholders holding shares of Class A common stock and shares of Class B common stock and investors purchasing shares of Class A common stock in this offering at an assumed initial public offering price of \$ per share, which is the midpoint of the estimated price range set forth on the front cover of this prospectus, before deducting estimated underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses.

	Shares of Common Stock Purchased		Total Co	Average Price	
	Number	Percent	Amount	Percent	Per Share
Existing stockholders(1)	·	<del></del> %	\$	<del></del> %	\$
Investors in this offering					
Total		100%	\$	100%	\$

<sup>(1)</sup> The total consideration provided by the existing stockholders is equal to the equity of Guild Mortgage Co. as of June 30, 2020.

The table above assumes no exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares of our Class A common stock. If the underwriters exercise in full their option to purchase additional shares of our Class A common stock, the percentage of shares of our common stock held by existing stockholders would be decreased to % of the total number of shares of our common stock outstanding after this offering, and the number of shares of common stock held by investors purchasing in this offering would be increased to % of the total number of shares of our common stock outstanding after this offering.

In addition, following the completion of this offering, we may choose to raise capital due to market conditions or strategic considerations even if we believe we have sufficient funds for our current or future operating plans. To the extent that capital is raised through the sale of equity or convertible debt securities, the issuance of such securities could result in further dilution to our stockholders.

# SELECTED HISTORICAL CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL AND OPERATING DATA

The following tables present selected historical consolidated financial and operating data of Guild Mortgage Co. as of the dates and for the periods indicated. The selected consolidated statements of operations data presented below for the years ended December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018 and the selected consolidated balance sheet data as of December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018 have been derived from Guild Mortgage Co.'s audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. The selected consolidated statements of operations data presented below for the six-month periods ended June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2019 and the selected consolidated balance sheet data as of June 30, 2020 have been derived from Guild Mortgage Co.'s unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. This prospectus does not include financial statements of the Issuer because it has only been formed for the purpose of effecting the reorganization transactions and, until the consummation of the reorganization transactions, will hold no material assets and will not engage in any operations. See "Organizational Structure."

The selected consolidated historical financial and operating data are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected in any future period. You should read the following selected historical financial and operating data in conjunction with the section of this prospectus entitled "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and Guild Mortgage Co.'s audited and unaudited consolidated financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this prospectus. The selected historical financial and operating data in this section are not intended to replace, and are qualified in their entirety by, Guild Mortgage Co.'s audited and unaudited financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this prospectus.

	Six Months Ended June 30,		Year Ended December 31,	
	2020	2019	2019	2018
Statements of Income (Loss) Data				
(in thousands)				
Revenue				
Loan origination fees and gain on sale of loans, net	\$ 733,293	\$ 327,503	\$ 820,814	\$ 616,608
Loan servicing and other fees	76,310	68,437	142,705	123,681
Valuation adjustment of mortgage servicing rights	(204,810)	(160,222)	(255,219)	(17,050)
Interest income (expense), net	(492)	2,194	3,396	(326)
Other income (expense)	(4)	1,181	1,193	6
Net revenue	604,297	239,093	712,889	722,919
Expense				
Salaries, commissions and benefits	376,898	241,316	578,170	510,253
General and administrative	48,192	28,624	63,983	50,976
Occupancy, equipment and communication	26,955	26,942	53,678	52,483
Depreciation and amortization	3,146	3,824	7,333	7,180
Provision for foreclosure losses	1,860	774	3,895	4,434
Total expenses	457,051	301,480	707,059	625,326
Income (loss) before income tax (benefit) expense	147,246	(62,387)	5,830	97,593
Income tax (benefit) expense	36,465	(15,389)	253	24,260
Net income (loss)	\$ 110,781	\$ (46,998)	\$ 5,577	\$ 73,333

	Aso	of June 30, 2020	As of De 2019	ecember 31, 2018
Balance Sheet Data		2020	2017	2010
(in thousands)				
Assets				
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	\$	148,462	\$ 106,735	\$ 62,755
Mortgage loans held for sale		1,982,521	1,504,842	966,171
Derivative assets		141,629	19,922	12,541
Mortgage servicing rights, net		336,687	418,402	511,852
Other assets		1,093,706	557,512	484,932
Total assets		3,703,005	2,607,413	2,038,251
Liabilities and equity	<u> </u>		<u></u>	
Warehouse lines of credit		1,689,291	1,303,187	839,734
Notes payable		188,000	218,000	160,000
Other liabilities		1,318,902	680,195	597,576
Total liabilities		3,196,193	2,201,382	1,597,310
Total stockholder's equity	\$	506,812	\$ 406,031	\$ 440,941

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations is intended to highlight and supplement data and information presented elsewhere in this prospectus, including the consolidated financial statements and related notes, and should be read in conjunction with the sections "Prospectus Summary—Summary Historical Consolidated Financial and Operating Data," "Selected Historical Consolidated Financial and Operating Data," and the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included elsewhere in this prospectus. The following discussion includes forward-looking statements that reflect our plans, estimates and assumptions and involve numerous risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to, those described in the "Risk Factors" section of this prospectus. See also "Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements." Future results could differ significantly from the historical results presented in this section.

Data as of and for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 have been derived from Guild Mortgage Co.'s audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. Data as of and for the six-month periods ended June 30, 2020 and 2019 have been derived from Guild Mortgage Co.'s unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. This prospectus does not include financial statements of the Issuer because it was formed for the purpose of effecting the reorganization transactions and, until the consummation of the reorganization transactions, will not hold any material assets and will not engage in any operations. See "Organizational Structure."

#### **Business and Executive Overview**

We started our business in 1960 and are among the longest-operating seller servicers in the United States. We are a growth-oriented mortgage company that employs a relationship-based loan sourcing strategy to execute our mission of delivering the promise of home ownership in neighborhoods and communities across the United States. Our business model is centered on providing a personalized mortgage-borrowing experience that is delivered by our knowledgeable loan officers and supported by our diverse product offerings. Throughout these individualized interactions, we work to earn our clients' trust and confidence as a financial partner that can help them find their way through life's changes and build for the future. Through steady organic growth and a series of targeted acquisitions, we grew our annual origination volume from \$1.4 billion for the year ended December 31, 2007 to \$27.8 billion for the twelve months ended June 30, 2020 and grew our servicing portfolio from \$2.5 billion of UPB as of December 31, 2007 to \$52.8 billion of UPB as of June 30, 2020. Unless otherwise indicated, the UPB of our servicing portfolio excludes any subserviced loans.

**Guild's Annual Origination Volume and Market Share** 



Annual Originations (\$ in billions) --- Origination Market Share (bps) Source: Inside Mortgage Finance Publications, Inc. Copyright © 2020. Used with permission.

<sup>(1)</sup> CAGR is equal to the compound annual growth rate of Guild's annual origination volume for the year ended December 31, 2007 through the twelve months ended June 30, 2020.



<sup>(1)</sup> Excludes subservicing portfolio of \$1.1 billion as of June 30, 2020.

#### **Executive Summary of Results of Operations for Periods Presented**

#### Six Months Ended June 30, 2020 Summary

For the six months ended June 30, 2020, we originated \$14.6 billion of mortgage loans compared to \$8.6 billion for the six months ended June 30, 2019, representing a 69.5% increase for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to that for the six months ended June 30, 2019. Our servicing portfolio as of June 30, 2020 was \$52.8 billion of UPB compared to \$47.4 billion of UPB as of June 30, 2019, with the weighted average size of the portfolio increasing 9.9% over that time. We generated \$110.8 million of net income for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to \$47.0 million of net loss for the six months ended June 30, 2019. We generated \$238.2 million of Adjusted Net Income for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to \$52.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2019, representing a 353.0% increase, and we generated \$325.8 million of Adjusted EBITDA for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to \$79.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2019, representing a 308.0% increase. Please see "—Non-GAAP Financial Measures" for further information regarding our use of Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted EBITDA, including limitations related to such non-GAAP measures and a reconciliation of such measures to net income (loss), the nearest comparable financial measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP.

The above-described increase in net income, Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted EBITDA was primarily due to the increase in loan origination fees and gain on sale of loans, net of \$405.8 million or 123.9% for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to that for the six months ended June 30, 2019. The increase in loan origination fees and gain on sale of loans, net was driven by the increase in origination volume described above and increased profit margins on overall loan sales to investors, which increased 122 basis points or 32.1% for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to that for the six months ended June 30, 2019. Our increased origination volume also resulted in an increase in variable salaries, commission and benefits expense of \$135.6 million or 56.2% for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to that for the six months ended June 30, 2019.

Net income for the six months ended June 30, 2020 included a loss of \$204.8 million due to a decrease in the fair value of our MSRs resulting from the valuation model impact of a decrease in projected duration of cash flow collections during the period. According to the Mortgage Finance Forecast from the Mortgage Bankers Association (the "MBA Mortgage Finance Forecast"), average 30-year mortgage rates declined by approximately 80 basis points from June 30, 2019 to June 30, 2020. A decline of this nature generally results in higher prepayment speeds and a subsequent downward adjustment to the fair value of our MSRs for the loans that still exist in our portfolio. However, when rates decline, our origination volume generally increases as refinance opportunities increase.

Management believes that maintaining both an origination segment and a servicing segment provides us with a more balanced business model in both rising and declining interest rate environments, compared to other industry participants that predominately focus on either origination or servicing, instead of both. In addition, one of our business strategies is to seek to recapture mortgage transactions when our borrowers prepay their loans. During the twelve months ended June 30, 2020, we had a 26% purchase recapture rate, a 67% refinance recapture rate and a 61% overall recapture rate, compared to 24%, 49% and 40%, respectively, for the twelve months ended June 30, 2019. Recapture rate is calculated as the total UPB of our clients that originated a new mortgage with us in a given period, divided by the total UPB of our clients that paid off their existing mortgage and originated a new mortgage in the same period. This calculation excludes clients to whom we did not actively market due to contractual prohibitions or other business reasons.

# Year Ended December 31, 2019 Summary

For the year ended December 31, 2019, we originated \$21.8 billion of mortgage loans compared to \$16.5 billion for the year ended December 31, 2018, representing an increase of \$5.3 billion or 32.3% for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to that for the year ended December 31, 2018. Our servicing

portfolio as of December 31, 2019 was \$49.3 billion of UPB compared to \$45.5 billion of UPB as of December 31, 2018, with the weighted average size of the portfolio increasing 12.8% over that time. We generated \$5.6 million of net income for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to \$73.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2018. We generated \$139.1 million of Adjusted Net Income for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to \$51.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2018, representing a 168.1% increase, and we generated \$201.5 million of Adjusted EBITDA for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to \$83.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2018, representing a 142.8% increase. Please see "—Non-GAAP Financial Measures" for further information regarding our use of Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted EBITDA, including limitations related to such non-GAAP measures and a reconciliation of such measures to net income, the nearest comparable financial measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP.

The above-described increase in Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted EBITDA was primarily due to the increase in loan origination fees and gain on sale of loans, net of \$204.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to that for the year ended December 31, 2018. Our increased origination volume also resulted in an increase in variable salaries, commission and benefits expense of \$67.9 million or 13.3% for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to that for the year ended December 31, 2018. Additionally, our income from loan servicing and other fees increased by \$19.0 million or 15.4% for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to that for the year ended December 31, 2018, primarily driven by the 12.8% increase in the average size of our servicing portfolio for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to that for the year ended December 31, 2018.

Net income for the year ended December 31, 2019 included a loss of \$255.2 million due to a decrease in the fair value of our MSRs resulting from the valuation model impact of a decrease in projected duration of cash flow collections during the period. According to the MBA Mortgage Finance Forecast, average 30-year mortgage rates declined by 110 basis points from December 31, 2018 to December 31, 2019. A decline of this nature generally results in higher prepayment speeds and a subsequent downward adjustment to the fair value of our MSRs for the loans that still exist in our portfolio. However, when rates decline, our origination volume generally increases as refinance opportunities increase. For the year ended December 31, 2019, we had a 26% purchase recapture rate, a 64% refinance recapture rate and a 56% overall recapture rate, compared to 24%, 40% and 34%, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2018.

#### **Recent Developments**

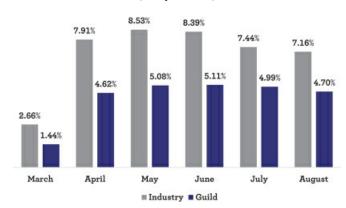
#### COVID-19 Pandemic

#### **Business Operations and Liquidity**

We continue to closely monitor the economic impact resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Although we experienced record origination volume and increased profit margins in our origination segment during the six months ended June 30, 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic has had a negative impact on the financial results of our servicing segment. The federal government enacted the CARES Act, which allows borrowers with federally backed loans to request a temporary mortgage forbearance. As a result of the CARES Act forbearance requirements, we have recorded, and expect to record additional, increases in delinquencies in our servicing portfolio. As of June 30, 2020, the 60-plus day delinquency rate on our servicing portfolio was 3.5%, compared to a 60-plus day delinquency rate of 1.5% as of February 28, 2020. This increased delinquency rate on our servicing portfolio may require us to finance substantial amounts of advances of principal and interest, property taxes, insurance premiums and other expenses to protect investors' interests in the properties securing the loans. These advances and payments, coupled with increased servicing costs and lower servicing revenue, have negatively affected and will continue to negatively affect our cash position. Additionally, we are currently prohibited from collecting certain servicing-related fees, such as late fees, and initiating foreclosure proceedings. As a result, we expect the effects of the CARES Act forbearance requirements to reduce our servicing income and increase our servicing expenses.

As of August 31, 2020, approximately 4.70% of the loans in our servicing portfolio had elected the forbearance option compared to the industry average of 7.16%, as reported by the Mortgage Bankers Association. Of the 4.70% of the loans in our servicing portfolio that had elected forbearance as of August 31, 2020, approximately 27.6% remained current on their August payments. We believe our portfolio has performed better than the industry average because of our in-house servicing capabilities and timely response to the COVID-19 pandemic and that our performance is a testament to the strength of our client relationships. Our in-house servicing team and local loan officers continue to work with our clients to understand forbearance plans and determine the best paths forward for their unique circumstances. By maintaining relationships with our clients throughout the loan lifecycle, and supporting our clients during times of uncertainty, we position ourselves to capture future business.

# Servicing Portfolio Forbearance (as of period end)



Source: Mortgage Bankers Association.

#### Employee Safety

We are also continuing to focus on the wellbeing and safety of our employees. Since March, we have moved to a remote working environment for the majority of our employees and, for those that are coming into our offices, we have instituted additional health and safety precautions, such as restricting visitors, providing masks and mandating more frequent sanitizing of our offices.

#### Increased Liquidity

During the second quarter of 2020, to support our increased loan origination volume, we increased the capacity of our existing loan funding facilities by \$165.0 million, of which \$90.0 million represented a temporary increase in capacity. Subsequent to June 30, 2020, we increased the capacity of all of our existing loan funding facilities by an aggregate amount equal to \$739.0 million, of which \$90.0 million represented a temporary increase in capacity. We added one additional loan funding facility during the second quarter of 2020 with a total facility size of \$100.0 million, for which we subsequently increased the capacity by \$100.0 million during the third quarter of 2020. As of the date of this prospectus, the aggregate available amount under our loan facilities was approximately \$2.9 billion.

During the second quarter of 2020, we renewed one of our MSR notes payable and increased the aggregate amount available under that MSR note payable by \$27.0 million. In the third quarter of 2020, we renewed another MSR note payable and increased the aggregate amount available under that MSR note payable by \$15.0 million. In addition, in September 2020, we drew down \$22.0 million under one of our

MSR notes payable. See "-Liquidity, Capital Resources and Cash Flows" for further information regarding our funding facilities.

The extent to which the COVID-19 pandemic affects our business, results of operations and financial condition will ultimately depend on future developments, which are highly uncertain and cannot be predicted, including the scope and duration of the pandemic and actions taken by governmental authorities and other third parties in response to the pandemic. See "Risk Factors—The COVID-19 pandemic has had, and will likely continue to have, an adverse effect on our business, and its ultimate effect on our business and financial results will depend on future developments, which are highly uncertain and cannot be predicted, including the scope and duration of the pandemic and actions taken or to be taken by government authorities in response to the pandemic."

# **Description of Certain Components of Financial Data**

The primary components of our revenue and expenses are described below.

#### Our Components of Revenue

Loan origination fees and gain on sale of loans, net— This represents all income recognized from the time when a loan is originated until the time when a loan is subsequently sold to an investor and includes cash and non-cash components. Each component is described below:

- Gain (loss) on sale of loans Net proceeds from the difference between the quoted loan price committed to the client and the price received from the investor at loan sale, net of miscellaneous investor fees charged.
- Origination fees Fees collected from the client, which typically include processing, underwriting, funding, credit report, tax service, flood certification and appraisal fees, net of any associated third-party costs.
- The fair value of the MSRs at time of sale— After a loan is sold to an investor, we record the value of the MSR at fair value. Fair value is estimated based on the present value of future cash flows. We utilize a third-party valuation service to determine this estimated value based on variables such as contractual servicing fees, ancillary fees, the cost to service, discount rate and estimated prepayment speeds.
- Changes in the fair value of interest rate lock commitments ("IRLC") and mortgage loans held for sale —When the client accepts an interest rate lock, we record the estimated fair value of the loan. We also evaluate several factors to determine the likelihood of the loan closing and discount the value of any IRLCs we consider to have a lower probability of closing. The probability of the loan ultimately closing changes as the stage of the loan progresses from application to underwriting submission, loan approval and funding. Loans that close and are held for sale are commonly referred to as mortgage loans held for sale or "MLHS." MLHS are also recorded at fair value. We typically determine the fair value of our MLHS based on investor committed pricing; however, we determine the fair value of any MLHS that is not allocated to a commitment based on current delivery trade prices.
- Changes in the fair value of forward delivery commitments—We enter into forward delivery commitments to hedge against changes in the interest rates associated with our IRLCs and MLHS. Our hedging policies are set by our risk management function and are monitored daily. Typically, when the fair value of an IRLC or MLHS increases, the fair value of any related forward contract decreases.
- Investor reserve provision At the time a loan is sold to an investor, we make certain representations and warranties. If defects are subsequently discovered in these representations

and warranties that cause a loan to no longer satisfy the applicable investor eligibility requirements, we may be required to repurchase that loan. We are also required to indemnify several of our investors for borrowers' prepayments and defaults. We estimate the potential for these losses based on our recent and historical loan repurchase and indemnification experience and as our success rate on appeals. We also screen market conditions for any indications of a rise in delinquency rates, which may result in a heightened exposure to loss.

Loan servicing and other fees — Loan servicing and other fees consist of:

- Loan servicing income This represents the contractual fees that Guild earns by servicing loans for various investors. Fees are calculated based on a percentage of the outstanding principal balance and is recognized into revenue as related payments are received.
- Other ancillary fees We may also collect other ancillary fees from the client, such as late fees and nonsufficient funds fees.
- Impound interest We are required to pay interest to our clients annually based on the average escrow account balances that we hold in trust for the payment of their property taxes and insurance.

Valuation adjustment of mortgage servicing rights— We have elected to recognize MSRs at fair value. This requires that we periodically reevaluate the valuation of our MSRs following our initial analysis at the time of sale. A third party conducts a monthly valuation of our MSRs, and we record any changes to the fair value of our MSRs that result from changes in valuation model inputs or assumptions and collections of servicing cash flows in accordance with such third-party analysis. Changes in the fair value of our MSRs result in an adjustment to the value of our MSRs. See "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure about Market Risk—Fair Value Risk—MSRs" and "Critical Accounting Policies—Mortgage Servicing Rights" for additional information regarding the valuation of our MSRs.

Interest income — Interest income consists primarily of interest earned on MLHS.

Interest expense — Interest expense consists primarily of interest paid on funding andnon-funding debt facilities collateralized by our MLHS and MSRs. We define funding debt as all other debt related to operations, such as warehouse lines of credit and our early buyout facility, which we use to repurchase certain delinquent GNMA loans. Non-funding debt includes the note agreements collateralized by our MSRs (our "MSR notes payable"). See "Description of Certain Indebtedness" for further details about our indebtedness. We also record related bank charges and payoff as interest expense. Payoff interest expense is equal to the difference between what we collect in interest from our clients and what we remit in interest to the investors who purchase the loans that we originate. In most cases, we are required to remit a full month of interest to those investors, regardless of the date on which the client prepays during the payoff month, resulting in additional interest expense.

Other income — Other income typically includes dividend and fair value adjustments related to marketable securities that are generally immaterial to our operating results.

#### Our Components of Expenses

**Salaries, commissions and benefits** — Salaries, commissions and benefits expense includes all payroll, incentive compensation and employee benefits paid to our employees, as well as expenses incurred in connection with our use of employment and temporary help agencies. Our loan officers are paid incentive compensation based on origination volume, resulting in a variable pay structure that fluctuates.

General and administrative — General and administrative expense primarily includes costs associated with professional services, attendance at conferences and meetings, office expenses, liability insurance, business licenses and other miscellaneous costs.

In addition, within general and administrative expense, we record any adjustments to the fair value of the contingent liabilities related to our completed acquisitions. The purchase and sale agreements with

respect to each of the six acquisitions that we have completed provided for contingent future consideration commonly known as "earn-out payments." These payments are estimated based on the present value of future cash flows during the earn-out period. The earn-out periods for our acquisitions span from three to five years, and the earn-out periods for three of our acquisitions are still ongoing.

Occupancy, equipment and communication — Occupancy, equipment and communication includes expenses related to the commercial office spaces we lease, as well as telephone and internet service and miscellaneous leased equipment used for operations. See "Contractual Obligations" for a summary of future lease obligations.

**Depreciation and amortization**— We depreciate furniture and equipment on a straight-line basis for a period of up to five years and we record amortization expense related to our leasehold improvements on rented space. That amortization expense is recognized over the shorter of the lease term or the useful life of the asset. We also record costs related to the maintenance of software, which consist of both internal and external costs incurred in connection with software development and testing, as well as any costs associated with the implementation of new software. These costs are amortized over a three-year period.

**Provision for foreclosure losses** — We may incur a loss on government loans related to unreimbursed interest and costs associated with foreclosure. We reserve for government loans based on historical loss experience as well as for loan-specific issues related to foreclosure.

Income tax (benefit) expense — We are subject to federal and state income tax. We record this expense based on our effective federal and state tax rates. These effective rates are adjusted for permanent non-deductible differences and reconciliation differences from prior years. We also evaluate material temporary differences to determine whether any additional adjustments to this expense are required.

#### **Future Public Company Expenses**

In connection with our becoming and being a public company, we expect our expenses to increase, including, but not limited to, our legal, accounting and insurance expenses. Although we do not anticipate any increase in these expenses to have a material effect on our overall results of operations, our historical results of operations may not be indicative of our future results of operations. If we fail to manage these additional costs or to maintain or increase our revenue, we may incur losses in the future.

#### **Key Performance Indicators**

Six Months Ended

Management reviews several key performance indicators to evaluate our business results, measure our performance and identify trends to inform our business decisions. Summary data for these key performance indicators is listed below. Please refer to the "—Components of Results of Operations" for additional metrics that management reviews in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements.

	Six Month	is Ended		
	June	30,		
(\$ and units in thousands)	2020	2019	Change	% Change
Origination Data	<u> </u>	' <u></u>	<u> </u>	
\$ Total in-house origination(1)	\$14,558,875	\$ 8,542,837	\$6,016,038	70.4%
# Total in-house origination	52	33	19	57.6%
\$ Retail in-house origination	\$14,186,728	\$ 8,265,074	\$5,921,654	71.6%
# Retail in-house origination	50	31	19	61.3%
\$ Retail brokered origination(2)	\$ 42,423	\$ 69,963	\$ (27,540)	(39.4)%
Total origination	\$14,601,298	\$ 8,612,800	\$5,988,498	69.5%
Gain-on-sale margin (bps)(3)	502	380	122	32.1%
30-year conventional conforming par rate(4)	3.2%	4.0%	(0.8)%	(20.0)%
Servicing Data				
UPB (period end)(5)	\$52,794,328	\$47,399,200	\$5,395,128	11.4%
Loans serviced (period end)	249	229	20	8.7%
MSR multiple (period end)(6)	2.2	2.9	(0.7)	(24.1)%
Weighted average coupon	4.0%	4.3%	(0.3)%	(7.0)%
Loan payoff(7)	\$ 8,223,361	\$ 2,730,731	\$5,492,630	201.1%
Loan delinquency rate 60-plus days (period end)	3.5%	1.2%	2.3%	191.7%

- (1) Includes retail and correspondent loans and excludes brokered loans.
- (2) Brokered loans are defined as loans we originate in the retail channel that are processed by us, but underwritten and closed by another lender. These loans are typically for products we choose not to offer in house.
- (3) Represents the components of loan origination fees and gain on sale of loans, net described under "—Our Components of Revenue" divided by total in-house origination to derive basis points. Our gain-on-sale margin based on pull-through adjusted locked volume was 334 basis points and 329 basis points for the six months ended June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2019, respectively. Gain-on-sale margin based on pull-through adjusted locked volume represents the components of loan origination fees and gain on sales of loans, net described under "—Our Components of Revenue" divided by pull-through adjusted lock volume. Pull-through adjusted lock volume is equal to total locked volume multiplied by pull-through rates of 87.20% and 88.35% for the six months ended June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2019, respectively. We estimate the pull-through rate based on changes in pricing and actual borrower behavior using a historical analysis of loan closing data and "fallout" data with respect to the number of commitments that have historically remained unexercised. For additional information regarding our total locked volume and pull-through adjusted lock volume for the six months ended June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2019, see "—Results of Operations for the Six Months Ended June 30, 2020 and 2019—Revenue—Loan Origination Fees and Gain on Sale of Loans, Net."
- (4) Represents the average 30-year conventional conforming note rate published monthly according to the MBA Mortgage Monthly Finance Forecast.
- (5) Excludes subserviced portfolio of \$1.1 billion and \$0.8 billion as of June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2019, respectively.
- (6) Represents a metric used to determine the relative value of our MSRs in relation to our annualized retained servicing fee. It is calculated by dividing (a) the fair market value of our MSRs as of a

specified date by (b) the weighted average annualized retained servicing fee for our servicing portfolio as of such date. We exclude purchased MSRs from this calculation because our servicing portfolio consists primarily of originated MSRs and, consequently, purchased MSRs do not have a material impact on our weighted average service fee.

(7) Represents the gross amount of UPB paid off from our servicing portfolio.

	Decemb	er 31,		
(\$ and units in thousands)	2019	2018	Change	% Change
Origination Data				
\$ Total in-house origination(1)	\$21,711,668	\$16,409,729	\$5,301,939	32.3%
# Total in-house origination	81	66	15	22.7%
\$ Retail in-house origination	\$20,938,310	\$15,736,212	\$5,202,098	33.1%
# Retail in-house origination	77	62	15	24.2%
\$ Retail brokered origination(2)	\$ 136,106	\$ 105,145	\$ 30,961	29.4%
Total originations	\$21,847,774	\$16,514,874	\$5,332,900	32.3%
Gain-on-sale margin (bps)(3)	378	376	2	0.5%
30-year conventional conforming par rate(4)	3.7%	4.8%	(1.1)%	(22.9)%
Servicing Data				
UPB (period end)(5)	\$49,326,579	\$45,496,129	\$3,830,450	8.4%
Loans serviced (period end)	237	221	16	7.2%
MSR multiple (period end)(6)	2.9	3.9	(1.0)	(25.6)%
Weighted average coupon	4.2%	4.3%	(0.1)%	(2.3)%
Loan payoffs(7)	\$ 9,374,095	\$ 3,701,085	\$5,673,010	153.3%
Loan delinquency rate 60-plus days (period end)	1.6%	1.4%	0.2%	14.3%

- (1) Includes retail and correspondent loans and excludes brokered loans.
- (2) Brokered loans are defined as loans we originate in the retail channel that are processed by us, but underwritten and closed by another lender. These loans are typically for products we choose not to offer in house.
- (3) Represents the components of loan origination fees and gain on sale of loans, net described under "—Our Components of Revenue" divided by total in-house origination to derive basis points. Our gain-on-sale margin based on pull-through adjusted lock volume was 359 basis points and 369 basis points for the years ended December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively. Gain-on-sale margin based on pull-through adjusted lock volume represents the components of loan origination fees and gain on sales of loans, net described under "—Our Components of Revenue" divided by pull-through adjusted lock volume. Pull-through adjusted lock volume is equal to total locked volume multiplied by pull-through rates of 89.40% and 88.80% for the years ended December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively. We estimate the pull-through rate based on changes in pricing and actual borrower behavior using a historical analysis of loan closing data and "fallout" data with respect to the number of commitments that have historically remained unexercised. For additional information regarding our total locked volume and pull-through adjusted lock volume for the years ended December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, see "—Results of Operations for the Years Ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 —Revenue—Loan Origination Fees and Gain on Sale of Loans, Net"
- (4) Represents the 30-year average conventional conforming note rate published monthly according to the MBA Mortgage Monthly Finance Forecast.
- (5) Excludes subserviced portfolio of \$1.3 billion and \$0.8 billion as of December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively.
- (6) Represents a metric used to determine the relative value of our MSRs in relation to our annualized retained servicing fee. It is calculated by dividing (a) the fair market value of our MSRs as of a specified date by (b) the weighted average annualized retained servicing fee for our servicing portfolio as of such date. We exclude purchased MSRs from this calculation because our servicing portfolio

consists primarily of originated MSRs and, consequently, purchased MSRs do not have a material impact on our weighted average service fee.

(7) Represents the gross amount of UPB paid off from our servicing portfolio.

#### Non-GAAP Financial Measures

To supplement Guild Mortgage Co.'s financial statements presented in accordance with GAAP and to provide investors with additional information regarding Guild Mortgage Co.'s GAAP financial results, we have presented in this prospectus Adjusted Net Income, Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted Return on Equity, which are non-GAAP financial measures. These non-GAAP financial measures are not based on any standardized methodology prescribed by GAAP and are not necessarily comparable to similarly titled measures presented by other companies.

Adjusted Net Income. We define Adjusted Net Income as earnings before the change in the fair value measurements related to our MSRs and contingent liabilities related to completed acquisitions due to changes in valuation assumptions. The fair value of our MSRs is estimated based on a projection of expected future cash flows and the fair value of our contingent liabilities related to completed acquisitions is estimated based on a projection of expected future earn-out payments. Adjusted Net Income is also adjusted by applying an implied tax effect to these adjustments. The Company excludes the change in the fair value of its MSRs due to changes in model inputs and assumptions from Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted EBITDA because the Company believes this non-cash, non-realized adjustment to total revenues is not indicative of the Company's operating performance or results of operation but rather reflects changes in model inputs and assumptions (e.g., discount rates and prepayment speed assumptions) that impact the carrying value of the Company's MSRs from period to period.

Adjusted EBITDA. We define Adjusted EBITDA as earnings before interest (without adjustment for net warehouse interest related to loan fundings and payoff interest related to loan prepayments), taxes, depreciation and amortization exclusive of any change in the fair value measurements of the MSRs due to valuation assumptions and contingent liabilities from business acquisitions. The Company excludes the change in the fair value of its MSRs due to changes in model inputs and assumptions from Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted EBITDA because the Company believes this non-cash, non-realized adjustment to total revenues is not indicative of the Company's operating performance or results of operation but rather reflects changes in model inputs and assumptions (e.g., discount rates and prepayment speed assumptions) that impact the carrying value of the Company's MSRs from period to period.

Adjusted Return on Equity. We define Adjusted Return on Equity as Adjusted Net Income as a percentage of average beginning and ending stockholder's equity during the period. For periods of less than one year, Adjusted Return on Equity is shown on an annualized basis.

We use these non-GAAP financial measures to evaluate our operating performance, to establish budgets and to develop operational goals for managing our business. These non-GAAP financial measures are designed to evaluate operating results exclusive of fair value adjustments that are not indicative of management's operating performance. Accordingly, we believe that these financial measures provide useful information to investors and others in understanding and evaluating our operating results, enhancing the overall understanding of our past performance and future prospects.

Our non-GAAP financial measures are not prepared in accordance with GAAP and should not be considered in isolation of, or as an alternative to, measures prepared in accordance with GAAP. There are a number of limitations related to the use of these non-GAAP financial measures rather than net income (loss), which is the most directly comparable financial measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP for Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted EBITDA, and return on equity, which is the most directly comparable financial measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP for Adjusted Return on Equity. These limitations include that these non-GAAP financial measures are not based on a comprehensive set of accounting rules or principles and many of the adjustments to the GAAP financial measures reflect the exclusion of items that are recurring and may be reflected in the Company's financial

results for the foreseeable future. In addition, other companies may use other measures to evaluate their performance, all of which could reduce the usefulness of our non-GAAP financial measures as tools for comparison.

The following tables reconcile Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted EBITDA to net income (loss) and Adjusted Return on Equity to return on equity, the most directly comparable financial measures calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP.

Reconciliation of Net Income (Loss) to Adjusted Net Income	Six Months Ended June 30,		Twelve Months Ended June 30,				ended ber 31,
(\$ in thousands)	2020	2019	2020	2019	2019	2018	
Net income (loss)	\$ 110,781	\$ (46,998)	\$ 163,356	\$ (33,173)	\$ 5,577	\$ 73,333	
Add adjustments:							
Change in fair value of MSRs due to model inputs and assumptions	151,080	130,734	191,744	152,016	171,398	(26,178)	
Change in fair value of contingent liabilities due to acquisitions	20,025	3,054	24,891	(157)	7,920	(2,642)	
Tax impact of adjustments(1)	(43,718)	(34,183)	(55,351)	(38,776)	(45,816)	7,364	
Adjusted Net Income	\$ 238,168	\$ 52,607	\$ 324,640	\$ 79,910	\$ 139,079	\$ 51,877	

<sup>(1)</sup> Implied tax rate used is 25.5%.

		ths Ended	Years ended	
Reconciliation of Net Income (Loss) to Adjusted EBITDA	Jun	e 30,	December 31,	
(\$ in thousands)	2020	2019	2019	2018
Net income (loss)	\$110,781	\$ (46,998)	\$ 5,577	\$ 73,333
Add adjustments:				
Interest expense on non-funding debt	4,291	4,603	8,980	7,019
Income tax provision	36,465	(15,389)	253	24,260
Depreciation and amortization	3,146	3,824	7,333	7,180
Change in fair value of MSRs due to model inputs and assumptions	151,080	130,734	171,398	(26,178)
Change in fair value of contingent liabilities due to acquisitions	20,025	3,054	7,920	(2,642)
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 325,788	\$ 79,828	\$ 201,461	\$ 82,972

Adjusted Return on Equity Calculation		Six Months Ended Twe June 30,		Twelve Months Ended June 30,		ended er 31,
(\$ in thousands, except where in percentages)	2020	2019	2020	2019	2019	2018
Numerator: Adjusted Net Income	\$238,168	\$ 52,607	\$324,640	\$ 79,910	\$139,079	\$ 51,877
Denominator: Average stockholder's equity	456,422	407,199	440,134	410,287	423,486	429,244
Adjusted Return on Equity(1)	104.4%	25.8%	73.8%	19.5%	32.8%	12.1%
Return on equity(2)	48.5%	(23.1%)	37.1%	(8.1%)	1.3%	17.1%

<sup>(1)</sup> For the six months ended June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2019, Adjusted Return on Equity is shown on an annualized basis.

(2) For the six months ended June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2019, return on equity is shown on an annualized basis.

Reconciliation of Net Income (Loss)  Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Ended September 30,			
to Adjusted Net Income	20	20	2019	2020		2019
(in thousands)	Low	High	(Actual)	Low	High	(Actual)
Net income (loss)	\$ 180,000	\$ 189,000	\$ 8,496	\$ 288,000	\$ 302,000	\$ (38,502)
Add adjustments:						
Change in fair value of MSRs due to model inputs and						
assumptions	9,000	10,000	63,062	157,000	165,000	194,104
Change in fair value of contingent liabilities due to						
acquisitions	6,000	7,000	4,222	26,000	27,000	7,276
Tax impact of adjustments	(4,000)	(4,000)	(17,157)	(47,000)	(49,000)	(51,352)
Adjusted Net Income	\$ 191,000	\$ 202,000	\$ 58,623	\$ 424,000	\$ 445,000	\$ 111,526
Reconciliation of Net Income (Loss)	Three Months Ended September 30. Nine Months Ended September 30.					

Reconciliation of Net Income (Loss)  Three Months Ended September 30,			30, Nine Months Ended September 30,			
to Adjusted EBITDA	20	20	2019	20	)20	2019
(in thousands)	Low	High	(Actual)	Low	High	(Actual)
Net income (loss)	\$ 180,000	189,000	\$ 8,496	\$ 288,000	\$ 302,000	\$ (38,502)
Add adjustments:						
Interest expense on non-funding debt	2,000	2,000	2,194	6,000	7,000	6,797
Income tax provision	62,000	66,000	(2,661)	98,000	103,000	(18,050)
Depreciation and amortization	1,000	2,000	1,812	5,000	5,000	5,636
Change in fair value of MSRs due to model inputs and						
assumptions	9,000	10,000	63,062	157,000	165,000	194,104
Change in fair value of contingent liabilities due to acquisitions	6,000	7,000	4,222	26,000	27,000	7,276
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 260,000	\$ 276,000	\$ 77,125	\$ 580,000	\$ 609,000	\$ 157,261

	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Mon	nber 30,	
Adjusted Return on Equity Calculation	2020 20		2019	2020		2019
(in thousands, except where in						
percentages)	Low	High	(Actual)	Low	High	(Actual)
Numerator: Adjusted Net Income	\$191,000	\$202,000	\$ 58,623	\$424,000	\$445,000	\$111,526
Denominator: Average stockholder's equity	597,000	601,000	411,446	_545,000	552,000	411,446
Adjusted Return on Equity(1)	128%	134%	57%	104%	107%	36%
Return on equity(2)	121%	126%	8%	70%	73%	(12)%

<sup>(1)</sup> For the three months ended September 30, 2020 and September 30, 2019 and the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and September 30, 2019, Adjusted Return on Equity is shown on an annualized basis.

<sup>(2)</sup> For the three months ended September 30, 2020 and September 30, 2019 and the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and September 30, 2019, return on equity is shown on an annualized basis.

The following table reconciles the valuation adjustment of mortgage servicing rights from the Company's consolidated statements of income to the change in fair value of MSRs due to model inputs and assumptions included in the reconciliation tables above.

Reconciliation of valuation adjustment of mortgage servicing rights to change in fair value of MSRs due to model inputs and assumptions	Six Months E	nded June 30,	Twelve Mon		Year ended D	ecember 31,
(\$ in thousands)	2020	2019	2019	2020	2019	2018
Valuation adjustment of mortgage servicing rights	\$ (204,810)	\$ (160,222)	\$(203,842)	\$(299,807)	\$ (255,219)	\$ (17,050)
Subtract adjustment:						
Change in fair value of MSRs due to collection/realization of						
cash flows	(53,730)	(29,488)	(51,826)	(108,063)	(83,821)	(43,228)
Change in fair value of MSRs due to model inputs and assumptions	<u>\$ (151,080)</u>	<u>\$ (130,734)</u>	<u>\$(152,016)</u>	<u>\$(191,744)</u>	<u>\$ (171,398)</u>	\$ 26,178

# Results of Operations for the Six Months Ended June 30, 2020 and 2019

Consolidated Statement of Income	Six Mont June			
(\$ in thousands)	2020	2019	\$ Change	% Change
Loan origination fees and gain on sale of loans, net	\$ 733,293	\$ 327,503	\$ 405,790	123.9%
Loan servicing and other fees	76,310	68,437	7,873	11.5%
Valuation adjustment of mortgage servicing rights	(204,810)	(160,222)	(44,588)	27.8%
Interest income	26,949	25,327	1,622	6.4%
Interest expense	(27,441)	(23,133)	(4,308)	18.6%
Other (expense) income	(4)	1,181	(1,185)	NM
Net revenue	604,297	239,093	365,204	152.7%
Salaries, commission and benefits	376,898	241,316	135,582	56.2%
Occupancy, equipment and communication	26,955	26,942	13	0.0%
General and administrative	48,192	28,624	19,568	68.4%
Provision for foreclosure losses	1,860	774	1,086	140.3%
Depreciation and amortization	3,146	3,824	(678)	(17.7)%
Total expense	457,051	301,480	155,571	51.6%
Income (loss) before income tax (benefit) expense	147,246	(62,387)	209,633	NM
Income tax (benefit) expense	36,465	(15,389)	51,854	NM
Net income (loss)	<u>\$ 110,781</u>	<u>\$ (46,998)</u>	\$ 157,779	NM

Net income totaled \$110.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to a net loss of \$47.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2019. This change was primarily driven by increased revenue earned from loan origination fees and gain on sale of loans, net of \$405.8 million or 123.9% for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to that for the six months ended June 30, 2019. According to the MBA Mortgage Finance Forecast, average 30-year mortgage rates declined approximately 80 basis points from June 30, 2019 to June 30, 2020, which led to an increase in refinance activity. Refinance activity represented 59% of origination volume in the U.S. mortgage market during the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to 29% of the origination volume during the six months ended June 30, 2019,

according to Inside Mortgage Finance. As consumer demand for refinancing increased, our profit margins increased. Our origination volume increased 69.5% for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to that for the six months ended June 30, 2019. Our income from loan servicing and other fees increased by \$7.9 million or 11.5% for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to that for the six months ended June 30, 2019. These increases in loan origination fees and gain on sale of loans, net and loan servicing and other fees were partially offset by a loss associated with the decrease in the fair value of our MSRs resulting from the valuation model impact of a decrease in projected duration of cash flow collections during the period, as described further below. In a declining mortgage interest rate environment, it is typical for us to experience downward MSR valuation adjustments due to the increased likelihood of prepayments for the loans that still exist in our MSR portfolio. However, when rates decline, originations tend to increase as refinance opportunities increase.

Salaries, commission and benefits expense increased by \$135.6 million or 56.2% for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to that for the six months ended June 30, 2019. This increase resulted from increased variable incentive compensation paid to our origination teams and our hiring of additional employees to support the increases in our origination and servicing volumes. Revenue increased 152.7%, while salaries, commission and benefits expense increased 56.2% for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to that for the six months ended June 30, 2019. Occupancy costs remained relatively unchanged for the comparative period. General and administrative expense increased by \$19.6 million or 68.4% for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to that for the six months ended June 30, 2019 due to an upward adjustment to the fair value of the contingent liabilities related to our completed acquisitions and increases in certain third-party expenses that typically increase directionally as origination and servicing volumes expand.

#### Revenue

#### Loan Origination Fees and Gain on Sale of Loans, Net

The table below provides additional details regarding our loan origination fees and gain on sale of loans, net for the periods presented.

	Six Mont June			
(\$ in thousands)	2020	2019	\$ Change	% Change
Gain on sale of loans	\$442,106	\$239,075	\$ 203,031	84.9%
Fair value of originated MSRs	114,771	44,442	70,329	158.2%
Fair value adjustment to MLHS and IRLCs	167,200	24,536	142,664	581.4%
Changes in fair value of forward commitments	(23,509)	(5,563)	(17,946)	322.6%
Origination fees	43,778	28,667	15,111	52.7%
Provision for investor reserves	(11,053)	(3,655)	(7,398)	202.4%
Total loan origination fees and gain on sale of loans, net	<u>\$733,293</u>	\$327,503	\$ 405,790	123.9%

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The table below provides additional detail regarding our origination volume and other key performance indicators for the periods presented.

Six Months Ended

	Jur	ie 30,		
(\$ and units in thousands)	2020	2019	Change	% Change
Loan origination volume by type:				
Conventional conforming	\$ 9,937,145	\$ 4,910,943	\$ 5,026,202	102.3%
Government	3,538,359	2,386,261	1,152,098	48.3%
State housing	828,566	795,730	32,836	4.1%
Non-agency	254,805	449,904	(195,099)	(43.4)%
Total in-house originations(1)	\$14,558,875	\$ 8,542,837	\$ 6,016,038	70.4%
Brokered loans	\$ 42,423	\$ 69,963	\$ (27,540)	(39.4)%
Total originations	\$14,601,298	\$ 8,612,800	\$ 5,988,498	69.5%
In-house loans closed	52	33	19	57.6%
Average loan amount	\$ 280	\$ 260	\$ 20	7.7%
Purchase	45.0%	78.4%	(33.4)%	(42.6)%
Refinance	55.0%	21.6%	33.4%	154.6%
Service retained(2)	85.1%	58.7%	26.4%	45.0%
Service released(3)	14.9%	41.3%	(26.4)%	(63.9)%
Gain-on-sale margin (bps)(4)	502	380	122	32.1%
Total locked volume(5)	\$25,177,631	\$11,272,052	\$13,905,579	123.4%
Pull-through adjusted lock volume(6)	\$21,954,894	\$ 9,958,858	\$11,996,036	120.5%
Weighted average loan-to-value	81.0%	85.8%	(4.8)%	(5.6)%
Weighted average credit score	746	721	25	3.5%
Weighted average note rate	3.5%	4.7%	(1.2)%	(25.5)%
Days application to close	44	38	6	15.8%
Days close to purchase by investors	16	17	(1)	(5.9)%
Purchase recapture rate	26.3%	24.5%	1.8%	7.3%
Refinance recapture rate	66.6%	53.9%	12.7%	23.6%

- (1) Includes retail and correspondent loans and excludes brokered loans.
- (2) Represents loans sold for which we continue to act as the servicer.
- (3) Represents loans sold for which we do not continue to act as the servicer.
- (4) Represents the components of loan origination fees and gain on sales of loans, net described under "—Our Components of Revenue" divided by total in-house origination to derive basis points. Our gain-on-sale margin based on pull-through adjusted locked volume was 334 basis points and 329 basis points for the six months ended June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2019, respectively. Gain-on-sale margin based on pull-through adjusted locked volume represents the components of loan origination fees and gain on sales of loans, net described under "—Our Components of Revenue" divided by pull-through adjusted lock volume.
- (5) Total locked volume represents the aggregate dollar value of the potential loans for which the Company has agreed to extend credit to consumers at specified rates for a specified period of time, subject to certain contingencies that are described in the interest rate lock commitments between the Company and each of those consumers. The total locked volume for a given period is representative of the interest rate lock commitments that the Company has initially entered into during that period.
- (6) Pull-through adjusted lock volume equal to total locked volume multiplied by pull-through rates of 87.20% and 88.35% for the six months ended June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2019, respectively. We estimate the pull-through rate based on changes in pricing and actual borrower behavior using a

historical analysis of loan closing data and "fallout" data with respect to the number of commitments that have historically remained unexercised.

Gain on sale of loans increased by \$203.0 million or 84.9% for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to that for the six months ended June 30, 2019 due to a \$6.0 billion or 73.0% increase in loan sales for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to that for the six months ended June 30, 2019.

The fair value of our originated MSRs increased by \$70.3 million or 158.2% for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to that for the six months ended June 30, 2019. This increase was caused by an increase in the percentage of our loans sold for which we continued to act as the servicer (i.e., on a "service retained" basis). During the six months ended June 30, 2020, we retained 85.1% of our origination volume compared to 58.7% of our origination volume for the six months ended June 30, 2019.

Adjustments to the fair value of our MLHS and IRLCs, net of any related changes in the fair value of our forward delivery commitments, resulted in a net gain of \$143.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to a net gain of \$19.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2019. This increased gain primarily resulted from decreased interest rates and increased origination volume. Additionally, in response to our increased origination volume, our origination fee income increased by \$15.1 million or 52.7% for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to that for the six months ended June 30, 2019.

Our provision for investor reserves increased by \$7.4 million or 202.4% for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to that for the six months ended June 30, 2019. This increase resulted from our increased origination volume, as well as from our decision to increase our investor loss reserve because of the potential effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. As interest rates declined and prepayment speeds increased over this period, early pay-off fees increased by 65%. Early pay-off fees are equal to the amount of the gain on sale premium received from the investors who purchase our loans that we must return to those investors when loans sold to them are repaid before a specified point in time. In addition, we experienced a 9% increase in investor repurchase and indemnity claims on loans sold to investors for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to that for the six months ended June 30, 2019. Each of these factors, increased early pay-off fees and increased repurchase and indemnity claims on loans sold to investors, influenced our decision to increase our provision for investor reserves as indicated above.

# Loan Servicing and Other Fees

The table below provides additional details regarding our loan servicing and other fees are described below for the periods presented.

	OIA IVI	OHEHS		
	Ended .	June 30,		
(\$ in thousands)	2020	2019	<b>\$ Change</b>	% Change
Servicing fee income	\$74,178	\$66,109	\$ 8,069	12.2%
Other ancillary fees	2,636	2,899	(263)	(9.1)%
Loan modification fees	361	361	_	0.0%
Interest on impound accounts	(865)	(932)	67	(7.2)%
Total loan servicing and other fees	\$76,310	\$68,437	\$ 7,873	11.5%

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The table below provides additional details regarding our servicing portfolio composition and key performance indicators as of and for the periods presented.

	Six Months Ended June 30,			
(\$ and units in thousands)	2020	2019	Change	% Change
Beginning UPB of servicing portfolio(1)	\$49,326,579	\$45,496,129	\$ 3,830,450	8.4%
New UPB origination additions(2)	14,558,875	8,542,837	6,016,038	70.4%
Less:				
UPB originations sold service released(3)	2,145,044	3,237,884	(1,092,840)	(33.7)%
Loan prepayments	8,223,361	2,730,731	5,492,630	201.1%
Loan principal reductions	692,900	628,976	63,924	10.2%
Loan foreclosures	29,821	42,175	(12,354)	(29.3)%
Ending UPB of servicing portfolio	\$52,794,328	\$47,399,200	\$ 5,395,128	11.4%
Average UPB of servicing portfolio	\$51,060,454	\$46,447,665	\$ 4,612,789	9.9%
Weighted average servicing fee	0.31%	0.29%	0.02%	6.9%
Weighted average note rate	4.0%	4.3%	(0.3)%	(7.0)%
Weighted average prepayment speed(4)	22.5%	16.6%	5.9%	35.5%
Weighted average credit score	723	719	4	0.6%
Weighted average loan age (in months)	27.8	29.2	(1.4)	(4.8)%
Weighted average loan-to-value	83.4%	84.4%	(1.0)%	(1.2)%
MSR multiple (period end)(5)	2.2	2.9	(0.7)	(24.1)%
Loans serviced (period end)	249	229	20	8.7%
Loans delinquent 60-plus days (period end)	9.2	3.3	5.9	178.8%
Loan delinquency rate 60-plus days (period end)	3.5%	1.2%	2.3%	191.7%

- (1) We purchased two servicing portfolios totaling \$1.1 billion and \$0.8 billion as of June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively, that are currently being subserviced by a third party and are excluded from these numbers.
- (2) Includes all in-house loans originated in period, irrespective if it is eventually sold, service retained or service released.
- 3) Represents loans sold for which we do not continue to act as the servicer of the loan.
- (4) Represents the percentage of UPB that will pay off ahead of time in each period, calculated as an annual rate.
- (5) Represents a metric used to determine the relative value of our MSRs in relation to our annualized retained servicing fee. It is calculated by dividing (a) the fair market value of our MSRs as of a specified date by (b) the weighted average annualized retained servicing fee for our servicing portfolio as of such date. We exclude purchased MSRs from this calculation because our servicing portfolio consists primarily of originated MSRs and, consequently, purchased MSRs do not have a material impact on our weighted average service fee.

Total loan servicing and other fees increased by \$7.9 million or 11.5% for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to that for the six months ended June 30, 2019, which is consistent with our average servicing portfolio growth of 9.9% for the twelve months ended June 30, 2020. We expect, however, that our servicing fee income will decline due to certain of our clients electing to accept forbearance relief under the CARES Act. Those clients are currently not making their mortgage payments and the duration of the CARES Act forbearance period is uncertain. We have experienced a decline in other ancillary fee income of \$0.3 million or 9.1% for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to that for the six months ended June 30, 2019, reflecting our inability to resume charging late fees until the termination of the CARES Act forbearance period.

# Valuation Adjustment of Mortgage Servicing Rights

The below table presents our MSR valuation adjustment for the periods presented.

	Six Months Ended June 30,			
(\$ in thousands)	2020	2019	\$ Change	% Change
MSR valuation adjustment	\$(204,810)	\$(160,222)	\$ (44,588)	27.8%

The fair value of our MSRs declined by \$204.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to a decline of \$160.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2019. The fair value of our MSRs generally declines as interest rates decline and prepayments increase. According to the MBA Mortgage Finance Forecast, average 30-year mortgage rates declined by 50 basis points during the six months ended June 30, 2020. Additionally, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our 60-plus day delinquency rate on our servicing portfolio increased to 3.5% as of June 30, 2020 from 1.2% as of June 30, 2019. Both of these factors resulted in a reduction in the fair value of our MSRs.

# Interest Income

Interest income increased by \$1.6 million or 6.4.% for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to that for the six months ended June 30, 2019. Although our origination volume increased by 69.5% for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to that for the six months ended June 30, 2019, our interest earned on loans funded only increased by 6.4% over the comparative period. This was primarily due to a decline in our average note rate on loans originated of 3.5% for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to 4.7% for the six months ended June 30, 2019.

#### Interest Expense

Interest expense increased by \$4.3 million or 18.6% for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to that for the six months ended June 30, 2019. Although interest rates declined, we incurred additional interest expense related to our warehouse lines of credit. Interest expense related to our warehouse lines of credit increased by \$1.1 million or 8.3% for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to that for the six months ended June 30, 2019. This expense was incurred in connection with additional borrowings to support our increased origination volume.

Interest expense also includes costs incurred for payments of interest with respect to our MSR notes payable and our early buyout facility. As of June 30, 2020, our outstanding borrowing under the MSR notes payable and early buy out facility totaled \$222.1 million compared to \$153.0 million as of June 30, 2019.

Payoff interest expense increased by \$2.6 million or 136.5% for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to that for the six months ended June 30, 2019. Most of this increase was due to increased payoff volume. When a client pays off their loan with us, the client pays interest only up until the date of payoff. As a seller-servicer, however, we are required to remit the full month of interest to the investors who purchase the loans we originate, despite the fact that the client will not pay a full month of interest for that month. Our loan prepayments increased by \$5.5 billion or 201.1% for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to that for the six months ended June 30, 2019.

#### Other Income

Changes in other income for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to that for the six months ended June 30, 2019 were immaterial to the overall results of operations.

# **Expenses**

	Six Months Ended			
	Jun			
(\$ in thousands)	2020	2019	\$ Change	% Change
Salaries, commission and benefits	\$376,898	\$241,316	\$ 135,582	56.2%
Occupancy, equipment and communication	26,955	26,942	13	0.0%
General and administrative	48,192	28,624	19,568	68.4%
Provision for foreclosure losses	1,860	774	1,086	140.3%
Depreciation and amortization	3,146	3,824	(678)	(17.7)%
Total expenses	\$457,051	\$301,480	\$ 155,571	51.6%

#### Salaries, Commission and Benefits

Salaries, commission and benefits expense increased by \$135.6 million or 56.2% for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to that for the six months ended June 30, 2019. This increase resulted from increased variable incentive compensation paid to our origination teams and our hiring of additional employees to support the increases in our origination and servicing volumes.

A breakdown of the components of salaries, commissions and benefits expense is provided below.

	Six Mont	hs Ended		
Salaries, Commission and Benefits	Jun	e 30,		
(\$ in thousands)	2020	2019	\$ Change	% Change
Commission	\$210,710	\$116,884	\$ 93,826	80.3%
Salaries	117,068	96,997	20,071	20.7%
Benefits	49,120	27,435	21,685	79.0%
Total salaries, commission and benefits expense	\$376,898	\$241,316	\$ 135,582	56.2%

Commission expense increased by \$93.8 million or 80.3% for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to that for the six months ended June 30, 2019. Commission expense includes variable incentive compensation that is paid to producers based on loan closings and variable incentive compensation paid to sales managers based on branch expense management. The variable incentive compensation that is paid to producers based on loan closings increased for the six months end June 30, 2020 compared to that for the six months ended June 30, 2019 because of the increase in our origination during this period. The variable incentive compensation paid to sales managers based on branch expense management increased by \$28.5 million or 137% because loan origination volume increased during this period, despite branch fixed costs remaining unchanged, which created an opportunity for sales managers to earn additional variable compensation based on branch expense management.

Salaries expense increased by \$20.1 million or 20.7% for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to that for the six months ended June 30, 2019. Salaries expense increased because the Company hired additional temporary employees and paid increased variable bonus and overtime to support the increase in our origination and servicing volumes during this period.

Benefits expense increased by \$21.7 million or 79.0% for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to that for the six months ended June 30, 2019. This increase resulted mostly from increased employment taxes related to increased personnel expenses.

#### Occupancy, Equipment and Communication

Occupancy, equipment and communication expense remained unchanged for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to that for the six months ended June 30, 2019. A breakdown of the components of occupancy, equipment and communication expense is provided below.

Occupancy, Equipment and Communication Expense	Six Mon	Six Months Ended		
(\$ in thousands)	2020	2019	\$ Change	% Change
Occupancy	\$ 16,279	\$ 16,707	(428)	(2.6)%
Equipment	3,240	3,350	(110)	(3.3)%
Communication	7,436	6,885	551	8.0%
Total occupancy, equipment and communication expense	\$ 26,955	\$ 26,942	13	0.0%

Occupancy costs remained unchanged for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to that for the six months ended June 30, 2019. Occupancy costs generally consist of fixed costs and remain consistent except for the typical increase in building rental expense each year, which is usually aligned with inflation, and except for any increases associated with new acquisitions, expansion into new territories and entry into new material building leases. We incurred a slight decrease in occupancy and equipment costs for the six months ended June 30, 2020, compared to that for the six months ended June 30, 2019, because, as more of our employees were working remotely, we did not renew some of our leased office space. Our communication expense increased by approximately \$0.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to that for the six months ended June 30, 2019. This increase was primarily due to most of our employees working remotely because of COVID-19-related restrictive measures.

#### General and Administrative

General and administrative expense increased by \$19.6 million or 68.4% for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to that for the six months ended June 30, 2019. A breakdown of general and administrative expense is provided below.

	Six Mont	hs Ended		
General and Administrative Expense	June 30,			
(\$ in thousands)	2020	2019	\$ Change	% Change
Contingent liability fair value adjustment	20,024	3,054	16,970	555.7%
Professional fees	12,192	10,441	1,751	16.8%
Advertising	8,839	8,505	334	3.9%
Office supplies, travel and entertainment	4,488	5,138	(650)	(12.7)%
Miscellaneous	2,649	1,486	1,163	78.3%
Total general and administrative expense	48,192	28,624	19,568	68.4%

Approximately \$17.0 million of this \$19.6 million increase in general and administrative expense resulted from an adjustment to the fair value of the contingent liabilities related to our completed acquisitions.

Professional fees increased by 16.8% or \$1.8 million for the for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to those for the six months ended June 30, 2019. This increase in professional fees arose primarily from an increase in fees paid to third party quality control vendors to support the growth in our origination and servicing volume during the period.

Office supplies, travel and entertainment expense decreased by \$0.7 million or 12.7% for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to that for the six months ended June 30, 2019. This decrease was primarily due to our employees working remotely as a result of COVID-19-related restrictive measures.

Miscellaneous expense increased by \$1.2 million or 78.3% for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to that for the six months ended June 30, 2019. This increase was due to higher miscellaneous loan level fees arising from our increased origination and servicing volume during the period.

#### Provision for Foreclosure Losses

Provision for foreclosure losses expense increased by \$1.1 million or 140.3% during the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to that for the six months ended June 30, 2019. Although we have seen a decrease in overall foreclosure starts and sales due to the CARES Act's foreclosure moratorium, we have elected to increase our foreclosure loss reserves in anticipation of an increase in foreclosures after that moratorium is lifted. We estimate that, had the CARES Act's foreclosure moratorium not been in effect, the number of our loans in foreclosure would have been higher during the six months ended June 30, 2020. Additionally, we expect that the increase in foreclosure proceedings after the CARES Act's foreclosure moratorium is lifted will likely create a backlog and slow the judicial foreclosure process, which, in turn, will increase the length of foreclosure periods and result in higher foreclosure losses expense. For these reasons, we increased our provision for foreclosure losses accordingly.

# Depreciation and Amortization

Depreciation and amortization decreased by \$0.7 million or 17.7% for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to that for the six months ended June 30, 2019 primarily due to fewer equipment purchases and leasehold improvements for the period.

#### Results of Operations for the Years Ended December 31, 2019 and 2018

	Year Ended			
Consolidated Statement of Operations	December 31,			
(\$ in thousands)	2019	2018	\$ Change	% Change
Loan origination fees and gain on sale of loans, net	\$ 820,814	\$616,608	\$ 204,206	33.1%
Loan servicing and other fees	142,705	123,681	19,024	15.4%
Valuation adjustment of mortgage servicing rights	(255,219)	(17,050)	(238,169)	1,396.9%
Interest income	58,787	43,676	15,111	34.6%
Interest expense	(55,391)	(44,002)	(11,389)	25.9%
Other income	1,193	6	1,187	NM
Net revenue	712,889	722,919	(10,030)	(1.4)%
Salaries, commission and benefits	578,170	510,253	67,917	13.3%
Occupancy, equipment and communication	53,678	52,483	1,195	2.3%
General and administrative	63,983	50,976	13,007	25.5%
Provision for foreclosure losses	3,895	4,434	(539)	(12.2)%
Depreciation and amortization	7,333	7,180	153	2.1%
Total expense	707,059	625,326	81,733	13.1%
Income (loss) before income tax (benefit) expense	5,830	97,593	(91,763)	(94.0)%
Income tax (benefit) expense	253	24,260	(24,007)	(99.0)%
Net income	\$ 5,577	\$ 73,333	\$ (67,756)	(92.4)%

Net income totaled \$5.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to \$73.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2018. According to the MBA Mortgage Finance Forecast, average 30-year mortgage rates declined approximately 110 basis points during the year ended December 31, 2019, which led to an increase in refinance activity. Refinance activity represented 27.8% of origination volume in the U.S. mortgage market during the year ended December 31, 2018 compared to 41.5% of origination volume during the year ended December 31, 2019, according to Inside Mortgage Finance. As consumer demand

for refinancing increased, our profit margins increased. Our origination volume increased by \$5.3 billion or 32.3% for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to that for the year ended December 31, 2018. Our loan servicing and other fees income increased by \$19.0 million or 15.4% for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to that for the year ended December 31, 2018.

Salaries, commission and benefits expense increased by \$67.9 million or 13.3% for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to that for the year ended December 31, 2018. This increase primarily resulted from increased variable incentive compensation paid to our origination teams. Revenue, excluding the loss associated with the adjustment to the fair value of our MSRs, increased by \$228.1 million or 30.8%, while salaries, commission and benefits expense increased by \$67.9 million or 13.3% for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to that for the year ended December 31, 2018. General and administrative expense increased by \$13.0 million or 25.5% for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to that for the year ended December 31, 2018, which was primarily due to an upward adjustment to the fair value of the contingent liabilities related to our completed acquisitions. During the year ended December 31, 2019, we recorded \$7.9 million of expense related to earn-out valuation adjustments during the year ended December 31, 2018. Depreciation and amortization expenses are generally fixed costs but slightly increased during this period in connection with our purchase of new equipment to support staffing increases.

#### Revenue

# Loan Origination Fees and Gain on Sale of Loans, Net

The table below provides additional detail regarding the loan origination fees and gain on sale of loans, net is described below for the periods presented.

	Year l	Ended		
	Decem	ber 31,		
(\$ in thousands)	2019	2018	\$ Change	% Change
Gain on sale of loans	\$601,672	\$454,272	\$ 147,400	32.4%
Fair value of originated MSRs	141,742	124,795	16,947	13.6%
Fair value adjustment to MLHS and IRLCs	14,241	(2,943)	17,184	NM
Changes in fair value of forward commitments	5,295	(9,806)	15,101	NM
Origination fees	68,067	56,776	11,291	19.9%
Provision for investor reserves	(10,203)	(6,486)	(3,717)	57.3%
Total loan origination fees and gain on sale of loans, net	<u>\$820,814</u>	<u>\$616,608</u>	\$ 204,206	33.1%

The table below provides additional detail regarding the composition of our origination volume and other key performance indicators for the periods presented.

	Year Ended I			
(\$ and units in thousands)	2019	2018	Change	% Change
Loan origination volume by type:				
Conventional conforming	\$12,524,685	\$ 9,501,056	\$3,023,629	31.8%
Government	6,543,065	4,457,888	2,085,177	46.8%
State housing	1,711,012	1,515,396	195,616	12.9%
Non-agency	932,906	935,389	(2,483)	(0.3)%
Total in-house originations(1)	\$21,711,668	\$16,409,729	\$5,301,939	32.3%
Brokered loans	\$ 136,106	\$ 105,145	\$ 30,961	29.4%
Total originations	\$21,847,774	\$16,514,874	\$5,332,900	32.3%
In-house loans closed	81	66	15	22.7%
Average loan amount	\$ 270	\$ 250	\$ 20	8.0%
Purchase	64.9%	84.7%	(19.8)%	(23.4)%
Refinance	35.1%	15.3%	19.8%	129.4%
Service retained(2)	66.5%	73.2%	(6.7)%	(9.2)%
Service released(3)	33.5%	26.8%	6.7%	25.0%
Gain-on-sale margin (bps)(4)	378	376	2	0.5%
Total locked volume(5)	\$25,598,331	\$18,813,759	\$6,784,572	36.1%
Pull-through adjusted lock volume(6)	\$22,884,908	\$16,706,618	\$6,178,290	37.0%
Weighted average loan-to-value	84.9%	85.8%	(0.9)%	(1.0)%
Weighted average credit score	732	717	15	2.1%
Weighted average note rate	4.2%	4.9%	(0.7)%	(14.3)%
Days application to close	41	41	0	%
Days close to purchase by investors	17	20	(3)	(15.0)%
Purchase recapture rate	25.6%	24.1%	1.5%	6.2%
Refinance recapture rate	63.9%	40.0%	23.9%	59.8%

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes retail and correspondent loans and excludes brokered loans.

<sup>(2)</sup> Represents loans sold for which we continue to act as the servicer.

<sup>(3)</sup> Represents loans sold for which we do not continue to act as the servicer.

<sup>(4)</sup> Represents the components of loan origination fees and gain on sales of loans, net described under "—Our Components of Revenue" divided by total in-house origination to derive basis points. Our gain-on-sale margin based on pull-through adjusted lock volume was 359 basis points and 369 basis points for the years ended December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively. Gain-on-sale margin based on pull-through adjusted lock volume represents the components of loan origination fees and gain on sales of loans, net described under "—Our Components of Revenue" divided by pull-through adjusted lock volume.

<sup>(5)</sup> Total locked volume represents the aggregate dollar value of the potential loans for which the Company has agreed to extend credit to consumers at specified rates for a specified period of time, subject to certain contingencies that are described in the interest rate lock commitments between the Company and each of those consumers. The total locked volume for a given period is representative of the interest rate lock commitments that the Company has initially entered into during that period.

<sup>(6)</sup> Pull-through adjusted lock volume equal to total locked volume multiplied by pull-through rates of 89.40% and 88.80% for the years ended December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively. We estimate the pull-through rate based on changes in pricing and actual borrower behavior using a historical analysis of loan closing data and "fallout" data with respect to the number of commitments that have historically remained unexercised.

#### Loan Origination and Gain on Sale of Loans, Net

Gain on sale of loans increased by \$147.4 million or 32.4% for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to that for the year ended December 31, 2018 due to a \$4.8 billion or 29.3% increase in loan sales for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to that for the year ended December 31, 2018.

The fair value of our originated MSRs increased by \$16.9 million or 13.6% for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to that for the year ended December 31, 2018. This increase was caused by an increase in our origination volume; however, this increase in origination volume was slightly offset by an increase in the percentage of our loans sold for which we did not continue to act as the servicer (i.e., on a "service released" basis). During the year ended December 31, 2019, we released 34% of our origination volume compared to 27% of our origination volume for the year ended December 31, 2018.

Adjustments to the recorded fair value of our MLHS and IRLCs, net of any related changes in the recorded fair value of our forward delivery commitments, resulted in a gain of \$19.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to a loss of \$12.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2018. This gain resulted from decreased interest rates and increased origination volume. Additionally, in response to our increased origination volume, our origination fee income increased by \$11.3 million or 19.9% for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to that for the year ended December 31, 2018.

Our provision for investor reserves increased by \$3.7 million or 57.3% for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to that for the year ended December 31, 2018. This increase resulted from our increased origination volume, as well as an increase in the borrower prepayment fees paid to investors.

#### Loan Servicing and Other Fees

The table below provides additional details regarding our loan servicing and other fees are described below for the periods presented.

	Year Ended De	Year Ended December 31,		
(\$ in thousands)	2019	2018	\$ Change	% Change
Servicing fee income	\$ 138,201	\$ 119,647	\$ 18,554	15.5%
Other ancillary fees	5,999	4,878	1,121	23.0%
Loan modification fees	635	739	(104)	(14.1)%
Interest on impound accounts	(2,130)	(1,583)	(547)	34.6%
Total servicing fees	\$ 142,705	\$ 123,681	\$ 19,024	15.4%

The table below provides additional details regarding our servicing portfolio composition and key performance indicators for the period presented.

	Year Ended D			
(\$ and units in thousands)	2019	2018	Change	% Change
Beginning UPB of servicing portfolio(1)	\$45,496,129	\$38,553,331	\$6,942,798	18.0%
New UPB origination additions(2)	21,711,668	16,409,729	5,301,939	32.3%
Less:				
UPB originations sold service released(3)	\$ 7,122,270	\$ 4,527,134	\$2,595,136	57.3%
Loan prepayments	9,374,095	3,701,085	5,673,010	153.3%
Loan principal reductions	1,300,240	1,163,639	136,601	11.7%
Loan foreclosures	84,613	75,073	9,540	12.7%
Ending UPB of servicing portfolio	\$49,326,579	\$45,496,129	\$3,830,450	8.4%
Average UPB of servicing portfolio	\$47,411,354	\$42,024,730	\$5,386,624	12.8%
Weighted average servicing fee	0.30%	0.29%	0.01%	3.4%
Weighted average note rate	4.20%	4.28%	(0.08)%	(1.9)%
Weighted average prepayment speed(4)	17.5%	11.4%	6.1%	53.5%
Weighted average credit score	721	720	1	0.1%
Weighted average loan age (in months)	29.6	26.7	2.9	10.9%
Weighted average loan-to-value	84.2%	84.3%	(0.1)%	(0.1)%
MSR multiple (period end)(5)	2.9	3.9	(1.0)	(25.6)%
Loans serviced (period end)	237	221	16	7.2%
Loans delinquent 60-plus days (period end)	4.4	3.5	0.9	25.7%
Loan delinquency rate 60-plus days (period end)	1.6%	1.4%	0.2%	14.3%

<sup>(1)</sup> We purchased two servicing portfolios totaling \$1.3 billion and \$0.8 billion at December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively, that are currently being subserviced by a third party and are excluded from these numbers.

Total loan servicing and other fees increased \$19.0 million or 15.4% for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to that for the year ended December 31, 2018, which is consistent with our average MSR growth of 12.8% for the year ended December 31, 2019.

# Valuation Adjustment of Mortgage Servicing Rights

The below table presents our MSR valuation adjustment for the periods presented.

	Year E	naea		
	Decemb	er 31,		
(\$ in thousands)	2019	2018	<b>\$ Change</b>	% Change
MSR valuation adjustment	\$(255,219)	\$(17.050)	\$(238.169)	1.396.9%

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes all in-house loans originated in period, irrespective if it is eventually sold, service retained or service released.

<sup>(3)</sup> Represents loans sold for which we do not continue to act as the servicer of the loan.

<sup>(4)</sup> Represents the percentage of UPB that will pay off ahead of time in each period, calculated as an annual rate.

<sup>(5)</sup> Represents a metric used to determine the relative value of our MSRs in relation to our annualized retained servicing fee. It is calculated by dividing (a) the fair market value of our MSRs as of a specified date by (b) the weighted average annualized retained servicing fee for our servicing portfolio as of such date. We exclude purchased MSRs from this calculation because our servicing portfolio consists primarily of originated MSRs and, consequently, purchased MSRs do not have a material impact on our weighted average service fee.

The fair value of our MSRs declined by \$255.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to a decline of \$17.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2018. The fair value of our MSRs generally declines as interest rates decline and prepayments increase. According to the MBA Mortgage Finance Forecast, average 30-year mortgage rates declined by 110 basis points during the year ended December 31, 2019. Additionally, our 60-plus day delinquency rate on our servicing portfolio increased to 1.6% as of December 31, 2019 from 1.4% as of December 31, 2018. Both of these factors resulted in a reduction in the fair value of our MSRs.

#### Interest Income

Interest income increased by \$15.1 million or 34.6% for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to that for the year ended December 31, 2018. This is comparable to our origination volume increase of 32.3% for the comparative period.

#### Interest Expense

Interest expense increased \$11.4 million or 25.9% for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to that for the year ended December 31, 2018. Interest expense related to warehouse lines of credit increased by \$5.5 million or 19.8% for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to the year ended December 31, 2018. This expense was incurred in connection with additional borrowings to support our increased origination volumes.

Payoff interest expense increased by \$3.4 million or 124.1% for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to the year ended December 31, 2018. Most of this increase was due to increased payoff volume. Our loan prepayments increased by \$5.7 billion or 153% for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to the year ended December 31, 2018.

#### Expense

	Year			
	Decem	ber 31,		
(\$ in thousands)	2019	2018	\$ Change	% Change
Salaries, commission and benefits	\$578,170	\$510,253	\$ 67,917	13.3%
Occupancy, equipment and communication	53,678	52,483	1,195	2.3%
General and administrative	63,983	50,976	13,007	25.5%
Provision for foreclosure losses	3,895	4,434	(539)	(12.2)%
Depreciation and amortization	7,333	7,180	153	2.1%
Total expenses	\$707,059	\$625,326	\$ 81,733	13.1%

# Salaries, Commission and Benefits

Salaries, commission and benefits expense increased by \$67.9 million or 13.3% for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to that for the year ended December 31, 2018. A breakdown of the components of salaries, commissions and benefits expense is provided below.

	Year	Ended			
Salaries, Commission and Benefits	Decem	December 31,			
(\$ in thousands)	2019	2018	<b>\$ Change</b>	% Change	
Commission	\$303,736	\$221,041	\$ 82,695	37.4%	
Salaries	211,868	222,703	(10,835)	(4.9)%	
Benefits	62,566	66,509	(3,943)	(5.9)%	
Total salaries, commission and benefits expense	\$578,170	\$510,253	\$ 67,917	13.3%	

Commission expense increased by \$82.7 million or 37.4% for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to that for the year ended December 31, 2018. This increase in commission expense resulted from an increase in our loan origination volume of 32.3% for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to that for the year ended December 31, 2018.

Although our loan origination volume increased for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to that for the year ended December 31, 2018, our salaries expense decreased by \$10.8 million or 4.9% because of a reduction in staff for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to that for the year ended December 31, 2018.

Benefits expense decreased by \$3.9 million or 5.9% for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to that for the year ended December 31, 2018. This decrease resulted from a decrease in our group insurance expense for salaried employees arising from the decreased staffing referenced above.

# Occupancy, Equipment and Communication

Occupancy, equipment and communication expense increased by \$1.2 million or 2.3% for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to that for the year ended December 31, 2018. A breakdown of the components of occupancy, equipment and communication expense is provided below.

	Year	Ended		
Occupancy, Equipment and Communication Expense December 31,				
(\$ in thousands)	2019	2018	\$ Change	% Change
Occupancy	\$33,428	\$32,127	\$ 1,301	4.0%
Equipment	6,494	6,927	(433)	(6.3)%
Communication	_13,756	13,429	327	2.4%
Total occupancy, equipment and communication expense	\$53,678	\$52,483	\$ 1,195	2.3%

Occupancy costs increased by \$1.3 million or 4.0% for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to that for the year ended December 31, 2018. Occupancy costs generally consist of fixed costs and remain consistent except for the typical increase in building rental expense each year, which is usually aligned with inflation, and except for any increases associated with new acquisitions, expansion into new territories and entry into new material building leases. The increase in our occupancy costs for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to that for the year ended December 31, 2018 was related to our addition of twelve branch offices in connection with an acquisition during the period.

#### General and Administrative

General and administrative expense increased by \$13.0 million or 25.5% for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to that for the year ended December 31, 2018. A breakdown of general and administrative expense is provided below.

	Year	Ended		
General and Administrative Expense	Decem	ber 31,		
(\$ in thousands)	2020	2019	\$ Change	% Change
Contingent liability fair value adjustment	\$ 7,919	\$ (2,643)	\$ 10,562	NM
Professional fees	23,434	20,015	3,419	17.1%
Advertising	17,620	16,778	842	5.0%
Office supplies, travel and entertainment	10,452	12,272	(1,820)	(14.8)%
Miscellaneous	4,558	4,554	4	0.0%
Total general and administrative expense	\$63,983	\$50,976	\$ 13,007	25.5%

Approximately \$10.6 million of this \$13.0 million increase in general and administrative expense resulted from an adjustment to the fair value of the contingent liabilities related to our completed acquisitions.

Professional fees increased by 17.1% or \$3.4 million for the for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to that for the year ended December 31, 2018. This increase in professional fees arose primarily from a \$3.0 million accrual relating to state tax matters and an increase in fees paid for services to support the growth in our origination and servicing volume during the period.

Office supplies, travel and entertainment expense decreased by \$1.8 million or 14.8% for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to that for the year ended December 31, 2018. This decrease was primarily due to the fact that we did not have an annual branch manager meeting in 2019, which reduced our meeting and travel expenses by approximately \$1.5 million.

Advertising expense increased by \$0.8 million or 5.0% for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to that for the year ended December 31, 2018. This increase was due to increased loan origination volume during period.

# Provision for Foreclosure Losses

Provision for foreclosure losses expense declined by \$0.5 million or 12.2% for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to that for the year ended December 31, 2018. We reserve for government loans based on historical loss experience as well as for loan-specific issues related to foreclosure. Our specific reserves decreased by \$0.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to that for the year ended December 31, 2018, which represented the majority of the decrease in expenses.

#### Depreciation and Amortization

Depreciation and amortization expense increased by \$0.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to that for the year ended December 31, 2018.

# Summary Results by Segment for the Six Months ended June 30, 2020 and 2019 and the Years Ended December 31, 2019 and 2018

Our operations are comprised of two distinct but related reportable segments that we refer to as our origination and servicing segments. We operate our origination segment from approximately 200 office locations. Our licensed sales professionals and support staff cultivate deep relationships with our referral partners and clients and provide a customized approach to the loan transaction, whether it is a purchase or a refinance. Although our origination and servicing segments are separated for this presentation, management sees the two segments as intricately related and interdependent. We believe that our servicing segment provides a steady stream of revenue to support our origination segment and that, more importantly, our servicing segment positions us to build longstanding client relationships that drive repeat and referral business back to the origination segment to recapture our clients' future mortgage transactions. In particular, the growth of our servicing segment is dependent on the continued growth of our origination volume because our servicing portfolio consists primarily of originated MSRs.

We measure the performance of our segments primarily based on their net income (loss) and cost to produce. See below for an overview and discussion of each of our segments' results for the six months ended June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2019 and the years ended December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018. These results do not include unallocated corporate costs.

#### Origination

	For the Six Months Ended			For the Years Ended				
(\$ and units in thousands)		June 30, 2020		June 30, 2019	Ē	December 31, 2019	D	ecember 31, 2018
Funded loans	\$	14,558,875	\$	8,542,837	\$	21,711,668	\$	16,409,729
Funded loans		52		33	_	81		66
Loan origination fees and gain on sale	\$	730,459	\$	325,482	\$	817,293	\$	614,004
Interest income (expense)		6,410		6,804		9,702		9,422
Other income (expense)		25		25	_	38		33
Net revenue		736,894		332,311		827,033		623,459
Salaries, commission and benefits		350,043		230,685		548,056		480,280
Occupancy, equipment and communication		24,155		24,045		48,115		46,986
Production technology		9,370		9,198		18,625		12,271
General and administrative		27,777		11,080		24,403		21,148
Depreciation and amortization		2,601		3,335		6,417		6,392
Total expenses		413,946		278,343		645,616		567,077
Net income allocated to origination	\$	322,948	\$	53,968	\$	181,417	\$	56,382

Six months ended June 30, 2020 and 2019

The origination segment's net income increased by \$269.0 million or 498.4% for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to that for the six months ended June 30, 2019. This change was primarily driven by increased revenue earned from loan origination fees and gain on sale of loans, net of \$405.0 million or 124.4% for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to that for the six months ended June 30, 2019. According to the MBA Mortgage Finance Forecast, average 30-year mortgage rates declined approximately 80 basis points from June 30, 2019 to June 30, 2020, which led to an intercase in refinance activity. Refinance activity represented 59% of the origination volume in the U.S. mortgage market during the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to 29% of the origination volume in the U.S. mortgage market during the six months ended June 30, 2019, according to Inside Mortgage Finance. As consumer demand for refinancing increased, our profit margins increased. Our total origination volume increased by 69.5% for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to that for the six months ended June 30, 2019.

Salaries, commission and benefits expense increased by \$119.4 million or 51.7% for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to that for the six months ended June 30, 2019 due to increased variable incentive compensation paid to our origination teams and our hiring of additional employees to support the increases in our origination and servicing volumes. For the six months ended June 30, 2020, revenue increased by 121.7%, while salaries, commission and benefits expense increased by 51.7% compared to that for the six months ended June 30, 2019. Other attributable expenses, other than salaries, commission and benefits expense, increased by \$16.2 million or 34.1% for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to that for the six months ended June 30, 2019. The majority of this increase related to a \$17.0 million increase in the adjustment to the fair value of the contingent liabilities related to our completed acquisitions.

Years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018

The origination segment's net income increased by \$125.0 million or 221.8% for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to that for the year ended December 31, 2018. This change was primarily driven by increased revenue earned from gain on sale of loans of \$203.3 million or 33.1% for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to that for the year ended December 31, 2018. According to the MBA

Mortgage Finance Forecast, average 30-year mortgage rates declined approximately 110 basis points during the year ended December 31, 2019, which led to an increase in refinance activity. Refinance activity represented 27.8% of the origination volume in the U.S. mortgage market during the year ended December 31, 2018 compared to 41.5% of the origination volume during the year ended December 31, 2019, according to Inside Mortgage Finance. As consumer demand for refinancing increased, our profit margins increased. Our origination volume increased 32.3% for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to that for the year ended December 31, 2018.

Salaries, commission and benefits expense increased by \$67.8 million or 14.1% for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to that for the year ended December 31, 2018 due to increased variable incentive compensation paid to our origination teams and our hiring of additional employees to support the increases in our origination and servicing volumes. For the year ended December 31, 2019, revenue increased by 32.7%, while salaries, commission and benefits expense increased by 14.1%, compared to that for the year ended December 31, 2018. Other attributable expenses, other than salaries, commission and benefits expense, increased by \$10.8 million or 12.4% for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to that for the year ended December 31, 2018. The majority of this increase related to a \$10.6 million increase in the adjustment to the fair value of the contingent liabilities related to our completed acquisitions.

#### Servicing

	For the Six M	Months Ended	For the Years Ended			
(6 d t t d d-)	June 30,	June 30,	December 31,	December 31,		
(\$ and units in thousands)	2020	2019	2019	2018		
UPB of servicing portfolio (period end)	\$ 52,794,328	\$ 47,399,200	\$ 49,326,579	\$ 45,496,129		
Loans serviced (period end)	249	229	237	221		
Loan servicing and other fees	\$ 76,310	\$ 68,437	\$ 142,705	\$ 123,681		
Loan origination fees and gain on sale, net	2,834	2,021	3,521	2,604		
Total revenue	79,144	70,458	146,226	126,285		
Valuation adjustment to MSRs	(204,810)	(160,222)	(255,219)	(17,050)		
Interest expense	(2,611)	(7)	2,674	(2,728)		
Net revenue	(128,277)	(89,771)	(106,319)	106,507		
Salaries, commission and benefits	9,217	7,443	15,538	13,716		
Occupancy, equipment and communication	1,215	873	2,078	1,893		
General and administrative	3,520	2,492	5,145	4,498		
Technology costs	3,453	2,586	5,162	4,068		
Provision for foreclosure losses	1,860	774	3,895	4,434		
Depreciation and amortization	214	154	326	112		
Total expenses	19,479	14,322	32,144	28,721		
Net income (loss) allocated to servicing	\$ (147,756)	\$ (104,093)	\$ (138,463)	\$ 77,786		

Six months ended June 30, 2020 and 2019

Our loan servicing segment's net loss increased by \$43.7 million or 41.9% for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to that for the six months ended June 30, 2019. This change was primarily driven by \$204.8 million in adjustments to the fair value of our MSRs during the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to \$160.2 million in adjustments to the fair value of our MSRs during the six months ended June 30, 2019. The fair value of our MSRs generally declines as interest rates decline and as prepayments increase. According to the MBA Mortgage Finance Forecast, average 30-year mortgage rates declined by 50 basis points during the six months ended June 30, 2020. Additionally, due to the COVID-19 pandemic,

our 60-plus day delinquency rate on our servicing portfolio increased to 3.5% as of June 30, 2020 from 1.2% as of June 30, 2019. Both of these factors resulted in a reduction in the fair value of our MSRs. Our income from loan servicing and other fees increased by 11.5% for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to the six months ended June 30, 2019, which was consistent with our average servicing portfolio growth of 9.9% for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to the six months ended June 30, 2019.

Years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018

Our servicing segment incurred a net loss of \$138.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to net income of \$77.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2018. This change was primarily driven by \$255.2 million in adjustments to the fair value of our MSRs during the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to \$17.1 million in adjustments to the fair value of our MSRs during the year ended December 31, 2018. The fair value of our MSRs generally declines as interest rates decline and as prepayments increase. According to the MBA Mortgage Finance Forecast, average 30-year mortgage rates declined by 110 basis points during the year ended December 31, 2019. Additionally, our 60-plus day delinquency rate on our servicing portfolio increased to 1.6% as of December 31, 2019 from 1.4% as of December 31, 2018. Both of these factors resulted in a reduction in the fair value of our MSRs. Our income from loan servicing and other fees increased by \$19.0 million or 15.4% for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to that for the year ended December 31, 2018, which was consistent with our average servicing portfolio growth during this period.

# Liquidity, Capital Resources and Cash Flows

Historically, our primary sources of liquidity have included:

- · cash flows from our operations, including:
  - · sale of whole loans into the secondary market;
  - · loan origination fees;
  - · servicing fee income; and
  - · interest income on MLHS;
- · borrowings on warehouse lines of credit to originate mortgage loans; and
- · borrowings on our MSR notes payable.

Historically, our primary uses of funds have included:

- cash flows from our operations, including but not limited to:
  - · origination of MLHS;
  - · payment of interest expense; and
  - · payment of expenses;
- repayments on warehouse lines of credit;
- distributions to shareholders; and
- · acquisitions of other mortgage businesses.

We are also subject to contingencies which may have a significant effect on the use of our cash.

In order to originate and aggregate loans for sale into the secondary market, we use our own working capital and borrow or obtain money on a short-term basis, primarily through committed and uncommitted loan funding facilities that we have established with large global banks.

Our loan funding facilities are primarily in the form of master repurchase agreements, which we refer to as "warehouse lines of credit." Loans financed under these facilities are generally financed at

approximately 97% to 98% of the principal balance of the loan (although certain types of loans are financed at lower percentages of the principal balance of the loan), which requires us to fund the balance from cash generated from our operations. Once closed, the underlying residential mortgage loan that is held for sale is pledged as collateral for the borrowing or advance that was made under these loan funding facilities. In most cases, the loans will remain in one of the loan funding facilities for only a short time, generally less than one month, until the loans are pooled and sold. During the time the loans are held for sale, we earn interest income from the borrower on the underlying mortgage loan. This income is partially offset by the interest and fees we must pay under the loan funding facilities.

When we sell a pool of loans in the secondary market, the proceeds received from the sale of the loans are used to pay back the amounts we owe on the loan funding facilities. We rely on the cash generated from the sale of loans to fund future loans and repay borrowings under our loan funding facilities. Delays or failures to sell loans in the secondary market could have an adverse effect on our liquidity position.

As discussed in *Note 9, Warehouse Lines of Credit* to the condensed consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus, as of June 30, 2020, we had seven different loan funding facilities in different amounts and with various maturities. As of the date of this prospectus, the aggregate available amount under our loan facilities was approximately \$2.9 billion, with combined outstanding balances as of August 31, 2020 of approximately \$1.9 billion.

As discussed in *Note 10, Notes Payable* to the condensed consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus, as of June 30, 2020, we had three different MSR notes payable in different amounts with different maturities. As of August 31, 2020, the aggregate available amount under our MSR notes payable was \$415.0 million, with combined outstanding balances of \$186.0 million and unutilized capacity of \$229.0 million. The borrowing capacity under our MSR notes payable is restricted by the valuation of our servicing portfolio. We aim to operate with advance rates on our MSR notes payable of approximately 35% over the long-term.

The amount of financing advanced on each individual loan under our loan funding facilities is determined by agreed upon advance rates but may be less than the stated rate due to fluctuations in the market value of the mortgage loans securing the financings. If the lenders providing the funds under our loan funding facilities determine that the value of the loans serving as collateral for our borrowings under those facilities has decreased, they can initiate a margin call to require us to provide additional collateral or reduce the amount outstanding with respect to those loans. Our inability or unwillingness to satisfy such a request could result in the termination of the related facilities and a potential default under our other loan funding facilities. In addition, a large unanticipated margin call could have a material adverse effect on our liquidity.

The amount owed and outstanding under our loan funding facilities fluctuates significantly based on our origination volume, the amount of time it takes us to sell the loans we originate and the amount of loans we are self-funding with cash. We may from time to time post surplus cash as additional collateral to buy-down the effective interest rates of certain loan funding facilities or to self-fund a portion of our loan originations. As of June 30, 2020, we had posted \$132.0 million in cash as additional collateral. We have the ability to draw back this additional collateral at any time, unless a margin call has been made or a default has occurred under the relevant facilities.

We also have an early buyout facility that allows us to purchase certain delinquent GNMA loans that we service and finance them on the facility until the loan is cured or subsequently sold. The capacity of this uncommitted facility is \$75.0 million and, at June 30, 2020, the outstanding balance on the facility was \$34.1 million.

Our loan funding facilities and MSR notes payable generally require us to comply with certain operating and financial covenants and the availability of funds under these facilities are subject to, among other conditions, our continued compliance with these covenants. These financial covenants include, but are not limited to, maintaining a certain (i) minimum tangible net worth, (ii) minimum liquidity and (iii) a maximum ratio of total liabilities or total debt to tangible net worth and satisfying certain pre-tax net income

requirements. A breach of these covenants could result in an event of default under our funding facilities, which would allow the related lenders to pursue certain remedies. In addition, each of these facilities includes cross default or cross acceleration provisions that could result in all of our funding facilities terminating if an event of default or acceleration of maturity occurs under any one of them. We believe we were in compliance with all of these covenants as of June 30, 2020, December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018.

Our debt obligations are summarized below by facility as of June 30, 2020:

Facility (\$ in thousands)		standing ebtedness	Total Facility Size(1)		Maturity Date(1)
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Warehouse lines of credit	\$	450,965	\$	800,000	October 22, 2020
		118,652		250,000	August 31, 2021
		429,619		700,000	February 19, 2021
		141,452		200,000	June 2, 2021
		140,434		299,000	November 10, 2020
		282,677		500,000(2)	July 15, 2021
		93,833		200,000	April 29, 2021
Early buyout facility		34,080		75,000	February 28, 2024(3)
MSR notes payable		63,000		150,000(4)	September 30, 2022
		85,000		200,000(5)	June 4, 2022
	\$	40,000	\$	65,000	July 15, 2021

- (1) Total facility size and maturity date include contractual changes through the date of this prospectus.
- (2) Amounts drawn on the MSR notes payable with this lender reduce the facility size available under the warehouse line of credit with this lender by an equal and offsetting amount.
- (3) Each buyout transaction carries a maximum term of four years from the date of repurchase.
- (4) Facility provides for committed amount of \$100.0 million, which can be increased up to \$150.0 million.
- (5) Facility provides for committed amount of \$135.0 million, which can be increased up to \$200.0 million.

The investors to whom we sell mortgage loans we originate in the secondary market require us to abide by certain operating and financial covenants. These covenants include maintaining (i) a certain minimum net worth, (ii) a certain minimum liquidity, (iii) a certain minimum of total liquid assets, (iv) a certain maximum ratio of adjusted net worth to total assets and (v) fidelity bond and mortgage servicing errors and omissions coverage. A breach of these covenants could result in an event of default and could disallow us to continue selling mortgage loans to one or all of these investors in the secondary market which, in turn, could have a significant impact on our liquidity and results of operations. We believe we were in compliance with all of these covenants as of June 30, 2020, December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018.

When we sell loans in the secondary market, we have the option to sell them service released or service retained. The decision whether to sell a loan that we originated service released or service retained is based on factors such as execution and price, liquidity needs and the desire to retain the related client relationship. When we sell a loan service retained, we continue to act as the servicer for the life of the loan. We rely on income from loan servicing and other fees over the life of the loan to generate cash. Certain investors have different rules for the servicer to follow should a loan go into default. As the servicer, we may

be legally obligated to make cash payments to the investor who purchased the loan, should the borrower discontinue making payments on the loan. This could have a negative impact to our cash and liquidity, however, we may be able to use other borrower prepayments to cover delinquencies. Should delinquencies significantly increase, or prepayments significantly decrease, we could be forced to use our own cash or borrow on other types of financing in order to make the required monthly payments to the investors who have purchased loans from us. We may also be contractually required to repurchase or indemnify loans with origination defects. See "—Contractual Obligations" for further details regarding repurchases and indemnifications.

#### Cash Flows

Our cash flows for the six months ended June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2019 and the years ended December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018 are summarized below.

	Six Mont	hs Ended	Years l	Inded	
	June	e 30,	December 31,		
(\$ in thousands)	2020	2019	2019	2018	
Net cash used in operating activities	\$ (283,778)	\$ (301,051)	\$ (424,707)	\$ (31,765)	
Net cash used in investing activities	(15,649)	(2,338)	(13,488)	(25,638)	
Net cash used in financing activities	341,154	317,702	482,175	47,236	
Net increase (decrease) in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	\$ 41,727	\$ 14,313	\$ 43,980	\$ (10,167)	

#### Operating activities

Our cash flows from operating activities are primarily influenced by changes in the levels of inventory of loans held for sale, as shown below.

	Six Mont		Years I	
(\$ in thousands)	June		December 31,	
(* · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	2020	2019	2019	2018
Loans held for sale	\$ (433,767)	\$ (358,340)	\$ (533,610)	\$ (12,583)
Other operating sources	149,989	57,289	108,903	(19,182)
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>\$ (283,778)</u>	\$ (301,051)	\$ (424,707)	<u>\$ (31,765)</u>

Cash used in operating activities decreased for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to that for the six months ended June 30, 2019. The increase in cash used for loans held for sale was partially offset by cash provided by other operating sources, which was primarily driven by increases in net income from operations for the six months ended June 30, 2020 compared to a net loss from operations for the six months ended June 30, 2019.

Cash used in operating activities increased for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to that for the year ended December 31, 2018. The increase in cash used for loans held for sale was partially offset by cash provided by other operating sources, which was primarily due to an increase in the projected duration of the cash flows to be earned with respect to our MSRs.

# Investing activities

Our investing activities primarily consist of purchases of property and equipment and acquisitions. Cash used in investing activities for the six months ended June 30, 2020 decreased compared to that for the six months ended June 30, 2019, which was primarily due to certain payments made to the Company's parent entity. Cash used in investing activities for the year ended December 31, 2019 decreased compared to that for the year ended December 31, 2018, which was primarily due to decreased acquisition expense.

# Financing activities

Our cash flows from financing activities are primarily influenced by changes in the levels of warehouse lines of credit used to fund loan originations.

	Six Mont	hs Ended	Years 1	Ended
	June	30,	December 31,	
	2020	2020 2019		2018
(\$ in thousands)				,
Warehouse lines of credit	\$ 386,104	\$ 338,052	\$ 463,453	\$ 3,740
Other financing sources	(44,950)	(20,350)	18,722	43,496
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>\$ 341,154</u>	\$ 317,702	\$ 482,175	\$ 47,236

Cash used in other financing sources for the six months ended June 30, 2020 increased compared to that for the six months ended June 30, 2019. This increase in cash flows used in other financing sources was primarily driven by the increase in net repayments on our MSR notes payable from \$7.0 million during the six months ended June 30, 2019 to \$30.0 million during the six months ended June 30, 2020. Cash provided by other financing sources for the year ended December 31, 2019 decreased from the year ended December 31, 2018. This decrease in cash flows provided by other financing sources was primarily driven by the increase in repayments on our MSR notes payable from \$5.0 million during the year ended December 31, 2018 to \$29.3 million during the year ended December 31, 2019.

# **Balance Sheet Analysis**

The following is a summary of key balance sheet items as of the dates presented.

	June 30, 2020	I	December 31, 2019		cember 31, 2018
(\$ in thousands)					
Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 148,462	\$	106,735	\$	62,755
Mortgage loans held for sale	1,982,521		1,504,842		966,171
Mortgage servicing rights, net	336,687		418,402		511,852
GNMA loans subject to repurchase right	948,922		404,344		321,049
Other	286,413		173,090		176,424
Total assets	\$3,703,005	\$	2,607,413	\$	2,038,251
Liabilities and Stockholder's Equity					
Warehouse lines of credit	\$1,689,291	\$	1,303,187	\$	839,734
Notes payable	188,000		218,000		160,000
GNMA loans subject to repurchase right	952,776		412,490		333,018
Deferred income taxes	79,711		86,278		112,254
Other	286,415		181,427		152,304
Total liabilities	3,196,193		2,201,382		1,597,310
Stockholder's equity	506,812		406,031		440,941
Total liabilities and stockholder's equity	\$3,703,005	\$	2,607,413	\$	2,038,251

June 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019

Total assets increased by \$1.1 billion from \$2.6 billion as of December 31, 2019 to \$3.7 billion as of June 30, 2020. This increase was primarily due to the increase in MLHS of \$0.5 billion and the increase in GNMA loans for which we have repurchase rights of \$0.5 billion. The increase in MLHS was the result of an

increase in our origination volume during the second half of the month of June 2020 compared to that during the second half of the month of June 2019. The increase in our inventory of loans for which we have repurchase rights resulted from increased delinquency on loans in forbearance under the CARES Act. As of June 30, 2020, approximately \$0.6 billion of our inventory of loans for which we have repurchase rights was related to loans in forbearance under the CARES Act.

Total liabilities increased by \$1.0 billion from \$2.2 billion as of December 31, 2019 to \$3.2 billion as of June 30, 2020. This increase was primarily due to a \$0.4 billion increase in the balances under our warehouse lines of credit and a \$0.5 billion increase in GNMA loans for which we have repurchase rights. The increase in the balances under our warehouse lines of credit resulted from the increase in our origination volume during the second half of the month of June 2020 compared to that during the second half of the month of June 2019.

#### December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018

Total assets increased \$0.6 billion from \$2.0 billion as of December 31, 2018 to \$2.6 billion as of December 31, 2019. This increase was primarily due to the increase in MLHS of \$0.5 billion. The increase in MLHS resulted from the increase in our origination volume during the month ended December 31, 2019 of \$1.7 billion compared to the origination volume for the month ended December 31, 2018 of \$1.1 billion.

Total liabilities increased by \$0.6 billion from \$1.6 billion as of December 31, 2018 to \$2.2 billion as of December 31, 2019. This increase was primarily due to a \$0.5 billion increase in the balances under our warehouse lines of credit. The increase in the balances under our warehouse lines of credit resulted from the increase in our origination volume during the month ended December 31, 2019 of \$1.7 billion compared to origination volume for the month ended December 31, 2018 of \$1.1 billion.

#### **Contractual Obligations**

Our contractual obligations primarily consist of non-cancellable leases of real property for our branch offices across the country and our MSR notes payable. Payment obligations under these agreements are summarized below:

	(As of December 31, 2019)						
(\$ in thousands)							
	Less than 1 year	2-3 years	4-5 years	More	than 5 years		
Operating lease commitments	\$ 26,620	\$ 39,823	\$ 22,985	\$	34,467		
MSR notes payable	3,900	74,100					
Total	\$ 30,520	\$113,923	\$ 22,985	\$	34,467		

#### Repurchase and indemnification obligations

In the ordinary course of business, we are exposed to liability with respect to certain representations and warranties that we make to the investors who purchase the loans that we originate. Under certain circumstances, we may be required to repurchase mortgage loans, or indemnify the purchaser of such loans for losses incurred, if there has been a breach of these representations and warranties, or in the case of early payment defaults. In addition, in the event of an early payment default, we are contractually obligated to refund certain premiums paid to us by the investors who purchased the related loan. See *Note 15, Commitments and Contingencies* to the consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus.

#### Interest rate lock commitments, loan sale and forward commitments

We enter into IRLCs with clients who have applied for residential mortgage loans and who meet certain credit and underwriting criteria. These commitments expose us to market risk if interest rates

change during the period of time in which the loan is not economically hedged or committed to be sold to an investor. We are also exposed to credit loss if a loan for which we entered into an IRLC is originated and is not sold to an investor and the related client does not perform. The collateral upon extension of credit typically consists of a first deed of trust in the mortgagor's residential property. Commitments to originate loans do not necessarily reflect future cash requirements as some commitments are expected to expire without being drawn upon. Total commitments to originate loans, adjusted for pull-through, were approximately \$4.3 billion, \$1.8 billion, \$1.2 billion and \$0.6 billion, as of June 30, 2020, June 30, 2019, December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively.

#### **Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure about Market Risk**

#### Interest Rate and Prepayment Risk

As a mortgage lender, we are subject to risks associated with fluctuations in interest rates that occur due to various economic factors, such as government monetary and housing policy, real estate values, global events such as the recent COVID-19 pandemic and other market dynamics. Changes to interest rates can adversely affect our origination and servicing segments. In a rising interest rate environment, the fair value of our MSRs typically increases as the projected duration of the cash flows earned from the associated income from loan servicing and other fees extends. However, at the same time, our origination volumes may decline in response to a rising interest rate environment, resulting in a decrease to the revenue we earn from loan origination fees and gain on sale of loans, net, due to decreased origination volume and market price compression. Conversely, in a declining interest rate environment, the fair value of our MSRs typically decreases due to the likelihood that the loan will be prepaid earlier than previously expected, resulting in a shorter projected duration for those cash flows. However, at the same time, our origination volume typically increases in response to a declining interest rate environment and margins on the revenue we earn from gain on sale of loans widen, resulting in additional profits from our origination segment. We believe that maintaining a balance between the origination and servicing segments allows us to partially mitigate exposure to both increases and decreases in interest rates.

We also have exposure to interest rate risk related to the IRLCs we enter into with our clients and the loans that we temporarily hold for sale to secondary market participants. We actively engage in risk management policies to mitigate these risks. We operate under stringent hedging policies designed to mitigate the effects of any fluctuations in interest rates on our financial position related to IRLCs and MLHS. We hedge our IRLCs and MLHS with forward to be announced trades ("TBA trades").

#### Credit Risk

We define credit risk as the risk of loss or default by a borrower. Generally, the investors who purchase the loans that we originate assume this risk. However, we do make certain standard representations and warranties related to our underwriting of the borrower's credit, the underlying collateral and other loan documentation based on our investors' eligibility criteria, and we are subject to repurchase and indemnification requirements with respect to eligibility violations and early payment defaults.

We estimate liabilities for probable losses related to these repurchase and indemnification obligations. We record a liability based on a loan-level analysis that considers the current collateral value, estimated sale proceeds and selling costs. In addition, we record liabilities related to probable future obligations based on recent and historical repurchase experience, and our success rate in appealing repurchase requests.

#### Counterparty and Concentration Risk

We are reliant on our warehouse lines of credit and other financing facilities to finance our operations. If these financing arrangements are not renewed, it could have a significant impact on our ability to fund loans for our clients. We seek to manage this exposure by maintaining multiple warehouse lines of credit with reputable financial institutions and by maintaining excess capacity on all of our facilities. Similarly, we mitigate concentration risk with respect to the trading partners with whom we execute TBA trades by maintaining multiple trade lines with various counterparties.

#### Fair Value Risk

We record the value of our MSRs, IRLCs, MLHS, the contingent liabilities related to our completed acquisitions and our inventory of loans for which we have repurchase rights at fair value. We remeasure the fair value of these assets and liabilities on a monthly or quarterly basis by evaluating certain observable information, which may include current market pricing, recent trade activity and industry data.

- MSRs To determine the fair value of our MSRs when they are created, we use a valuation model that calculates the present value of the future cash flows related to them. Our MSR valuation model incorporates assumptions that market participants would use in estimating future net servicing income, including estimates of contractual service fees, ancillary income and late fees, the cost of servicing, the discount rate, float value, the inflation rate, estimated prepayment speeds and default rates. A third party conducts a monthly valuation of our MSRs, and we record any changes to the fair value of our MSRs that result from changes in valuation model inputs or assumptions and collections of servicing cash flows in accordance with such third-party analysis and GAAP. Changes in economic and other relevant conditions could cause the assumptions used in valuing our MSRs, such as those with respect to prepayment speeds, to be incorrect, and such changes could result in fluctuations in the recorded value of our MSRs.
- IRLCs We determine the fair value of our IRLCs based upon the estimated fair value of the underlying mortgage loan, including the expected net future cash flows related to servicing that mortgage loan, net of estimated incentive compensation, and adjusted for:

  (i) estimated costs to complete and originate the loan and (ii) an adjustment to reflect the estimated percentage of IRLCs that will result in a closed mortgage loan under the original terms of the agreement (the "pull-through rate"). We estimate the pull-through rate based on changes in pricing and actual borrower behavior using a historical analysis of loan closing data and "fallout" data with respect to the number of commitments that have historically remained unexercised.
- MLHS We determine the fair value of our MLHS based on either: (i) the fair value of securities backed by similar mortgage loans, adjusted for certain other factors, including credit risk and the value attributable to the related servicing rights, (ii) our investors' current commitments to purchase loans from us or (iii) recent observable market trades for similar loans, adjusted for credit risk and other individual loan characteristics.
- Forward delivery commitments We determine the fair value of our forward delivery commitments is based upon the current agency
  mortgage-backed security market TBA pricing specific to the related loan program, delivery coupon and delivery date of the trade. We also
  enter into best efforts sales commitments for certain loans at the time the borrower commitment is made. These best efforts sales
  commitments are valued by comparing the committed price to the counterparty against the current market price of the IRLC or MLHS.
- Contingent liability related to acquisitions Upon completion of an acquisition, we recognize the estimated fair value of any related earnout payments. We estimate the fair value of contingent liabilities related to completed acquisitions using a discounted cash flow analysis. Our
  valuation of these liabilities fluctuates in response to changes to the inputs for that analysis, such as market conditions.

GNMA loans subject to repurchase right — Under ASC 860, until the related delinquency conditions are satisfied, our options to repurchase certain delinquent GNMA loans are treated as conditional options, for which we do not record a related asset. After the related delinquency criteria are met, an option is then considered to be unconditional and we record a related asset at a fair value equal to the remaining UPB on the related loan.

#### **Critical Accounting Policies**

The preparation of our financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Certain of these estimates significantly influence the portrayal of our financial condition and results, and they require us to make difficult, subjective or complex judgments. Although we believe that the judgments, estimates and assumptions used in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements were appropriate given the circumstances at the time they were made, actual results could materially differ from those estimates. Our critical accounting policies primarily relate to our fair value estimates. See Note 2, Fair Value of Financial Instruments to the consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. Below is a summary of our assets recorded at fair value compared to our total assets and stockholder's equity as of December 31, 2019 and 2018.

	June 30, 2020		December 31, 2019		December 31, 2018					
		Percentage of		Per		centage of		Perc	Percentage of	
Level/Description (S in thousands)	Carrying Value of Assets	Total Assets	Stockholder's Equity	Carrying Value of Assets	Total Assets	Stockholder's Equity	Carrying Value of Assets	Total Assets	Stockholder's Equity	
Level One: Prices determined using quote										
prices in active markets for identical										
assets or liabilities	\$ 61	NM	NM	\$ 93	NM	NM	\$ 107	NM	NM	
Level Two: Prices determined using other significant observable inputs that other market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability and are developed based on market data obtained from sources independent of		5.40/	2010/	1 504 942	<b>5</b> 00/	2710/	066 171	470/	2100/	
us.	1,982,521	54%	391%	1,504,842	58%	371%	966,171	47%	219%	
Level Three: Prices determined using significant unobservable inputs that reflect our judgements about the factors that market participants use in pricing an asset or liability and are based on the best information available										
in the circumstances.	478,316	13%	94%	438,324	17%	108%	524,393	26%	119%	
Total assets measured at or based on fair										
value	2,460,898	66%	486%	1,943,259	75%	479%	1,490,671	73%	338%	
Total assets	3,703,005			2,607,413			2,038,251			
Total stockholder's equity	\$ 506,812			\$ 406,031			\$ 440,941			

As shown above, our consolidated balance sheet is substantially comprised of assets and liabilities that are measured at or based on their fair values. As of June 30, 2020, 66% of our total assets were carried at fair value and 13% of these assets were "Level Three" assets for which fair value is not readily observable and reflects the application of our subjective judgment. As of December 31, 2019, 75% of our total assets were carried at fair value compared to 73% as of December 31, 2018. In addition, 17% of our total assets as of December 31, 2019 and 26% of our total assets as of December 31, 2018 were "Level Three" assets. Changes in the inputs used to measure the fair value of these assets can have significant effects on their reported balances.

As a result of the difficulty in observing certain significant inputs affecting our fair value assets and liabilities, we are required to make subjective judgments regarding the fair values of these items. Different persons in possession of the same facts may reasonably arrive at different conclusions as to the inputs used in valuing these assets and liabilities and their fair values. Such differences may result in significantly different fair value measurements. Likewise, due to the general illiquidity of some of these assets, subsequent transactions with respect to them may be at values significantly different from those we record.

Due to the difficulty and complexity in measuring certain of our fair value assets and liabilities, we engage third parties to assist management in determining their values. We have also established controls in which management reviews and discusses these valuations with our accounting department and any third parties that we have engaged for this purpose to ensure accuracy over financial reporting. We re-measure the fair value of these assets and liabilities on a monthly or quarterly basis by evaluating certain observable information, which may include current market pricing, recent trade activity, and industry data.

#### Mortgage Loans Held for Sale

MLHS are classified within "Level Two" of the valuation hierarchy because we determine their fair value based on secondary market pricing for loans with similar characteristics. We determine the fair value of our MLHS based on either: (i) the fair value of securities backed by similar mortgage loans, adjusted for certain other factors, including credit risk and the value attributable to the related servicing rights, (ii) our investors' current commitments to purchase loans or (iii) recent observable market trades for similar loans, adjusted for credit risk and other individual loan characteristics.

#### Mortgage Servicing Rights

MSRs are classified within Level Three of the valuation hierarchy because we determine their fair value based on unobservable inputs and because there is no active market for MSRs. To determine the fair value of our MSRs when they are created, we use a valuation model that calculates the present value of the future cash flows related to them. Our MSR valuation model incorporates assumptions that market participants would use in estimating future net servicing income, including estimates of contractual service fees, ancillary income and late fees, the cost of servicing, the discount rate, float value, the inflation rate, estimated prepayment speeds and default rates. A third party conducts a monthly valuation of our MSRs, and we record any changes to the fair value of our MSRs that result from changes in valuation model inputs or assumptions and collections of servicing cash flows in accordance with such third-party analysis and GAAP. Changes in economic and other relevant conditions could cause the assumptions used in valuing our MSRs, such as those with respect to prepayment speeds, to be incorrect and such changes could result in fluctuations in the recorded value of our MSRs.

#### **Derivative Instruments**

IRLCs are classified within Level Three of the valuation hierarchy because we determine their value based upon unobservable inputs and because there is no active market for IRLCs. We determine the fair value of our IRLCs based upon the estimated fair value of the underlying mortgage loan, including the expected net future cash flows related to servicing that mortgage loan, net of estimated incentive compensation, and adjusted for: (i) estimated costs to complete and originate the loan and (ii) an adjustment to reflect the estimated percentage of IRLCs that will result in a closed mortgage loan under the original terms of the agreement (the "pull-through rate"). We estimate the pull-through rate based on changes in pricing and actual borrower behavior using a historical analysis of loan closing data and "fallout" data with respect to the number of commitments that have historically remained unexercised.

## Forward delivery commitments

Forward delivery commitments are classified within Level Two of the valuation hierarchy. We determine the fair value of our forward delivery commitments based upon the current agency mortgage-

backed security market TBA pricing specific to the related loan program, delivery coupon and delivery date of the trade. We also enter into best efforts sales commitments for certain loans at the time the borrower commitment is made. These best efforts sales commitments are valued by comparing the committed price to the counterparty against the current market price of the IRLC or MLHS.

#### **Accounting Developments**

Effective January 1, 2019, the Company adopted ASU 2014-09 Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606) using the modified retrospective approach. Adopting this standard did not have a material impact to our consolidated financial statements and related disclosures, and therefore there was no material cumulative effect of initial application reflected in the opening balance of retained earnings.

Refer to Note 1 – Business, Basis of Presentation, and Accounting Policies to the consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus for a discussion of ASC 606 and other recent accounting developments and their expected effects on Guild.

#### BUSINESS

## **Company Overview**

We are a growth-oriented mortgage company that employs a relationship-based loan sourcing strategy to execute on our mission of delivering the promise of home ownership in neighborhoods and communities across the United States. Our business model is centered on providing a personalized mortgage-borrowing experience that is delivered by our knowledgeable loan officers and supported by our diverse product offerings. Throughout these individualized interactions, we work to earn our clients' trust and confidence as a financial partner that can help them find their way through life's changes and build for the future.

We believe our business would be difficult to replicate. Guild was established in 1960, and we are among the longest-operating seller-servicers in the United States. Over the course of our operating history, we have navigated numerous economic cycles and market dislocations. We have also expanded our retail origination footprint to 31 states within the United States, and we have developed end-to-end technology systems, a reputable brand, industry expertise and many durable relationships with our clients and members of our referral network.

We have adapted to changes in market conditions by remaining dedicated to what matters most to our business: building relationships with our clients and referral partners in an effort to create "clients for life." We have made it a priority to extend the lifecycle of our client relationships with a persistent focus on the client experience to drive our long-term performance. As a result of our client-focused strategy, during the twelve months ended June 30, 2020, we had an overall recapture rate of 61%. Recapture rate is calculated as the total UPB of our clients that originated a new mortgage with us in a given period, divided by the total UPB of our clients that paid off their existing mortgage and originated a new mortgage in the same period. This calculation excludes clients to whom we did not actively market due to contractual prohibitions or other business reasons.

Our business model benefits from the complementary relationship between our origination and servicing segments which, together, have propelled our performance through interest rate and market cycles.

# Our Business Model Proprietary End to End Technology Servicing Servicing Servicing Recapture & Retention Recapture & Retention

- Our origination strategy focuses on increasing purchase-mortgage business and providing a superior personalized mortgage-borrowing
  experience that encourages our clients to return to us. This strategy allows us to generate consistent origination volume through differing
  market environments, contributes to our servicing segment and facilitates business from repeat clients.
- Our in-house servicing platform creates opportunities to extend our relationship with clients and generate refinance and purchase volume that
  replenishes run-off from our servicing portfolio. In coordination with our portfolio recapture team, our loan officers handle recapture activity
  for their existing client base directly, rather than outsourcing that function through a call center. This approach creates a continuous client
  relationship that we believe encourages repeat business. In addition, our scalable servicing platform provides a recurring stream of revenue
  that is complementary to our origination business.

In 2007, seeing an opportunity to expand the Company's sales and production strategy and grow its market share, a management-led partnership that included a majority investment from McCarthy Capital acquired the Company from its founder. Our senior leadership team continues to own a meaningful percentage of our business. As of June 30, 2020, our senior leadership team would have owned approximately 25% of our Class A common stock on a pro forma basis after giving effect to the completion of the reorganization transactions and, upon completion of this offering, our senior leadership team will own approximately % of our Class A common stock (or %, if the underwriters exercise in full their option to purchase an additional shares of Class A common stock from the selling stockholders). As a result, we believe that the economic interests of senior leadership are substantially aligned with those of our stockholders.

Following the acquisition of the Company from its founder in 2007, we embarked on a growth strategy focused on prudently expanding our geographic footprint beyond the West Coast. Through steady organic growth and a series of targeted acquisitions, we grew our annual origination volume from \$1.4 billion for the year ended December 31, 2007 to \$27.8 billion for the twelve months ended June 30, 2020, and grew our servicing portfolio from \$2.5 billion of UPB as of December 31, 2007 to \$52.8 billion of UPB as of June 30, 2020. Unless otherwise indicated, the UPB of our servicing portfolio excludes any subserviced loans. Furthermore, we grew our share of the U.S. residential mortgage origination market from 7 basis points for the year ended December 31, 2007 to 94 basis points for the twelve months ended June 30, 2020, based on our origination data and market data from Inside Mortgage Finance. We expect to continue to expand our business in the geographic areas in which we already serve our clients, as well as in new markets throughout the United States.



**Guild's Annual Origination Volume and Market Share** 

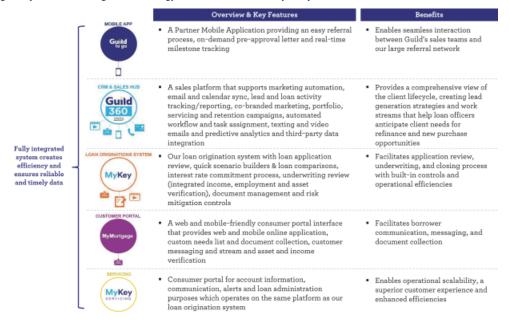
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Our productivity today, and our ability to scale in the future, is made possible by our purpose-built technology platform that provides arend-to-end solution for prospecting, application gathering, underwriting, compliance, quality control, servicing and client retention. Most of our core systems have been developed in-house, using decades of expertise and feedback directly from our loan officers, and we continuously monitor and upgrade our platform to increase the effectiveness of our tools and interfaces.

<sup>(1)</sup> CAGR is equal to the compound annual growth rate of Guild's annual origination volume for the year ended December 31, 2007 through the twelve months ended June 30, 2020.

Altogether, our technology platform is designed to improve productivity, efficiency and profitability and to create an individualized experience that earns repeat and referral business.

Our homegrown platform and integrated technology stack includes several key components:



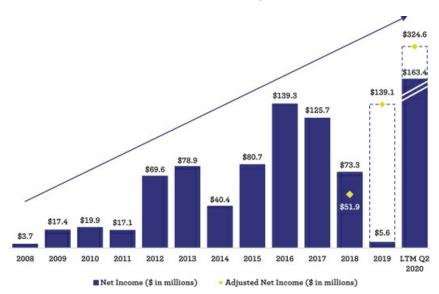
Our experienced loan officers use this end-to-end technology platform and our custom-built client relationship management system, Guild 360, to find new clients, close new loans and enhance and expand existing client relationships. Guild 360 provides a comprehensive view of the client lifecycle, identifying lead generation opportunities in an effort to anticipate client needs for refinancings and new purchases. In addition to improving the productivity of our own employees, our technology has empowered the five businesses we acquired at least two years ago to increase origination volume by an average of 29% in the second year post-acquisition.

We recognize that the mortgage borrowing process is not one-size-fits-all. We understand that preferences with respect to how and when mortgage borrowers would like to interact with their lender are varied: sometimes, clients want to self-serve on the internet, while at other times, they prefer to speak in person or talk over the phone. For example, according to a 2019 survey of recent and prospective homebuyers conducted by PricewaterhouseCoopers, although digital interactions are more popular earlier on in the lending process, borrowers prefer in-person or over-the-phone interaction during later stages of the borrowing process. Our business model provides clients with both a comprehensive digital interface and an experienced team that delivers high-tech, high-touch client service, allowing clients to engage with us in whatever format and frequency provides them the most comfort and convenience.

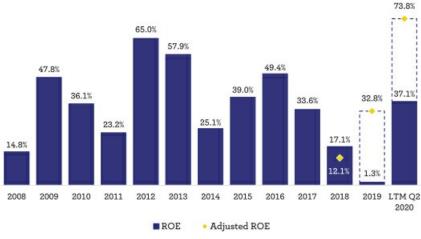
Our business has generated a profit each year since 2008, and our net income has grown substantially over this time period. For the six months ended June 30, 2020, our total net revenue was \$604.3 million, net income was \$110.8 million, annualized return on equity was 48.5% and Adjusted Net Income was \$238.2 million. For the same period, Adjusted EBITDA was \$325.8 million and annualized Adjusted Return on Equity was 104.4%. For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019, our total net revenue was \$712.9 million, net income was \$5.6 million, return on equity was 1.3%, Adjusted Net Income was \$139.1 million, Adjusted EBITDA was \$201.5 million and Adjusted Return on Equity was 32.8%. For the twelve months

ended June 30, 2019, our net loss was \$33.2 million and our return on equity was (8.1)%. For the same period, our Adjusted Net Income was \$79.9 million and our Adjusted Return on Equity was 19.5%. For the twelve months ended June 30, 2020, our net income was \$163.4 million and our return on equity was 37.1%. For the same period, our Adjusted Net Income was \$324.6 million and our Adjusted Return on Equity was 73.8%. For information on how we use these non-GAAP measures and a reconciliation of them to their most comparable GAAP measures, see "Summary Historical Consolidated Financial and Other Data" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Non-GAAP Financial Measures."

#### Guild's Historical Net Income & Adjusted Net Income



# Guild's Historical Return on Equity and Adjusted Return on Equity

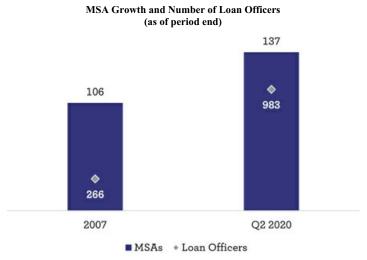


#### Our Business Segments and Credit Function

#### **Origination Segment**

Retail Channel

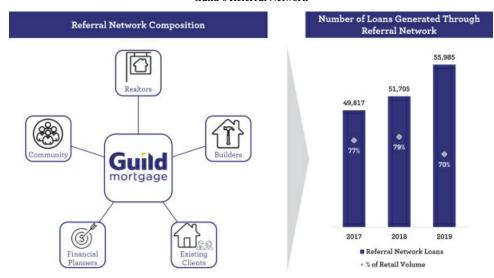
We have historically focused on growing the retail channel of our origination segment because we believe it has generally provided the highest margins of our business lines and, accordingly, an opportunity to drive strong returns for our stockholders. Since 2007, we have expanded our retail footprint significantly, growing retail originations from \$916.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2007 to \$26.9 billion for the twelve months ended June 30, 2020 and loan officer headcount from 266 as of December 31, 2007 to 983 as of June 30, 2020. As of June 30, 2020, our retail channel operated in 31 states with 2,974 full-time employees, including 983 loan officers.



Source: CoreLogic and Company information.

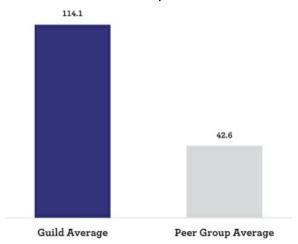
Our success in the retail market is tied to the expertise of our loan officers and the strength of our referral partner network. Our referral partner network has provided us with leads that generated 49,817, 51,705 and 55,985 loans in 2017, 2018 and 2019, respectively, representing 77%, 79% and 70%, respectively, of our retail volume by number of loans. Further, 42% of our refinance activity for the six months ended June 30, 2020 was generated from refinancing loans that were not originally in our portfolio. We have built our referral network through a track record of providing our clients with a personalized mortgage-borrowing experience that is delivered by a knowledgeable loan officer and supported by our diverse product offerings, as well as educating our clients and responding to their needs throughout the origination process. Guild and its loan officers build relationships and trust with our referral network partners through consistent and reliable execution. Our referral network relationships have been cultivated over years and are bolstered by our strong presence in the communities we serve. Further, our referral network relationships enhance our ability to generate repeat business and recapture volume.

#### **Guild's Referral Network**



Over the ten years beginning January 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2019, we produced more consistent retail channel profitability than our peers, on average, according to data from the Mortgage Bankers Association and STRATMOR. Over the same period, our retail channel was profitable each year while generating average annual profitability of 114 basis points, compared to our peer group, as defined by the PGR/MBA large independent mortgage lenders peer set, which generated average annual profitability of 42 basis points (each calculated based on retail channel net income in basis points of annual origination volume).

## Retail Channel Profitability from 2010 to 2019(1)



Source: Company information and Mortgage Bankers Association and STRATMOR Peer Group Roundtables Program (Spring 2020), large independent mortgage lenders peer set.

<sup>(1)</sup> Retail channel net income in basis points of origination volume.

Our regional managers have autonomy to manage their regions based on their unique dynamics. Guild provides centralized support for certain operational and compliance functions, as well as servicing, but we believe our teams that are on the ground in the markets we serve are best equipped to run their businesses on a day-to-day basis. For example, regional managers are able to adjust local pricing to ensure competitiveness in their geographic areas. This combination of centralized support and a local, flexible execution strategy has helped Guild compete effectively within our local regions, yielding more in-depth coverage and penetration.

We believe our focus on the retail channel provides us with multiple benefits, including access to more consistent purchase volume as well as attractive gain-on-sale margins relative to other channels through which other lenders may choose to operate. Because we generate strong purchase volume, we are less susceptible to interest rate movements, and are able to generate more consistent gain-on-sale margins. We have chosen to operate our business with a capital light strategy, which is enabled by our focus on the retail channel.

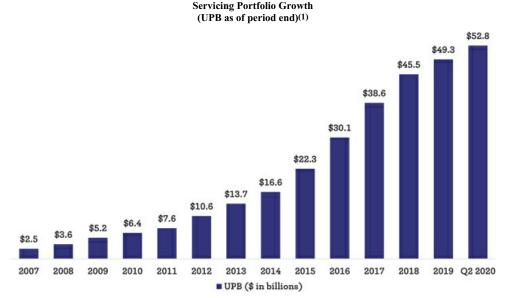
#### Correspondent Channel

In addition to the retail channel of our origination segment, we maintain an active correspondent channel that sources loans primarily from small community banks and credit unions. Our correspondent channel consists of approximately 158 correspondent partners and accounted for approximately 4% of total origination volume production in each of the last three years ended December 31, 2019. We are able to offer a diverse product set through the correspondent channel, and similar to the retail channel, rely on our differentiated client service to generate origination volume. We began correspondent originations in 2011.

We also utilize our correspondent channel to support our growth efforts. As we work to expand into new geographies, the correspondent channel serves as an entry point to begin building our brand, reputation and customer base. We have successfully utilized this strategy in the past.

#### Servicing Segment

We are a licensed mortgage servicer in 48 states and Washington D.C. We have purposefully developed our in-house servicing platform and have invested significant resources expanding and upgrading its technology and infrastructure over time. Through these expansions and upgrades, our servicing practices and our embedded compliance controls have improved over time.

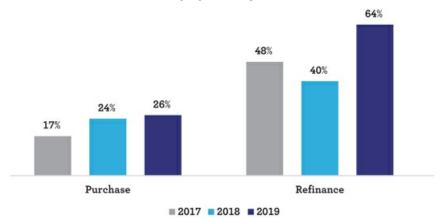


#### (1) Excludes subservicing portfolio of \$1.1 billion as of June 30, 2020.

Our servicing segment is based out of our servicing center in San Diego, California and, as of June 30, 2020, consisted of approximately 216 employees. Loan servicing acts as the primary point of contact for borrowers post-closing. The segment aims to provide timely and accurate responses to borrower inquiries, consistent with Guild's service-oriented culture that supports lasting client relationships.

In addition, we leverage our technology platform and data repository to continuously screen our servicing portfolio in an effort to anticipate borrower actions and capitalize on recapture opportunities. When a refinance opportunity is identified, the portfolio recapture team sends that opportunity to the loan officer who originated the existing loan and maintains the client relationship. For select refinance opportunities, our consumer direct team will originate the opportunity directly. Focusing on this function and effective use of our data warehouse, we have improved our servicing segment's purchase recapture rate from 17% in 2017 to 26% in 2019 and refinance recapture rate from 48% in 2017 to 64% in 2019.

#### **Servicing Segment Recapture Rates**



Our in-house servicing platform is also highly scalable. Our homegrown technology platform fully integrates our servicing segment with our origination segment and underwriting group. To maintain quality and consistency, many of the servicing platform's functions are fully automated, such as on-boarding, escrow analysis and billing. In addition, we believe that the existing platform has sufficient excess capacity to support future growth. Through automation, scale and prudent management, we are able to service more loans per employee, and in 2019, we serviced 30 more loans per full-time employee than our peers participating in the Mortgage Bankers Association's 2020 Servicing Operations Study (2019 data), mid-size independent mortgage servicers and banks peer set, on average.

#### 2019 Loans Serviced per Full-Time Employee



Source: Mortgage Bankers Association 2020 Servicing Operations Study (2019 data), mid-size independent mortgage servicers and banks peer set.

Further, our servicing segment's size enables us to generate attractive unit economics by spreading overhead and other fixed costs across our portfolio. For example, our cost to service per loan was approximately 42% lower than that of our peers participating in the Mortgage Bankers Association's 2020 Servicing Operations Study (2019 data), mid-size independent mortgage servicers and banks peer set, on average, and we believe future growth will incrementally benefit unit economics for our servicing segment.

#### Credit Function

Our loan products are underwritten using a disciplined approach that focuses on credit risk and responsible lending. The loan products we offer include loans eligible for sale or securitization to secondary market participants such as the GSEs, Ginnie Mae, state housing agencies and other private or institutional investors. The underwriting guidelines for these products are established by the entities that will purchase, insure or guaranty the loans (i.e., Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"), the VA, the USDA, private mortgage insurers and institutional and private investors).

Our credit function is designed to ensure the salability of the loans that we originate to secondary market investors, as well as to address other risks arising due to loan performance, natural disasters, fraud, prepay speeds and contractual obligations. Our underwriters have significant industry experience and are trained to make prudent underwriting decisions. Further, our technology platform is regularly updated to incorporate new investor guidelines as well as state and federal regulations. These controls are designed to ensure integrity over data and qualification requirements, facilitate the manufacturing of quality loan originations and minimize underwriting defects. In addition, Guild's quality control program monitors for adherence to investor requirements and our internal policies and procedures through data gathered during pre- and post-closing credit, collateral and compliance reviews.

# **Market Opportunity**

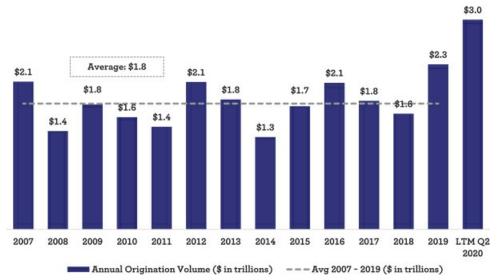
We believe our proven growth strategy, deep referral network and personalized client service position us to capitalize on opportunities resulting from the following market conditions.

#### Large Addressable Market

Mortgage loans are the largest class of consumer debt in the United States. According to the New York Federal Reserve, there was approximately \$10.2 trillion of residential mortgage debt outstanding as of June 30, 2020.

From 2007 through the year ended December 31, 2019, annual first-lien residential mortgage originations in the United States have averaged approximately \$1.8 trillion and, over that period, conventional conforming or government mortgages accounted for approximately 82% of first-lien residential mortgage originations in the United States, according to Inside Mortgage Finance. Guild's product offerings include both conventional conforming and government-eligible loans, and such loans have constituted over 90% of our cumulative origination volume from 2007 through June 30, 2020.

#### U.S. Annual Origination Volume



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#### Demographic Trends and Borrower Preferences Support our Focus on Mortgage Purchase Volume and First-Time Homebuyers

From 2007 through the year ended December 31, 2019, annual purchase-mortgage volume in the United States averaged \$0.8 trillion and on average accounted for approximately 47% of annual first-lien residential mortgage volume, according to Inside Mortgage Finance.

#### U.S. Annual Purchase Loan Volume



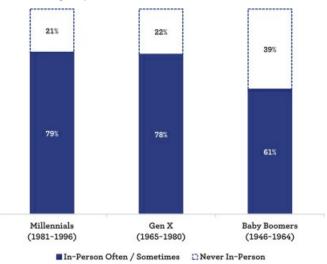
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Over the same period, first-time homebuyers accounted for 46% of annual mortgage purchase volume, according to a March 2020 study published by the CFPB.

Over the next decade, according to Inside Mortgage Finance, approximately 45 million people will turn 34, the median age of a first-time homebuyer, potentially generating increased demand for mortgage purchase loans. Additionally, according to the United States Census Bureau, the seasonally adjusted homeownership rate in the United States has increased from 63.1% as of June 30, 2016 to 68.2% as of June 30, 2020. Our focus on purchase-mortgage business and personalized client service could position us to capitalize on this market opportunity because younger generations of first-time and repeat homebuyers often choose to communicate with their lenders in-person.

According to a 2019 Ellie Mae study, 79% of Millennial and 78% of Generation X consumers reported meeting with their lender in person often or sometimes.

## Frequency of In-Person Communication With Lender



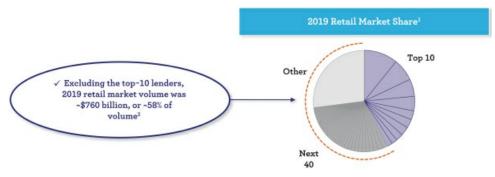
Source: Ellie Mae.

#### The Mortgage Industry is Highly Fragmented

According to Inside Mortgage Finance, since 2010, non-bank lenders have increased their share of annual first-lien residential mortgage originations from approximately 16% to more than 50%, and the aggregate share of loans originated by the top 10 originators fell from 73% to 42%, as the largest national banks reduced their presence in the mortgage sector. Further, the top five companies in the retail mortgage market comprised only 17.3% of total originations in 2019, according to Inside Mortgage Finance. This market fragmentation creates significant opportunity for us to continue to grow.

We believe that our employees' local presence in the communities that we serve and our long-standing referral networks position us to succeed in a large, fragmented market. We believe that many borrowers, and first-time homebuyers in particular, rely on recommendations from real estate professionals, homebuilders, current and past homeowners, financial planners and other members within their communities to identify their mortgage lender. Our local presence positions us to capture origination volume generated by such referral networks and to provide expertise and advice to borrowers that is specific to the communities in which they are looking to purchase homes.

#### 2019 Retail Market Share



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- (2) Consumer Financial Protection Bureau HMDA data as of December 31, 2019.

#### Considerable Barriers to Entry

The residential mortgage industry is characterized by high barriers to entry. Mortgage lenders must obtain approval from Freddie Mac, Fannie Mae and Ginnie Mae and maintain various state licenses in order to originate, sell and service conventional conforming and federal and GSE-backed loans. In addition, sophisticated technology, origination and servicing processes and regulatory expertise are required to build and manage a successful mortgage business

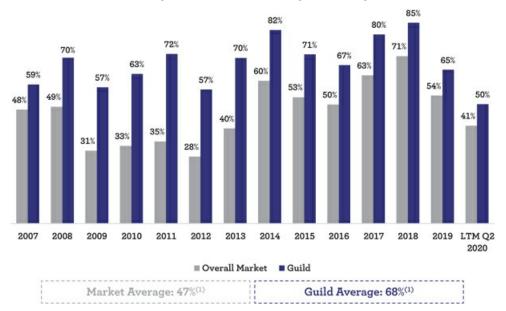
Over the course of our long operating history, we have developed strong relationships with Freddie Mac, Fannie Mae and Ginnie Mae, as well as state regulatory authorities. We have also invested heavily in our technology and in developing our infrastructure and internal processes. Furthermore, our management team has an average of 24 years of experience managing through various market and regulatory environments. We believe these long-standing relationships, and the time and resources we have dedicated to developing our brand and infrastructure, provide a competitive advantage and position our business for continued success.

#### **Our Strengths**

#### Differentiated Access to Purchase Loans Enables Durable Origination Volume and Attractive Margins

Our strategy has generated significant origination volume, including a high percentage of purchase money volume. Over the five years ended December 31, 2019, we have originated more than \$84.1 billion of total volume, including \$61.4 billion of purchase volume. Our purchase volume represents 73% of our total origination volume over that period, compared to 58% of total origination volume in the United States, according to Inside Mortgage Finance. Further, Guild achieved a higher purchase mix than the industry average each year since 2007. We believe our focus on purchase loans makes our business more stable by making it less sensitive to interest rate changes and less dependent on refinance activity, which enhances our ability to generate more consistent returns through market cycles.

## Purchase Origination Volume As a Percentage of Total Originations

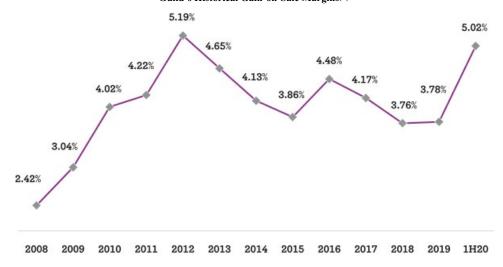


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We source a majority of our loans through an established network of referral partners with whom we have developed longstanding relationships over years of positive interactions. This network provides us with direct and frequent leads for loans to homebuyers who are seeking a personalized experience and access to our diverse product offerings, including affordable lending solutions designed to serve the first-time homebuyer market. Our loan officers educate our clients on the unique aspects of the products that we offer and help them to identify the product that will best suit their needs. This tailored and interactive approach to the lending process helped us achieve Money Magazine's Best Mortgage Company for First Time Home Buyers award in 2020. Further, we believe our focus on service over price, and the value we provide to our clients, has enabled us to generate attractive gain-on-sale margins.

<sup>(1)</sup> Average based on periods shown in the chart above.

#### Guild's Historical Gain-on-Sale Margins(1)



<sup>(1)</sup> Represents the components of loan origination fees and gain on sale of loans, net described under "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations — Our Components of Revenue" divided by total in-house origination to derive basis points.

#### Proven Track Record of Navigating through Market Cycles and Executing on Growth Strategies

We have demonstrated our ability to adapt and successfully operate through various market conditions and interest rate environments. Since 1960, we have operated through eight recessions and a wide range of housing market conditions, consistently evolving our risk management framework and operating culture in order to continue serving our clients. We have been profitable each year since 2008, and we believe our track record is largely due to our expertise in the mortgage market, nimble operating style and balanced business model.

Following the acquisition of the Company from its founder in 2007, we shifted our focus to actively growing our origination franchise and scaling our servicing portfolio. In the 12 years since then, we have grown annual origination volume by 19 times and our servicing portfolio dollar volume by 21 times, using a combination of organic and inorganic growth strategies. Through productivity gains from our evolving technology platform, recruiting new loan officers and executing on our targeted acquisition strategy, we have grown in our existing markets and also expanded into new geographies. The success of our acquisition strategy has also supported our profitability.

# Our Strategy is Tailored to Address Homebuyer Needs and Promote Deep Referral Network Relationships

We believe that borrowers often prefer to work with people and companies that are present in their neighborhoods and are able to deliver customized solutions to fit their specific needs. Understanding these unique needs is the reason we feel it is vital to be in the communities we serve, living and working with our clients and members of our referral networks.

We provide an individualized lending approach, a broad product set and the operational and regulatory expertise required to meet our clients' needs. Through our decentralized fulfillment model, we perform underwriting and closing services on a regional basis, which allows us to recognize and adapt to the intricacies of each region and build relationships between our fulfillment team and our local loan officers. Our origination processes are designed to deliver reliable service and on-time closings.

We believe that our referral networks and local community presence position us to succeed in a highly fragmented market. Our local presence positions us to capture loan volume generated by these referral

networks and provide tailored advice that acknowledges the fact that purchasing a home is an emotional life decision and borrowers have varied preferences with respect to the mortgage lending process. We provide our clients with the opportunity to engage with us in whatever manner they may prefer—whether that may be in person, online or over the phone. Our technology platform furthers our ability to deliver reliable service and on-time closings by creating milestones and swim lanes to provide clear accountability with respect to meeting closing deadlines.

#### Internally-Developed Technology Platform Underpins Loan Officer Productivity and Fosters Repeat Business

2018

We leverage our robust technology platform and coaching program to increase our loan officers' productivity and overall recapture rates.

Our technology platform provides loan officers with end-to-end support from client acquisition to loan closing and client retention. Our loan officers benefit from our custom-built technology platform and our data repository, which has been developed over the course of our long operating history. We continue to build our data repository through our ongoing origination activity, and we have added data from more than 525,000 transactions since January 1, 2010. By utilizing this data to further develop our platform and to curate suggested customer touchpoints, we foster a balanced combination of personalized and digital strategies for lead nurturing, as well as client education and communication, that we believe gives our loan officers a competitive edge. As a result of our continued focus on loan officer productivity, we have been successful in increasing our average monthly lead generation per loan officer as illustrated below.

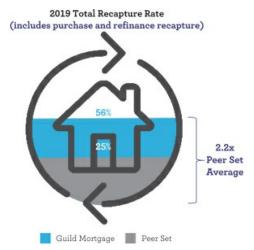
# Average Monthly Leads per Loan Officer 31.0 20.0

In addition, our technology platform adds substantial value to loan officers that cannot be replicated or transferred to our peers. This helps us to generate strong loan officer loyalty and benefit from high retention rates among our top performing loan officers. The loan officers responsible for 71% of our production volume over the last five years are still with the Company today.

2019

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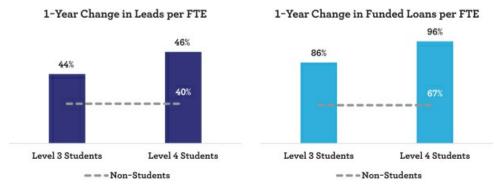
This technology-focused approach to managing client relationships, coupled with our loan officers' strong referral networks and other relationships within their communities, has contributed to the increase in our overall recapture rate from 37% for the year ended December 31, 2017 to 61% for the twelve months ended June 30, 2020. In addition, for the year ended December 31, 2019, Guild's portfolio recapture volume—calculated as the dollar volume of originations for existing retail clients who refinanced or received a new purchase mortgage during that period—totaled \$4.9 billion, which resulted in a 26% purchase recapture rate, a 64% refinance recapture rate and a 56% overall recapture rate—outperforming the average overall recapture rate of 25% for large independent mortgage lenders participating in the Mortgage Bankers Association and STRATMOR Peer Group Roundtables Program (Spring 2020). We believe our ability to achieve purchase and refinance recapture rates in excess of market averages is a testament to our innovative platform and business model.



Source: Company information and Mortgage Bankers Association and STRATMOR Peer Group Roundtables Program (Spring 2020), large independent mortgage lenders peer set.

We also empower our loan officers through the Company's coaching program, Elevate, which is designed to support loan officers at each stage of their careers and provides a roadmap to develop highly productive partnerships with referral networks. The program is taught by our highest producing loan officers and allows participants, grouped into levels from one to four based on level of experience, to learn effective solutions from their peers that are in the market originating mortgages on a day-to-day basis. The program also furthers our goal of creating a collaborative culture by engaging our national sales team to share best practices with their peers around the country. Participating loan officers have consistently achieved increased average productivity following participation in the program.

# Loan Officer Productivity Following Coaching Program(1)



<sup>(1)</sup> Graphic shows average change in leads and funded loans per student and non-student beginning in February 2019 at the start of the training program. "FTE" stands for full-time employee.

#### Strong Culture Set by Experienced Management Team

At the heart of our Company is our culture, grounded in strong values, innovation, creativity and collaboration. We believe our culture sets us apart and is the backbone of our success. It has enabled us to continuously innovate and evolve to navigate the dynamic mortgage market.

Guild is an inclusive organization and encourages open and honest dialogue across employees, clients and partners. We have a diverse leadership team that fills key roles in each of our business lines. Our leadership team has an average of 24 years of industry experience, has worked at Guild for an average of 21 years and includes top performers from the businesses that Guild has acquired. We have high employee retention, as well as a successful recruiting program, because we empower our employees, maintain a culture that supports collaboration and development and provide our employees with the tools and resources they need to be successful.

We also believe strongly in supporting the communities in which we operate. To that end, Guild and its employees give back to the neighborhoods and communities we serve through sustained investment of time and resources, including through our Guild Giving Foundation.

Further, our management team is well respected across the mortgage industry and has developed strong relationships with our financing counterparties, our referral networks and the investors to which we sell the majority of the loans that we originate—Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and Ginnie Mae. Because of these relationships, we often have unique opportunities to work on, and shape, pilot programs for new products. This allows us to stay at the leading edge of product development, provide our clients with a broad solution set and further develop our relationships with stakeholders critical to the success of our business.

#### **Our Growth Strategies**

We have increased our origination volume from \$1.4 billion for the year ended December 31, 2007 to \$27.8 billion for the twelve months ended June 30, 2020. Our strategy has proven to be scalable as we have further penetrated many of our existing markets and expanded our presence across the United States. We believe that we are well positioned to continue capturing additional origination business through our well-recognized brand, internally-developed technology platform and differentiated position in the purchase market.

#### Increase Our Market Share in Existing MSAs and Continue Building Our Team of Loan Officers

We are a top-10 lender in 26 of the 50 largest MSAs in which we operate according to CoreLogic, and our share of total origination volume has grown by 14 times over the last 12 years through June 30, 2020, based on our origination data and data from Inside Mortgage Finance. Our hands-on approach in local communities has allowed us to continually capture increased business as we strengthen and broaden our relationships in the MSAs in which we operate. Our ability to improve the productivity of our existing loan officers through more effective use of our technology platform and our talent development programs further supports our growth efforts. For illustrative purposes, if we were able to capture an additional 1% of market share in the states where we currently operate an in-state retail location, we could add \$15.8 billion to our annual origination volume, according to origination volume data for the year ended December 31, 2019 from the Mortgage Bankers Association.

We believe we can continue to generate growth by adding loan officers to our team with recruiting efforts that leverage our reputation for providing the tools, data and support that allow loan officers to develop their business. We focus on recruiting the right loan officers to the Guild team, namely those who we believe will not only add incremental origination volume but will also fit well with our culture and further our mission to be a trusted partner for our clients. By maintaining our strong culture and continually developing our loan officers using our proprietary coaching program and technology platform, we have been able to efficiently scale our business.

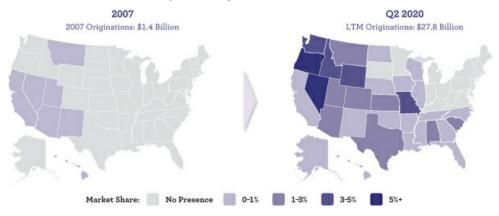
Similar to our other key business functions, our recruiting efforts are integrated into our technology platform. Through Scout, our recruiting program that is housed in Guild 360, we have created a database of

potential new loan officers using data from the Nationwide Multistate Licensing System and Registry and CoreLogic to identify those loan officers that operate in areas where we may seek to expand and that have established access to purchase loans. The loan officers we target in our recruiting efforts typically generate annual origination volume of approximately \$20 million, with more than 70% of their annual origination volume consisting of purchase mortgages, and more than 90% of their annual origination volume consisting of conforming loan products. Through our centralized recruiting function, our team of internal recruiters leverages our technology platform to seek to continue building our loan officer team and growing our origination volume and market share.

#### Expand the Geographic Footprint of our Business

Our retail operations cover 31 states, with our largest presence on the West Coast. By continuing to execute our growth strategy, we believe we can grow our geographic footprint to include all 50 states over the long term. According to the Mortgage Bankers Association, the states where we did not operate an in-state retail location as of June 30, 2020 accounted for approximately 29% of total origination volume in 2019. We believe this could create an opportunity for us to grow our origination volume through continued market expansion.

#### Our Origination Footprint and MSA Market Share(1)

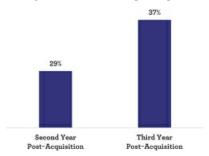


Source: CoreLogic.

(1) Indicates MSA market share only for states where the Company operates in-state retail locations.

Over the last 12 years through December 31, 2019, we acquired six businesses with 391 loan officers. To identify targets that fit best with Guild, we look for independent lenders who share our values and our commitment to innovation, creativity and collaboration. We prefer to partner with lenders that have a strong foothold in their market and a clearly defined approach to sustaining that success. We have also thoughtfully structured our past acquisitions to include an earn-out component designed to minimize up-front premium paid and ensure an attractive return on investment. Following an acquisition, we fully integrate each business operationally, on-boarding the acquired business to our platform, while allowing its management team to continue executing the strategy that has been successful for them in the past. After a target business has been integrated into the Guild platform, we strive to support growth organically in the same way we do in our existing MSAs. We also strive to generate synergies and support profitability by improving execution and increasing gain-on-sale margins for the businesses that we acquire. For the four businesses that we acquired at least three years ago, originations increased by an average of 37% in the third year following those acquisitions. We believe this demonstrates the soundness of our approach to acquisitions and our ability to successfully integrate acquired businesses into the Guild organization.

# Average Increase in Volume per Acquisition



Given the fragmented nature of the mortgage market, we believe we can continue to generate meaningful growth through acquisitions. There were more than 900 independent mortgage lenders in the United States as of December 31, 2019, according to a June 2020 report published by the CFPB. We believe this provides a large pool of potential targets for new acquisitions. Over the twelve months ended June 30, 2020, our share of mortgage originations accounted for 94 basis points of total residential mortgage originations in the United States, with our market share in the states where we have our strongest presence reaching more than 5%.

#### **Acquisition History** Target Annual Origination Volume (\$ in billions) \$0.4 VITEK NA NA January 2019 Volume 2 Years Prior to Acquisition Post-Acquisition Post-Acquisition \$1.5 \$1.0 CORNERSTONE NA March 2018 Volume 2 Years Post-Acquisition Volume 3 Years Post-Acquisition Full Year Volume Prior to Acquisition \$0.9 \$0.8 \$0.7

Full Year Volume

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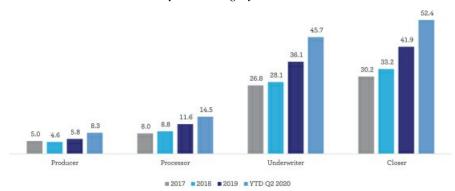
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#### Enhance Productivity and Ancillary Fee Opportunities through Continued Investment in our Technology Platform

The mortgage industry is continually evolving, and our technology platform has been built to adapt with the market and our strategies. Our technology platform is the backbone of our regulatory efforts and the processes we use to effectively and efficiently onboard, underwrite, close and service mortgages. These functions are essential to providing outstanding client service and running our business efficiently. We continue to invest in our technology platform, and we believe our investment will continue to enhance our productivity and allow us to differentiate ourselves in the market place as it has to date, with the average number of loans closed per producer per month increasing from two during the year ended December 31, 2007 to ten in July of 2020. Additionally, as of August 31, 2020, we had 156 loan officers that were expected to originate more than \$50 million of loans in 2020. 41% of those loan officers originated less than \$30 million during their first full calendar year with Guild. We believe that growth, as well as our ability to retain our loan officers over the long-term, is a result of our technology platform and our unique support tools designed to improve loan officer productivity. As of June 30, 2020, we employed 67 programmers and 92 other technology professionals who maintain and develop our systems.

#### Monthly Loan Closings by Job Function(1)



(1) Based on first-lien, retail funded units and average headcount over the period

Additionally, using our data repository and adaptable technology platform, we have an opportunity to identify and offer our client base relevant ancillary products, such as title, property and casualty, life and umbrella insurance and other products and services complementary to the mortgages that we originate. Ancillary product offerings like these could increase the value of the services that we provide to our clients, further solidifying our position as a trusted partner in their financial decisions, and also create an opportunity to earn ancillary fee income through sourcing high-quality, timely and actionable referrals to insurance companies and other potential partners.

#### Competition

The mortgage lending market is highly competitive. We compete with large financial institutions and with other independent residential mortgage loan producers and servicers, such as Quicken Loans, loanDepot, Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation, Caliber Home Loans, Guaranteed Rate, Movement Mortgage and CrossCountry Mortgage. Competition in our industry can occur on the basis of the variety of product offerings made available, speed and convenience of execution in loan origination, interest rates and fees, client experience, technical knowledge, marketing and referral relationships. We aim to differentiate our products and services on the basis of our loan officers' ability, leveraging our technology platform to match customers with the loan programs that best suit their needs and providing a customer-focused and seamless borrowing experience, starting from origination and continuing through servicing.

#### Intellectual Property

We rely on a combination of trade secret laws and contractual agreements to establish, maintain and protect our intellectual property rights and technology. We enter into confidentiality and invention assignment agreements with our employees and enter into confidentiality agreements with third parties, including suppliers and other partners.

#### Seasonality and Cyclicality

Consumer demand for home loans can fluctuate seasonally, generally causing an increase in our mortgage origination activity and revenues during the second and third quarters and reduced activity and revenues in the first and fourth quarters as homebuyers tend to purchase their homes during the spring and summer in order to move to a new home before the start of the school year. Demand also fluctuates in response to shifts in numerous other variables, including, but not limited to, national and regional economic conditions, interest rates and property valuations.

# Employees

As of June 30, 2020, Guild Mortgage Co. had approximately 3,775 full-time equivalent employees. None of our employees is represented by any collective bargaining unit or is a party to a collective bargaining agreement.

#### Facilities

Our principal executive office is located in San Diego, California. In addition to our San Diego office, we operate from approximately 200 branch offices and 124 satellite offices located in 31 states. We lease our principal executive office and each of our branch and satellite offices. The square footage of our principal executive office is 141,696 square feet and the average square footage of our branch and satellite offices is approximately 3,800 square feet and approximately 1,750 square feet, respectively.

#### Regulation

The mortgage industry is subject to a highly complex legal and regulatory framework. Our business is subject to extensive regulation and oversight by federal, state and local governmental authorities, including the CFPB and various state licensing, supervisory and administrative agencies. From time to time, we also receive requests from such governmental authorities for records, documents and information relating to the policies, procedures and practices of our loan servicing, origination and collection activities. In addition, we are also subject to periodic reviews and audits from the GSEs, Ginnie Mae, the CFPB, HUD, the USDA, the VA, state regulatory agencies and others. The legal and regulatory environment in which we operate is also constantly evolving as statutes, regulations and practices, and interpretations thereof, that are in place may be amended or otherwise change, and new statutes, regulations and practices may be enacted, adopted or implemented.

These and other laws and regulations directly affect our business and require constant compliance monitoring and internal and external audits and examinations by federal and state regulators. We work diligently to assess and understand the implications of the complex regulatory environment in which we operate and strive to meet the requirements of this constantly changing environment. We dedicate substantial resources to regulatory compliance while at the same time striving to meet the needs and expectations of our customers, clients and other stakeholders. Notwithstanding these efforts, there can be no assurance that we will be able to remain in compliance with these requirements. See "Risks Related to Regulatory Environment" under the section titled "Risk Factors."

#### Federal Regulation

We are subject to a number of federal consumer protection laws, including:

- the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (the "RESPA"), and Regulation X thereunder, which, among other things, (i) require certain disclosures to borrowers regarding the costs of mortgage loans, the administration of tax and insurance escrows, the transferring of servicing of mortgage loans, the response to consumer complaints, and payments between lenders and vendors of certain settlement services; and (ii) prohibit giving or accepting anything of value for the referral of real estate settlement services;
- the Truth in Lending Act (the "TILA"), and Regulation Z thereunder, which, among other things, (i) require certain disclosures to borrowers about their mortgage loans, right to rescind some transactions, notices of sale, transfers of ownership of mortgage loans, new servicing rules involving payment processing, and adjustable rate mortgage change notices and periodic statements; (ii) require a reasonable and good faith determination by the lender that the borrower has the ability to repay the loan; (iii) require home ownership counseling for certain mortgage applicants and (iv) impose restrictions on loan originator compensation;
- the ECOA, and Regulation B thereunder, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of age, race, color, sex, religion, marital status, national origin, receipt of public assistance or the exercise of

any right under the Consumer Credit Protection Act in the extension of credit and require certain disclosures to credit applicants;

- the Fair Housing Act, which prohibits discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, familial status or disability;
- Regulation N (the Mortgage Acts and Practices Advertising Rule), which prohibits deceptive claims in mortgage advertising and other commercial communications:
- certain provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act, including the Consumer Financial Protection Act, which, among other things, prohibit unfair, deceptive or abusive acts or practices;
- the Federal Trade Commission Act, the FTC Credit Practices Rules and the FTC Telemarketing Sales Rule, which forbids unfair or deceptive
  acts or practices and certain related practices;
- the TCPA, Telemarketing Sales Rules and related laws that regulate communications via telephone, text, automatic telephone dialing systems, and artificial and prerecorded voices;
- the Controlling the Assault of Non-Solicited Pornography and Marketing Act, which establishes requirements for those who send unsolicited commercial email;
- the Fair Credit Reporting Act, as amended by the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act, and Regulation V, which, among other things, regulate the use and reporting of information related to the credit history of borrowers;
- the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act, and Regulation C thereunder, which require financial institutions to report certain loan origination data;
- the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, and Regulation P thereunder, which require the maintenance of privacy with respect to certain consumer data and periodic communications with consumers on privacy matters;
- the Homeowners Protection Act, which requires the cancellation of private mortgage insurance once certain equity levels are reached, sets
  disclosure and notification requirements, and requires the return of unearned premiums;
- the SAFE Act, which requires all states to enact laws requiring each person who originates residential mortgage loans to be individually licensed or registered as a mortgage loan originator;
- federal anti-money laundering laws, including the Bank Secrecy Act and the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act, and the implementing regulations and sanctions programs of the United States Department of the Treasury;
- the Electronic Fund Transfer Act of 1978, and Regulation E, thereunder, which provide certain protections for consumers engaging in electronic fund transfers;
- federal financial protection statutes applicable to certain eligible service members, including the Military Lending Act and Servicemembers
  Civil Relief Act; and
- · the Bankruptcy Code and bankruptcy injunctions and stays, which can restrict collection of debts.

We are also subject to a variety of regulatory and contractual obligations imposed by Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, Ginnie Mae, the VA, the FHA and others.

In addition, the CFPB was established on July 21, 2010 under Title X of the Dodd-Frank Act to ensure that consumers receive clear and accurate disclosures regarding financial products and to protect consumers from deceptive or abusive acts or practices, among other things. The CFPB influences the regulation of residential mortgage loan originations and servicing in several ways. The CFPB has rulemaking authority with respect to many of the federal consumer protection laws applicable to mortgage

originators and servicers, such as us, including the TILA, RESPA and the ECOA. The CFPB has been active and continues to amend rules and regulations within its purview. For example, the CFPB has issued rules and regulations that have expanded the scope of data required to be collected and reported for loan applicants and imposed requirements relating to repayment ability and qualified mortgage standards. These rules impose significant compliance burdens, for example, by requiring us to collect and submit data to regulators and to retain evidence of compliance, and any failures to comply, including any inadvertent errors, could result in the CFPB or other regulators imposing fines on, or taking other enforcement actions relating to, us.

The CFPB's jurisdiction includes those persons originating, brokering or servicing residential mortgage loans and those persons performing loan modification or foreclosure relief services in connection with such loans. The CFPB has broad supervisory and enforcement powers with regard to non-depository institutions, such as us, that engage in the origination and servicing of home loans. The CFPB has conducted routine examinations of our business and we expect it to conduct future examinations. The CFPB can also bring enforcement actions, impose monetary penalties, require remediation of practices, pursue administrative proceedings or litigation and obtain cease and desist orders for violations of applicable federal consumer financial laws. The CFPB has been active in investigations and enforcement actions and has issued civil money penalties to parties when the CFPB has determined that such parties have violated the laws and regulations it enforces.

#### State Regulation

The SAFE Act requires all states to have laws that require mortgage loan originators employed bynon-depository institutions, such as us, to be individually licensed to offer mortgage loan products. As a result, we are subject to various state licensing requirements. These state licensing requirements generally require individual loan originators to register in a nationwide mortgage licensing system, submit information for a character and fitness review, submit to a criminal background check, complete a minimum number of hours of pre-licensing education, complete an annual minimum number of hours of continuing education and successfully complete an examination. Upon issuance of a license, we become subject to regulatory oversight, supervision and enforcement activity to determine compliance with applicable law. To conduct our residential mortgage operations in the United States, we are licensed in 48 states and the District of Columbia.

In addition to the above, state laws and regulations, among other things:

- require the filing of reports with regulators and compliance with state regulatory capital requirements;
- · impose maximum terms, amounts and interest rates, and limit other charges;
- impose consumer privacy rights and other obligations that may require us to notify customers, employees, state attorneys general, regulators and others in the event of a security breach;
- regulate servicing activities, including disclosures, payment processing, loss mitigation and foreclosure, servicing fees and escrow account administration;
- prohibit various forms of "predatory" lending and place obligations on lenders to substantiate that a client will derive a tangible benefit from the proposed home financing transaction and/or have the ability to repay the loan;
- regulate whether and under what circumstances we may offer insurance and other ancillary products in connection with a lending transaction and
- provide for additional consumer protections.

State laws and regulations, and interpretations thereof, vary from state to state, and these laws, regulations and interpretations may change and/or may be vague or interpreted only rarely.

Additionally, our business is subject to numerous state laws that are continuously changing, including laws related to mobile- and internet-based businesses, data privacy (including the California Consumer Privacy Act and similar or other data privacy laws enacted by other states) and advertising laws. One of our subsidiaries, Mission Village Insurance Agency, is also subject to certain laws and regulations governing insurance activities.

State attorneys general, state licensing regulators and state and local consumer protection offices also have the authority to investigate consumer complaints, commence investigations and other formal and informal proceedings, and take enforcement actions and impose remedies on or regarding our operations and activities.

See also "Risks Related to Regulatory Environment" under the section titled "Risk Factors."

#### Legal and Regulatory Proceedings

We are, and from time to time may become, involved in legal and regulatory proceedings or subject to claims arising in the ordinary course of our business. We operate within highly regulated industries on a

federal, state and local level and are routinely subject to various examinations and legal and regulatory proceedings in the normal and ordinary course of business. With the exception of the below-described matter, we are not presently a party to any legal or regulatory proceedings that in the opinion of our management, if determined adversely to us, would individually or taken together have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

United States of America, ex rel. Kevin G. Dougherty, et al. v. Guild Mortgage Company

On May 18, 2016, the U.S. Department of Justice ("DOJ"), on behalf of HUD (together, for purposes of the description of this matter, the "government"), filed a Complaint-in-Intervention ("Intervention Complaint") in a pending *qui tam* action against Guild Mortgage Co. under the False Claims Act ("FCA"), 31 U.S.C. §§ 3729-3733. The Intervention Complaint, filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, alleges FCA violations in connection with the underwriting and origination of certain residential mortgage loans that Guild Mortgage Co. endorsed for FHA insurance. The Intervention Complaint alleges violations of Sections 3729 (a)(l)(A) and (B) of the FCA, breach of common law fiduciary duty, and breach of contract. The government's claims arise from Guild Mortgage Co.'s origination of residential mortgage loans, which Guild Mortgage Co. subsequently endorsed for FHA insurance between January 1, 2006 and December 31, 2011.

On August 10, 2016, Guild Mortgage Co. filed motions to dismiss the government's Intervention Complaint and the Relator's Third Amended Complaint. In March 2018, the Court stayed the case pending the Ninth Circuit's determination of the appeal in *Rose v. Stephens Institute* (No. 17-15111). On August 24, 2018, the ruling in the *Rose* case was issued and the Court lifted its self-imposed stay. On March 4, 2019, the government filed an amended complaint, which Guild Mortgage Co. responded to on March 22, 2019, reasserting that the claims were without merit. Guild Mortgage Co.'s motion to dismiss was denied by the court in September 2019.

This lawsuit is in the discovery phase and the Company is engaged in settlement discussions and, as of September 30, 2020, the Company recorded a liability of approximately \$23.0 million to reflect a reserve established for a potential settlement on the basis of such settlement discussions and after taking into account insurance coverage expected to be available to the Company in connection with any such settlement. The ultimate outcome of this action remains uncertain and the amount to be paid in connection with a settlement, if ultimately agreed, or any monetary award against us could exceed the amount reserved. We have incurred and are continuing to incur defense costs and other expenses in connection with this lawsuit. We are confident in the compliance processes we have in place for FHA-related mortgage lending and other mortgage lending activities.

#### MANAGEMENT

## **Executive Officers and Board of Directors upon Completion of this Offering**

The following tables set forth information as of the date of this prospectus regarding individuals who are expected to serve as our executive officers and as members of our Board of Directors following the completion of this offering. Upon completion of this offering, we expect that our Board of Directors will consist of 6 members.

#### **Executive Officers**

Name	Age	Position
Mary Ann McGarry	62	Chief Executive Officer
Terry Schmidt	59	President
Amber Elwell	38	Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer
David Neylan	45	Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer
Barry Horn	77	Executive Vice President, National Production Manager
Lisa Klika	42	Senior Vice President, Chief Compliance Officer and Secretary

#### **Board of Directors**

Name	Age	Position	Committee Memberships
Patrick Duffy	49	Chairman of the Board of Directors	Compensation
Junior Bryant	49	Director	Audit, Compensation, Nominating and Governance
Martha Marcon	71	Director	Audit, Nominating and Governance
Mary Ann McGarry	62	Director	_
Terry Schmidt	59	Director	_
Mike Meyer	62	Director	Audit, Compensation, Nominating and Governance

Mary Ann McGarry, 62, is the Chief Executive Officer and a Director of the Issuer. Mary Ann has held these positions since August 2020. Mary Ann has served as Guild Mortgage Co.'s Chief Executive Officer since December 2007. From 1988 and until the completion of this offering and the reorganization transactions, Mary Ann also served as a member of Guild Mortgage Co.'s board of directors. Prior to becoming its Chief Executive Officer, Mary Ann served in a number of leadership positions at Guild Mortgage Co., including as its President, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer. Mary Ann joined Guild Mortgage Co. in 1984 as an internal audit supervisor. Prior to joining Guild Mortgage Co., Mary Ann worked as an accountant at Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. Mary Ann currently serves as a member of the board of directors of the Mortgage Bankers Association, an association representing the real estate finance industry, and the Guild Giving Foundation, a non-profit organization, and a member of Fannie Mae's advisory council. Mary Ann earned a bachelor of business administration degree in accounting with a minor in computer science from the University of San Diego.

Terry L. Schmidt, 59, is the President and a Director of the Issuer. Terry has held these positions since August 2020. As President, Terry oversees the Company's finance, human resources, capital markets and compliance departments. Terry has served as Guild Mortgage Co.'s President since January 2020. From 2006 and until the completion of this offering and the reorganization transactions, Terry also served as a member of Guild Mortgage Co.'s board of directors. Prior to serving as Guild Mortgage Co.'s President, Terry served in a number of leadership positions at Guild Mortgage Co., including as Controller from 1991 to 1997 and as its Chief Financial Officer from 1997 to 2020. Terry joined Guild Mortgage Co. in 1985, as a member of its internal audit department. Terry is currently a member of the California Mortgage Bankers

Association, an association representing the California residential and commercial real estate finance industry, a member of the board of directors of the Guild Giving Foundation, a non-profit organization, and a member of the Mortgage Bankers Association, an association representing the real estate finance industry. Terry earned a bachelor of business administration degree in accounting from the University of San Diego and is a certified mortgage banker.

Desiree "Amber" Elwell, 38, is the Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer of the Issuer. Amber has held this position since August 2020. As Chief Financial Officer, she is responsible for the accounting, finance, treasury, payroll and facilities functions. Amber has served as Guild Mortgage Co.'s Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer since January 2020. Prior to serving as Guild Mortgage Co.'s Chief Financial Officer, Amber served in various finance positions at Guild Mortgage Co., including as Guild Mortgage Co.'s Senior Vice President, Finance from 2015 to 2020 and its Vice President, Finance from 2015 to 2020, and one of its Staff Accountants from 2004 to 2005. Amber earned a bachelor of business administration degree in finance from Texas Christian University and a master of business administration degree from the University of California, Irvine. She is a certified public accountant and a certified mortgage banker.

David M. Neylan, 45, is the Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer of the Issuer. David has held this position since August 2020. As Chief Operating Officer, he is responsible for production operations, loan administration, and the correspondent and consumer-direct lending divisions of the Company. He also oversees the Company's customer retention efforts. David has served as Guild Mortgage Co.'s Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer since January 2020. Prior to serving as Guild Mortgage Co.'s Chief Operating Officer, David held a number of leadership positions at Guild Mortgage Co., including as its Senior Vice President, Business Development from August 2014 to December 2019. Prior to joining Guild Mortgage Co. in 2007, David managed the local branch, regional and national origination divisions at CMG Mortgage Inc, a provider of mortgage banking, where he began his career in the mortgage banking industry in 1997. David is currently a member of the board of directors of the California Mortgage Bankers Association, an association representing the California residential and commercial real estate finance industry, and a member of the Mortgage Bankers Association, an association representing the real estate finance industry. David earned a bachelor of science degree from the Marshall School of Business, University of Southern California.

Lisa I. Klika, 42, is the Senior Vice President, Chief Compliance Officer and Secretary of the Issuer. Lisa has held this position since August 2020. As Chief Compliance Officer, she oversees all regulatory compliance, quality control, and audit functions. Lisa has served as Guild Mortgage Co.'s Senior Vice President, Chief Compliance Officer since 2016. Lisa joined Guild Mortgage Co. in 2003 as a compliance analyst and served in a number of quality assurance roles before being promoted to Vice President in 2007 and then to Senior Vice President in 2013. Lisa is currently a member of the board of directors of the Mortgage Compliance Professionals Association of America, an organization for mortgage compliance professionals, a member of the Mortgage Bankers Association, an association representing the real estate finance industry, and an affiliate member and industry advisory council member of the American Association of Residential Mortgage Regulators, a residential mortgage industry association. Lisa earned a bachelor of science degree in exercise and sport science from Oregon State University and a master's degree in executive leadership from the University of San Diego School of Business

Barrett ("Barry") H. Horn, 77, is the Executive Vice President, National Production of the Issuer. He has held this position since August 2020. In this role, Barry oversees retail production and focuses on strategic planning and retail sales operations. Barry joined Guild Mortgage Co. as a Senior Vice President in 2008, when Guild Mortgage Co. acquired Liberty Financial Group, a full-service mortgage banking company based in Washington for which Barry was the founder and served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. Since 2014, Barry has served as Guild Mortgage Co.'s Executive Vice President, National Production. Prior to joining Guild Mortgage Co., Barry also served as the Executive Vice President of Worldwide Sales at Attachmate Corporation, a software company, as the Chief Executive Officer of Saltmine LLC, a web development and consulting company, and in several executive sales positions over

the course of his 16 years at IBM Corporation, a technology company. Barry currently serves as the chairman of the board of trustees of Northwest University, a private liberal arts university, Liberty Road Foundation, a nonprofit organization, and Vossler Media Group, a creative agency and production company. Barry earned a bachelor of arts degree in business administration degree from Taylor University.

Patrick J. Duffy, 49, has served as a Director and as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Issuer since August 2020. From 2018 and until the completion of this offering and the reorganization transactions, Patrick served as a member of the board of directors of Guild Mortgage Co. Patrick is the President and Managing Partner of McCarthy Capital, which he joined in 2007. Patrick serves as a director on the boards of various McCarthy Capital entities and portfolio companies including Altair Global Services, LLC, a global relocation services company, Life Care Companies, LLC, a manager and developer of senior living communities, ReAlign Insurance Holdings, LLC and certain of its subsidiaries, and Sigilo, LLC (dba Spreetail), an e-commerce company. Patrick also currently serves on the board of directors of the Children's Scholarship Fund of Omaha. Patrick earned a bachelor of science degree from the Marshall School of Business, University of Southern California, and a juris doctor degree from Creighton University School of Law. We believe Patrick is qualified to serve as a member of our Board of Directors because of his extensive experience in business, finance and investing in and advising companies.

Martha E. Marcon, 71, has served as a Director of the Issuer since October 2020. Before her retirement in 2006, Martha was a partner at KPMG LLP, where she served as the firm's National Resource Partner for the Insurance Industry and as its Western Region Insurance Industry Leader. Since 2008, Martha has served as a director of Mercury General Corporation, a public company engaged primarily in underwriting automobile insurance. She also currently serves as a director of Foresters Financial, an international insurance and financial services firm, and as a member of the board of the Nonprofits Insurance Alliance. Martha earned a bachelor of science degree, summa cum laude, in economics and business administration from Lehigh University. We believe Martha is qualified to serve as a member of our Board of Directors because of her accounting and financial reporting expertise.

Edward ("Junior") Bryant, Jr., 49, has served as a Director of the Issuer since October 2020. Since 2018, Junior has served as an Executive Director of Business Development at HGGC, a private equity firm based in Palo Alto, California. Prior to that, from 2011 to 2017, Junior served as the Vice President and National Marketing and Sales Director for Pacific Global Investment Management Company, an investment management firm. Before that, Junior co-founded Smith & Bryant, Inc., a real estate investment company, and served as its Vice President from 1998 to 2010. A veteran of the National Football League, Junior retired from the San Francisco 49ers in 2003 after a 10-year career as a defensive lineman. Junior earned a bachelor degree in business administration from the University of Notre Dame. We believe Junior is qualified to serve as a member of our Board of Directors because of his extensive experience in the real estate industry and in investing in and advising companies.

Michael ("Mike") C. Meyer, 62, has served as a Director of the Issuer since August 2020 and as a member of the board of directors of Guild Mortgage Co. since 2013. From 2015 until the completion of this offering and the reorganization transactions, Mike served as the Chairman of the board of directors of Guild Mortgage Co. Since 2013, Mike has served as an operating partner and as Portfolio Director for McCarthy Capital. From 1995 to 2014, Mike served in a variety of finance and operational management executive positions at Tenaska, Inc., an energy company. From 1987 to 1995, Mike served at the U.S. Treasury Department in the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency as a National Bank Examiner. Mike earned both a bachelor of science in business administration degree and a master of business administration degree from Creighton University. Mike currently serves on the board of directors of Bridges Holding Company, an investment advisory firm. Mike previously served on the board of directors of Bridges Investment Fund, a general equity fund. We believe Mike is qualified to serve as a member of our Board of Directors because of his extensive experience in finance, banking, and operational management.

#### **Controlled Company**

We intend to apply to list the shares of our Class A common stock offered in this offering on the NYSE. As MCMI will continue to control more than 50% of the combined voting power of our outstanding common stock upon the completion of this offering, we will be considered a "controlled company" for the purposes of the NYSE's rules and corporate governance standards. As a "controlled company," we will be permitted, and we intend, to elect not to comply with certain corporate governance requirements, including (i) those that would otherwise require our Board of Directors to have a majority of independent directors, (ii) those that would require that we establish a compensation committee composed entirely of independent directors and (iii) those that would require we have a nominating and corporate governance committee composed entirely of independent directors.

#### **Election of Directors**

At the completion of this offering, we expect that our Board of Directors will initially be divided into three classes, each of which is expected to be composed initially of two or three directors. The directors designated as Class I directors will have terms expiring at the first annual meeting of stockholders following the completion of this offering, which we expect to hold in 2021. The directors designated as Class II directors will have terms expiring at the following year's annual meeting of stockholders, which we expect to hold in 2022, and the directors designated as Class III directors will have terms expiring at the following year's annual meeting of stockholders, which we expect to hold in 2023. Commencing with the first annual meeting of stockholders following the completion of this offering, directors for each class will be elected at the annual meeting of stockholders held in the year in which the term for that class expires and thereafter will serve for a term of three years. At any meeting of stockholders for the election of directors at which a quorum is present, the election will be determined by a plurality of the votes cast by the stockholders entitled to vote in the election.

- Our Class I directors will initially be Mike Meyer and Mary Ann McGarry.
- Our Class II directors will initially be Patrick Duffy and Terry Schmidt.
- Our Class III directors will initially be Junior Bryant and Martha Marcon.

We expect our bylaws will provide that the authorized number of directors may only be changed by a resolution adopted by a majority of our Board of Directors.

## **Director Independence**

We intend to avail ourselves of the "controlled company" exception under the rules of the NYSE, which exempts us from certain requirements, including the requirements that we have a majority of independent directors on our Board of Directors and that we have compensation and nominating and corporate governance committees composed entirely of independent directors. We will, however, remain subject to the requirement that we have an audit committee composed entirely of independent members by the end of the transition period for companies listing in connection with an initial public offering.

If at any time we cease to be a "controlled company" under the rules of the NYSE, the Board of Directors will take all action necessary to comply with the applicable rules of the NYSE, including appointing a majority of independent directors to the Board of Directors and establishing certain committees composed entirely of independent directors, subject to permitted phase-in periods.

Based upon information requested from and provided by each director concerning his or her background, employment and affiliations, including family relationships, our Board of Directors has determined that are "independent" as defined under the rules of the NYSE. Our Board of Directors also determined that , who serve on our Audit Committee, satisfy the independence standards for that committee established by the SEC and the rules of the NYSE. In making such determinations, our Board of Directors considered the relationships that each such non-employee director

has with our Company and all other facts and circumstances our Board of Directors deemed relevant in determining independence, including the beneficial ownership of our capital stock by each non-employee director and any institutional stockholder with which he or she is affiliated.

#### **Board Committees**

Our Board of Directors has established standing committees in connection with the discharge of its responsibilities. These committees include the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. Our Board of Directors may also establish such other committees as it deems appropriate, in accordance with applicable law and our corporate governance documents. Following this offering, a copy of each committee's charter will be posted on the investor relations section of our website, www.guildmortgage.com. Information contained on or accessible through our website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus, and you should not consider such information to be part of this prospectus or in deciding whether to purchase shares of our Class A common stock.

#### Audit Committee

The Audit Committee's primary responsibilities will include:

- overseeing management's establishment and maintenance of adequate systems of internal accounting and financial controls;
- reviewing the effectiveness of our legal and regulatory compliance programs;
- · overseeing our financial reporting process, including the filing of financial reports; and
- · selecting independent auditors, evaluating their independence and performance and approving audit fees and services performed by them.

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The members of our Audit Committee are Martha Marcon, Junior Bryant and Mike Meyer. Our Board of Directors has determined that an "audit committee financial expert" as defined by applicable SEC rules.

#### **Compensation Committee**

The Compensation Committee's responsibilities include:

- ensuring that our executive compensation programs are appropriately competitive, supporting organizational objectives and stockholder interests and emphasizing pay-for-performance linkage;
- evaluating and approving compensation and setting performance criteria for compensation programs for our chief executive officer and other executive officers; and
- · overseeing the implementation and administration of our compensation plans.

The members of our Compensation Committee are Mike Meyer, Junior Bryant and Patrick Duffy. None of our executive officers serves as a member of our Board of Directors or Compensation Committee, or other committee serving an equivalent function, of any entity that has one or more executive officers who serve as members of our Board of Directors or a committee of our Board of Directors.

#### Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee's responsibilities include:

- recommending nominees for our Board of Directors and its committees;
- recommending the size and composition of our Board of Directors and its committees;
- · reviewing our corporate governance guidelines and proposed amendments to our certificate of incorporation and bylaws; and
- · reviewing and making recommendations to address stockholder proposals.

The members of our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee are Junior Bryant, Martha Marcon and Mike Meyer.

# Code of Business Conduct and Ethics

Prior to the completion of this offering, our Board of Directors intends to adopt a code of business conduct and ethics, or "Code of Ethics," which will apply to all of our directors, officers and employees, including our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer and persons performing similar functions. The Code of Ethics will be available on our website at www.guildmortgage.com. If we amend or grant any waiver from a provision of our Code of Ethics that applies to any of our executive officers, we will publicly disclose such amendment or waiver on our website and as required by applicable law.

#### **EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

This section provides a discussion of the compensation paid or awarded to our principal executive officer and our two other most highly compensated executive officers as of December 31, 2019. We refer to these individuals as our named executive officers. For fiscal year 2019 our named executive officers were:

Name Title

Mary Ann McGarry Chief Executive Officer
Terry L. Schmidt President

Barrett ("Barry") H. Horn Executive Vice President, National Product Manager

This discussion contains forward-looking statements that are based on our current plans, considerations, expectations and determinations regarding future compensation programs. Actual compensation programs that we adopt may differ materially from currently planned programs as summarized in this discussion. As an "emerging growth company," as defined in the JOBS Act, we are not required to include a Compensation Discussion and Analysis section and have elected to comply with the reduced disclosure requirements applicable to emerging growth companies.

#### Overview

Our current executive compensation program is intended to align executive compensation with our business objectives and to enable us to attract, retain and reward executive officers who contribute to our long-term success. The compensation paid or awarded to our executive officers is generally based on an assessment of each individual's performance compared against the business objectives established for the fiscal year as well as our historical compensation practices. For fiscal year 2019, the material elements of our compensation program were base salary and short-term cash incentive compensation.

We expect that our executive compensation program will evolve to reflect our status as a new publicly traded company, while still supporting our overall business and compensation objectives. Therefore, the compensation reported in the Summary Compensation Table below for fiscal year 2019 is not necessarily indicative of how we will compensate our named executive officers in the future. We expect that we will continue to review, evaluate and modify our compensation framework and that the compensation program following this offering may vary significantly from our historical practices. In connection with this offering, we have retained Meridian Compensation Partners, an independent a compensation consultant to perform a market-based review of our executive compensation program and to advise regarding the design of our post-offering executive compensation program.

#### **Compensation of Named Executive Officers**

#### Base Salary

Base salaries are intended to provide a level of compensation sufficient to attract and retain an effective management team, when considered in combination with the other components of our executive compensation program. The relative levels of base salary for our named executive officers are designed to reflect each named executive officer's scope of responsibility and accountability with the Company. Please see the "Salary" column of the Summary Compensation Table below for the base salary amounts received by each named executive officer in fiscal year 2019.

#### Short-Term Cash Incentive Compensation

Historically, we have generally provided our senior leadership team with short-term incentive compensation based on achievement of pre-established performance goals.

During fiscal year 2019, Ms. McGarry and Ms. Schmidt participated in an annual cash incentive program. Under the terms of the program, an incentive pool is funded based on the level of achievement of

return on average equity, which is defined as the Company's pre-tax profit and loss (with an adjustment to add back any book entry to recapture or impairment of servicing rights), divided by the average of the book value of the Company for the fiscal year as reflected on the Company's balance sheet as of the last day of each calendar quarter during fiscal year 2019. The funding level is determined in accordance with the matrix set forth below. The funded incentive pool is then allocated among the participants in accordance with the percentage allocation set forth in each participant's executive compensation agreement.

<u>Tier</u>	ROAE	Incentive Pool
0	Less than 15.00%	\$750,000
1	15.00%—19.99%	\$875,000
2	20.00%—24.99%	\$1,750,000
3	25.00%—29.99%	\$2,625,000
4	30.00%	\$3,500,000
5	Greater than 30.00%	\$3,500,000 plus an additional amount to be mutually determined by the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors

For fiscal year 2019, the actual level of return on average equity was 38% and the incentive pool was funded at \$3,500,000. Ms. McGarry's allocation of the pool was 44.5% and Ms. Schmidt's allocation of the pool was 36.7%.

During fiscal year 2019, Mr. Horn was eligible to receive two forms of short-term cash incentive compensation, a volume override bonus and a quarterly bonus. The volume override bonus is paid on a monthly basis, subject to Mr. Horn's continued employment through the entire applicable month, and is calculated as 0.6 basis points of the adjusted gross loan amount involved in each in-house loan closing, which is defined as company closed and funded residential mortgage loans in the applicable month that are not unfunded, plus certain loans closed under the Company's direct lending channel. The quarterly bonus is calculated as 0.95% of the total adjusted regional contribution, which is defined as the total region income, marketing income and operation center contributions, minus region expense, acquisition payouts and corporate costs, and is paid in quarterly draws, subject to Mr. Horn's continued employment through the entire applicable quarter, equal to 75% of the cumulative year-to-date calculated bonus amount, for each of the first three calendar quarters, plus a final payment for the fourth quarter equal to 100% of the calculated bonus amount not previously paid in the fiscal year. For fiscal year 2019, Mr. Horn received an aggregate volume override bonus of \$1,226,081, based on the aggregate adjusted gross loan amount involved in in-house closings of \$20,434,692,887, and cumulative quarterly bonuses of \$1,132,806, based on the total adjusted regional contribution of \$119,242,802.

#### **Profits Interests**

Our named executive officers did not receive any equity-based awards in fiscal year 2019. Certain of our named executive officers had received awards of profits interests in prior years, and all such awards were fully vested as of December 31, 2019. As of December 31, 2019, Ms. McGarry and Ms. Schmidt held fully vested Class B Units of Guild Management LLC, which was an equity holder of Guild Investors, LLC, our former parent entity (the "Profits Interests"). The Profits Interests are subject to specified hurdle amounts that function like option exercise prices because the Profits Interests do not participate in distributions by Guild Management LLC until distributions to other equity holders of Guild Management LLC have exceeded the relevant hurdle amounts. See "Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End" below for further information regarding the outstanding Profits Interests held by Ms. McGarry and Ms. Schmidt as of December 31, 2019.

In connection with the reorganization transactions, Guild Management LLC will be dissolved and its members, including holders of the Profits Interests, will receive a pro rata liquidating distribution of shares of the Issuer's common stock (with holders of Profits Interests receiving shares of the Issuer's Class A

common stock). The shares of the Issuer's Class A common stock to be distributed to Ms. McGarry and Ms. Schmidt in respect of their Profits Interests are included in the total number of shares of the Issuer's Class A common stock to be held by Ms. McGarry and Ms. Schmidt after this offering that is shown in the section of this prospectus entitled "Principal and Selling Stockholders."

#### Retirement and Deferred Compensation Plans

The Company maintains a 401(k) plan, which is a U.S. tax-qualified retirement plan offered to all eligible employees, including our named executive officers, that permits eligible employees to elect to defer a portion of their compensation on a pre-tax basis. In 2019, participants in the 401(k) plan, including our named executive officers, were eligible for company matching contributions equal to 40% of the participant's contributions up to a maximum of 6% of eligible compensation under the plan. We do not maintain any defined benefit pension plans.

The Company maintains the Compensation Deferral Plan for Executives (the "Deferred Compensation Plan"), a nonqualified deferred compensation plan that was frozen effective as of December 31, 2007. Ms. McGarry and Ms. Schmidt participate in the Deferred Compensation Plan and in 2007 their accounts under the Deferred Compensation Plan became notionally invested in phantom units, a reference security that notionally tracked the value of Class A units in Guild Management LLC, an equityholder of Guild Investors, LLC, our former parent entity. Each time a cash dividend was paid with respect to Class A units during 2019, a corresponding dividend was notionally credited with respect to the phantom units held in Ms. McGarry's and Ms. Schmidt's accounts. Ms. McGarry and Ms. Schmidt are able to direct the notional investment of the dividend amounts into various investment alternatives offered under the Deferred Compensation Plan, which alternatives generally track the investment alternatives available under the 401(k) plan. In connection with the offering, it is expected that the phantom units, and that Ms. McGarry and Ms. Schmidt will be converted into notional cash balances based on the then-current fair market value of the phantom units, and that Ms. McGarry and Ms. Schmidt will be permitted to notionally invest the converted cash balances in the investment alternatives made available under the Deferred Compensation Plan.

## **IPO Equity Award Grants**

In connection with this offering, we intend to grant restricted stock unit awards under our 2020 Omnibus Incentive Plan (a description of which is included below) to non-employee directors (as described below under "Non-Employee Director Compensation") and certain employees, including our named executive officers. The approximate aggregate grant date value of such awards is expected to be \$23 million. The number of restricted stock units that will be issued will be equal to the grant date value of each award divided by our public offering price. In particular, it is anticipated that Ms. McGarry, Ms. Schmidt and Mr. Horn will each receive an award of restricted stock units with a grant date value of \$1.9 million, \$1.75 million, and \$1.125 million, respectively, which corresponds to , , and shares of our Class A common stock, respectively, based on the midpoint of estimated price range set forth on the front cover of this prospectus. The restricted stock units granted to the named executive officers will vest in installments, with 25% vesting on each of the second and third anniversaries of the grant date and 50% vesting on the fourth anniversary of the grant date, in each case, generally subject to continued employment through the applicable vesting date.

#### **Summary Compensation Table**

The following table shows the compensation earned by our named executive officers for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019.

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)	All Other Compensation (\$)(1)	Total (\$)
Mary Ann McGarry Chief Executive Officer	2019	600,000	1,558,002	488,021	2,646,023
Terry Schmidt President	2019	425,000	1,284,767	488,073	2,197,840
Barry Horn  Executive Vice President, National Production Manager	2019	375,000	2,358,888	13,918	2,747,806

<sup>(1)</sup> The amounts reported in this column represent: (i) for Ms. McGarry, \$472,507 of dividend equivalents credited in 2019 with respect to phantom units notionally held under the Deferred Compensation Plan (Ms. McGarry's account under the Deferred Compensation Plan is fully vested and has been notionally invested in phantom units since 2007), \$6,840 of company matching contributions under the 401(k) plan, and \$8,674 relating to attendance at a President's Club sales trip, (ii) for Ms. Schmidt, \$472,507 of dividend equivalents credited in 2019 with respect to phantom units notionally held under the Deferred Compensation Plan (Ms. Schmidt's account under the Deferred Compensation Plan is fully vested and has been notionally invested in phantom units since 2007), \$6,840 of company matching contributions under the 401(k) plan, and \$8,726 relating to attendance at a President's Club sales trip, and (iii) for Mr. Horn, \$6,840 of company matching contributions under the 401(k) plan, and \$7,078 relating to attendance at a President's Club sales trip.

## Narrative Disclosure to Summary Compensation Table

#### Executive Compensation Agreements with Ms. McGarry and Ms. Schmidt

Ms. McGarry is party to an executive compensation agreement with the Company effective as of January 1, 2019, which provides for an initial one-year term ending on January 1, 2020, subject to automatic renewal for successiveone-year terms, unless the Company and Ms. McGarry mutually agree to terminate the agreement or Ms. McGarry's employment is terminated by the Company or Ms. McGarry. Pursuant to the executive compensation agreement, Ms. McGarry is eligible to receive an annual base salary equal to \$600,000 and an annual bonus in accordance with the annual bonus program for partners described above under "Compensation of Named Executive Officers—Short-Term Cash Incentive Compensation." Under the terms of the executive compensation agreement, upon Ms. McGarry's termination of employment, Ms. McGarry is entitled to receive a prorated bonus for the calendar year of termination based on actual performance and, if the termination of employment is initiated by the Company, subject to Ms. McGarry's execution of a waiver and release in a form acceptable to the Company, a cash payment of \$600,000, in 24 monthly installments of \$25,000 beginning 30 days after the last day of Ms. McGarry's employment with the Company. The executive compensation agreement also includes a one-year post-termination employee no hire and employee nonsolicitation covenant.

Ms. Schmidt is also party to an executive compensation agreement with the Company effective as of January 1, 2019, which provides for an initial one-year term ending on January 1, 2020, subject to automatic renewal for successiveone-year terms, unless the Company and Ms. Schmidt mutually agree to terminate the agreement or Ms. Schmidt's employment is terminated by the Company or Ms. Schmidt. Pursuant to the executive compensation agreement, Ms. Schmidt is eligible to receive an annual base

salary equal to \$425,000 and an annual bonus in accordance with the annual bonus program for partners described above under "Compensation of Named Executive Officers—Short-Term Cash Incentive Compensation." Under the terms of the executive compensation agreement, upon Ms. Schmidt's termination of employment, Ms. Schmidt is entitled to receive a prorated bonus for the calendar year of termination based on actual performance and, if the termination of employment is initiated by the Company, subject to Ms. Schmidt's execution of a waiver and release in a form acceptable to the Company, a cash payment of \$425,000, in 24 monthly installments of \$17,708.33 beginning 30 days after the last day of Ms. Schmidt's employment with the Company. The executive compensation agreement also includes a one-year post-termination employee no hire and employee nonsolicitation covenant.

#### Employment Agreement with Mr. Horn

Mr. Horn is party to an employment agreement with the Company dated as of January 1, 2016. Pursuant to the employment agreement, Mr. Horn is eligible to receive a base salary of \$31,250 per month and the volume override and quarterly bonuses described above under "Compensation of Named Executive Officers—Short-Term Cash Incentive Compensation." The employment agreement does not provide for any payments upon termination of Mr. Horn's employment with the Company.

#### **Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End**

The following table sets forth information regarding outstanding equity compensation awards held as of December 31, 2019 by our named executive officers. Such awards were in the form of Profits Interests, which do not relate to the common stock of the Issuer.(1)

Norm	Number of securities underlying unexercised options exercisable	Option exercise price	Option
Name	(#)	(\$)(2)	expiration date
Mary Ann McGarry			
Profits Interests	3,666	(3)	N/A
Profits Interests	7,500	(4)	N/A
Profits Interests	6,166	(5)	N/A
Profits Interests	2,500	(6)	N/A
Terry Schmidt			
Profits Interests	2,999	(3)	N/A
Profits Interests	6,832	(4)	N/A
Profits Interests	5,499	(5)	N/A
Profits Interests	2,500	(6)	N/A

- (1) The Profits Interests will no longer be outstanding following completion of the reorganization transactions. See 'Compensation of Named Executive Officer—Profits Interests' above.
- (2) Each Profits Interest is granted with a hurdle amount, which functions similarly to an option exercise price because the Profits Interests do not participate in distributions to equity holders of Guild Management LLC up to that amount. Instead, a holder of Profits Interests would only participate in distributions to equity holders of Guild Management LLC in excess of the applicable hurdle amount and such participation would be in proportion to the relative ownership of Guild Management LLC represented by such Profits Interests.
- (3) These Profits Interests had an aggregate hurdle amount of \$6,300,000, which means that Ms. McGarry and Ms. Schmidt are entitled to participate in distributions in excess of \$6,300,000 with respect to these Profits Interests. As of December 31, 2019, cumulative distributions by Guild Management LLC had exceeded \$6,300,000.

- (4) These Profits Interests had an aggregate hurdle amount of \$18,949,729, which means that Ms. McGarry and Ms. Schmidt are entitled to participate in distributions in excess of \$18,949,729 with respect to these Profits Interests. As of December 31, 2019, cumulative distributions by Guild Management LLC had exceeded \$18,949,729.
- (5) These Profits Interests had an aggregate hurdle amount of \$51,887,981, which means that Ms. McGarry and Ms. Schmidt are entitled to participate in distributions in excess of \$51,887,981 with respect to these Profits Interests. As of December 31, 2019, cumulative distributions by Guild Management LLC had exceeded \$51,887,981.
- (6) These Profits Interests had an aggregate hurdle amount of \$118,476,109, which means that Ms. McGarry and Ms. Schmidt are entitled to participate in distributions in excess of \$118,476,109 with respect to these Profits Interests. As of December 31, 2019, the total cumulative distributions made by Guild Management LLC was \$61,886,066 and, therefore, cumulative distributions by Guild Management LLC had not exceeded \$118,476,109.

#### **Non-Employee Director Compensation**

In 2019, the Issuer had not yet been formed and did not have a Board of Directors. Prior to this offering, we did not maintain a formal director compensation policy.

In preparing for this offering, we worked with Meridian Compensation Partners, our independent compensation consultant, to design a compensation program for our non-employee directors that will become effective upon the completion of this offering. Following the completion of this offering, our non-employee directors will be compensated for service on our Board of Directors pursuant to our program described below.

#### Annual Cash Retainer

Each non-employee member of our Board of Directors will receive a \$50,000 annual cash retainer. The chairman of the Board of Directors, chairpersons and members of each committee of the Board of Directors will also receive the additional annual cash retainers described below:

- Chairman. The Chairman of our Board of Directors will receive an annual cash retainer of \$25,000.
- Audit Committee Members. The chairperson of the Audit Committee will receive an annual cash retainer of \$25,000 and all other committee
  members will receive an annual cash retainer of \$10,000.
- Compensation Committee Members. The chairperson of the Compensation Committee will receive an annual cash retainer of \$15,000 and all
  other committee members will receive an annual cash retainer of \$7.500.
- Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee Chairperson. The chairperson of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will receive an annual cash retainer of \$10,000 and all other committee members will receive an annual cash retainer of \$5,000.

# **Equity Retainer**

Annual RSU Retainer. On an annual basis, each non-employee director will be eligible to receive an annual grant of a number of restricted stock units with a grant date value equal to \$100,000 (\$150,000 in the case of the Chairman of our Board of Directors), which will be granted on the date of our annual shareholder meeting and will vest, generally subject to continued service on the Board of Directors, on the date of the following year's annual shareholder meeting.

*Initial RSU Grant.* Upon completion of this offering, each non-employee director will receive an initial grant of restricted stock units with a grant date value equal to \$100,000, which will vest, generally subject to continued service on the Board of Directors, on the first anniversary of the completion of this offering

After the completion of this offering, if a new director is appointed other than at an annual meeting of shareholders, the director will receive an initial award of restricted stock units with a grant date value equal to \$100,000 prorated for the portion of the director compensation year for which such new director will be serving, which will vest, generally subject to continued service on the Board of Directors, on the date of the next annual meeting of shareholders following such director's appointment.

#### 2020 Omnibus Incentive Plan

In connection with this offering, our Board of Directors intends to adopt, and our current shareholders are expected to approve, our 2020 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "2020 Plan"), prior to the effective date of this offering. The 2020 Plan is expected to have the terms substantially as set forth below.

**Purpose.** The purpose of our 2020 Plan is to give the Company a competitive advantage in attracting, retaining and motivating officers, employees, directors and/or consultants and to enable the Company to provide incentives for future performance of services directly linked to the profitability of the Company's businesses and increases in Company shareholder value.

Stock Awards and Eligibility. The 2020 Plan provides for the grant of incentive stock options ("ISOs"), nonstatutory stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock awards, restricted stock unit awards and other forms of equity-based compensation. Additionally, the 2020 Plan provides for the grant of cash-denominated awards. ISOs may be granted only to employees. All other awards may be granted to current and prospective directors, officers, employees, and consultants of the Company and its affiliates.

Class A Common Stock Subject to the 2020 Plan. The maximum number of shares of our Class A common stock that may be granted pursuant to awards under our 2020 Plan is 5,500,000. The maximum number of shares of our Class A common stock that may be granted pursuant to ISOs is 5,500,000.

The shares of our Class A common stock covered by any award that is forfeited, terminates, expires, lapses without being exercised or is settled for cash will again become available for issuance under the 2020 Plan. If the tax withholding obligations relating to any full-value award are satisfied by withholding shares relating to such full-value award, such withheld shares shall not reduce the share reserve. With respect to any stock option or stock appreciation right, if the exercise price and/or tax withholding obligations are satisfied by delivering shares to us (by actual delivery or attestation), or if the exercise price and/or tax withholding obligations are satisfied by withholding shares otherwise issuable pursuant to the stock option or stock appreciation right, the share reserve shall nonetheless be reduced by the gross number of shares subject to the stock option or stock appreciation right.

Director Compensation Limitations. No non-employee director may receive compensation in such capacity during any calendar year that exceeds \$500,000 (calculating the value of any equity compensation awards for such purpose based on the grant date fair value of such awards for financial reporting purposes). For purposes of the preceding sentence, an equity-based award shall be deemed received upon grant (and not upon vesting or settlement) and any deferred cash compensation shall be deemed received when earned (and not when paid).

Administration. Our 2020 Plan will be administered by our Board of Directors directly, or if the Board of Directors elects, by the Compensation Committee (or such other committee of the Board of Directors as our Board of Directors may from time to time designate) (the "Committee"), provided that, subject to law, all powers of the Committee may be exercised by the full Board of Directors. Among other

things, the Committee will have the authority to select individuals to whom awards may be granted, determine the types of awards (as well as the number of shares of common stock to be covered by such award) granted, and determine and modify the terms and conditions of any such award.

specified number of shares of Class A common stock at a price equal to the per share exercise price of the stock options. Stock appreciation rights entitle the participant to receive an amount in cash or shares with a value equal to the product of (i) the difference between the fair market value of one share of Class A common stock on the exercise date and the per share exercise price, multiplied by (ii) the number of shares of Class A common stock subject to the stock appreciation rights. The exercise price of a stock option or stock appreciation right award will be determined by the Committee and provided in the applicable award agreement, and will not be less than the fair market value (as defined in the 2020 Plan) of a share of Class A common stock on the

the stock appreciation rights. The exercise price of a stock option or stock appreciation right award will be determined by the Committee and provided in the applicable award agreement, and will not be less than the fair market value (as defined in the 2020 Plan) of a share of Class A common stock on the grant date. In no event may any stock appreciation right or stock option granted under the 2020 Plan be amended (other than as described below under "Plan and Award Adjustments") to decrease the exercise price, be canceled in exchange for cash or other awards if the exercise price of such stock appreciation right or stock option exceeds the fair market value of a share of Class A common stock on the date of such cancellation, be canceled in exchange for any new stock appreciation right or stock option with a lower exercise price, or otherwise be subject to any action that would be treated, under the applicable stock exchange listing standards or for accounting purposes, as a "repricing," unless such amendment, cancellation or action is approved by the Company's stockholders. The term of each stock appreciation right and stock option is fixed by the Committee, but cannot be more than 10 years after the grant date. The effect of a participant's termination of service on any award held by the participant will be described in the applicable award agreement for the award.

A stock option that is intended to qualify as an ISO may not be granted to an eligible individual who at grant owns more than 10% of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Company, unless at the time the exercise price of such ISO is at least 110% of the fair market value of a share and is not exercisable after the fifth anniversary of the grant date. In addition, the aggregate fair market value of the shares at grant for which ISOs become exercisable by a participant during any calendar year may not exceed \$100,000.

Restricted Stock. Shares of restricted stock are actual shares of our Class A common stock issued

Stock Options and Stock Appreciation Rights. Stock options entitle the participant to purchase a

to a participant. The Committee may require that restricted stock vest based on either the continued service of the participant, the attainment of performance goals or a combination of both. Except as provided in the applicable award agreement, a participant holding shares of restricted stock will have all the rights of a stockholder holding shares of Class A common stock, including, if applicable, the right to vote the shares and the right to receive any dividends, except that, unless otherwise determined by the Committee, cash dividends shall be payable in cash and shall be held subject to vesting of the underlying restricted stock and shall be held subject to the vesting of the underlying restricted stock.

Restricted Stock Units. Restricted stock units are awards denominated in shares that will be settled, subject to the applicable award's terms and conditions, in a specified number of shares of our Class A common stock or cash equal to the fair market value of the number of shares of Class A common stock. The Committee may require that restricted stock units vest based on either the continued service of the participant, the attainment of performance goals or a combination of both. Restricted stock units will be settled upon vesting or at a later time if permitted pursuant to a deferred compensation arrangement. A participant holding restricted stock units shall have no rights as a shareholder with respect to the shares of Class A common stock unless and until the shares are actually delivered to the participant in settlement of the units. Certain restricted stock unit awards may be eligible for dividends or dividend equivalents, which, unless otherwise determined by the Committee, shall be held subject to the vesting of the underlying restricted stock units.

Other Stock-Based Awards. Other stock-based awards are awards under the 2020 Plan not otherwise specifically described in the 2020 Plan that are valued by reference to, or otherwise relate to, shares of our Class A common stock, and which are subject to terms and conditions consistent with the terms of the 2020 Plan that are determined by the Committee.

Cash Awards. Cash awards are awards under the 2020 Plan that are denominated and payable in cash and which are subject to such terms and conditions consistent with the terms of the 2020 Plan as are determined by the Committee.

Transferability of Awards. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee, awards generally are not transferable other than by will or by the laws of descent or distribution.

Plan and Award Adjustments. In the event of (i) a merger, consolidation, acquisition of property or shares, stock rights offering, liquidation, disposition for consideration of an equity interest in a subsidiary or affiliate, or similar event affecting the Company; or (ii) a stock dividend, stock split, reverse stock split, reorganization, share combination, or recapitalization or similar event affecting the capital structure of the Company, or a disaffiliation, separation or spinoff, or other extraordinary dividend, the Committee or our Board of Directors may (or, in certain cases, will) in its discretion, in the case of events described in clause (i) and (ii), make such substitutions or adjustments as it deems appropriate and equitable to: (A) the aggregate number and kind of shares or other securities reserved for issuance and delivery under the 2020 Plan; (B) the various maximum limitations on the grants to individuals of certain types of awards; (C) the number and kind of shares or other securities subject to outstanding awards; (D) financial goals or results relating to a performance goal; and (E) the exercise price of outstanding awards. In the case of certain corporate transactions, such an adjustment may consist of cancellation of outstanding awards in exchange for payments of cash, property or a combination of both having an aggregate value equal to the value of such awards, which in the case of an option may be the excess, if any of the deal consideration per share over the per share exercise price.

Upon a change in control of the Company, participants will be granted replacement awards by the acquiring or surviving company that are of the same type held prior to the change in control. Performance awards will be converted into replacement time-based awards for the remainder of the applicable performance period (or such shorter period determined by the Committee), with the number of underlying shares determined based on the greater of actual performance through the latest practicable date prior to the change in control and target performance. Replacement awards will generally continue to vest on the same schedule as the original awards, except that, if a participant's employment is terminated by the Company without cause and not due to the participant's death or disability, within the 24 months following the change in control, then the participant's replacement awards will become vested in full. In the event an acquiring or surviving company refuses to issue replacement awards, or if the acquiring or surviving company is not a publicly held company, then all awards under the 2020 Plan will become vested in full upon the change in control, with performance awards vesting at the greater of actual performance through the latest practicable date prior to the change-in-control and target performance. The terms "cause," "good reason" and "change in control" are defined in the 2020 Plan.

**Termination and Amendment.** Our 2020 Plan will automatically terminate ten years from the date of completion of this offering, unless terminated earlier by our Board of Directors. The Committee may amend, alter, suspend or terminate our 2020 Plan at any time, provided that no amendment, alteration or discontinuation may materially impair the rights of any participant with respect to a previously granted award without the participant's consent.

## PRINCIPAL AND SELLING STOCKHOLDERS

The following table sets forth information with respect to the beneficial ownership of our capital stock, as of(i) immediately prior to the completion of this offering and (ii) following the sale of shares of our Class A common stock in this offering, by:

- each person, or group of affiliated persons, known by us to beneficially own more than 5% of any class or series of our capital stock (other than directors and named executive officers);
- each of our directors;
- · each of our named executive officers;
- all of our executive officers and directors as a group; and
- the selling stockholders.

The numbers of shares of our Class A common stock and shares of our Class B common stock beneficially owned, percentages of beneficial ownership and percentages of combined voting power of our outstanding common stock before and after this offering that are set forth below are based on the number of shares to be issued and outstanding prior to and after this offering, in each case, after giving effect to the reorganization transactions and assuming an initial public offering price of \$ per share, which is the midpoint of the estimated price range set forth on the front cover of this prospectus. See "Organizational Structure." In addition, the percentage ownership assumes no purchase of shares of our Class A common stock through the reserved share program and that the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares is not exercised.

The number of shares beneficially owned by each stockholder is determined under rules of the SEC and includes voting or investment power with respect to securities. Under these rules, beneficial ownership includes any shares as to which the individual or entity has sole or shared voting power or investment power. In computing the number of shares beneficially owned by an individual or entity and the percentage ownership of that person, shares of common stock subject to options, warrants or other rights held by such person that are currently exercisable or will become exercisable within 60 days are considered outstanding, although these shares are not considered outstanding for purposes of computing the percentage ownership of any other person.

Unless otherwise indicated, the address of all listed stockholders is c/o Guild Holdings Company, 5887 Copley Drive, San Diego, California 92111. Each of the stockholders listed has sole voting and investment power with respect to the shares beneficially owned by the stockholder unless noted otherwise, subject to community property laws where applicable.

	Class A Common Stock Beneficially Owned (1)			Class B Common Stock Beneficially Owned (1)				Combined Voting Power (2)		
	Before This Offering		After This Offering		Before This Offering		After This Offering		Before This Offering	After This Offering
Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage
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Entities Associated With McCarthy										
Partners, LLC(3)						100%		100%		
Directors and Named Executive										
Officers										
Mary Ann McGarry(4)					_	_	_	_		
Terry Schmidt					_	_	_	_		
Barry Horn					_	_	_	_		
Patrick Duffy(5)										
Mike Meyer						_		_		

	Class A Common Stock Beneficially Owned (1)		Class B Common Stock Beneficially Owned (1)				Combined Voting Power (2)			
	Before This Offering		After This Offering		Before This Offering		After This Offering		Before This Offering	After This Offering
Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage
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group ( persons)										
Selling Stockholders										
David Battany					_	_	_	_		
Catherine Blocker					_	_	_	_		
Theresa Cherry					_	_	_	_		
Gemma Currier					_	_	_	_		
Amber Elwell					_	_	_	_		
Kat Foster					_	_	_	_		
Shayla Gifford										
Lisa Klika										
Erin Langevin										
James Madsen										
Robert Meyers										
Charles Nay										
David Neylan										
John Pecoraro										
Mike Rish										
Linda Scott										

<sup>\*</sup>Less than 1%.

- (1) Each holder of shares of our Class B common stock is entitled to 10 votes per share and each holder of shares of our Class A common stock is entitled to one vote per share, in each case on all matters submitted to our stockholders for a vote. See "Description of Capital Stock."
- (2) Percentage of voting power represents the combined voting power with respect to all shares of our Class A common stock and shares of our Class B common stock, voting together as a single class. See "Description of Capital Stock."
- (3) Represents the shares of our Class B common stock held by MCMI. McCarthy Partners, LLC exercises voting and investment control over the shares of our Class B common stock held by MCMI. In his capacity as the President of McCarthy Partners, LLC, Mr. Duffy may be deemed to exercise voting and investment control over the shares of our Class B common stock held by MCMI.
- (4) Includes shares of Class A common stock beneficially owned by Ms. McGarry through McGarry Strategic Enterprises, LLC, in which Ms. McGarry owns a 99% ownership interest. Ms. McGarry serves as the Manager of McGarry Strategic Enterprises, LLC and exercises voting and investment control over the securities held by that entity. The business address for McGarry Strategic Enterprises, LLC is 10666 Frank Daniel Way, San Diego, CA 92131.
- (5) Includes the shares of our Class B common stock held by MCMI and over which McCarthy Partners, LLC exercises voting and investment control. In his capacity as the President of McCarthy Partners, LLC, Mr. Duffy may be deemed to exercise voting and investment control over the shares of our Class B common stock held by MCMI.

The existing units of Guild Investors, LLC were issued in connection with various transactions exempt from registration pursuant to Section 4(a)(2) under the Securities Act: (1) the 2007 purchase of Guild Mortgage Co. from its founder by a management-led partnership that included a majority investment from McCarthy Capital (the "2007 Transaction"), (2) the formation of four management-owned investment vehicles as members of Guild Investors, LLC, (3) certain additional capital contributions made by one of the members of Guild Investors, LLC in 2008 and (4) the issuance of units to a former director upon his retirement. The shares of Guild Mortgage Co. held by Guild Investors, LLC were acquired by Guild Investors, LLC from the founder of Guild Mortgage Co. in the 2007 Transaction.

In connection with the reorganization transactions, the following steps have occurred or will occur:

- the Issuer was incorporated in Delaware as a wholly owned subsidiary of Guild Investors, LLC on August 11, 2020;
- Guild Investors, LLC will contribute 100% of the shares of Guild Mortgage Co. to the Issuer, making Guild Mortgage Co. a wholly owned subsidiary of the Issuer;
- the Issuer will amend and restate its certificate of incorporation to (1) authorize the issuance of two classes of common stock: Class A common stock and Class B common stock and (2) effect a stock split of its
   existing shares of common stock into
   shares of Class A common stock and
   shares of Class B common stock; and
- Guild Investors, LLC will be dissolved and its members will receive a pro rata liquidating distribution of shares of the Issuer's common stock (with MCMI receiving shares of the Issuer's Class B common stock and all other members receiving shares of the Issuer's Class A common stock)

The foregoing transactions have been or will be completed pursuant to the exemption from registration afforded by Section 4(a)(2) under the Securities Act.

#### CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Other than compensation arrangements for our executive officers and directors that are described elsewhere in this prospectus, below we describe transactions since January 1, 2017 to which we were or will be a participant and in which:

- The amounts involved exceeded or will exceed \$120,000; and
- Any of our directors, executive officers or holders of more than 5% of our outstanding voting securities, or any member of the immediate family of, or person sharing the household with, the foregoing persons, had or will have a direct or indirect material interest.

#### McCarthy Capital Mortgage Investors, LLC

Two members of our Board of Directors serve as members of the investment team at McCarthy Capital, the private equity firm that controls our majority stockholder, MCMI: Patrick Duffy, the Chairman of our Board of Directors, serves as the President and Managing Partner of McCarthy Capital and Mike Meyer serves as the Portfolio Director of McCarthy Capital.

#### **Reorganization Transactions**

In connection with the reorganization transactions, we will enter into certain agreements with certain of our investors, including MCMI and Guild Mortgage Co.'s Chief Executive Officer, Mary Ann McGarry; its President, Terry Schmidt; its Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Amber Elwell; its Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer, David Neylan; its Executive Vice President, National Production, Barry Horn; and its Senior Vice President, Chief Compliance Officer and Secretary, Lisa Klika, which will effect the reorganization transactions. Pursuant to the reorganization transactions, Guild Mortgage Co. will become a wholly owned subsidiary of the Issuer. See "Organizational Structure" for more information

#### **Registration Rights Agreement**

In connection with the reorganization transactions and prior to the consummation of this offering, we intend to enter into a registration rights agreement with MCMI and certain of our other stockholders, including Mary Ann McGarry, Guild Mortgage Co.'s Chief Executive Officer, and Terry Schmidt, Guild Mortgage Co.'s President (the "Registration Rights Agreement"), pursuant to which each of MCMI and the other stockholders party thereto will be entitled to certain rights to require the registration of the sale of certain or all of the shares of our Class A common stock (or, in the case of MCMI, the shares of our Class A common stock received upon conversion of shares of our Class B common stock) that they beneficially own. Among other things, under the terms of the Registration Rights Agreement:

- if we propose to file certain types of registration statements under the Securities Act with respect to an offering of equity securities, subject to certain conditions and exceptions, we will be required to use our reasonable best efforts to offer the stockholders party to the Registration Rights Agreement the opportunity to register the sale of all or part of their shares that constitute registrable securities under the Registration Rights Agreement on the terms and conditions set forth in the Registration Rights Agreement (customarily known as "piggyback rights"); and
- MCMI has the right, subject to certain conditions and exceptions, to request that we file (i) registration statements with the SEC for one or more underwritten offerings of all or some of the shares of our Class A common stock received upon conversion of shares of our Class B common stock that it beneficially owns and/or (ii) as soon as we become eligible to register the sale of our securities on Form S-3 under the Securities Act, a shelf registration statement that includes all or some of the shares of our Class A common stock received upon conversion of shares of our Class B common stock that it beneficially owns, and we are required to cause any such registration statements to be filed with the SEC, and to become (and remain) effective, as promptly as reasonably practicable.

All expenses of registration under the Registration Rights Agreement, including the legal fees of one counsel retained by or on behalf of the stockholders party thereto, will be paid by us. The registration rights granted in the Registration Rights Agreement are subject to customary restrictions such as blackout periods, minimums and limitations on the number of shares to be included in an underwritten offering. The Registration Rights Agreement also contains customary indemnification and contribution provisions. The Registration Rights Agreement is governed by Delaware law.

#### Payments Made in Connection with the Retirement of Certain Former Executives

On November 15, 2014, Steven Hops, Guild Mortgage Co.'s former Senior Vice President, Business Development, retired. Other executives of the Company, consisting of Mary Ann McGarry, at that time Guild Mortgage Co.'s President and Chief Operating Officer, Terry Schmidt, at that time Guild Mortgage Co.'s Chief Financial Officer, Catherine Blocker, Guild Mortgage Co.'s Executive Vice President, Production Operations, Theresa Cherry, Guild Mortgage Co.'s Regional Senior Vice President, Mike Rish, Guild Mortgage Co.'s Senior Vice President, Secondary/Capital Markets, and Rhona Kaninau, Guild Mortgage Co.'s former Senior Vice President, Loan Administration, exercised their right to purchase Mr. Hops' units in Guild Management, LLC, one of our former indirect parents. The purchase was funded by Guild Mortgage Co. and in return, Guild Mortgage Co. received a note receivable from Guild Management, LLC for approximately \$2.5 million. The note is due in 2024, the outstanding balance on it (including interest), as of June 30, 2020, is \$2.6 million, and it is included within other assets on Guild Mortgage Co.'s consolidated balance sheets. Additionally, in connection with Mr. Hops' retirement, Guild Management, LLC, one of our former indirect parents, purchased all of the units of Guild Investors, LLC held by Mr. Hops in return for a note receivable for approximately \$4.68 million (which was subsequently amended by the parties to be for approximately \$4.63 million) from Guild Management, LLC to Mr. Hops. Under the terms of a settlement agreement subsequently entered into between Guild Management, LLC and Mr. Hops, all payments due in respect of the note were completed by March 1, 2019 and the note is no longer outstanding.

On January 1, 2019, Rhona Kaninau, Guild Mortgage Co.'s former Senior Vice President, Loan Administration, retired, which triggered a repurchase of her units of one of our former indirect parents, Guild Management, LLC, and a payout under the Deferred Compensation Plan. Guild Investors, LLC sold shares of Guild Mortgage Co. to Ms. Kaninau in exchange for her units of Guild Management, LLC. Ms. Kaninau, in turn, sold those shares back to Guild Mortgage Co. in exchange for a promissory note of \$8.0 million that is to be paid in equal installments, with certain exceptions, over 16 quarters. During the year ended December 31, 2019 and the six-month periods ended June 30, 2019 and June 30, 2020, Guild Mortgage Co. made payments of \$1.6 million, \$0.5 million and \$0.5 million, respectively, to Ms. Kaninau, and \$7.5 million, \$6.6 million and \$6.1 million of principal outstanding remained as of June 30, 2019, December 31, 2019 and June 30, 2020, respectively. Ms. Kaninau also participated in the Deferred Compensation Plan. Upon her retirement, Guild Mortgage Co. distributed \$2.0 million, the value of Ms. Kaninau's deferred compensation, to her.

# Sale of Units by Guild Investors, LLC to Guild Management III, LLC

On April 1, 2017, Guild Investors, LLC, our former parent company, sold units to Guild Management III, LLC for \$2.3 million in consideration, of which \$1.2 million was advanced by Guild Mortgage Co. in exchange for notes receivable from our parent company's members, including Barry Horn, Guild Mortgage Co.'s Executive Vice President, National Production. These members fully paid back the notes and \$0.1 million in accrued interest before December 31, 2019. At December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, these members owed \$0.2 million and \$1.1 million, respectively, on these notes which is included within other assets on Guild Mortgage Co.'s consolidated balance sheets as of those dates. The approximate dollar value of Mr. Horn's note receivable was \$0.4 million and the total amount of accrued interest paid by Mr. Horn was less than \$0.02 million.

#### **Indemnification Agreements**

We intend to enter into an indemnification agreement with each of our directors and officers. These agreements will require us to indemnify these individuals to the fullest extent permitted under the DGCL against liabilities that may arise by reason of their service to us, and to advance expenses incurred as a result of any proceeding against them as to which they could be indemnified. See "Description of Capital Stock—Limitations on Liability, Indemnification of Officers and Directors and Insurance."

#### Reserved Share Program

At our request, the underwriters have reserved up to shares of our Class A common stock, or up to 5% of the shares of Class A common stock offered by this prospectus for sale by the selling stockholders, at the initial public offering price, to directors, director nominees, officers, employees, business associates and related persons of Guild. The sales will be made at our direction by Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and its affiliates through a reserved share program. The number of shares of Class A common stock available for sale to the general public will be reduced to the extent these individuals purchase such reserved shares. Any reserved shares that are not so purchased will be offered by the underwriters to the general public on the same basis as the other shares offered by this prospectus.

## Policies and Procedures for Related Party Transactions

We will have a policy that all material transactions with a related party, as well as all material transactions in which there is an actual, or in some cases, perceived, conflict of interest, will be subject to prior review and approval by our Audit Committee and its independent members, who will determine whether such transactions or proposals are fair and reasonable to Guild and its stockholders. In general, potential related-party transactions will be identified by our management and discussed with our Audit Committee at its meetings.

Proposals, including, where applicable, financial and legal analyses, alternatives and management recommendations, will be provided to our Audit Committee with respect to each issue under consideration, and decisions will generally be made by our Audit Committee with respect to the foregoing related-party transactions after opportunity for discussion and review of materials. When applicable, our Audit Committee will request further information and, from time to time, will request guidance or confirmation from internal or external counsel or auditors.

All related party transactions described in this section occurred prior to adoption of this policy, and as such, these transactions were not subject to the approval and review procedures set forth in the policy.

#### DESCRIPTION OF CERTAIN INDEBTEDNESS

The following description summarizes the material terms of certain indebtedness of Guild and our subsidiaries, as expected to be in effect upon the consummation of this offering. The summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the agreements governing the terms of such indebtedness, which are filed as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part.

#### Amended and Restated Term Loan Agreement

Guild Mortgage Co. is party to that certain Amended and Restated Term Loan Agreement by and among Guild Mortgage Co. and Guild Investors, LLC, as borrowers, The Bank of New York Mellon, as administrative agent, and the other lenders and parties party thereto (the "Term Loan Agreement"). The Term Loan Agreement provides for a term loan facility in the aggregate principal amount of \$100.0 million (which amount can be increased up to \$150.0 million in certain specified circumstances), is secured by Guild Mortgage Co.'s Fannie Mae MSRs, and has a scheduled maturity date of September 30, 2022. Guild Mortgage Co. and Guild Investors, LLC may, from time to time, upon prior written notice to the Bank of New York Mellon, prepay in whole or in part the term loan (subject to certain conditions). Beginning on October 1, 2020, Guild Mortgage Co. and Guild Investors, LLC are required to make periodic amortization payments on the first business day of each January, April, July and October in respect of the principal balance of the term loan in an amount equal to five percent of the aggregate principal amount of the term loan outstanding as of September 18, 2020.

The Term Loan Agreement contains customary representations and warranties, as well as affirmative and negative covenants, including financial covenants requiring Guild Mortgage Co. and Guild Investors, LLC to maintain (i) a leverage ratio, defined as the ratio of the total liabilities of Guild Mortgage Co., Guild Investors, LLC and their subsidiaries to the total net worth of Guild Mortgage Co., Guild Investors, LLC and their subsidiaries, of less than or equal to 12.5 to 1.0, (ii) an aggregate tangible net worth of at least \$175.0 million (subject to certain exceptions), (iii) an aggregate liquidity of not less than the greater of (A) \$45.0 million and (B) an amount equal to three percent of the average daily amount of the total marginable assets of Guild Mortgage Co. and Guild Investors, LLC over the immediately preceding three-month period (subject to certain conditions) and (iv) a minimum net income, on a combined basis, for each quarterly period ending on each March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31, of at least \$1.00 (subject to certain exceptions).

#### Fifth Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement

Guild Mortgage Co. is party to that certain Fifth Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement by and among Guild Mortgage Co., as borrower, Texas Capital Bank, National Association ("TCB"), as administrative agent, and the other lenders and parties party thereto (the "Fifth Amended and Restated Loan Agreement"). The Fifth Amended and Restated Loan Agreement provides for a revolving facility in the aggregate amount of up to \$135.0 million (which amount can be increased up to \$200.0 million in certain specified circumstances), is secured by Guild Mortgage Co.'s Ginnie Mae MSRs, and has a maturity date of June 6, 2022. Guild Mortgage Co. may, upon prior written notice to TCB, terminate or permanently reduce the revolving credit commitments. In addition, Guild Mortgage Co. has the right, at any time and from time to time, to prepay the principal amount of any revolving loans in full or in part.

The Fifth Amended and Restated Loan Agreement contains customary representations and warranties, as well as affirmative and negative covenants, including financial covenants requiring Guild Mortgage Co. to (i) maintain a tangible net worth of not less than the amount required to satisfy, among other things, the minimum net worth requirement(s) for all types of programs in which Guild Mortgage Co. is approved to participate by Ginnie Mae and/or for Guild Mortgage Co. to maintain Ginnie Mae issuer status in Ginnie Mae programs, (ii) maintain liquid assets of not less than the minimum liquid assets requirements for all program types in which Guild Mortgage Co. is approved to participate by Ginnie Mae and/or for Guild Mortgage Co. to maintain Ginnie Mae issuer status in Ginnie Mae programs and (iii) not permit, as of any date, the servicing portfolio delinquency rate to be greater than (A) until April 1, 2021, ten percent (or, with the exemption of certain loans from the calculation of such rate, six percent) and (B) on and after April 1, 2021, six percent.

#### Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement

Guild Mortgage Co. is party to that certain Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement by and among Guild Mortgage Co., as borrower, and TIAA, FSB, as lender (the "Amended and Restated Loan Agreement"). The Amended and Restated Loan Agreement provides for a revolving facility in the aggregate amount of up to \$65.0 million, is secured by Guild Mortgage Co.'s Freddie Mac MSRs, and provides for a scheduled maturity date of July 14, 2021. The Amended and Restated Loan Agreement contains customary representations and warranties, as well as affirmative and negative covenants, including financial covenants requiring Guild Mortgage Co. to (i) ensure that Guild Investors, LLC maintains a tangible net worth of not less than \$200.0 million, (ii) ensure that Guild Investors, LLC maintains a ratio of indebtedness to tangible net worth of no greater than 15.0 to 1.0, (iii) ensure that Guild Investors, LLC has cash and cash equivalents (subject to certain exceptions) in an amount of at least \$40.0 million (of which at least \$15.0 million must be cash) and (iv) not permit Guild Investors, LLC's net income to be (A) less than \$1.00 (subject to certain exceptions) for any fiscal quarters or (B) a loss of more than \$10.0 million (subject to certain exceptions) for any fiscal quarters.

#### Warehouse Lines of Credit

Guild Mortgage Co. has seven warehouse lines of credit pursuant to master repurchase agreements providing an aggregate borrowing capacity as of the date of this prospectus of approximately \$2.9 billion. The warehouse lines mature between October 2020 and February 2024. At December 31, 2019, the weighted average interest rate for the outstanding warehouse lines of credit was 4.04%. All warehouse lines of credit are collateralized by underlying mortgages and related documents. The lenders for Guild Mortgage Co.'s warehouse lines of credit include The Bank of New York Mellon, Bank of America, N.A., JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Texas Capital Bank, National Association, TIAA, FSB, U.S. Bank National Association and Western Alliance Bank. Existing balances on the warehouse lines are repaid through the sale proceeds from the collateralized loans held by Guild Mortgage Co. The agreements governing the warehouse lines include certain customary representations and warranties, as well as affirmative and negative covenants, including with respect to maintenance of a maximum adjusted leverage ratio, minimum net worth, minimum tangible net worth, minimum current ratio, minimum liquidity and positive quarterly income and limitations on additional indebtedness, dividends, the sale of assets, and any declines in the fair value of Guild Mortgage Co.'s mortgage loan servicing portfolio.

#### DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

The following description summarizes certain important terms of our capital stock, as they are expected to be in effect upon the consummation of this offering. We expect to adopt an amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws in connection with this offering, and this description summarizes the provisions that are expected to be included in such documents. This description is not complete and is qualified by reference to the full text of our certificate of incorporation and bylaws, the forms of which are filed as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. You should read our certificate of incorporation and bylaws, as well as the applicable provisions of the DGCL.

#### General

Following the reorganization transactions and the closing of this offering, our authorized capital stock will consist of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, and shares of Class B common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, and shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share.

After the consummation of the reorganization transactions and this offering, we expect to have and outstanding (or shares if the underwriters exercise in full their option to purchase an additional shares of Class A common stock from the selling stockholders), shares of our Class B common stock issued and outstanding (or shares if the underwriters exercise in full their option to purchase additional shares of Class A common stock from the selling stockholders) and no shares of our preferred stock issued and outstanding.

#### **Common Stock**

#### Voting

The holders of shares of our Class A common stock and shares of our Class B common stock will vote together as a single class on all matters submitted to stockholders for their vote or approval, except (i) as required by applicable law or (ii) any amendment (including by merger, consolidation, reorganization or similar event) to our certificate of incorporation that would affect the rights of holders of shares of our Class A common stock in a manner that is disproportionately adverse compared to the rights of holders of shares of our Class B common stock, or vice versa, in which case the holders of shares of our Class A common stock or the holders of shares of our Class B common stock, as applicable, will vote together as a class. Holders of shares of our Class A common stock are entitled to one vote on all matters submitted to stockholders for their vote or approval and holders of shares of our Class B common stock are entitled to 10 votes on all matters submitted to stockholders for their vote or approval.

Upon the completion of this offering, MCMI will own 100% of the issued and outstanding shares of our Class B common stock and will control approximately % of the combined voting power of our outstanding common stock. Accordingly, MCMI will control our business policies and affairs and can control any action requiring the general approval of our stockholders, including the election of our Board of Directors, the adoption of amendments to our certificate of incorporation and bylaws and the approval of any merger or sale of substantially all of our assets. This concentration of ownership and voting power may also delay, defer or prevent a change of control of the Company or impede a merger, takeover or other business combination that may otherwise be attractive to us or our other stockholders.

#### Dividends

The holders of shares of our Class A common stock and the holders of shares of our Class B common stock are entitled to receive dividends when, as and if declared by our Board of Directors out of legally available funds. Under our certificate of incorporation, dividends may not be declared or paid in respect of shares of our Class B common stock unless they are declared or paid in the same amount and same type of cash or property (or combination thereof) in respect of shares of our Class A common stock, and vice versa.

With respect to stock dividends, holders of shares of our Class B common stock must receive shares of our Class B common stock while holders of shares of our Class A common stock must receive shares of our Class A common stock.

#### Liquidation or Dissolution

Upon our liquidation or dissolution, the holders of shares of our Class A common stock and the holders of shares of our Class B common stock will be entitled to share ratably in those of our assets that are legally available for distribution to stockholders after payment of liabilities and subject to the prior rights of any holders of preferred stock then outstanding.

#### Conversion, Transferability and Exchange

Our certificate of incorporation will provide that each share of our Class B common stock is convertible at any time, at the option of the holder, into one share of our Class A common stock. Our certificate of incorporation will further provide that each share of our Class B common stock will automatically convert into one share of our Class A common stock immediately prior to any transfer of such share except for certain transfers described in our certificate of incorporation, including transfers to and among the McCarthy Investors. In addition, each share of our Class B common stock will automatically convert into one share of our Class A common stock if the McCarthy Investors own less than 10% of the aggregate number of shares of our issued and outstanding common stock. Except as set forth above, shares of our Class B common stock will not be automatically converted into shares of our Class A common stock at a certain specified time or otherwise.

Among other exceptions described in our certificate of incorporation, the McCarthy Investors will be permitted to pledge shares of our Class B common stock that they hold from time to time without causing an automatic conversion to shares of our Class A common stock, as applicable, provided that any pledged shares are not transferred to or registered in the name of the pledgee.

Shares of our Class A common stock are not subject to any conversion right.

#### Other Provisions

Holders of our common stock will have no preemptive or subscription rights, and there are no redemption or sinking fund provisions applicable to the common stock. After this offering, all outstanding shares of our common stock will be fully paid and non-assessable. The rights, preferences and privileges of the holders of our common stock are subject to, and may be adversely affected by, the rights of the holders of shares of any series of preferred stock that we may designate and issue in the future.

#### Preferred Stock

Under the terms of our certificate of incorporation, our Board of Directors will be authorized, subject to limitations prescribed by the DGCL and by our certificate of incorporation, to issue up to shares of preferred stock in one or more series without further action by the holders of our common stock. Our Board of Directors will have the discretion, subject to limitations prescribed by the DGCL and by our certificate of incorporation, to determine the rights, preferences, privileges and restrictions, including voting rights, dividend rights, conversion rights, redemption privileges and liquidation preferences, of each series of our preferred stock.

#### Anti-Takeover Effects of Various Provisions of Delaware Law, Our Certificate of Incorporation and Our Bylaws

Provisions of the DGCL and our certificate of incorporation and bylaws could make it more difficult to acquire or obtain control of Guild by means of a tender offer, a proxy contest or otherwise, or to remove incumbent officers and directors. These provisions, which are summarized below, may discourage certain

types of coercive takeover practices and takeover bids that our Board of Directors may consider inadequate and to encourage persons seeking to acquire control of the Company to first negotiate with our Board of Directors. Guild believes that the benefits of increased protection of its ability to negotiate with the proponent of an unfriendly or unsolicited proposal to acquire or restructure it outweigh the disadvantages of discouraging takeover or acquisition proposals because, among other things, negotiation of these proposals could result in an improvement of their terms.

#### Delaware Anti-Takeover Statute

As a Delaware corporation, Guild will be subject to Section 203 of the DGCL regarding corporate takeovers. In general, Section 203 of the DGCL prohibits a publicly held Delaware corporation from engaging in a "business combination" with an "interested stockholder" for a period of three years following the time the person became an interested stockholder, unless:

- prior to the date of the transaction, the board of directors of such corporation approved either the business combination or the transaction that resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder;
- upon completion of the transaction that resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder, the interested stockholder owned at least 85% of the voting stock of the corporation outstanding at the time such transaction commenced, excluding, for purposes of determining the number of shares outstanding, (i) shares owned by persons who are directors and also officers of the corporation and (ii) shares owned by employee stock plans in which employee participants do not have the right to determine confidentially whether shares held subject to the plan will be tendered in a tender or exchange offer; or
- on or subsequent to such time the business combination is approved by the board of directors of such corporation and authorized at a meeting
  of stockholders by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the outstanding voting stock of such corporation not owned by the interested
  stockholder.

In this context, a "business combination" includes a merger, asset or stock sale, or other transaction resulting in a financial benefit to the interested stockholder. An "interested stockholder" is a person who, together with affiliates and associates, owns or, within three years prior to the determination of interested stockholder status owned, 15% or more of a corporation's outstanding voting stock. The existence of this provision would be expected to have an anti-takeover effect with respect to transactions not approved in advance by our Board of Directors, including discouraging attempts that might result in a premium over the market price for the shares of our Class A common stock held by our stockholders.

A Delaware corporation may "opt out" of Section 203 with an express provision in its original certificate of incorporation or an express provision in its certificate of incorporation or bylaws resulting from amendments approved by holders of at least a majority of the corporation's outstanding voting shares. We will not elect to "opt out" of Section 203. However, following this offering and subject to certain restrictions, we could subsequently elect to "opt out" of Section 203 by such an amendment to our certificate of incorporation or bylaws.

#### Classified Board

Our certificate of incorporation and bylaws will provide that our Board of Directors will be divided into three classes, each of which is expected to be composed initially of two or three directors. The directors designated as Class I directors will have terms expiring at the first annual meeting of stockholders following the completion of this offering, which we expect to hold in 2021. The directors designated as Class II directors will have terms expiring at the following year's annual meeting of stockholders, which we expect to hold in 2020, and the directors designated as Class III directors will have terms expiring at the following year's annual meeting of stockholders, which we expect to hold in 2023. Commencing with the

first annual meeting of stockholders following the completion of this offering, directors for each class will be elected at the annual meeting of stockholders held in the year in which the term for that class expires and thereafter will serve for a term of three years. At any meeting of stockholders for the election of directors at which a quorum is present, the election will be determined by a plurality of the votes cast by the stockholders entitled to vote in the election. Under the classified board provisions, it may take two elections of directors for any individual or group to gain control of our Board of Directors. Accordingly, these provisions could discourage a third party from initiating a proxy contest, making a tender offer or otherwise attempting to gain control of Guild.

#### Removal of Directors

Our certificate of incorporation will provide that until the McCarthy Investors beneficially own less than a majority of the combined voting power of our outstanding common stock, any director may be removed with or without cause by the affirmative vote of holders of at least a majority of the voting power of the then-outstanding shares of voting stock. After the McCarthy Investors cease to beneficially own a majority of the combined voting power of our outstanding common stock, our certificate of incorporation will provide that our stockholders may remove our directors only for cause by an affirmative vote of holders of at least a majority of the voting power of the then-outstanding shares of voting stock.

#### Amendments to Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws

Our certificate of incorporation will provide that it may be amended or altered in any manner provided by the DGCL. Our bylaws may be adopted, amended, altered or repealed by stockholders upon the approval of at least two-thirds of the voting power of all of the then-outstanding shares of stock entitled to vote at an election of directors. Additionally, our certificate of incorporation and bylaws will provide that our bylaws may be adopted, amended, altered or repealed by the Board of Directors.

#### Size of Board and Vacancies

Our certificate of incorporation and our bylaws will provide that the number of directors on our Board of Directors will be fixed exclusively by our Board of Directors and any vacancies on our Board of Directors resulting from any increase in the authorized number of directors or the death, resignation, retirement, disqualification, removal from office or other cause will be filled by a majority of the Board of Directors then in office, whether or not less than a quorum. Our certificate of incorporation and our bylaws will provide that any director appointed to fill a vacancy on our Board of Directors will hold office for a term expiring at the annual meeting of stockholders at which the term of office of the class to which he or she been appointed expires and until such director's successor shall have been duly elected and qualified.

#### Special Stockholder Meetings

Our bylaws will provide that only the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the Chief Executive Officer or an officer at the request of a majority of the members of the Board of Directors pursuant to a resolution approved by the Board of the Directors may call special meetings of Guild stockholders, and stockholders may not call special stockholder meetings.

#### Stockholder Action by Written Consent

Our certificate of incorporation will provide that until the McCarthy Investors beneficially own less than a majority of the combined voting power of our outstanding common stock, stockholder action can be taken by written consent in lieu of a meeting. After the McCarthy Investors cease to beneficially own a majority of the combined voting power of our outstanding common stock, our certificate of incorporation will expressly prohibit the right of our stockholders to act by written consent. From and after that point in time, stockholder action must take place at the annual or a special meeting of Guild stockholders.

#### Requirements for Advance Notification of Stockholder Nominations and Proposals

Our bylaws will establish advance notice procedures with respect to stockholder proposals and nomination of candidates for election as directors, as well as minimum qualification requirements for stockholders making the proposals or nominations. Additionally, our bylaws will require that candidates nominated by stockholders for election as a director disclose their qualifications and make certain representations, including that (i) they are not a party to any undisclosed voting commitment, any voting commitment that could interfere with their ability to fulfill their fiduciary duties as a director of Guild, should they be elected, or any undisclosed agreement pursuant to which they would receive compensation, reimbursement or indemnification in connection with their service as a director of Guild, (ii) they will be in compliance, should they be elected, with Guild's corporate governance guidelines and Guild's conflict of interest, confidentiality and stock ownership and trading policies and (iii) they will abide by the procedures for the election of directors in our bylaws.

#### No Cumulative Voting

The DGCL provides that stockholders will not have the right to cumulate votes in the election of directors unless the company's certificate of incorporation provides otherwise. Our certificate of incorporation will not provide for cumulative voting.

## **Undesignated Preferred Stock**

The authority that our Board of Directors will possess to issue preferred stock could potentially be used to discourage attempts by third parties to obtain control of Guild through a merger, tender offer, proxy contest or otherwise by making such attempts more difficult or more costly. Our Board of Directors may issue preferred stock with voting rights or conversion rights that, if exercised, could adversely affect the voting power of the holders of common stock.

## **Corporate Opportunities**

Our certificate of incorporation provides that, to the fullest extent permitted by law, we have, on behalf of ourselves, our stockholders and any of our and their respective affiliates, renounced any interest or expectancy in, or in being notified of or offered an opportunity to participate in, any business opportunity that may be presented to our directors that are not our employees or to any of their affiliates, partners or other representatives, and that no such person has any duty to communicate or offer such business opportunity to us or any of our affiliates or stockholders or shall be liable to us or any of our affiliates or stockholders for breach of any duty, as a director or otherwise, by reason of the fact that such person pursues or acquires such business opportunity, directs such business opportunity to another person or fails to present such business opportunity, or information regarding such business opportunity, to us or any of our affiliates or stockholders, unless, in the case of any such person who is a director of our Company, such business opportunity is expressly offered to such director solely in his or her capacity as a director of our Company.

#### Limitations on Liability, Indemnification of Officers and Directors and Insurance

#### Elimination of Liability of Directors

The DGCL authorizes corporations to limit or eliminate the personal liability of directors to corporations and their stockholders for monetary damages for breaches of directors' fiduciary duties as directors, and our certificate of incorporation will include such an exculpation provision. Our certificate of incorporation will provide that, to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL, no director will be personally liable to us or to our stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director. While our certificate of incorporation will provide directors with protection from awards for monetary damages for breaches of their duty of care, it will not eliminate this duty. Accordingly, our certificate of incorporation will have no effect on the availability of equitable remedies such as an injunction or rescission based on a

director's breach of his or her duty of care. The provisions of our certificate of incorporation described above apply to an officer of Guild only if he or she is a director of Guild and is acting in his or her capacity as director, and do not apply to officers of Guild who are not directors.

#### Indemnification of Directors, Officers and Employees

Our certificate of incorporation and our bylaws will require us to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to or is otherwise involved in any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director or officer of Guild, or is or was serving at the request of Guild as a director, officer, trustee, employee or agent of another corporation or of a partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, including service with respect to employee benefit plans maintained or sponsored by Guild, against all expense, liability and loss (including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines, ERISA excise taxes or penalties and amounts paid or to be paid in settlement) incurred or suffered by such person in connection with such proceeding if the person acted in good faith and in a manner reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of Guild and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful.

We will be authorized under our certificate of incorporation and our bylaws to purchase and maintain insurance to protect Guild and any current or former director, officer, employee or agent of Guild or another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any expense, liability or loss, whether or not Guild would have the power to indemnify such person against such expense, liability or loss under the DGCL.

We intend to enter into an indemnification agreement with each of our directors and officers. The indemnification agreements will provide that we will indemnify each indemnitee to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL from and against all loss and liability suffered and expenses, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement incurred in connection with defending, investigating or settling any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding related to the indemnitee's service with the Company. Additionally, we will agree to advance to the indemnitee expenses incurred in connection therewith.

The limitation of liability and indemnification provisions in these indemnification agreements and our certificate of incorporation and bylaws may discourage stockholders from bringing a lawsuit against our directors for breach of fiduciary duty. These provisions also may reduce the likelihood of derivative litigation against our directors and officers, even though such an action, if successful, might otherwise benefit us and our stockholders. In addition, your investment in our Class A common stock may be adversely affected to the extent we pay the costs of settlement and damage awards under these indemnification provisions.

#### **Exclusive Forum**

Our certificate of incorporation will provide that, unless the Board of Directors otherwise determines, the state courts located within the State of Delaware or, if no state court located in the State of Delaware has jurisdiction, the federal court for the District of Delaware will be the sole and exclusive forum for any derivative action or proceeding brought on behalf of Guild, any action asserting a claim of breach of a fiduciary duty owed by any director or officer of Guild or our stockholders, any action asserting a claim against Guild or any director or officer of Guild arising pursuant to any provision of the DGCL or our certificate of incorporation or bylaws, or any action asserting a claim against Guild or any director or officer of Guild governed by the internal affairs doctrine. Under our certificate of incorporation, to the fullest extent permitted by law, this exclusive forum provision will apply to all actions asserting covered Delaware state law claims, including any other claims, such as federal securities law claims, that a stockholder chooses to bring in the same action, although stockholders will not be deemed to have waived our compliance with the federal securities laws and the rules and regulations thereunder. This exclusive forum provision does not apply to actions that do not assert any covered Delaware state law claims, such as, for

example, any action asserting solely federal securities law claims, and the enforceability of similar choice of forum provisions in other companies' organizational documents has been challenged in legal proceedings and it is possible that, in connection with claims arising under federal securities laws or otherwise, a court could find this exclusive forum provision to be inapplicable or unenforceable.

## **Authorized but Unissued Shares**

Our authorized but unissued shares of common stock and preferred stock will be available for future issuance without your approval. We may use additional shares for a variety of purposes, including future public offerings to raise additional capital, to fund acquisitions and as employee compensation. The existence of authorized but unissued shares of common stock and preferred stock could render more difficult or discourage an attempt to obtain control of Guild by means of a proxy contest, tender offer, merger or otherwise.

#### **Registration Rights**

In connection with the reorganization transactions and prior to the consummation of this offering, we intend to enter into the Registration Rights Agreement, pursuant to which each of MCMI and the other stockholders party thereto will be entitled to require the registration of the sale of certain or all shares of our Class A common stock (or, in the case of MCMI, shares of our Class A common stock received upon conversion of shares of our Class B common stock) that they beneficially own. See "Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions—Registration Rights Agreement" for more information.

# Transfer Agent and Registrar

The transfer agent and registrar for our Class A common stock will be Computershare Trust Company, N.A.

#### Listing

We intend to apply to list our Class A common stock on the NYSE under the symbol "GHLD."

#### SHARES ELIGIBLE FOR FUTURE SALE

Prior to this offering, there was no public market for our Class A common stock. Future sales of substantial amounts of our common stock in the public market, or the perception that such sales may occur, could adversely affect the market price of the Class A common stock. Although we intend to apply to list our Class A common stock on the NYSE, we cannot assure you that there will be an active public market for the Class A common stock.

After the reorganization transactions and upon the closing of this offering, we will have outstanding an aggregate of common stock. Of these shares, shares of our Class A common stock sold in this offering will be freely tradable without restriction or further registration under the Securities Act, except for any shares purchased by our "affiliates," as that term is defined in Rule 144 under the Securities Act and any shares purchased in this offering by participants in our reserved share program who are subject to lock-up restrictions, whose sales would be subject to the restrictions described below. After the reorganization transactions and upon the closing of this offering, we will also have outstanding an aggregate of shares of our Class B common stock, which are subject to conversion into shares of our Class A common stock as described in the section of this prospectus entitled "Description of Capital Stock"

The remaining shares of our Class A common stock outstanding upon completion of this offering will be "restricted securities," as that term is defined in Rule 144 under the Securities Act. These restricted securities are eligible for public sale only if they are registered under the Securities Act or if they qualify for an exemption from registration under Rules 144 or 701 under the Securities Act, which are summarized below.

Subject to the lock-up agreements described below and the provisions of Rules 144 and 701 under the Securities Act, these restricted securities will be available for sale in the public market as follows:

Date Number of Shares
On the date of this prospectus
days after the date of this prospectus

#### Lock-Up Agreements

We, the selling stockholders and each of our directors and executive officers have agreed that, without the prior written consent of Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, BofA Securities, Inc. and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, as the representatives for the several underwriters, we and they will not, subject to limited exceptions, during the 180-day restricted period:

- (i) issue (in the case of us), offer, pledge, sell, contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase, purchase any option or contract to sell, grant any option, right or warrant to purchase, lend or otherwise transfer or dispose of any shares of the common stock or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for common stock (including, without limitation, common stock, preferred stock or such other securities that may be deemed to be beneficially owned in accordance with the rules and regulations of the SEC or that may be issued upon exercise of a stock option or warrant), whether now owned or hereafter acquired;
- (ii) enter into any swap or other agreement, arrangement, or transaction that transfers to another, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, any of the economic consequences of ownership of any common stock or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for common stock; or
- (iii) in the case of us, file any registration statement under the Securities Act with the SEC with respect to the offering of any common stock or other capital stock or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for any common stock or other capital stock (other than any registration statement filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act to register securities to be sold to the underwriters pursuant to the underwriting agreement), nor publicly disclose the intention to make any filing;

whether any transaction described in clause (i) or (ii) above is to be settled by delivery of common stock, other capital stock or other securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for common stock or other capital stock, in cash or otherwise, or publicly announce any intention to do any of the foregoing. Shares of our Class A common stock purchased by any of our directors or executive officers in this offering would also be subject to the foregoing restrictions on transfer, as well as restrictions on disposition imposed by applicable law.

These agreements are subject to certain exceptions, as described in the section of this prospectus entitled "Underwriting."

Upon the expiration of the lock-up period described above, substantially all of the shares subject to suchlock-up restrictions will become eligible for sale, subject to the limitations discussed above.

#### **Rule 144**

#### Affiliate Resales of Restricted Securities

In general, beginning 90 days after the effective date of the registration statement for this offering, a person who is an affiliate of ours, or who was an affiliate at any time during the 90 days before a sale, who has beneficially owned shares of our Class A common stock for at least six months would be entitled to sell in "broker's transactions" or certain "riskless principal transactions" or to market makers, a number of shares within any three-month period that does not exceed the greater of:

- 1% of the total number of then-outstanding shares of the class of security sold, which will equal, immediately after this offering, approximately shares of our Class A common stock; or
- the average weekly trading volume in the class of security sold on the NYSE during the four calendar weeks preceding the filing of a notice on Form 144 with respect to such sale.

Affiliate resales under Rule 144 are also subject to the availability of current public information about us.

#### Non-Affiliate Resales of Restricted Securities

In general, beginning 90 days after the effective date of the registration statement for this offering, a person who is not an affiliate of ours at the time of sale, and has not been an affiliate at any time during the three months preceding a sale, and who has beneficially owned shares of our Class A common stock for at least six months but less than a year, is entitled to sell such shares subject only to the availability of current public information about us. If such person has held our shares for at least one year, such person can resell under Rule 144(b)(1) without regard to any Rule 144 restrictions, including the 90-day public company requirement and the current public information requirement.

Non-affiliate resales are not subject to the manner of sale, volume-limitation or notice-filing provisions of Rule 144.

## Rule 701

In general, under Rule 701, any of our employees, directors, officers, consultants or advisors who purchased shares from us in connection with a compensatory stock or option plan or other written agreement before the effective date of a registration statement under the Securities Act are entitled to sell such shares 90 days after such effective date in reliance on Rule 144. An affiliate of ours can resell shares in reliance on Rule 144 without having to comply with the holding-period requirement, and a non-affiliate of ours can resell shares in reliance on Rule 144 without having to comply with the current public information and holding-period requirements.

The SEC has indicated that Rule 701 will apply to typical stock options granted before we become subject to the reporting requirements of the Exchange Act, along with the shares acquired upon exercise of such options, including exercises after we become subject to the reporting requirements of the Exchange Act.

# **Equity Plans**

We intend to file one or more registration statements on FormS-8 under the Securities Act to register all shares of our Class A common stock issued or issuable under the 2020 Plan. We expect to file that registration statement or registration statements after the date of this prospectus, permitting the resale of such shares by non-affiliates in the public market without restriction under the Securities Act and the sale by affiliates in the public market, subject to compliance with the resale provisions of Rule 144, in each case subject to the lock-up agreements described above.

## **Registration Rights**

Upon the closing of this offering, MCMI and the holders of outstanding shares of our Class A common stock will be entitled to various rights with respect to the registration of their shares of our Class A common stock (or, in the case of MCMI, shares of our Class A common stock received upon conversion of shares of our Class B common stock) under the Securities Act, to the extent such shares constitute registrable securities under the Registration Rights Agreement. Registration of these shares under the Securities Act would result in these shares becoming fully tradable without restriction under the Securities Act immediately upon the effectiveness of the registration statement for this offering, except for shares held by affiliates. See "Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions—Registration Rights Agreement" for additional information. Shares covered by a registration statement will be eligible for sale in the public market upon the expiration or release from the terms of the lock-up agreements described above.

# MATERIAL U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS FOR NON-U.S. HOLDERS OF CLASS A COMMON STOCK

The following is a general discussion of material U.S. federal income tax considerations with respect to the ownership and disposition of shares of our Class A common stock applicable to non-U.S. holders (as defined below) who acquire such shares in this offering and hold such shares as a capital asset within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") (generally, property held for investment). For purposes of this discussion, a "non-U.S. holder" means a beneficial owner of our Class A common stock (other than an entity or arrangement that is treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) that is not, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, any of the following:

- an individual citizen or resident of the United States;
- a corporation (or any other entity treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes) created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia;
- · an estate, the income of which is includible in gross income for U.S. federal income tax purposes regardless of its source; or
- a trust if (i) a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and one or more U.S. persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust or (ii) such trust has a valid election in effect under applicable U.S. Treasury regulations to be treated as a U.S. person for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

This discussion is based on current provisions of the Code, the U.S. Treasury regulations promulgated thereunder, judicial opinions, published positions of the IRS and other applicable authorities, each as in effect as of the date hereof. All of these authorities are subject to change and differing interpretations, possibly with retroactive effect, and any such change or differing interpretation could result in U.S. federal income tax consequences different from those discussed below. This discussion does not apply to holders that are not non-U.S. holders as defined above. This discussion does not address all aspects of U.S. federal income taxation that may be relevant to a particular non-U.S. holder in light of such non-U.S. holder's individual circumstances or that may be applicable to non-U.S. holders subject to special treatment under the U.S. federal income tax laws (such as, for example, insurance companies, tax-exempt organizations, banks or other financial institutions, brokers or dealers in securities, traders that electmark-to-market treatment, "controlled foreign corporations," "passive foreign investment companies," partnerships (or other entities or arrangements treated as partnerships) for U.S. federal income tax purposes or other "flow-through" entities or investors therein, certain former citizens or former long-term residents of the United States, non-U.S. holders that hold our Class A common stock as part of a straddle, hedge, constructive sale or conversion transaction or other integrated transaction, and certain U.S. expatriates). This discussion also does not address any considerations under U.S. federal tax laws other than those pertaining to the income tax, nor does it address any considerations under any state, local or non-U.S. tax laws. In addition, this discussion does not address any aspects of the unearned income Medicare contribution tax or any considerations with respect to any withholding required pursuant to the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act of 2010 (including the U.S. Treasury regulations promulgated thereunder, any intergovernmental agreements entered in connection therewith and any laws, regulations or practices adopted in connection with any such agreement). Prospective investors should consult with their own tax advisors as to the particular tax consequences to them of the ownership and disposition of shares of our Class A common stock, including with respect to the applicability and effect of any U.S. federal, state, local or non-U.S. income or other tax laws or any tax treaty, and any changes (or proposed changes) in tax laws or interpretations thereof.

If a partnership (or other entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) holds our Class A common stock, the tax treatment of a person treated as a partner in such partnership will generally depend on the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. Persons who are, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, treated as partners in a partnership holding our Class A

common stock should consult their tax advisors as to the particular U.S. federal income tax consequences applicable to them.

THIS DISCUSSION IS FOR GENERAL INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT INTENDED TO CONSTITUTE A COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF ALL TAX CONSEQUENCES RELATING TO THE ACQUISITION, OWNERSHIP AND DISPOSITION OF OUR CLASS A COMMON STOCK. PROSPECTIVE HOLDERS OF OUR CLASS A COMMON STOCK SHOULD CONSULT WITH THEIR OWN TAX ADVISORS REGARDING THE PARTICULAR TAX CONSEQUENCES TO THEM OF THE ACQUISITION, OWNERSHIP AND DISPOSITION OF OUR CLASS A COMMON STOCK, INCLUDING WITH RESPECT TO THE APPLICABILITY AND EFFECT OF ANY U.S. FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL OR NON-U.S. INCOME AND OTHER TAX LAWS.

#### Dividends

In general, subject to the discussion below regarding "effectively connected" dividends, any distribution we make to anon-U.S. holder with respect to shares of our Class A common stock that constitutes a dividend for U.S. federal income tax purposes will be subject to U.S. withholding tax at a rate of 30% of the gross amount, unless the non-U.S. holder is eligible for an exemption from, or a reduced rate of, such withholding tax under an applicable income tax treaty and the non-U.S. holder provides proper certification of its eligibility for such exemption or reduced rate. A distribution with respect to shares of our Class A common stock will constitute a dividend for U.S. federal income tax purposes to the extent of our current or accumulated earnings and profits as determined for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Any distribution not constituting a dividend will be treated first as reducing the adjusted tax basis in the non-U.S. holder's shares of our Class A common stock and then, to the extent it exceeds the adjusted tax basis in thenon-U.S. holder's shares of our Class A common stock, as gain from the sale or exchange of such stock. Any such gain will be subject to the treatment described below under "—Gain on Sale or Other Disposition of Class A Common Stock."

Dividends we pay to a non-U.S. holder with respect to shares of our Class A common stock that are effectively connected with the conduct by such non-U.S. holder of a trade or business within the United States (and, if required by an applicable income tax treaty, are attributable to a permanent establishment or a fixed base of such non-U.S. holder in the United States) generally will not be subject to U.S. withholding tax, as described above, if the non-U.S. holder complies with applicable certification and disclosure requirements. Instead, such dividends generally will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on a net income basis, at regular U.S. federal income tax rates, generally in the same manner as if the non-U.S. holder were a United States person as defined under the Code. Any such "effectively connected" dividends received by a foreign corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes may be subject to an additional "branch profits tax" at a rate of 30% (or such lower rate as may be specified by an applicable income tax treaty).

#### Gain on Sale or Other Disposition of Class A Common Stock

Subject to the discussion below under the heading "—Backup Withholding, Information Reporting and Other Reporting Requirements," in general, a non-U.S. holder will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax on any gain realized upon the sale or other disposition of the non-U.S. holder's shares of our Class A common stock unless:

- the gain is effectively connected with a trade or business conducted by the non-U.S. holder within the United States (or, if required by an applicable income tax treaty, is attributable to a permanent establishment or a fixed base of such non-U.S. holder in the United States);
- the non-U.S. holder is an individual and is present in the United States for 183 days or more in the taxable year of disposition and certain other conditions are met; or
- we are or have been a U.S. real property holding corporation (which we refer to as a "USRPHC") for U.S. federal income tax purposes at any
  time during the shorter of the five-year period ending on the date of such disposition or such non-U.S. holder's holding period of such shares of
  our Class A common stock.

Gain described in the first bullet point above generally will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on a net income basis, at regular U.S. federal income tax rates, generally in the same manner as if the non-U.S. holder were a United States person as defined under the Code. If the non-U.S. holder is a foreign corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, the branch profits tax described above also may apply to such effectively connected gain.

An individual non-U.S. holder described in the second bullet point above generally will be subject to a flat 30% tax (unless thenon-U.S. holder is eligible for a lower rate under an applicable income tax treaty) on the gain from such sale or other disposition, which may be offset by United States source capital losses, if any, of the non-U.S. holder.

We believe we are not, and do not anticipate becoming, a USRPHC for U.S. federal income tax purposes. However, no assurance can be given that we are not or will not become a USRPHC. If we were or were to become a USRPHC, however, any gain recognized on a sale or other disposition of our Class A common stock by a non-U.S. holder that did not own (directly, indirectly or constructively) more than 5% of our Class A common stock during the applicable period would not be subject to U.S. federal income tax, provided that our Class A common stock is "regularly traded on an established securities market" (within the meaning of Section 897(c)(3) of the Code).

Non-U.S. holders should consult their tax advisors regarding potentially applicable income tax treaties that may provide for different rules than those described above.

## Backup Withholding, Information Reporting and Other Reporting Requirements

We must report annually to the IRS and to eachnon-U.S. holder the amount of distributions paid to such non-U.S. holder and the tax withheld with respect to such distributions. These reporting requirements apply regardless of whether withholding was reduced or eliminated by an applicable income tax treaty. Copies of any such information returns may also be made available to the tax authorities in the country in which the non-U.S. holder resides or is established under the provisions of an applicable income tax treaty or agreement.

A non-U.S. holder will generally be subject to backup withholding (currently at a rate of 24%) on dividends paid with respect to suchnon-U.S. holder's shares of our Class A common stock unless such holder certifies under penalties of perjury that, among other things, it is a non-U.S. holder (and the payor does not have actual knowledge or reason to know that such holder is a United States person as defined under the Code).

Information reporting and backup withholding generally are not required with respect to any proceeds from the sale or other disposition of our Class A common stock by a non-U.S. holder outside of the United States through a foreign office of a foreign broker that does not have certain specified connections to the United States. However, if a non-U.S. holder sells or otherwise disposes of its shares of our Class A common stock through a U.S. broker or the U.S. offices of a foreign broker, the broker will generally be required to report the amount of proceeds paid to the non-U.S. holder to the IRS, and may also be required to backup withhold on such proceeds unless such non-U.S. holder certifies under penalties of perjury that, among other things, it is a non-U.S. holder (and the payor does not have actual knowledge or reason to know that such holder is a United States person as defined under the Code). Information reporting will also apply if a non-U.S. holder sells its shares of our Class A common stock through a foreign broker with certain specified connections to the United States, unless such broker has documentary evidence in its records that such non-U.S. holder is a non-United States person and certain other conditions are met, or such non-U.S. holder otherwise establishes an exemption (and the payor does not have actual knowledge or reason to know that such holder is a United States person as defined under the Code).

Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules from a payment to anon-U.S. holder can be credited against the non-U.S. holder's U.S. federal income tax liability, if any, or refunded, provided that the required information is furnished to the IRS in a timely manner. Non-U.S. holders should consult their tax advisors regarding the application of the information reporting and backup withholding rules to them

## UNDERWRITING

The selling stockholders are offering the shares of our Class A common stock described in this prospectus through a number of underwriters. We and the selling stockholders intend to enter into an underwriting agreement with the underwriters with respect to the shares of our Class A common stock offered hereby, for which Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, BofA Securities, Inc. and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC are acting as the representatives. Subject to the terms and conditions of the underwriting agreement, the selling stockholders have agreed to sell to the underwriters, and each underwriter has severally and not jointly agreed to purchase, at the public offering price less the underwriting discounts and commissions set forth on the front cover of this prospectus, the number of shares of our Class A common stock listed next to its name in the following table:

Wells Fargo Securities, LLC	ber of
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BofA Securities, Inc.	
J.P. Morgan Securities LLC	
JMP Securities LLC	
C.L. King & Associates, Inc.	
Compass Point Research & Trading, LLC	
Total	

The underwriting agreement provides that the obligations of the underwriters to purchase the shares of our Class A common stock included in this offering are subject to approval of legal matters by counsel and to other conditions. The underwriters are committed to purchase all of the shares of our Class A common stock offered by the selling stockholders if they purchase any shares (other than those covered by the option to purchase additional shares described below). The underwriting agreement also provides that, if an underwriter defaults, the purchase commitments of non-defaulting underwriters may be increased or the offering may be terminated.

The underwriters propose to offer the shares of our Class A common stock directly to the public at the public offering price set forth on the front cover of this prospectus and to certain dealers at that price less a concession not in excess of \$ per share. After the public offering of the shares, the offering price and other selling terms may be changed by the underwriters. Sales of shares made outside of the United States may be made by affiliates of the underwriters.

The selling stockholders have granted a 30-day over-allotment option to the underwriters to purchase up to a total of additional shares of our Class A common stock at the public offering price per share less the underwriting discounts and commissions per share, as set forth on the front cover of this prospectus. If the underwriters exercise this over-allotment option in whole or in part, then the underwriters will be severally committed, subject to the conditions described in the underwriting agreement, to purchase the additional shares of our Class A common stock in proportion to their respective commitments set forth in the prior table.

The underwriting fee is equal to the public offering price per share of our Class A common stock less the amount paid by the underwriters to the selling stockholders per share of our Class A common stock. The underwriting fee is \$ per share. The following table shows the per share and total underwriting discounts and commissions to be paid to the underwriters assuming both no exercise and full exercise of the underwriters' overallotment option to purchase additional shares.

		To	tal
		No	Full
	Per Share	Exercise	Exercise
Public offering price	\$	\$	\$
Underwriting discounts and commissions to be paid by the			
selling stockholders	\$	\$	\$
Proceeds, before expenses, to the selling stockholders	\$	\$	\$

We estimate that the total expenses of this offering payable by us, including registration, filing and listing fees, printing fees and legal and accounting expenses will be approximately \$\). We have agreed to reimburse the underwriters for up to \$\) of expenses related to the review of this offering by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.

A prospectus in electronic format may be made available on the websites maintained by one or more underwriters participating in the offering. The underwriters may agree to allocate a number of shares to underwriters for sale to their online brokerage account holders. Internet distributions will be allocated by the representatives to underwriters that may make internet distributions on the same basis as other allocations.

We, the selling stockholders and each of our directors and executive officers have agreed, subject to certain exceptions, that, without the prior written consent of Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, BofA Securities, Inc. and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, we and they will not, during the period beginning on and including the date of this prospectus through and including the date that is the 180th day after the date of the underwriting agreement, directly or indirectly:

- (i) issue (in the case of us), offer, pledge, sell, contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase, purchase any option or contract to sell, grant any option, right or warrant to purchase, lend or otherwise transfer or dispose of any shares of the common stock or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for common stock (including, without limitation, common stock, preferred stock or such other securities that may be deemed to be beneficially owned in accordance with the rules and regulations of the SEC or that may be issued upon exercise of a stock option or warrant), whether now owned or hereafter acquired;
- (ii) enter into any swap or other agreement, arrangement, hedge or transaction that transfers to another, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, any of the economic consequences of ownership of any common stock or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for common stock; or
- (iii) in the case of us, file any registration statement under the Securities Act with the SEC with respect to the offering of any common stock or other capital stock or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for any common stock or other capital stock (other than any registration statement filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act to register securities to be sold to the underwriters pursuant to the underwriting agreement), nor publicly disclose the intention to make any filing;

whether any transaction described in clause (i) or (ii) above is to be settled by delivery of common stock, other capital stock or other securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for common stock or other capital stock, in cash or otherwise, or publicly announce any intention to do any of the foregoing. Shares of our Class A common stock purchased by any of our directors or executive officers in this offering

would also be subject to the foregoing restrictions on transfer, as well as restrictions on disposition imposed by applicable law.

The restrictions described in the paragraph on the preceding page relating to the Company do not apply, subject in certain cases to various conditions (including the transfer of the lock-up restrictions), to:

- the issuance by the Company of shares of common stock or other capital stock pursuant to the conversion or exchange of convertible or
  exchangeable securities or the exercise of warrants or options (including net exercise) or the settlement of restricted stock units (including net
  settlement);
- the issuance by the Company of stock options, stock awards, restricted stock units, performance stock units or other equity or equity-based
  awards or shares of common stock or other capital stock (whether upon the exercise of stock options, settlement of awards or otherwise) to
  employees, officers, directors, advisors or consultants of the Company pursuant to the terms of an equity incentive plan described herein
  existing on the date of the underwriting agreement;
- the establishment or amendment of a trading plan pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 under the Exchange Act for the transfer of shares of common stock, subject to various conditions:
- the filing by the Company of any registration statement on Form S-8 with the SEC relating to the offering of securities granted or to be granted pursuant to the terms of an equity incentive plan described herein; or
- the offer, the issuance or the agreement to issue by the Company of common stock, other capital stock or securities convertible into common stock or other capital stock in connection with an acquisition merger, joint venture, strategic alliance, commercial or other collaborative relationship or the acquisition or license by the Company or any of its subsidiaries of the securities, business, property or other assets of another person or entity, or pursuant to any equity incentive or employee benefit plan as assumed by the Company in connection with any such acquisition or transaction, and file any registration statement in connection with the foregoing, provided that the aggregate number of shares of common stock or other capital stock or securities convertible into common stock or other capital stock (on an as converted, as exercised or as exchanged basis) issued shall not exceed % of the total number of shares of common stock issued and outstanding on the closing date of this offering.

The restrictions described in the paragraph on the preceding page relating to the officers, directors, and our stockholders do not apply, subject in certain cases to various conditions (including the transfer of the lock-up restrictions), to:

- transfers as a bona fide gift or gifts (including, but not limited to, to a charity or educational institution);
- · transfers by will or by intestate succession;
- transfers pursuant to a so-called "living trust" or other revocable trust established to provide for the disposition of property on the lock-up party's death, in each case, to any member of the lock-up party's immediate family;
- transfers to a trust the beneficiaries of which are exclusively the lock-up party and/or members of the lock-up party's immediate family;
- transfers for bona fide estate planning purposes;
- transfers, if the lock-up party is a partnership, limited liability company, corporation or other entity, to a partner, member, stockholder or other holder of equity interests, as the case may be, of such partnership, limited liability company, corporation or other entity;
- transfers, if the lock-up party is a partnership, limited liability company, corporation or other business entity lock-up party, to another
  partnership, limited liability company, corporation or other

business entity that, directly or indirectly, controls, is controlled by or is under common control with the lock-up party, or if a trust, to a trustee or beneficiary of the trust;

- transfers to the underwriters pursuant to the terms of the underwriting agreement;
- · transfers to any investment fund or other entity controlled or managed by the lock-up party;
- transfers to the Company, pursuant to (A) the exercise on a net-issuance basis by the undersigned of any stock option granted pursuant to the Company's employee benefit plans disclosed herein or (B) share withholding to cover applicable taxes in connection with the vesting or settlement of an award granted pursuant to the Company's employee benefit plans disclosed in herein;
- transfers to the Company, in connection with any reclassification or conversion of the common stock, provided, that any such shares of
  common stock received upon such conversion or reclassification shall be subject to the terms of the lock-up agreement;
- transfers of shares of common stock pursuant to a bona fide third-party tender offer, merger, consolidation or other similar transaction made to
  all holders of our common stock, involving a change of control of us, provided that in the event that such tender offer, merger, consolidation or
  other such transaction is not completed, the lock-up party's shares of common stock shall remain subject to the provisions of the lock-up
  agreement;
- transfers pursuant to an order of a regulatory agency or a court, including a qualified domestic order, or in connection with a divorce settlement;
- transfers to a nominee or custodian of a person or entity to whom a transfer would be permitted under the lock-up agreement;
- transfers related to any transaction in connection with a reclassification of capital stock of the Company or reorganization of the organizational structure of the Company that is disclosed in herein; or
- the establishment of a trading plan pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 under the Exchange Act for the transfer of shares of common stock; provided that such plan does not provide for the transfer of shares of common stock during the lock-up period.

We, the selling stockholders and the underwriters have agreed to indemnify each other against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

# **Determination of Offering Price**

Prior to this offering, there has been no public market for shares of our Class A common stock. The initial public offering price per share of our Class A common stock will be determined by negotiations among us, the selling stockholders and the representatives of the underwriters. In determining the initial public offering price, we, the selling stockholders and the representatives of the underwriters expect to consider a number of factors including:

- the information presented in this prospectus and otherwise available to the underwriters;
- the history of and prospects for the industry in which we will compete;
- prevailing market conditions;
- our historical performance;
- estimates of our business potential and earnings prospects;
- the ability of our management;
- the recent market prices of, and the demand for, publicly traded common stock of generally comparable companies; and
- · other factors deemed relevant by the underwriters, the selling stockholders and us.

We offer no assurances that the initial public offering price will correspond to the price at which the shares of our Class A common stock will trade in the public market subsequent to the offering or that an active trading market for the shares of our Class A common stock will develop and continue after the offering.

# Stabilization, Short Positions

In connection with this offering, the underwriters may purchase and sell shares of our Class A common stock in the open market. These transactions may include short sales, purchases to cover short positions, which may include purchases pursuant to the over-allotment option to purchase additional shares, syndicate covering transactions and stabilizing transactions. Short sales involve syndicate sales of shares in excess of the number of shares to be purchased by the underwriters in this offering, which creates a syndicate short position. "Covered" short sales are sales of shares made in an amount up to the number of shares represented by the underwriters' over-allotment option. In determining the source of shares to close out the covered syndicate short position, the underwriters may consider, among other things, the price of shares available for purchase in the open market as compared to the price at which they may purchase shares through the over-allotment option. Transactions to close out the covered syndicate short position involve either purchases of the shares in the open market after the distribution has been completed or the exercise of the over-allotment option. The underwriters may also make "naked" short sales of shares in excess of the over-allotment option. The underwriters must close out any naked short position by purchasing shares in the open market. A naked short position is more likely to be created if the underwriters are concerned that there may be downward pressure on the price of the shares in the open market after pricing that could adversely affect investors who purchase in the offering. Stabilizing transactions consist of bids for or purchases of shares in the open market while this offering is in progress.

The underwriters also may impose a penalty bid. Penalty bids permit the underwriters to reclaim a selling concession from a syndicate member when the representatives repurchase shares originally sold by that syndicate member in order to cover syndicate short positions or make stabilizing purchases.

Any of these activities may have the effect of preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of shares of our Class A common stock. They may also cause the price of shares of our Class A common stock to be higher than the price that would otherwise exist in the open market in the absence of these transactions. The underwriters may conduct these transactions on the NYSE or in the over-the-counter market, or otherwise. If the underwriters commence any of these transactions, they may discontinue them at any time.

# **Reserved Share Program**

At our request, the underwriters have reserved for sale up to shares, or up to 5% of the shares of our Class A common stock being offered by this prospectus, for the sale at the initial public offering to persons who are directors, officers, employees or who are otherwise associated with Guild through a reserved share program. The number of shares of our Class A common stock available for sale to the general public will be reduced to the extent that such persons purchase such reserved shares. Any reserved shares not so purchased will be offered by the underwriters to the general public on the same basis as the other shares offered by this prospectus. Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated will administer our reserved share program.

# Relationships

The underwriters are full-service financial institutions engaged in various activities, which may include securities trading, commercial and investment banking, financial advisory, investment management, principal investment, hedging, financing and brokerage activities. The underwriters and their respective affiliates may, from time to time, engage in transactions with and perform services for us in the ordinary course of their business, for which they may receive customary fees and reimbursement of

expenses. In the ordinary course of their various business activities, the underwriters and their respective affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (which may include bank loans and/or credit default swaps) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers and may at any time hold long and short positions in such securities and instruments. Such investments and securities activities may involve securities and/or instruments of ours or our affiliates. The underwriters and their affiliates may also make investment recommendations and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such securities or financial instruments and may hold, or recommend to clients that they acquire, long and/or short positions in such securities and instruments.

# Notice to Prospective Investors in the European Economic Area and United Kingdom

In relation to each member state of the European Economic Area and the United Kingdom, an offer of shares described in this prospectus may not be made to the public in that relevant state other than:

- · to any legal entity which is a qualified investor within the meaning of Article 2(e) of the Prospectus Regulation ("Qualified Investor");
- to fewer than 150 natural or legal persons (other than Qualified Investors), as permitted under the Prospectus Regulation, subject to obtaining the prior consent of the relevant Dealer or Dealers nominated by us for any such offer; or
- in any other circumstances unless the offer falls within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Regulation, provided that no such offer of shares shall require us or any underwriter to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Regulation.

For purposes of this provision, the expression an "offer of securities to the public" in any relevant state means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the securities to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe for those securities and the expression "Prospectus Regulation" means Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 (and amendments thereto) and includes any relevant implementing measure in the relevant state.

The sellers of the shares have not authorized and do not authorize the making of any offer of shares through any financial intermediary on their behalf, other than offers made by the underwriters with a view to the final placement of the shares as contemplated in this prospectus. Accordingly, no purchaser of the shares, other than the underwriters, is authorized to make any further offer of the shares on behalf of the sellers or the underwriters.

# Notice to Prospective Investors in the United Kingdom

This prospectus is only being distributed to, and is only directed at, Qualified Investors in the United Kingdom that are (i) investment professionals falling within Article 19(5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005 (the "Order") or (ii) high net worth entities falling within Article 49(2)(a) to (d) of the Order or (iii) other persons to whom it may lawfully be communicated (each such person referred to in (i), (ii) and (iii) being referred to as a "relevant person"). This prospectus and its contents are confidential and should not be distributed, published or reproduced (in whole or in part) or disclosed by recipients to any other persons in the United Kingdom. Any person in the United Kingdom that is not a relevant person should not act or rely on this document or any of its contents.

# Notice to Prospective Investors in Canada

The securities may be sold in Canada only to purchasers purchasing, or deemed to be purchasing, as principal that are accredited investors, as defined in National Instrument 45-106 Prospectus Exemptions or subsection 73.3(1) of the Securities Act (Ontario), and are permitted clients, as defined in National Instrument 31-103 Registration Requirements, Exemptions, and Ongoing Registrant Obligations. Any resale of the securities must be made in accordance with an exemption form, or in a transaction not subject to, the prospectus requirements of applicable securities laws.

Securities legislation in certain provinces or territories of Canada may provide a purchaser with remedies for rescission or damages if this offering memorandum (including any amendment thereto) contains a misrepresentation, provided that the remedies for rescission or damages are exercised by the purchaser within the time limit prescribed by the securities legislation of the purchaser's province or territory. The purchaser should refer to any applicable provisions of the securities legislation of the purchaser's province or territory of these rights or consult with a legal advisor.

Pursuant to section 3A.3 of National Instrument 33-105 Underwriting Conflicts (NI 33-105), the underwriters are not required to comply with the disclosure requirements of NI 33-105 regarding underwriter conflicts of interest in connection with this offering.

# LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the shares of our Class A common stock offered hereby will be passed upon for us by Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz, New York, New York. Certain legal matters in connection with this offering will be passed upon for the underwriters by Latham & Watkins LLP, Los Angeles, California.

# **EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements of Guild Mortgage Company as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, and for each of the years in the two-year period ended December 31, 2019, have been included herein in reliance upon the report of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, appearing elsewhere herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

# WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-1 under the Securities Act with respect to the shares of Class A common stock offered hereby. This prospectus, which constitutes a part of the registration statement, does not contain all of the information set forth in the registration statement or the exhibits and schedules filed therewith. For further information about us and the shares of our Class A common stock offered hereby, we refer you to the registration statement and the exhibits and schedules filed thereto. Statements contained in this prospectus regarding the contents of any contract or any other document that is filed as an exhibit to the registration statement are not necessarily complete, and each such statement is qualified in all respects by reference to the full text of such contract or other document filed as an exhibit to the registration statement.

The SEC maintains an internet website, which is located at www.sec.gov, that contains reports, proxy andinformation statements and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the SEC. You may access the registration statement for this offering at the SEC's internet website

Upon closing of this offering, we will be subject to the informational and periodic reporting requirements of the Exchange Act. We will fulfill our obligations with respect to such requirements by filing periodic reports and other information with the SEC. We intend to furnish our stockholders with annual reports containing financial statements certified by an independent registered public accounting firm. We also maintain a website at www.guildmortgage.com. Information contained on or accessible through our website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus, and you should not consider such information to be part of this prospectus or in deciding whether to purchase shares of our Class A common stock.

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# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Dollars in thousands, except par value)

	June 30, 2020 (unaudited)	Dec	2019
ASSETS	(unuunttu)		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 144,936	\$	101,735
Restricted cash	3,526		5,000
Mortgage loans held for sale	1,982,521		1,504,842
Ginnie Mae loans subject to repurchase right	948,922		404,344
Accounts and interest receivable	25,004		34,611
Derivative asset	141,629		19,922
Mortgage servicing rights, net	336,687		418,402
Goodwill	62,834		62,834
Other assets	56,946		55,723
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 3,703,005	\$	2,607,413
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY			
Warehouse lines of credit	\$ 1,689,291	\$	1,303,187
Notes payable	188,000		218,000
Ginnie Mae loans subject to repurchase right	952,776		412,490
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	36,007		35,338
Accrued compensation and benefits	65,347		45,297
Investor reserves	23,886		16,521
Income tax payable	41,382		_
Due to parent company	427		12,427
Contingent liabilities due to acquisitions	22,952		8,073
Derivative liability	28,372		4,863
Note due to related party	6,164		6,606
Deferred compensation plan	61,878		52,302
Deferred tax liability	79,711		86,278
Total liabilities	3,196,193		2,201,382
Commitments and contingencies (Note 12)			
STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY			
Common stock, \$100 par value; 2,000 shares authorized; 928 issued and outstanding at June 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019	93		93
Additional paid-in capital	21,992		21,992
Retained earnings	484,727		383,946
Total stockholder's equity	506,812		406,031
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY	\$ 3,703,005	\$	2,607,413

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (LOSS) (Dollars in thousands) (unaudited)

	For the si ended J	ix months June 30,
	2020	2019
REVENUE		
Loan origination fees and gain on sale of loans, net	\$ 733,293	\$ 327,503
Loan servicing and other fees	76,310	68,437
Valuation adjustment of mortgage servicing rights	(204,810)	(160,222)
Interest income	26,949	25,327
Interest expense	(27,441)	(23,133)
Other income	(4)	1,181
Net revenue	604,297	239,093
EXPENSES		
Salaries, commissions and benefits	376,898	241,316
General and administrative	48,192	28,624
Occupancy, equipment and communication	26,955	26,942
Depreciation and amortization	3,146	3,824
Provision for foreclosure losses	1,860	774
Total expenses	457,051	301,480
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE INCOME TAX EXPENSE (BENEFIT)	147,246	(62,387)
INCOME TAX EXPENSE (BENEFIT)	36,465	(15,389)
NET INCOME (LOSS)	<u>\$ 110,781</u>	\$ (46,998)

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY FOR SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2020 AND 2019 (Dollars in thousands, except per share data) (unaudited)

	Shares	Amount	Additional Paid-In R ount Capital E		Total
Balance at December 31, 2018	942	\$ 94	\$ 22,317	\$418,530	\$440,941
Common stock dividends (\$13,465 per share)	_	_	_	(12,500)	(12,500)
Stock repurchase	(14)	(1)	(325)	(7,661)	(7,987)
Net loss				(46,998)	(46,998)
Balance at June 30, 2019	928	\$ 93	\$ 21,992	\$351,371	\$373,456
Balance at December 31, 2019	928	\$ 93	\$ 21,992	\$ 383,946	\$406,031
Common stock dividends (\$10,772 per share)	_	_	_	(10,000)	(10,000)
Net income				110,781	110,781
Balance at June 30, 2020	\$ 928	\$ 93	\$ 21,992	\$ 484,727	\$506,812

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Dollars in thousands) (unaudited)

	For the size ended J	
	2020	2019
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$ 110,781	¢ (46,009)
Net income (loss) Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash used in operating activities:	\$ 110,781	\$ (46,998)
Depreciation and amortization of fixed assets	3,145	3,382
Valuation addustment of mortgage servicing rights	204.810	160,222
Valuation adjustment of mortgage loans held for sale	(43,912)	(9,222)
Valuation adjustment of derivatives	(98,198)	(8,191)
Provision for investor losses	11,053	3,655
Provision for foreclosure losses	1,860	774
Changes in estimated fair value of contingent liabilities due to acquisitions	20,025	3,054
Gain on sale of mortgage loans excluding fair value of other financial instruments, net	(458,596)	(257,943)
Deferred income taxes	(6,567)	(24,038)
Other	9,299	228
Investor reserves	(3,688)	(3,933)
Foreclosure loss reserve Changes in operating assets and liabilities:	(1,387)	(2,018)
Origination of mortgage loans held for sale	(14,615,843)	(8,566,696)
Proceeds on sale of and payments from mortgage loans held for sale	14,640,672	8,466,299
Accounts and interest receivable	9,134	5,522
Other assets	35,685	14,945
Mortgage servicing rights	(123,095)	(47,905)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	820	2,152
Accrued compensation and benefits	20,050	9,451
Contingent liability payments	(788)	_
Deferred compensation plan liability	664	(4,823)
Proceeds from real estate owned conveyed to HUD	1,095	3,674
Purchase and advances of real estate owned	(797)	(2,642)
Net cash used in operating activities	(283,778)	(301,051)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from the sale of property & equipment	32	49
Purchase of property and equipment	(3,658)	(1,482)
Payment (made) received on behalf of affiliate	(12,023)	345
Acquisitions		(1,250)
Net cash used in investing activities	(15,649)	(2,338)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Borrowings on warehouse lines of credit	14,261,034	8,330,730
Repayments on warehouse lines of credit	(13,874,930)	(7,992,678)
Borrowings on MSR notes payable	45,000	10,000
Repayments on MSR notes payable	(75,000)	(17,000)
Contingent liability payments	(4,358)	(347)
Net change in notes payable	(592)	7,484
Repurchase of stock Dividends paid	(10,000)	(7,987) (12,500)
Net cash provided by financing activities	341,154	317,702
INCREASE IN CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND RESTRICTED CASH	41,727	14,313
CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND RESTRICTED CASH, BEGINNING OF YEAR	106,735	62,755
CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND RESTRICTED CASH, END OF YEAR	\$ 148,462	\$ 77,068
<u>SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION</u>		
Cash paid for interest (net of rebates of \$2.3 million and \$1.9 million for the six months ended June 30, 2020 and 2019)	\$ 20,218	\$ 18,409
Net cash paid (refunded) for taxes	\$ 842	\$ (6,872)
Net assets acquired due to acquisition	<u> </u>	\$ 2,984
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 144,936	\$ 73,068
Restricted cash	3,526	4,000
Total cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash shown in the consolidated statements of cash flows	\$ 148,462	\$ 77,068
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NON-CASH DISCLOSURES (See Note 15)		

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

# NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Dollars in thousands, except as otherwise indicated) (unaudited)

# 1. BUSINESS, BASIS OF PRESENTATION, AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements include all of the assets, liabilities and results of operations of Guild Mortgage Company (the "Company" or "Guild" or "our"), a California corporation, and all of its wholly owned subsidiaries. The Company has four wholly owned subsidiaries; Guild Administration Corp., Mission Village Insurance Agency, Guild Insurance, LLC and Guild Financial Express, Inc. The activities of the subsidiaries are related to the Company's mortgage banking operations. All intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Guild Mortgage Company, LLC ("GMC LLC"), a privately owned California limited liability company.

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in connection with the proposed initial public offering (the "Offering") of Class A common stock of Guild Holdings Company, a Delaware corporation ("Holdings"). Prior to the completion of the Offering, GMC LLC will contribute 100% of the shares of the Company to Holdings and the Company will be converted to a California limited liability company. As a result, Holdings is expected to become the sole member of the Company prior to the completion of the Offering.

#### Basis of Presentation

Our condensed consolidated financial statements are unaudited and presented in U.S. dollars. They have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") for interim financial information. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by GAAP for complete financial statements. Our Consolidated Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2019 has been derived from our audited consolidated financial statements at that date. Our condensed consolidated interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and notes thereto for the year ended December 31, 2019, which include a complete set of footnote disclosures, including our significant accounting policies. In our opinion, these condensed consolidated financial statements include all normal and recurring adjustments considered necessary for a fair statement of our results of operations, financial position and cash flows for the periods presented. However, our results of operations for any interim period are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for a full fiscal year or for any other future period.

# Management Estimates

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

# Subsequent Events

The Company has evaluated subsequent events from the balance sheet date through August 21, 2020, the date on which the financial statements were issued. In March 2020, the World Health Organization ("WHO") declared the outbreak of a novel coronavirus (COVID-19) as a pandemic, which continues to spread throughout the United States. Through August 21, 2020 the Company remains fully functional in both its origination and servicing operations. While the pandemic could cause for certain branches to

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temporarily close, most of the significant job functions can be performed remotely. The Company has taken steps to ensure business can continue as necessary should branches be forced to temporarily close. The Company continues to monitor guidance published by the WHO, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, local and federal government agencies and the Mortgage Bankers Association and is in continual communication with its investors regarding the developments in the mortgage industry.

# Cash, Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash

Restricted cash as of June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2019 consisted of deposits restricted under the terms of our warehouse lines of credit.

	June 30,	June 30,
	2020	2019
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 144,936	\$ 73,068
Restricted cash	3,526	4,000
Total cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash shown in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows	\$ 148,462	\$ 77,068

#### Derivative Instruments

The Company enters into interest rate lock commitments ("IRLCs"), forward commitments to sell mortgage loans and to be announced trades, which are considered derivative financial instruments. These items are accounted for as free-standing derivatives and are included in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets at fair value. The Company treats all of its derivative instruments as economic hedges; therefore, none of its derivative instruments qualify for designation as accounting hedges.

The Company enters into IRLCs to originate residential mortgage loans at specified interest rates and within a specified period of time, with customers who have applied for a loan and meet certain credit and underwriting criteria. IRLCs on mortgage loans in process that have not closed, but are intended to be sold, are considered to be derivatives and changes in fair value are recorded in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income as part of Loan Origination Fees and Gain on Sale of Loans, net. Fair value is based upon changes in the fair value of the underlying mortgages, estimated to be realizable upon sale into the secondary market, net of estimated commission expenses. Fair value estimates also consider loan commitments not expected to be exercised by customers for unforeseen reasons, commonly referred to as "fallout".

IRLCs and uncommitted mortgage loans held for sale expose the Company to the risk that the value of the mortgage loans held and mortgage loans underlying the commitments may decline due to increases in mortgage interest rates during the life of the commitments. To protect against this risk, the Company enters into derivative loan instruments such as forward loan sales commitments, mandatory delivery commitments, options and futures contracts. Management expects the changes in the fair value of these derivatives to have a negative correlation to the changes in fair value of the derivative loan commitments and mortgage loans held for sale, thereby reducing earnings volatility. The changes in fair value are recorded in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income as part of Loan Origination Fees and Gain on Sale of Loans, net. The Company considers various factors and strategies to determine the portion of the mortgage pipeline and mortgage loans held for sale it wants to economically hedge. See *Notes 2 and 5* for additional information.

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#### Escrow and Fiduciary Fund

As a loan servicer, the Company maintains segregated bank accounts in trust for investors and escrow balances for mortgagors, which are excluded from the Company's Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet. These accounts totaled \$1.4 billion and \$1.0 billion at June 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, respectively.

# Risks and Uncertainties

In the normal course of business, companies in the mortgage banking industry encounter certain economic, liquidity, and regulatory risks. Economic risk includes interest rate risk and credit risk.

#### Interest rate risk

The Company's mortgage loans held for sale, commitments to originate loans, and mortgage servicing rights are subject to interest rate risk. For mortgage loans held for sale and commitments to originate loans, to the extent that a rising interest rate environment exists, the Company may experience a decrease in loan production and decreases in value, which may negatively impact the Company's operations. To mitigate this risk the Company uses hedging strategies designed to ensure any fluctuations in rates would not have a material impact on the Company's financial position. For the Company's mortgage servicing rights, to the extent that a declining interest rate environment exists, the Company may experience decreases in the fair value of the portfolio, which may negatively impact the Company's financial position. For the periods ended June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2019, the Company experienced material declines in the valuation of its MSR portfolio due to significant declines in interest rates. Since the Company also has a large origination platform, the Company was able to mitigate this risk by recapturing a significant portion of the runoff through refinances.

#### Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of default that may result from borrowers' inability or unwillingness to make contractually required payments during the period in which loans are being held for sale. The Company considers credit risk associated with these loans to be insignificant as it holds the loans for a short period of time, typically less than a month, and historically the Company has not experienced any material losses due to credit risk on mortgage loans held for sale.

The Company sells loans to investors without recourse. As such, the investors have assumed the risk of loss or default by the borrower. However, the Company is usually required by these investors to make certain standard representations and warranties relating to credit information, loan documentation and collateral. To the extent that the Company does not comply with such representations, or there are early payment defaults, the Company may be required to repurchase the loans or indemnify these investors for any losses from borrower defaults, defects in the collateral or errors made in the credit decision.

The Company is also subject to counterparty credit risk in the event of contractual nonperformance by its trading counterparties to its various over-the-counter derivative financial instruments. The Company manages this credit risk by selecting only counterparties that it believes to be financially strong, spreading the credit risk among many such counterparties, placing contractual limits on the amount of unsecured credit extended to any single counterparty, and entering into netting agreements with the counterparties as appropriate. The master netting agreements contain a legal right to offset amounts due to and from the same counterparty. Derivative assets in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets represent derivative contracts in a gain position net of loss positions with the same counterparty and, therefore, also represent

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the Company's maximum counterparty credit risk. The Company incurred no credit losses due to nonperformance of any of its counterparties during the periods ended June 30, 2020 and 2019.

Liquidity risk

The Company encounters liquidity risk as the business requires substantial cash to support its operating activities. As a result, the Company is dependent on its lines of credit, and other financing facilities in order to finance its continued operations. If the Company's principal lenders decided to terminate or not to renew these credit facilities with the Company, the loss of borrowing capacity could have an adverse impact on the Company's financial statements unless the Company found a suitable alternative source. To mitigate this risk, the Company has multiple financing facilities with different lenders and varied maturity dates. Historically, the Company has not had a line of credit involuntarily terminated by a lender.

Regulatory risk

The Company is subject to extensive and comprehensive regulation under federal, state and local laws in the United States. These laws and regulations significantly affect the way in which the Company does business and can restrict the scope of the Company's existing business and limit the Company's ability to expand product offerings or pursue acquisitions, or can make costs to service or originate loans higher, which could impact financial results. The Company continually monitors its regulatory environment for any changes that could have a significant impact on operations.

# Accounting Standards Issued but Not Yet Adopted

As an emerging growth company ("EGC"), the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act ("JOBS Act") allows the company to delay adoption of new or revised accounting pronouncements applicable to public companies until such pronouncements are applicable to private companies. The company has elected to use the extended transition period under the JOBS Act until such time the company is not considered to be an EGC. The adoption dates are discussed below to reflect this election.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU2016-02, Leases (Topic 842). This update amends various aspects of existing guidance for leases and requires additional disclosures about leasing arrangements. It will require companies to recognize lease assets and lease liabilities by lessees for those leases classified as operating leases under previous GAAP. Topic 842 retains a distinction between finance leases and operating leases. The classification criteria for distinguishing between finance leases and operating leases are substantially similar to the classification criteria for distinguishing between capital leases and operating leases in the previous lease guidance. In November 2019, the FASB issued ASU 2019-10 which extended the effective date of ASU 2016-02. The new guidance will be effective for the Company beginning January 1, 2021 and early adoption is permitted. The Company is currently in the process of evaluating the impact of the adoption of the new guidance on its financial statements.

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU2016-13, *Financial Instruments—Credit Losses (Topic 326)*. This update requires expected credit losses for financial instruments held at the reporting date to be measured based on historical experience, current conditions and reasonable and supportable forecasts. The update eliminates the probable initial recognition threshold in current GAAP and instead reflects an entity's current estimate of all expected credit losses. Previously, when credit losses were measured under GAAP, an entity generally only considered past events and current conditions in measuring the incurred loss. In November 2019, the FASB issued ASU 2019-10 which extended the effective date of ASU 2016-13. The new guidance will be effective for the Company beginning January 1, 2023 and early adoption is permitted.

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The Company is currently in the process of evaluating the impact of the adoption of the new guidance on its financial statements.

In August 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-15, Intangibles-Goodwill and Other-Internal-Use Software (Subtopic 35-40). This update provides guidance on accounting for a cloud computing arrangement that includes a license to internal-use software. This generally means that an intangible asset is recognized for the software license and, to the extent that the payments attributable to the software license are made over time, a liability also is recognized. If a cloud computing arrangement does not include a software license, the entity should account for the arrangement as a service contract which would generally mean to expense the service as incurred. The new guidance will be effective for the Company beginning January 1, 2021 and early adoption is permitted. The Company is currently in the process of evaluating the impact of the adoption of the new guidance on its financial statements.

In December 2019, the FASB issued ASU2019-12, *Income Taxes (Topic 740)*. This update provides amendments to simplify and reduce complexity when accounting for income taxes as well as eliminating certain exceptions. The new guidance will be effective for the Company beginning January 1, 2022 with early adoption permitted. The Company is currently in the process of evaluating the impact of the adoption of the new guidance on its financial statements.

In March 2020, the FASB issued ASUNo. 2020-04, Reference Rate Reform (Topic 848): Facilitation of the Effects of Reference Rate Reform on Financial Reporting. Subject to meeting certain criteria, the new guidance provides optional expedients and exceptions to applying contract modification accounting under existing GAAP, to address the expected phase out of the London Inter-bank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") by the end of 2021. This guidance is effective upon issuance and allows application to contract changes as early as January 1, 2020. The Company is in the process of reviewing its funding facilities and financing facilities that utilize LIBOR as the reference rate and is currently evaluating the potential impact that the adoption of this ASU will have on the condensed consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

# 2. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Fair value is defined as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Inputs used to measure fair value are prioritized within a three-level fair value hierarchy. This hierarchy requires entities to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The three levels of inputs used to measure fair value are as follows:

Level One – Level One inputs are unadjusted, quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities which the Company has the ability to access at the measurement date.

Level Two – Level Two inputs are observable for that asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, and include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets and liabilities in markets that are not active, observable inputs for the asset or liability other than quoted prices and inputs derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means. If the asset or liability has a specified contractual term, the inputs must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level Three – Level Three inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability that reflect the Company's assessment of the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, including assumptions about risk, and are developed based on the best information available.

# NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Dollars in thousands, except as otherwise indicated)

The Company's assets and liabilities are carried at cost, and because of theirshort-term nature, are believed to approximate current fair value, with the exception of mortgage loans held for sale, mortgage servicing rights, derivatives, real estate owned, Government National Mortgage Association ("GNMA") loans subject to repurchase right and contingent liabilities due to acquisitions.

The Company updates the valuation of each instrument recorded at fair value on a monthly or quarterly basis, evaluating all available observable information which may include current market prices or bids, recent trade activity, changes in the levels of market activity and benchmarking of industry data. The assessment also includes consideration of identifying the valuation approach that would be used currently by market participants. If it is determined that a change in valuation technique or its application is appropriate, or if there are other changes in availability of observable data or market activity, the current methodology will be analyzed to determine if a transfer between levels of the valuation hierarchy is appropriate. Such reclassifications are reported as transfers into or out of a level as of the beginning of the quarter that the change occurs.

Fair value is based on quoted market prices, when available. If quoted prices are not available, fair value is estimated based upon other observable inputs. Unobservable inputs are used when observable inputs are not available and are based upon judgments and assumptions, which are the Company's assessment of the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. These inputs may include assumptions about risk, counterparty credit quality, the Company's creditworthiness and liquidity and are developed based on the best information available. When a determination is made to classify an asset or liability within Level Three of the valuation hierarchy, the determination is based upon the significance of the unobservable factors to the overall fair value measurement of the asset or liability. The fair value of assets and liabilities classified within Level Three of the valuation hierarchy also typically includes observable factors and the realized or unrealized gain or loss recorded from the valuation of these instruments would also include amounts determined by observable factors.

#### **Recurring Fair Value Measurements**

The Company's fair value measurements are evaluated within the fair value hierarchy, based on the nature of the inputs used to determine the fair value at the measurement date. At June 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, the Company had the following assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

*Trading Securities* – Trading securities are classified within Level One of the valuation hierarchy. Valuation is based upon quoted prices for identical instruments traded in active markets. Level One trading securities include securities traded on active exchange markets, such as the New York Stock Exchange. Trading securities are included within prepaid expenses and other assets on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

**Derivative Instruments** – Derivative instruments are classified within Level Two and Level Three of the valuation hierarchy, and include the following:

Interest Rate Lock Commitments: IRLCs are classified within Level Three of the valuation hierarchy. IRLCs represent an agreement to extend credit to a mortgage loan applicant, or an agreement to purchase a loan from a third-party originator, whereby the interest rate on the loan is set prior to funding. The fair value of IRLCs is based upon the estimated fair value of the underlying mortgage loan, including the expected net future cash flows related to servicing the mortgage loan, net of estimated commission expenses, and adjusted for: (i) estimated costs to complete and originate the loan and (ii) an adjustment to reflect the estimated percentage of IRLCs that will result in a closed

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mortgage loan under the original terms of the agreement (pull-through rate). The pull-through rate is considered a significant unobservable input and is estimated based on changes in pricing and actual borrower behavior using a historical analysis of loan closing and fallout data. The average pull-through rate used to calculate the fair value of IRLCs as of June 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, was 87.2% and 89.4%, respectively. On a quarterly basis, actual loan pull-through rates are compared to the modeled estimates to confirm the assumptions are reflective of current trends. Generally, a change in interest rates is accompanied by a directionally opposite change in the assumption used for the pull-through percentage, and the impact to fair value of a change in pull-through would be partially offset by the related change in price.

Forward Delivery Commitments: Forward delivery commitments are classified within Level Two of the valuation hierarchy. Forward delivery commitments fix the forward sales price that will be realized upon the sale of mortgage loans into the secondary market. The fair value of forward delivery commitments is primarily based upon the current agency mortgage-backed security market to-be-announced pricing specific to the loan program, delivery coupon and delivery date of the trade. Best efforts sales commitments are also entered into for certain loans at the time the borrower commitment is made. These best efforts sales commitments are valued using the committed price to the counterparty against the current market price of the IRLC or mortgage loan held for sale.

Option contracts are a type of forward commitment that represents the rights to buy or sellmortgage-backed securities at specified prices in the future. Their value is based upon the underlying current to-be-announced pricing of the agency mortgage-backed security market, and market-based volatility. See *Note 6* for additional information on the derivative instruments.

Mortgage Loans Held for Sale – MLHS are carried at fair value. The fair value of MLHS is based on secondary market pricing for loans with similar characteristics, and as such, is classified as a Level Two measurement. For Level Two MLHS, fair value is estimated through a market approach by using either: (i) the fair value of securities backed by similar mortgage loans, adjusted for certain factors to approximate the fair value of a whole mortgage loan, including the value attributable to servicing rights and credit risk, (ii) current commitments to purchase loans or (iii) recent observable market trades for similar loans, adjusted for credit risk and other individual loan characteristics. The agency mortgage-backed security market is a highly liquid and active secondary market for conforming conventional loans whereby quoted prices exist for securities at the pass-through level and are published on a regular basis. The Company has the ability to access this market and it is the market into which conforming mortgage loans are typically sold.

Mortgage Servicing Rights – Mortgage Servicing Rights ("MSRs") are classified within Level Three of the valuation hierarchy due to the use of significant unobservable inputs and the lack of an active market for such assets. The fair value of MSRs is estimated based upon projections of expected future cash flows considering prepayment estimates, the Company's historical prepayment rates, portfolio characteristics, interest rates based on interest rate yield curves, implied volatility and other economic factors. The Company obtains valuations from an independent third party on a quarterly basis, and records an adjustment based on this third-party valuation.

Contingent Liabilities due to acquisitions—Contingent liabilities represent future obligations of the Company to make payments to the former owners of its acquired companies. The Company determines the fair value of its contingent liabilities using a discounted cash flow approach whereby the Company forecasts the cash outflows related to the future payments, which are based on a percentage of net income specified in the purchase agreements. The Company then discounts these expected payment amounts to calculate the present value, or fair value, as of the valuation date. The

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Company's management evaluates the underlying projections used in determining fair value each period and makes updates to these underlying projections.

The Company uses a risk-adjusted discount rate to value the contingent liabilities which is considered a significant unobservable input, and as such, the liabilities are classified as a Level Three measurement. Management's underlying projections adjust for market penetration and other economic expectations, and the discount rate is risk-adjusted for key factors such as uncertainty in the mortgage banking industry due to its reliance on external influences (interest rates, regulatory changes, etc.), upfront payments, and credit risk. An increase in the discount rate will result in a decrease in the fair value of the contingent liabilities. Conversely, a decrease in the discount rate will result in an increase in the fair value of the contingent liabilities. For each of the period ended June 30, 2020 and the year ended December 31, 2019, the range of the risk adjusted discount rate was 8.0% - 20.0%, with a median of 15.0%. Adjustments to the fair value of the contingent liabilities (other than payments) are recorded as a gain or loss and are included within general and administrative expenses on the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income.

The following table summarizes the Company's assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis at June 30, 2020:

Description	Lev	Level 1 Level 2		evel 1 Level 2 Level 3		Level 3	Total
Assets:							
Trading securities	\$	61	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 61		
Derivative							
Interest rate lock commitments		_	_	141,629	141,629		
Mortgage loans held for sale		_	1,982,521	_	1,982,521		
Mortgage servicing rights				336,687	336,687		
Total assets at fair value	\$	61	\$ 1,982,521	\$ 478,316	\$ 2,460,898		
Liabilities:			· <del>-</del>				
Derivative							
Forward delivery commitments		_	28,372	_	28,372		
Contingent liabilities due to acquisitions		_		22,952	22,952		
Total liabilities at fair value	\$		\$ 28,372	\$ 22,952	\$ 51,324		

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The following table summarizes the Company's assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2019:

Description	Le	Level 1 Level 2		evel 1 Level 2		1 Level 2		Level 2 Le		Level 2 Level 3		Level 3		Total
Assets:				,										
Trading securities	\$	93	\$	_	\$	_	\$	93						
Derivative														
Interest rate lock commitments		_		_	19	9,922		19,922						
Mortgage loans held for sale		_	1,5	04,842		_		1,504,842						
Mortgage servicing rights					413	3,402		418,402						
Total assets at fair value	\$	93	\$ 1,5	04,842	\$ 43	3,324	\$	1,943,259						
Liabilities:						,								
Derivative														
Forward delivery commitments		_		4,863		_		4,863						
Contingent liabilities due to acquisitions					:	3,073		8,073						
Total liabilities at fair value	\$		\$	4,863	\$	3,073	\$	12,936						

#### **Non-Recurring Fair Value Measurements**

Certain assets and liabilities that are not typically measured at fair value on a recurring basis may be subject to fair value measurement requirements under certain circumstances. These adjustments to fair value usually result from write-downs of individual assets. At June 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, the Company had the following financial assets measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis:

Real Estate Owned — Other assets that are evaluated for impairment using fair value measurements on a nonrecurring basis consist of mortgage loans in foreclosure and REO. The evaluation of impairment reflects an estimate of losses that have been incurred as of the balance sheet date, which will likely not be recoverable from guarantors, insurers or investors. The impairment of mortgage loans in foreclosure, which represents the unpaid principal balance of mortgage loans for which foreclosure proceedings have been initiated, plus recoverable advances on those loans, is based on the fair value of the underlying collateral, determined on a loan level basis, less costs to sell. REO properties, which are acquired from mortgagors in default, are recorded at the lower of adjusted carrying amount at the time the property is acquired or fair value of the property, less estimated selling costs. Fair values of the collateral underlying mortgage loans in foreclosure and REOs are estimated using appraisals and broker price opinions, which are updated on a periodic basis to reflect current housing market conditions. The allowance for probable losses associated with mortgage loans in foreclosure and the adjustment to record REO at their estimated net realizable value are based upon fair value measurements from Level Three of the valuation hierarchy.

Ginnie Mae Loans subject to Repurchase Right – GNMA securitization programs allow servicers to buy back individual delinquent mortgage loans from the securitized loan pool once certain conditions are met. If a borrower makes no payment for three consecutive months, the servicer has the option to repurchase the delinquent loan for an amount equal to 100% of the loan's remaining principal balance. Under ASC 860, this buy-back option is considered a conditional option until the delinquency criteria are met, at which time the option becomes unconditional. The Company records these assets and liabilities at their fair value, which is determined to be the remaining unpaid principal balance. The Company's future expected realizable cash flows are the cash payments of the remaining unpaid

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principal balance whether paid by the borrower or reimbursed through a claim filed with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") HUD. The Company considers the fair value of these assets and liabilities to fall into the Level Two bucket in the valuation hierarchy due to the assets and liabilities having specified contractual terms and the inputs are observable for substantially the full term of the assets and liabilities life.

The following table summarizes the Company's financial assets measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis at June 30, 2020:

Description	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Assets:				
Real estate owned	_	_	552	552
Ginnie Mae loans subject to repurchase right		948,922		948,922
Total assets at fair value	\$	\$ 948,922	\$ 552	\$ 949,474
Liabilities:				
Ginnie Mae loans subject to repurchase right		952,776		952,776
Total liabilities at fair value	<u>\$</u>	\$ 952,776	<u> </u>	\$ 952,776

The following table summarizes the Company's financial assets measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis at December 31, 2019:

Description	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Assets:				
Real estate owned	_	_	852	852
Ginnie Mae loans subject to repurchase right		404,344		404,344
Total assets at fair value	\$	\$ 404,344	\$ 852	\$ 405,196
Liabilities:				
Ginnie Mae loans subject to repurchase right		412,490		412,490
Total liabilities at fair value	<u>\$</u>	\$412,490	<u>\$</u>	\$ 412,490

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The table below presents a reconciliation of Level 3 assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring and non-recurring basis for the periods ended:

	IRLCs	ntingent abilities	ıl Estate Owned
Balance at December 31, 2019	\$ 19,922	\$ 8,073	\$ 852
Net transfers and revaluation gains	121,707	_	_
Payments	_	(5,146)	_
Additions	_	_	797
Proceeds	_	_	(1,095)
Valuation adjustments		20,025	(2)
Balance at June 30, 2020	<u>\$141,629</u>	\$ 22,952	\$ 552
Balance at December 31, 2018	\$ 12,541	\$ 5,106	\$ 3,314
Net transfers and revaluation gains	12,215	_	
Payments	_	(347)	_
Additions	_	1,735	2,642
Proceeds	_	_	(3,674)
Valuation adjustments	_	3,054	(1,449)
Balance at June 30, 2019	\$ 24,756	\$ 9,548	\$ 833

Changes in the availability of observable inputs may result in reclassifications of certain assets or liabilities. Such reclassifications are reported as transfers in or out of Level Three as of the beginning of the period that the change occurs. There were no transfers between fair value levels during the periods ended June 30, 2020 and 2019.

# Fair Value Option

The following is the estimated fair value and unpaid principal balance of MLHS that have contractual principal amounts and for which the Company has elected the fair value option. The fair value option was elected for MLHS as the Company believes fair value best reflects their expected future economic performance:

		Principal			
	Fair	Amount Due			
	Value	<b>Upon Maturity</b>	Difference (1)		
Balance at June 30, 2020	\$1,982,521	\$ 1,921,077	\$ 61,444		
Balance at December 31, 2019	\$1 504 842	\$ 1.485.460	\$ 19382		

<sup>(1)</sup> Represents the amount of gains included in loan origination fees and gain on sale of loans, net due to changes in fair value of items accounted for using the fair value option.

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# 3. ACCOUNTS AND INTEREST RECEIVABLE

Accounts and interest receivable consisted of the following at June 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019:

	June 30,	Dec	ember 31,
	2020		2019
Trust advances	\$ 12,209	\$	17,622
Foreclosure advances, net	6,257		7,348
Receivables related to loan sales	6,963		5,771
Other	(425)		3,870
Total accounts and interest receivable	\$ 25,004	\$	34,611

Management has established a foreclosure reserve for estimated uncollectable balances of the foreclosure and trust advances. Management believes that substantially all other accounts and interest receivable amounts are collectible and, accordingly, no allowance for doubtful accounts is necessary.

The activity of the foreclosure loss reserve was as follows for the six months ended June 30, 2020 and 2019:

		ended June 30,	
	2020	2019	
Balance — beginning of year	\$ 7,869	\$ 7,884	
Utilization of foreclosure reserve	(1,387)	(2,018)	
Provision charged to operations	1,860	774	
Balance — end of year	\$ 8,342	\$ 6,640	

# 4. OTHER ASSETS

Other assets consisted of the following at June 30, 2020 and December 31, 2020:

	June 30, 2020	Dec	ember 31, 2019
Prepaid expenses	\$ 15,200	\$	11,274
Company owned life insurance	24,319		21,908
Property and equipment, net	10,336		9,835
Income tax receivable	_		1,015
Due from affiliates	2,623		2,600
Real estate owned	4,407		8,998
Trading securities	61		93
Total other assets	<u>\$ 56,946</u>	\$	55,723

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Property and equipment consisted of the following at June 30, 2020 and December 31, 2020:

	June 30, 2020	Dec	ember 31, 2019
Computer equipment	\$ 22,763	\$	22,546
Furniture and equipment	17,510		16,404
Leasehold improvements	5,837		5,395
Internal — use software	3,852		3,476
Internal — use software in production	2,167		1,155
Property and equipment, gross	52,129		48,976
Accumulated depreciation	_(41,793)		(39,141)
Property and equipment, net	\$ 10,336	\$	9,835

Depreciation and amortization expense for fixed assets was \$3.1 million and \$3.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

# 5. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Company uses forward commitments in hedging the interest rate risk exposure on its fixed and adjustable rate commitments. The Company's derivative instruments are not designated as hedging instruments, and therefore, changes in fair value are recorded in current period earnings. Hedging gains and losses are included in loan origination fees and gain on sale, net in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income.

Net hedging gains were as follows for the six months ended June 30, 2020 and 2019:

		six months June 30,
	2020	2019
Hedging gains	\$ 98,198	\$ 8,191

# Notional and Fair Value

The notional and fair value of derivative financial instruments not designated as hedging instruments were as follows at June 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019:

	Notional Value	Derivative Asset	Derivative Liability
Balance at June 30, 2020		'	
IRLCs	\$5,099,963	\$ 141,629	\$ —
Forward commitments	\$5,216,370	\$ —	\$ 28,372
Balance at December 31, 2019			
IRLCs	\$1,524,540	\$ 19,922	\$ —
Forward commitments	\$1,961,733	\$ —	\$ 4,863

The Company had an additional \$763.3 million and \$427.7 million of outstanding forward contracts and mandatory sell commitments, comprised of closed loans with equal and offsetting unpaid principal balance ("UPB") amounts allocated to them, at June 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, respectively. The

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Company also had \$457.5 million and \$376.5 million in closed hedge instruments not yet settled at June 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, respectively. See *Note 2* for fair value disclosure of the derivative instruments.

The following table presents the quantitative information about IRLCs and the fair value measurements as of June 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019:

	<u>J</u> i	une 30, 2020	December 31, 2019
Unobservable Input		Range (Weighted Average)	
Loan funding probability ("pull-through")	0%	% - 100% (87.2%)	0% - 100% (89.4%)

Counterparty agreements for forward commitments contain master netting agreements. The master netting agreements contain a legal right to offset amounts due to and from the same counterparty. Derivative assets in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets represent derivative contracts in a gain position net of loss positions with the same counterparty and, therefore, also represent the Company's maximum counterparty credit risk. The Company incurred no credit losses due to nonperformance of any of its counterparties during the six months ended June 30, 2020 and 2019.

# 6. MORTGAGE SERVICING RIGHTS

MSRs are recognized as assets on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet when loans are sold, and the associated servicing rights are retained. The Company maintains one class of MSR asset and has elected the fair value option. To determine the fair value of the servicing right when created, the Company uses a valuation model that calculates the present value of future cash flows. The valuation model incorporates assumptions that market participants would use in estimating future net servicing income, including estimates of contractual service fees, ancillary income and late fees, the cost of servicing, the discount rate, float value, the inflation rate, estimated prepayment speeds, and default rates.

The activity of mortgage servicing rights was as follows for the six months ended June 30, 2020 and 2019:

		For the six months ended June 30,	
	2020	2019	
Balance — beginning of year	\$ 418,402	\$ 511,852	
MSRs originated	123,095	47,905	
Changes in fair value			
Due to collection/realization of cash flows	(53,730)	(29,488)	
Due to changes in valuation model inputs or assumptions	(151,080)	(130,734)	
Balance — end of period	\$ 336,687	\$ 399,535	

The following table presents the quantitative information for the MSR fair value measurement as of June 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019:

	June 30	, 2020	December 31, 2019	
Unobservable Input	]	Range (Weighted Average)		
Discount rate	9.2% - 15	.5% (10.2%)	9.2% - 15.5% (10.2%)	
Prepayment rate	9.4% - 35	6.6% (22.4%)	8.9% - 30.0% (17.3%)	

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At June 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, the MSRs had a weighted average life of approximately 4.2 and 4.9 years, respectively. SeeNote 2 for additional information regarding the valuation of MSRs.

Actual revenue generated from servicing activities included contractually specified servicing fees, as well as late fees and other ancillary servicing revenue, which were recorded within loan servicing and other fees as follows for the six months ended June 30, 2020 and 2019:

		For the six months ended June 30,	
	2020	2019	
Servicing fees from servicing portfolio	\$ 74,178 <b>\$</b>	66,109	
Late fees	2,635	2,863	
Other ancillary servicing revenue	(503)	(535)	
Total loan servicing and other fees	<u>\$ 76,310</u> \$	68,437	

At June 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, the unpaid principal balance of mortgage loans serviced totaled \$53.9 billion and \$50.6 billion, respectively. Conforming conventional loans serviced by the Company are sold to Federal National Mortgage Association ("FNMA") or Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("FHLMC") programs on a nonrecourse basis, whereby foreclosure losses are generally the responsibility of FNMA and FHLMC and not the Company. Similarly, certain loans serviced by the Company are secured through GNMA programs, whereby the Company is insured against loss by FHA or partially guaranteed against loss by the Department of Veterans Affairs ("VA").

The key assumptions used to estimate the fair value of MSRs are prepayment speeds and the discount rate. Increases in prepayment speeds generally have an adverse effect on the value of MSRs as the underlying loans prepay faster. In a declining interest rate environment, the fair value of MSRs generally decreases as prepayments increase and therefore, the estimated life of the MSRs and related cash flows decrease. Decreases in prepayment speeds generally have a positive effect on the value of MSRs as the underlying loans prepay less frequently. In a rising interest rate environment, the fair value of MSRs generally increases as prepayments decrease and therefore, the estimated life of the MSRs and related cash flows increase. Increases in the discount rate result in a lower MSR value and decreases in the discount rate result in a higher MSR value. MSR uncertainties are hypothetical and do not always have a direct correlation with each assumption. Changes in one assumption may result in changes to another assumption, which might magnify or counteract the uncertainties.

The following table illustrates the impact of adverse changes on the discount rate and prepayment speeds at two different data points at June 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, respectively:

	Discou	Discount Rates		ent Speeds
	10% Adverse Change	20% Adverse Change	10% Adverse Change	20% Adverse Change
June 30, 2020				
Mortgage servicing rights	(15,431)	(24,396)	(32,069)	(55,771)
December 31, 2019				
Mortgage servicing rights	(23,682)	(35,701)	(31,329)	(49,031)

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# 7. Mortgage Loans Held For Sale

The Company sells substantially all of its originated mortgage loans into the secondary market. The Company may retain the right to service some of these loans upon sale through ownership of servicing rights. A reconciliation of the changes in mortgage loans held for sale to the amounts presented in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows is as follows for the six months ended June 30, 2020 and 2019:

	For the six months	
	ended Ju	ıne 30,
	2020	2019
Balance at the beginning of period	\$ 1,504,842	\$ 966,171
Origination of mortgage loans held for sale	14,615,843	8,566,696
Proceeds on sale of payments from mortgage loans held for sale	(14,640,672)	(8,466,299)
Gain on sale of mortgage loans excluding fair value of other financial instruments, net	458,596	257,943
Valuation adjustment of mortgage loans held for sale	43,912	9,222
Balance at the end of period	\$ 1,982,521	\$ 1,333,733

At June 30, 2020, mortgage loans held for sale included unpaid principal balances of the underlying loans of \$1.9 billion and had a fair value of \$2.0 billion. At December 31, 2019, mortgage loans held for sale included unpaid principal balances of the underlying loans of \$1.5 billion and had a fair value of \$1.5 billion.

# 8. Investor Reserves

The Company's estimate of the investor reserves consider the current macro-economic environment and recent repurchase trends; however, if the Company experiences a prolonged period of higher repurchase and indemnification activity, then the realized losses from loan repurchases and indemnifications may ultimately be in excess of the liability. The maximum exposure under the Company's representations and warranties would be the outstanding principal balance and any premium received on all loans ever sold by the Company, less any loans that have already been paid in full by the mortgagee, that have defaulted without a breach of representations and warranties, that have been indemnified via settlement or make-whole, or that have been repurchased. Additionally, the Company may receive relief of certain representations and warranty obligations on loans sold to FNMA or FHLMC on or after January 1, 2013 if FNMA or FHLMC satisfactorily concludes a quality control loan file review or if the borrower meets certain acceptable payment history requirements within 12 or 36 months after the loan is sold to FNMA or FHLMC.

The activity of the investor reserves was as follows for the six months ended June 30, 2020 and 2019:

	For the s	ix months	
	ended J	ended June 30,	
	2020	2019	
Balance — beginning of year	\$ 16,521	\$ 14,312	
Utilization of reserve for loan losses	(3,688)	(3,933)	
Provision charged to operations	11,053	3,655	
Balance — end of period	\$ 23,886	\$ 14,034	

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# 9. Warehouse Lines of Credit

Warehouse lines of credit consisted of the following at June 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019. Changes subsequent to June 30, 2020 have been described in the notes referenced with the below table.

	35	June 30,	,	
	Maturity	2020	2019	
\$600 million master repurchase facility agreement (1)	October 2020	\$ 450,965	\$ 456,225	
\$150 million master repurchase facility agreement (2)	September 2020	118,652	80,965	
\$500 million master repurchase facility agreement (3)	February 2021	429,619	282,579	
\$200 million master repurchase facility agreement (4)	June 2021	141,452	136,699	
\$250 million master repurchase facility agreement (5)	September 2020	140,434	148,149	
\$400 million master repurchase facility agreement (6)	July 2021	282,677	190,221	
\$100 million master repurchase facility agreement (7)	April 2021	93,833	_	
\$75 million master repurchase facility agreement (8)	March 2024	34,080	9,569	
		1,691,712	1,304,407	
Prepaid commitment fees		(2,421)	(1,220)	
Net warehouse lines of credit		\$ 1,689,291	\$ 1,303,187	

<sup>(1)</sup> The variable interest rate is calculated using a base rate tied to LIBOR, the Eurodollar, or an alternative base rate, plus the applicable interest rate margin. Subsequent to June 30, 2020, the borrowing capacity on this facility has been increased to \$800.0 million.

- (2) The variable interest rate is calculated using a base rate tied to LIBOR, plus the applicable interest rate margin. This line of credit requires a minimum deposit of \$0.75 million.
- (3) The variable interest rate is calculated using a base rate tied to LIBOR, plus the applicable interest rate margin. This line of credit was amended subsequent to June 30, 2020, increasing the required minimum deposit from \$2.5 million to \$3.5 million and increasing the borrowing capacity to \$700.0 million.
- (4) The variable interest rate is calculated using a base rate plus LIBOR, with a floor of 1.525%. This line of credit requires a minimum deposit of \$1.1 million. Subsequent to June 30, 2020, this line of credit was amended with a maturity date of June 2021 and increased capacity up to \$290.0 million.
- (5) The variable interest rate is calculated using a base rate tied to LIBOR, plus the applicable interest rate margin. This line of credit was amended subsequent to June 30, 2020, increasing the borrowing capacity to \$299.0 million.
- (6) The variable interest rate is calculated using a base rate tied to LIBOR, plus the applicable interest rate margin. This borrowing capacity of this facility was increased in 2019 to \$400 million. Subsequent to June 30, 2020, this line of credit was amended, extending the maturity date to July 2021.
- (7) The variable interest rate is calculated using a base rate tied to LIBOR, plus the applicable interest rate margin with a floor of 1.75%. Subsequent to June 30, 2020, this line of credit was amended increasing the borrowing capacity to \$200.0 million.
- (8) The interest rate on this facility is 3.375%. This facility was opened in 2019 and is used for GNMA delinquent buyouts. Each buyout represents a separate transaction that can remain on the facility for up to 4 years.

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The weighted average interest rate for warehouse lines of credit was 2.72% and 4.04% at June 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, respectively. All warehouse lines of credit are collateralized by underlying mortgages and related documents. Existing balances on warehouse lines are repaid through the sale proceeds from the collateralized loans held for sale. The Company intends to renew existing warehouse lines prior to expiration. If those lines are not renewed or replaced, that could have a negative impact on the Company's ability to continue funding new mortgage loans. The Company had cash balances of \$132.0 million and \$68.2 million in its warehouse buy down accounts as offsets to certain lines of credit at June 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, respectively.

The agreements governing the Company's warehouse lines of credit contain covenants that include certain financial requirements, including maintenance of maximum adjusted leverage ratio, minimum net worth, minimum tangible net worth, minimum current ratio, minimum liquidity, positive quarterly income and limitations on additional indebtedness, dividends, sale of assets, and decline in the mortgage loan servicing portfolio's fair value. At June 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, management believes the Company was in compliance with all debt covenants.

The Company has an optional short-term financing agreement between FNMA and the lender described as "As Soon As Pooled" (ASAP). The Company can elect to assign FNMA MBS trades to FNMA in advance of settlement and enter into a financing transaction and revenue related to the assignment is deferred until the final pool settlement date. The Company determines utilization based on warehouse availability and cash needs. There was no outstanding balance as of June 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019.

# 10. Notes Payable

# Revolving notes:

In January 2014, the Company entered into an agreement for a revolving note from one of its warehouse banks, which it can draw upon as needed and has renewed on an annual basis. Borrowings on the revolving note are collateralized by the Company's GNMA MSRs. Monthly interest on the outstanding balance is calculated using a base rate tied to the LIBOR rate plus the applicable margin, with a floor of 4.50%. The revolving note also has an unused facility fee on the average unused balance, which is also paid quarterly. The unused facility fee is waived if the average outstanding balance exceeds 70% of the available facility. In June 2020, the Company amended and restated the agreement and the revolving note was increased to a maximum committed amount of \$135.0 million. The agreement also allows for the Company to increase the committed amount up to \$200.0 million. The revolving note is currently scheduled to expire in June 2022. The Company has the option to convert the outstanding balance of the revolving note into a term note at its discretion. At June 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, the Company had \$85.0 million and \$90.0 million, respectively, in outstanding borrowings on this credit facility.

In July 2017, the Company entered into an agreement for a revolving note of up to \$25.0 million from one of its warehouse banks, which it can draw upon as needed and has renewed on an annual basis. In July 2018, the Company amended the agreement to increase the revolving note up to \$50.0 million. In July 2020, the Company amended the agreement by extending the expiration date to July 2021 and increasing the revolving note up to \$65.0 million. Borrowings on the revolving note are collateralized by the Company's FHLMC MSRs. Monthly interest on the outstanding balance is calculated using a base rate tied to the LIBOR rate plus the applicable margin. The revolving note also has an unused facility fee on the average unused balance, which is also paid monthly. The unused facility fee is waived if the average outstanding balance exceeds 50% of the available combined warehouse and MSR facility. The lender has the option to convert the outstanding balance of the revolving note into a term note at its discretion. At June 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, the Company had \$40.0 million and \$50.0 million, respectively, in outstanding borrowings on this credit facility.

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#### Term note:

In January 2014, the Company entered into a term note agreement with one of its warehouse banks collateralized by the Company's FNMA MSRs. In September 2019, the term note was amended and restated, at which time there was an outstanding amount of \$78.0 million. The outstanding amount of \$78.0 million was rolled into a new term note with a commitment of \$100.0 million. The note allows for the committed amount to be increased to a maximum of \$150.0 million. The Company can draw on the committed amount through September 2020 and the note matures on September 30, 2022. Interest on the principal is paid monthly and is based upon a margin plus the highest of the (i) Prime Rate, (ii) Federal Funds Rate plus 0.5%, or (iii) the Eurodollar Base Rate plus 1.0%. Principal payments of 5% of the outstanding balance as of September 30, 2020 are due quarterly beginning October 1, 2020, with the remaining principal balance due upon maturity. The term note also has an unused facility fee equal to 0.375% of the average daily unadvanced amount, which is the difference between the committed amount and the amount outstanding. This fee is paid quarterly. At June 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, the Company had an outstanding balance of \$63.0 million and \$78.0 million, respectively, on this facility.

The minimum calendar year payments and maturities of the Company's term note was as follows at June 30, 2020:

2020	\$ 3,150
2020 2021 2022	12,600
2022	47,250
Total	<u>47,250</u> \$ 63,000

# 11. Income Taxes

The Company's effective tax rates were 24.8% and 25.1% for the six months ended June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

On March 27, 2020, Congress enacted the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the "CARES Act") to provide certain relief as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The CARES Act, among other things, includes provisions relating to net operating loss carryback periods, alternative minimum tax credit refunds, and modifications to the net interest deduction limitations. The CARES Act did not have a material impact on the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended June 30, 2020. The Company continues to monitor any effects on its financial statements that may result from the CARES Act.

# 12. Commitments And Contingencies

#### Commitments to Extend Credit

The Company enters into interest rate lock commitments with customers who have applied for residential mortgage loans and meet certain credit and underwriting criteria. These commitments expose the Company to market risk if interest rates change and the loan is not economically hedged or committed to an investor. The Company is also exposed to credit loss if the loan is originated and not sold to an investor and the customer does not perform. The collateral upon extension of credit typically consists of a first deed of trust in the mortgagor's residential property. Commitments to originate loans do not necessarily reflect future cash requirements as some commitments are expected to expire without being drawn upon. Total commitments to originate loans at June 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019 were approximately \$5.1 billion and \$1.5 billion, respectively.

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The Company manages the interest rate price risk associated with its outstanding interest rate lock commitments and mortgage loans held for sale by entering into derivative loan instruments, such as forward loan sales commitments, mandatory delivery commitments, options and futures contracts. Total commitments related to these derivatives at June 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, were approximately \$5.2 billion and \$2.0 billion, respectively.

#### Leases

The Company leases office space and equipment under noncancelable and cancelable operating agreements expiring at various dates through 2030. Rent expense amounted to \$14.2 million and \$14.9 million for the periods ended June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively, and is included within occupancy, equipment and communication expense in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income.

Future minimum rental payments under the noncancelable operating leases were as follows at June 30, 2020:

2020	\$ 15,087
2021	24,543
2022	19,702
2023	15,126
2024	10,999
Thereafter	35,570
	\$ 121,027

# Legal

The Company is involved in various lawsuits arising in the ordinary course of business. While the ultimate results of these lawsuits cannot be predicted with certainty, management does not expect that these matters will have a material adverse effect on the condensed consolidated financial position or results of operations of the Company.

# U.S. ex rel. Dougherty v. Guild Mortgage Company, No.16-cv-02909 (S.D. Cal.)

On May 18, 2016, the U.S. Department of Justice ("DOJ"), on behalf of HUD (together, the "government"), filed & Complaint-in-Intervention ("Intervention Complaint") in a pending qui tam action against the Company under the False Claims Act ("FCA"), 31 U.S.C. §§ 3729-3733. The Intervention Complaint, filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, alleges FCA violations in connection with the underwriting and origination of certain residential mortgage loans that the Company endorsed for Federal Housing Administration ("FHA") insurance. The Intervention Complaint alleges violations of Sections 3729 (a)(l)(A) and (B) of the FCA, breach of common law fiduciary duty, and breach of contract. The government's claims arise from the Company's origination of residential mortgage loans, which the Company subsequently endorsed for FHA insurance between January 1, 2006, and December 31, 2011. The Company believes the FCA and common law claims are without merit.

On August 10, 2016, the Company filed motions to dismiss the government's Intervention Complaint and the Relator's Third Amended Complaint. In March 2018, the Court stayed the case pending the Ninth Circuit's determination of the appeal in Rose v Stephens Institute (No. 17-15111). On August 24, 2018, the ruling in the Rose case was issued and the Court lifted its self-imposed stay. On March 4, 2019, the government filed an amended complaint which Guild responded to on March 22, 2019 reasserting that the

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claims were without merit. Guild's motion to dismiss was denied by the court in September 2019. Discovery began in December 2019 and will continue through December 2, 2020.

# 13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

In November 2014, one of the Company's executives retired. Other executives had the option and executed their right to purchase the retiring executive's units in Guild Management, LLC, an indirect parent company of the Company. The purchase was funded by the Company and in return, the Company received a note receivable from Guild Management, LLC for approximately \$2.5 million. The note is due in 2024 and is included within Other Assets on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

In April 2017, Guild Mortgage Company, LLC, the Company's parent company, sold units to Guild Management III, LLC for \$2.3 million in consideration of which \$1.2 million was advanced by the Company in exchange for notes receivable from its members. These members fully paid back the notes and accrued interest during 2019.

On January 1, 2019, one of the Company's executives retired, which triggered a repurchase of the executive's equity in Guild Management, LLC, and a payout of deferred compensation. The Company's parent company, Guild Mortgage Company, LLC, sold 13.7038 shares of the Company to the executive in exchange for the executive's equity in Guild Mortgage Company, LLC. The executive in turn sold the acquired Company's shares back to the Company in exchange for a promissory note of \$8.0 million, which is to be paid over 16 quarters. For the periods ended June 30, 2020 and 2019, the Company made payments of \$0.5 million to the executive. In connection with the executive's retirement, the Company made a one-time payment of \$2.0 million to the executive in connection with her participation in the deferred compensation plans.

# 14. MINIMUM NET WORTH REQUIREMENTS

Certain secondary market investors and state regulators require the Company to maintain minimum net worth and capital requirements. To the extent that these requirements are not met, secondary market investors and/or the state regulators may utilize a range of remedies including sanctions, and/or suspension or termination of selling and servicing agreements, which may prohibit the Company from originating, securitizing or servicing these specific types of mortgage loans.

The Company is subject to the following minimum net worth, minimum capital ratio and minimum liquidity requirements established by the Federal Housing Finance Agency for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac Seller/Servicers, and Ginnie Mae for single family issuers.

# Minimum Net Worth

The minimum net worth requirement for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac is defined as follows:

- Base of \$2,500 plus 25 basis points of outstanding UPB for total loans serviced.
- Adjusted/Tangible Net Worth comprises of total equity less goodwill, intangible assets, affiliate receivables and certain pledged assets.

The minimum net worth requirement for Ginnie Mae is defined as follows:

Base of \$2,500 plus 35 basis points of the issuer's total single-family effective outstanding obligations.

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Adjusted/Tangible Net Worth comprises of total equity less goodwill, intangible assets, affiliate receivables and certain pledged assets.
 Effective for fiscal year 2020, under the Ginnie Mae MBS Guide, the issuers will no longer be permitted to include deferred tax assets when computing minimum net worth requirements.

# Minimum Capital Ratio

• For Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and Ginnie Mae the Company is also required to hold a ratio of Adjusted/Tangible Net Worth to Total Assets greater than 6%.

#### Minimum Liquidity

The minimum liquidity requirement for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac is defined as follows:

- 3.5 basis points of total Agency servicing.
- Incremental 200 basis points of total nonperforming Agency, measured as 90 plus day delinquencies, servicing in excess of 6% of the total Agency servicing UPB.
- Allowable assets for liquidity may include: cash and cash equivalents (unrestricted); available for sale or held for trading investment grade securities (e.g., Agency MBS, Obligations of GSEs, US Treasury Obligations); and unused/available portion of committed servicing advance lines

The minimum liquidity requirement for Ginnie Mae is defined as follows:

Maintain liquid assets equal to the greater of \$1,000 or 10 basis points of our outstanding single-family MBS.

The most restrictive of the minimum net worth and capital requirements require the Company to maintain a minimum adjusted net worth balance of \$73,118 as of December 31, 2019. As of December 31, 2019, the Company was in compliance with this requirement.

# 15. ADDITIONAL NON-CASH DISCLOSURES

For the periods ended June 30, 2020 and 2019, the Company had the following non-cash transactions that are not included in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows:

	For the six months ended June 30,	
	2020	2019
GNMA inventory obtained due to delinquent status of GNMA serviced loans	\$ 718,830	\$ 170,914
GNMA inventory removed from delinquent status	(131,812)	(131,387)
GNMA real estate owned resolved through finalized foreclosure sale (conveyed to HUD)	(7,221)	(10,377)
Reduction in GNMA inventory due to loan removal from pool	(39,511)	(44,494)
Net increase (decrease) of GNMA payable due to receipt or resolution of GNMA inventory and GNMA real estate owned	\$ 540,286	<u>\$ (15,344)</u>
GNMA real estate owned obtained through foreclosure sale of GNMA serviced loans	\$ 2,929	\$ 8,432

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# 16. SEGMENTS

ASC 280, Segment Reporting, establishes the standards for reporting information about segments in financial statements. In applying the criteria set forth in that guidance, the Company has determined that it has two reportable segments — Loan Origination and Servicing.

Origination — The Company operates its loan origination business in approximately forty-eight states. Its licensed sales professionals and support staff cultivate deep relationships with referral partners and clients and provide a customized approach to the loan transaction whether it is a purchase or refinance. The originations segment is primarily responsible for loan origination, acquisition and sale activities.

Servicing — The Company services loans out of its corporate office in San Diego, California. Properties of the loans serviced by the Company are disbursed throughout the United States and as of December 31, 2019 the Company serviced at least one loan in forty-eight different states. The servicing segment provides a steady stream of cash flow to support the origination segment and more importantly it allows for the Company to build long standing client relationships that drive repeat and referral business back to the origination segment to recapture the client's next mortgage transaction. The servicing segment is primarily responsible for the servicing activities of all loans in the Company's servicing portfolio which includes, but is not limited to, collection and remittance of loan payments, managing borrower's impound accounts for taxes and insurance, loan payoffs, loss mitigation and foreclosure activities

The Company does not allocate assets to its reportable segments as they are not included in the review performed by the Chief Operating Decision Maker for purposes of assessing segment performance and allocating resources. The balance sheet is managed on a consolidated basis and is not used in the context of segment reporting. The Company also does not allocate certain corporate expenses, which are represented by All Other in the tables below.

The following table presents the financial performance and results by segment for the six months ended June 30, 2020:

			Total		
	Origination	Servicing	Segments	All Other	Total
Revenue					
Loan origination fees and gain on sale of loans, net	\$ 730,459	\$ 2,834	\$ 733,293	\$ —	\$ 733,293
Loan servicing and other fees	_	76,310	76,310	_	76,310
Valuation adjustment of mortgage servicing rights	_	(204,810)	(204,810)	_	(204,810)
Interest income (expense)	6,410	(2,611)	3,799	(4,291)	(492)
Other income (expense)	25		25	(29)	(4)
Net revenue	736,894	(128,277)	608,617	(4,320)	604,297
Expenses					
Salaries, commissions and benefits	350,043	9,217	359,260	17,638	376,898
General and administrative	37,147	6,973	44,120	4,072	48,192
Occupancy, equipment and communication	24,155	1,215	25,370	1,585	26,955
Depreciation and amortization	2,601	214	2,815	331	3,146
Provision for foreclosure losses	_	1,860	1,860	_	1,860
Income tax expense				36,465	36,465
Net income (loss) allocated to segments	\$ 322,948	<u>\$(147,756)</u>	\$ 175,192	\$ (64,411)	\$ 110,781

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The following table presents the financial performance and results by segment for the six months ended June 30, 2019:

				Total		
	Or	igination	Servicing	Segments	All Other	Total
Revenue						
Loan origination fees and gain on sale of loans, net	\$	325,482	\$ 2,021	\$ 327,503	\$ —	\$ 327,503
Loan servicing and other fees		_	68,437	68,437	_	68,437
Valuation adjustment of mortgage servicing rights		_	(160,222)	(160,222)	_	(160,222)
Interest income (expense)		6,804	(7)	6,797	(4,603)	2,194
Other income		25		25	1,156	1,181
Net revenue		332,311	(89,771)	242,540	(3,447)	239,093
Expenses						
Salaries, commissions and benefits		230,685	7,443	238,128	3,188	241,316
General and administrative		20,278	5,078	25,356	3,268	28,624
Occupancy, equipment and communication		24,045	873	24,918	2,024	26,942
Depreciation and amortization		3,335	154	3,489	335	3,824
Provision for foreclosure losses		_	774	774	_	774
Income tax benefit					(15,389)	(15,389)
Net income (loss) allocated to segments	\$	53,968	\$(104,093)	\$ (50,125)	\$ 3,127	\$ (46,998)

# 17. Events Subsequent to the Date of the Issuance of the Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

# United States of America, ex rel. Kevin G. Dougherty, et al. v. Guild Mortgage Company

As further discussed in note 12 to the interim condensed consolidated financial statements, this lawsuit is in the discovery phase and the Company is engaged in settlement discussions. As of and for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2020, the Company has accrued \$22.9 million associated with a potential settlement with the DOJ within accounts payable and accrued expenses and as a reduction to loan origination fees and gain on sale of loans, net. The ultimate outcome of this action remains uncertain and the amount to be paid in connection with a settlement, if ultimately agreed, or any monetary award against us could exceed the amount reserved. We have incurred and are continuing to incur defense costs and other expenses in connection with this lawsuit.

# Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Stockholder and Board of Directors Guild Mortgage Company:

Opinion on the Consolidated Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Guild Mortgage Company and subsidiaries (the Company) as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, the related consolidated statements of income, changes in stockholder's equity, and cash flows for each of the years in the two-year period ended December 31, 2019, and the related notes (collectively, the consolidated financial statements). In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the years in the two-year period ended December 31, 2019, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

# Basis for Opinion

These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

/s/ KPMG LLP

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2013.

Irvine, California August 21, 2020

# CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS December 31, 2019 and 2018 (Dollars in thousands, except par value)

	2019	2018
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 101,735	\$ 58,505
Restricted cash	5,000	4,250
Mortgage loans held for sale	1,504,842	966,171
Ginnie Mae loans subject to repurchase right	404,344	321,049
Accounts and interest receivable	34,611	27,940
Derivative asset	19,922	12,541
Mortgage servicing rights, net	418,402	511,852
Goodwill	62,834	60,699
Other assets	55,723	75,244
Total assets	\$ 2,607,413	\$ 2,038,251
Liabilities and Stockholder's Equity		
Warehouse lines of credit	\$ 1,303,187	\$ 839,734
Notes payable	218,000	160,000
Ginnie Mae loans subject to repurchase right	412,490	333,018
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	35,338	27,951
Accrued compensation and benefits	45,297	29,951
Investor reserves	16,521	14,312
Due to parent company	12,427	13,952
Contingent liabilities due to acquisitions	8,073	5,106
Derivative liability	4,863	10,157
Note due to related party	6,606	_
Deferred compensation plan	52,302	50,875
Deferred tax liability	86,278	112,254
Total liabilities	2,201,382	1,597,310
Commitments and contingencies (Note 15)		
Stockholder's Equity		
Common stock, \$100 par value; 2,000 shares authorized; 928 and 942 shares issued and outstanding at December 31,		
2019 and 2018, respectively	93	94
Additional paid-in capital	21,992	22,317
Retained earnings	383,946	418,530
Total stockholder's equity	406,031	440,941
Total liabilities and stockholder's equity	\$ 2,607,413	\$ 2,038,251

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements

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## GUILD MORTGAGE COMPANY

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME For the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 (Dollars in thousands)

	2019	2018
Revenue		
Loan origination fees and gain on sale of loans, net	\$ 820,814	\$ 616,608
Loan servicing and other fees	142,705	123,681
Valuation adjustment of mortgage servicing rights	(255,219)	(17,050)
Interest income	58,787	43,676
Interest expense	(55,391)	(44,002)
Other income	1,193	6
Net revenue	712,889	722,919
Expenses		
Salaries, commissions and benefits	578,170	510,253
General and administrative	63,983	50,976
Occupancy, equipment and communication	53,678	52,483
Depreciation and amortization	7,333	7,180
Provision for foreclosure losses	3,895	4,434
Total expenses	707,059	625,326
Income before income tax expense	5,830	97,593
Income tax expense	253	24,260
Net income	\$ 5,577	\$ 73,333

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# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY For the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018

(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)

			Additional Paid-In	Retained	
	Shares	Amount	Capital	Earnings	Total
Balance at 12/31/2017	942	\$ 94	\$ 22,317	\$375,197	\$397,608
Common stock dividends (\$31,847 per share)	_	_	_	(30,000)	(30,000)
Net income				73,333	73,333
Balance at 12/31/2018	942	94	22,317	418,530	440,941
Common stock dividends (\$35,010 per share)	_	_	_	(32,500)	(32,500)
Stock repurchase	(14)	(1)	(325)	(7,661)	(7,987)
Net income				5,577	5,577
Balance at 12/31/2019	928	93	21,992	383,946	406,031

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS For the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 (Dollars in thousands)

	2019	2018
Cash flows from operating activities  Net income	\$ 5,577	\$ 73,333
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash used in operating activities:	\$ 5,5//	\$ /3,333
Depreciation and amortization of fixed assets	7,333	7,180
Valuation adjustment of mortgage servicing rights	255,219	17,050
Valuation adjustment of mortgage loans held for sale	(5,061)	5,504
Valuation adjustment of derivatives	(12,675)	8,233
Provision for investor losses	10,203	6,486
Provision for foreclosure losses	3,895	4,434
Changes in estimated fair value of contingent liabilities due to acquisitions	7,920	(2,642)
Gain on sale of mortgage loans excluding fair value of other financial instruments, net	(638,902)	(493,578)
Deferred income taxes	(25,976)	24,716
Other	281	350
Investor reserves	(7,994)	(6,909)
Foreclosure loss reserve	(3,910)	(2,755)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:	(21.740.675)	(17,400,070)
Origination of mortgage loans held for sale	(21,749,675)	(16,466,876)
Proceeds on sale of and payments from mortgage loans held for sale  Accounts and interest receivable	21,854,967	16,947,871 (9,425)
Other assets	(6,656) 11,791	(8,397)
Mortgage servicing rights	(154,201)	(130,863)
Montgage servicing rights Accounts payable and accrued expenses	7,533	2.029
Accrued compensation and benefits	15,307	(7,028)
Contingent liability payments	(1,437)	(3,866)
Deferred compensation plan liability	(785)	6,028
Proceeds from real estate owned conveyed to HUD	5,140	2,781
Purchase and advances of real estate owned	(2,601)	(5,421)
Net cash used in operating activities	(424,707)	(31,765)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Proceeds from the sale of property & equipment	71	44
Purchase of property and equipment	(3,705)	(6,687)
Payment (made) received on behalf of affiliate	(1,037)	1,185
Acquisitions	(8,817)	(20,180)
Net cash used in investing activities	(13,488)	(25,638)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Borrowings on warehouse lines of credit	21,195,017	15,991,417
Repayments on warehouse lines of credit	(20,731,564)	(15,987,677)
Borrowings on MSR notes payable	87,250	90,000
Repayments on MSR notes payable	(29,250)	(5,000)
Contingent liability payments	(5,251)	(2,267)
Net change in notes payable	6,460	763
Repurchase of stock	(7,987)	
Dividends paid	(32,500)	(40,000)
Net cash provided by financing activities	482,175	47,236
Increase (decrease) in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	43,980	(10,167)
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, beginning of year	62,755	72,922
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, end of year	\$ 106,735	\$ 62,755
Supplemental information  Cash paid for interest (net of rebates of \$8.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2019; no interest rebates for the year ended December 31, 2018.)	\$ 40,248	\$ 35,922
Cash paid for taxes (net of tax refunds of \$7.2 and \$0.1 million for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively)	\$ 13,731	\$ 531
Net assets acquired due to acquisition	\$ 10,552	\$ 23,139
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Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 101,735	\$ 58,505
Restricted cash	5,000	4,250
Total cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash shown in the consolidated statements of cash flows	\$ 106,735	\$ 62,755
Non-Cash disclosures (See Note 18)		

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Dollars in thousands, except as otherwise indicated)

### 1. Business, Basis of Presentation, and Accounting Policies

#### Organization

Guild Mortgage Company (the "Company" or "Guild"), a California corporation, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Guild Mortgage Company, LLC ("GMC LLC"), a privately owned California limited liability company.

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared in connection with the proposed initial public offering (the "Offering") of Class A common stock of Guild Holdings Company, a Delaware corporation ("Holdings"). Prior to the completion of the Offering, GMC LLC will contribute 100% of the shares of the Company to Holdings and the Company will be converted to a California limited liability company. As a result, Holdings is expected to become the sole member of the Company prior to the completion of the Offering.

The Company originates, sells, and services residential mortgage loans. The Company operates approximately two hundred branches with licenses in forty-eight states. The Company's residential mortgage originations are generated in forty-seven states from two channels of business; retail and correspondent. For the year ended December 31, 2019 the channel production was as follows: retail 96.5% and correspondent 3.5%. For the year ended December 31, 2018, the channel production was as follows: retail 95.9%, and correspondent 4.1%.

The Company is certified with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") and the Department of Veterans Affairs ("VA") and operates as a Federal Housing Association ("FHA") non-supervised lender. In addition, the Company is an approved issuer with Government National Mortgage Association ("GNMA"), as well as an approved seller and servicer with Federal National Mortgage Association ("FNMA"), the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("FHLMC") and the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development ("USDA").

Properties securing the mortgage loans in the Company's servicing portfolio are geographically dispersed throughout the United States; however, at December 31, 2019, approximately 16.0% of such properties were located in California, 12.1% were located in Washington, and 9.7% were located in Texas. At December 31, 2018, approximately 15.8% of such properties were located in California, 12.8% were located in Washington, and 9.8% were located in Texas. Similarly, loan production in California, Washington and Oregon represented 16.9%, 16.5%, and 9.2%, respectively, of the Company's total loan production in 2019. For the year ended December 31, 2018, Washington, California and Oregon represented 16.3%, 14.5%, and 10.2%, respectively, of the Company's total loan production.

### Principles of Consolidation

The Company has four wholly owned subsidiaries; Guild Administration Corp., Mission Village Insurance Agency, Guild Insurance, LLC and Guild Financial Express, Inc. The activities of the subsidiaries are related to the Company's mortgage banking operations. All intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

#### Management Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could materially differ from those estimates.

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#### Revenue Recognition

Loan origination fees and gain on sale of loans, net— loan origination fees and gain on sale of loans, net includes all components related to the origination and sale of mortgage loans, including (1) net gain on sale of loans, which represents the premium the Company receives in excess of the loan principal amount and certain fees charged by investors upon sale of loans into the secondary market, (2) loan origination fees (credits), points and certain costs, (3) provision for or benefit from investor reserves, (4) the change in fair value of interest rate locks and loans held for sale, (5) the gain or loss on forward commitments hedging loans held for sale and interest rate lock commitments ("IRLCs"), and (6) the fair value of originated mortgage servicing rights ("MSRs"). An estimate of the gain on sale of loans, net is recognized at the time an IRLC is issued, net of a pull-through factor. Subsequent changes in the fair value of IRLCs and mortgage loans held for sale are recognized in current period earnings. When the mortgage loan is sold into the secondary market, any difference between the proceeds received and the current fair value of the loan is recognized in current period earnings. Included in gain on sale of loans, net is the fair value of originated MSRs, which represents the estimated fair value of MSRs related to loans which we have sold and retained the right to service. Refer to Note 1 sections; Mortgage Loans Held for Sale, Mortgage Servicing Rightsand Derivative Instruments, for more information related to fair value measurements of mortgage loans held for sale, the gain/(loss) on changes in the fair value of MSRs and the gain/(loss) on changes in the fair value of IRLCs, respectively. At December 31, 2019 and 2018, loan origination fees and gain on sale of loans were net of direct expenses of \$175,338 and \$136,913, respectively.

Loan servicing and other fees — Loan servicing fees represent fees earned for servicing loans for various investors. The servicing fees are based on a contractual percentage of the outstanding principal balance and recognized into revenue as the related mortgage payments are received. Loan servicing expenses are charged to operations as incurred.

Valuation adjustment of mortgage servicing rights — In accordance with Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC")860-50, the Company records MSRs as an asset, at fair value. The change in fair value is recorded within the Consolidated Statements of Income on a monthly basis. Refer to Note 1, Mortgage Servicing Rights, for information related to the gain/(loss) on changes in the fair value of MSRs.

Interest income — interest income includes interest earned on mortgage loans held for sale

Interest expense — interest expense includes interest paid to the Company's loan funding facilities and MSR facilities.

#### Cash, Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash

For cash flow purposes, the Company considers cash and temporary investments with original maturities of three months or less, to be cash and cash equivalents. The Company typically maintains cash in financial institutions in excess of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation limits. The Company evaluates the creditworthiness of these financial institutions in determining the risk associated with these cash balances. The Company maintains cash balances that are restricted under the terms of its warehouse lines of credit.

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The following table summarizes the Company's cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at December 31, 2019 and 2018:

	2019	2018
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 101,735	\$ 58,505
Restricted cash	5,000	4,250
Total cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash shown in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows	\$ 106,735	\$ 62,755

#### Mortgage Loans Held for Sale

The Company measures newly originated prime residential Mortgage Loans Held for Sale ("MLHS") at fair value in accordance with ASC 825, *Financial Instruments*. Included in mortgage loans held for sale are loans originated as held for sale that are expected to be sold into the secondary market and loans that have been previously sold and repurchased from investors that management intends to resell into the secondary market, which are recorded at fair value.

The Company estimates fair value by evaluating a variety of market indicators, including recent trades and outstanding commitments, calculated on an individual loan basis and aggregated (see *Note 2 — Fair Value Measurements*). Changes in the fair value of mortgage loans are recognized in current period income and are included in loan origination fees and gain on sale of loans, net. Fair value for mortgage loans covered by investor commitments is based on commitment prices. Fair value for uncommitted loans is based on current delivery prices. The Company is not permitted to defer the loan origination fees, net of direct loan origination costs associated with these loans.

Loans are considered sold when the Company surrenders control over the financial assets. Control is considered to have been surrendered when the transferred assets have been isolated from the Company, beyond the reach of the Company and its creditors; the purchaser obtains the right (free of conditions that constrain it from taking advantage of that right) to pledge or exchange the transferred assets; and the Company does not maintain effective control over the transferred assets through an agreement that both entitles and obligates the Company to repurchase or redeem the transferred assets before their maturity. The Company typically considers the above criteria to have been met upon acceptance and receipt of sales proceeds from the purchaser.

### Ginnie Mae Loans Subject to Repurchase Right

In accordance with ASC 860-50, Transfers and Servicing — Servicing Assets and Liabilities ("ASC 860-50"), certain loans, as defined by the servicer guidelines, serviced by the Company on behalf of GNMA are recognized as an asset, and carried at the unpaid principal balance ("UPB") of the loans. The Company has a right to repurchase any loans serviced on behalf of GNMA that are three or more consecutive payments delinquent ("GNMA Loan Inventory"). The Company recognizes a corresponding liability ("GNMA Loan Payable") which is recorded at the unpaid principal balance, for loans in which the Company has not exercised the right to repurchase the loans. If the loan goes through foreclosure and is an FHA loan, HUD acts as the insurer for GNMA and reimburses the servicer for the UPB plus allowable interest and foreclosure fees. The Company reserves for unreimbursed interest and fees as part of the general foreclosure reserve. If the loan goes through foreclosure and is a Veterans' Administration ("VA") loan, the VA acts as the insurer and reimburses the Company based on the net value of the underlying property. At the amount determined by the VA, the Company accounts for any loss on VA loans in its

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foreclosure loss reserve to a certain threshold with any excess charged to its investor reserves. If a foreclosure sale has been held on an FHA loan, the deed is transferred to the Company and the loan becomes a GNMA real estate owned ("REO"). These are foreclosed real estate properties securing GNMA loans. Both principal and interest for government insured/guaranteed loans secured by the foreclosed real estate properties are collectible because the loans are insured by the FHA or guaranteed by the VA. The GNMA Loan Inventory and real estate owned is equal, and offsetting, to the GNMA Loan Payable.

#### Mortgage Servicing Rights

Mortgage servicing rights are recognized as assets on the Consolidated Balance Sheet when loans are sold, and the associated servicing rights are retained. The Company maintains one class of MSR asset and has elected the fair value option. To determine the fair value of the servicing right when created, the Company uses a valuation model that calculates the present value of future cash flows. The valuation model incorporates assumptions that market participants would use in estimating future net servicing income, including estimates of contractual service fees, ancillary income and late fees, the cost of servicing, the discount rate, float value, the inflation rate, estimated prepayment speeds, and default rates.

#### **Derivative Instruments**

The Company enters into IRLCs, forward commitments to sell mortgage loans and to be announced trades which are considered derivative financial instruments. These items are accounted for as free-standing derivatives and are included in the Consolidated Balance Sheets at fair value. The Company treats all of its derivative instruments as economic hedges; therefore, none of its derivative instruments qualify for designation as accounting hedges.

The Company enters into IRLCs to originate residential mortgage loans at specified interest rates and within a specified period of time, with customers who have applied for a loan and meet certain credit and underwriting criteria. IRLCs on mortgage loans in process that have not closed, but are intended to be sold, are considered to be derivatives and changes in fair value are recorded in the Consolidated Statements of Income as part of Loan Origination Fees and Gain on Sale of Loans, net. Fair value is based upon changes in the fair value of the underlying mortgages, estimated to be realizable upon sale into the secondary market, net of estimated commission expenses. Fair value estimates also consider loan commitments not expected to be exercised by customers for unforeseen reasons, commonly referred to as fallout.

IRLCs and uncommitted mortgage loans held for sale expose the Company to the risk that the value of the mortgage loans held and mortgage loans underlying the commitments may decline due to increases in mortgage interest rates during the life of the commitments. To protect against this risk the Company enters into derivative loan instruments such as forward loan sales commitments, mandatory delivery commitments, options and futures contracts. Management expects the changes in the fair value of these derivatives to have a negative correlation to the changes in fair value of the derivative loan commitments and loans held for sale, thereby reducing earnings volatility. The changes in fair value are recorded in the Consolidated Statements of Income as part of Loan Origination Fees and Gain on Sale of Loans, net. The Company considers various factors and strategies in determining the portion of the mortgage pipeline and loans held for sale it wants to economically hedge.

Forward commitments include To-Be-Announced ("TBA") mortgage-backed securities that have been aggregated at the counterparty level for presentation and disclosure purposes. Counterparty agreements contain a legal right to offset amounts due to and from the same counterparty under legally enforceable master netting agreements to settle with the same counterparty, on a net basis, as well as the right to obtain cash collateral. Forward commitments also include commitments to sell loans to counterparties and to purchase loans from counterparties at determined prices. See *Notes 2 and 6* for additional information.

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#### Property and Equipment

Property and equipment is recorded at cost and depreciated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the asset, usually three years. Leasehold improvements are amortized using the straight-line method over the shorter of the term of the related lease or the estimated useful life.

The Company recognizes internal-use software within property and equipment which consists of both internal and external costs incurred in the development, testing and implementation directly related to the new software. The internal-use software is amortized over a three-year period and begins amortization upon the "go-live" date of the software. The Company determines the "go-live" date as the date in which the software is readily available to be used companywide.

#### Acquisitions

When making an acquisition, the Company recognizes separately from goodwill the assets acquired and the liabilities assumed at their acquisition date fair values under ASC 805, *Business Combinations*. Goodwill as of the acquisition date is measured as the excess of consideration transferred and the net of the acquisition date fair values of the assets acquired and the liabilities assumed. The Company uses its best estimates and assumptions to accurately value assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the acquisition date. The Company's estimates are inherently uncertain and actual results may differ from expectations. The Company may record measurement period adjustments during the measurement period (one year from the acquisition date) that result from obtaining additional information about the facts and circumstances that existed as of the acquisition date. If this additional information had been known, it would have affected the accounting for the business combination as of the acquisition date.

Accounting for business combinations requires the Company's management to make estimates and assumptions, especially at the acquisition date with respect to mortgage servicing rights and contingent considerations. Although the Company believes the assumptions and estimates it has made in the past have been reasonable and appropriate, they are based in part on historical experience and information obtained from the management of the acquired companies and are inherently uncertain.

#### Goodwill

The Company records goodwill in connection with an acquisition when the total purchase price of the acquisition exceeds the fair value of the assets and liabilities assumed by Guild as part of the transaction (see *Note 9*). Goodwill is not amortized but is evaluated for potential impairment on an annual basis, or when events or circumstances indicate a potential impairment, at the reporting unit level. A reporting unit is a business segment or one level below a business segment. The Company performs a Step 0 analysis by reviewing certain qualitative and quantitative factors to determine if any indicators of impairment arise. If there are no impairment indicators from the Step 0 analysis the Company determines that there is no impairment and no further evaluation is necessary.

If impairment indicators arise, the Company will perform the test in accordance with ASC350-20, by first assessing qualitative factors to determine if it is more-likely-than-not that goodwill might be impaired. Then, if necessary, atwo-step goodwill impairment test is performed to determine if any impairment exists and how it should be allocated.

In performing the goodwill impairment test, the Company first assesses qualitative factors to determine whether it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying value. Qualitative factors include, among other things, macroeconomic conditions, industry and market considerations, financial performance of the respective reporting unit and other relevant entity- and reporting-unit specific considerations.

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If the Company concludes it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying value, a quantitative assessment is performed. If the fair value of the reporting unit exceeds its carrying value, goodwill of the reporting unit is considered not impaired; however, if the carrying value of the reporting unit exceeds its fair value, an additional step is performed to measure potential impairment.

This step involves calculating an implied fair value of goodwill which is the excess of the fair value of the reporting unit, as determined in the first step, over the aggregate fair values of the assets, liabilities and identifiable intangibles as if the reporting unit was being acquired in a business combination. If the implied fair value of goodwill exceeds the goodwill assigned to the reporting unit, there is no impairment. If the goodwill assigned to a reporting unit exceeds the implied fair value of goodwill, an impairment charge is recorded for the excess. An impairment loss recognized cannot exceed the amount of goodwill assigned to a reporting unit. An impairment loss establishes a new basis in the goodwill, and subsequent reversals of goodwill impairment losses are not permitted under applicable accounting guidance.

No goodwill impairment was recognized during the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018.

#### Contingent Liabilities due to Acquisitions

The Company may be required to pay future consideration to the former shareholders of acquired companies, depending upon the terms of the applicable purchase agreement, which is contingent upon the achievement of certain financial and operating targets. The Company determines the fair value for its contingent consideration obligations using an income approach whereby the Company forecasts the cash outflows related to the earn-outs, which are based on a percentage of net income specified in the purchase agreements. The Company then discounts these expected payment amounts to calculate the fair value as of the valuation date. The Company's management evaluates the underlying projections used in determining fair value each period and makes updates to these underlying projections when there have been significant changes in management's expectations of the future business performance.

The principal significant unobservable input used in the valuations of the Company's contingent consideration obligations is a risk-adjusted discount rate. Whereas management's underlying projections adjust for market penetration and other economic expectations, the discount rate is risk-adjusted for key factors such as uncertainty in the mortgage banking industry due to its reliance on external influences (interest rates, regulatory changes, etc.), upfront payments, and credit risk. An increase in the discount rate will result in a decrease in the fair value of contingent consideration. Conversely, a decrease in the discount rate will result in an increase in the fair value of contingent consideration.

At each reporting date, or whenever there are significant changes in underlying key assumptions, a review of these assumptions is performed and the contingent consideration liability is updated to its estimated fair value. If there are no significant changes in the assumptions, the quarterly determination of the fair value of contingent consideration reflects the implied interest for the passage of time. Changes in the estimated fair value of the contingent consideration obligations may result from changes in the terms of the contingent payments, changes in discount periods and rates and changes in probability assumptions with respect to the timing and likelihood of achieving the certain financial targets. Actual progress toward achieving the financial targets for the remaining measurement periods may be different than the Company's expectations of future performance. The change in the estimated fair value of contingent consideration has been classified as other expenses in the Consolidated Statements of Income.

### Real Estate Owned

There are two types of REO properties held by the Company. The first is considered a traditional REO where the Company owns, markets, and sells the property. At the time of foreclosure, other real estate

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owned is recorded at the asset's fair value less selling costs, which becomes the property's new basis. After foreclosure, these assets are carried at the lower of their new cost basis or fair value less selling costs. Costs incurred in maintaining foreclosed real estate and subsequent write-downs to reflect declines in the fair value of the property are expensed as incurred. At December 31, 2019 and 2018, the Company had \$0.9 million and \$3.3 million, respectively, of traditional REOs.

The second type is foreclosed real estate securing GNMA loans in process of conveyance to HUD but insured by FHA, where the Company is the controller of the deed for a period of time. For GNMA loans, the property becomes REO if not sold to a third party at its foreclosure sale. Both principal and debenture rate interest for government insured loans secured by the foreclosed real estate are collectible because the loans are insured by FHA. This is valued at the UPB of the loan, which is considered to be fair value, as HUD reimburses the Company for the UPB plus debenture rate interest and fees. The Company reserves for unreimbursed interest in excess of the debenture rate and fees as part of the foreclosure loss reserve. The total REO property that will be conveyed to HUD was valued at \$8.1 million and \$12.0 million at December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

#### Investor Reserves

The Company has exposure to potential mortgage loan repurchases and indemnifications in its capacity as a loan originator and servicer. The estimation of the liability for probable losses related to the repurchase and indemnification obligation considers an estimate of probable future repurchase or indemnification obligations from breaches of representations and warranties. The liability related to specific non-performing loans is based on a loan-level analysis considering the current collateral value, estimated sales proceeds and selling costs. The liability related to probable future repurchase or indemnification obligations is segregated by year of origination and considers the amount of unresolved repurchase and indemnification requests, as well as an estimate of future repurchase demands. Future repurchase demands are estimated based upon recent and historical repurchase and indemnification experience, as well as the success rate in appealing repurchase requests and an estimated loss severity, based on current loss rates for similar loans. The Company also has exposure to early payment defaults ("EPD") and/or early payoff fees ("EPO"). When the Company sells a loan to an investor and the loan either pays off or goes into default within a certain timeframe, the Company could be exposed to EPD and/or EPO fees in accordance with each investor's contract. The Company reserves for these fees by estimating early payment defaults and fees based on prior loan activity and current loan origination volume.

## Foreclosure Loss Reserve and Provision for Foreclosure Losses

The Company has exposure for losses associated with government loans in foreclosure related to nonrefundable interest and foreclosure servicing costs. The Company maintains a reserve for government loans currently in foreclosure based on historical loss experience. The Company also accrues for any additional known losses above the current loss per loan; for example, losses due to servicer delays.

#### Advertising

Advertising is expensed as incurred and amounted to \$11.8 million and \$11.3 million for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively, and is included within general and administrative expenses on the Consolidated Statements of Income.

### Income Taxes

Income taxes are accounted for under the asset and liability method. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement

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carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases and operating loss and tax credit carryforwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date. The Company recognizes the effect of income tax positions only if those positions are more-likely than-not to be sustained. Recognized income tax positions are measured at the largest amount that is greater than 50% likely of being realized. Changes in recognition or measurement are reflected in the period in which the change in judgment occurs. The Company records interest related to unrecognized tax benefits in interest expense and records penalties as a component of income taxes.

#### Escrow and Fiduciary Funds

As a loan servicer, the Company maintains segregated bank accounts in trust for investors and escrow balances for mortgagors, which are excluded from the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheet. These accounts totaled \$958.3 million and \$540.6 million at December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

#### Risks and Uncertainties

In the normal course of business, companies in the mortgage banking industry encounter certain economic, liquidity, and regulatory risks.

Economic risk includes interest rate risk and credit risk.

#### Interest rate risk

The Company's mortgage loans held for sale, commitments to originate loans, and mortgage servicing rights are subject to interest rate risk. For mortgage loans held for sale and commitments to originate loans, to the extent that a rising interest rate environment exists, the Company may experience a decrease in loan production and decreases in value, which may negatively impact the Company's operations. To mitigate this risk the Company uses hedging strategies designed to ensure any fluctuations in rates would not have a material impact on the Company's financial position. For the Company's mortgage servicing rights, to the extent that a declining interest rate environment exists, the Company may experience decreases in the fair value of the portfolio, which may negatively impact the Company's financial position. For the year ended December 31, 2019, the Company experienced a material decline in the valuation of its MSR portfolio due to a significant decline in interest rates. Since the Company also has a large origination platform the Company was able to mitigate this risk by recapturing a significant portion of the runoff through refinances. For the year ended December 31, 2018, the Company did not experience any material loss due to interest rate risk.

#### Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of default that may result from borrowers' inability or unwillingness to make contractually required payments during the period in which loans are being held for sale. The Company considers credit risk associated with these loans to be insignificant as it holds the loans for a short period of time, typically less than a month, and historically the Company has not experienced any material losses due to credit risk on loans held for sale.

The Company sells loans to investors without recourse. As such, the investors have assumed the risk of loss or default by the borrower. However, the Company is usually required by these investors to make certain standard representations and warranties relating to credit information, loan documentation and

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collateral. To the extent that the Company does not comply with such representations, or there are early payment defaults, the Company may be required to repurchase the loans or indemnify these investors for any losses from borrower defaults, defects in the collateral or errors made in the credit decision.

The Company is also subject to counterparty credit risk in the event of contractual nonperformance by its trading counterparties to its various over-the-counter derivative financial instruments. The Company manages this credit risk by selecting only counterparties that it believes to be financially strong, spreading the credit risk among many such counterparties, placing contractual limits on the amount of unsecured credit extended to any single counterparty, and entering into netting agreements with the counterparties as appropriate. The master netting agreements contain a legal right to offset amounts due to and from the same counterparty. Derivative assets in the Consolidated Balance Sheets represent derivative contracts in a gain position net of loss positions with the same counterparty and, therefore, also represent the Company's maximum counterparty credit risk. The Company incurred no credit losses due to nonperformance of any of its counterparties during the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018.

#### Liquidity risk

The Company encounters liquidity risk as the business requires substantial cash to support its operating activities. As a result, the Company is dependent on its lines of credit, and other financing facilities in order to finance its continued operations. If the Company's principal lenders decided to terminate or not to renew these credit facilities with the Company, the loss of borrowing capacity could have an adverse impact on the Company's financial statements unless the Company found a suitable alternative source. To mitigate this risk, the Company has multiple financing facilities with different lenders and varied maturity dates. Historically, the Company has not had a line of credit involuntarily terminated by a lender.

#### Regulatory risk

The Company is subject to extensive and comprehensive regulation under federal, state and local laws in the United States. These laws and regulations significantly affect the way in which the Company does business and can restrict the scope of the Company's existing business and limit the Company's ability to expand product offerings or pursue acquisitions, or can make costs to service or originate loans higher, which could impact financial results. The Company continually monitors its regulatory environment for any changes that could have a significant impact on operations.

#### Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncements

Accounting Standards Update No. 2014-09, 2016-08, 2016-10, 2016-12, and 2016-20, collectively implemented as FASB Accounting Standards Codification *Topic 606 ("ASC 606") Revenue from Contracts with Customers*, provides guidance for revenue recognition. This ASC's core principle requires a company to recognize revenue when it transfers promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects consideration to which the company expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. The standard also clarifies the principal versus agent considerations, providing the evaluation must focus on whether the entity has control of the goods or services before they are transferred to the customer. The new standard permits the use of either the modified retrospective or full retrospective transition method. The Company's revenue is generated from loan servicing and loan originations. Servicing revenue is comprised of servicing fees and other ancillary fees in connection with Company's servicing activities as well as fees earned under subservicing arrangements. Origination revenue is comprised of fee income earned at origination of a loan, interest income earned for the period the loans are held, and gain on sale on loans upon disposition of the loan. The new guidance became effective for the Company beginning January 1,

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2019. The Company has determined that there was no material effect on revenue recognition to the financial statements.

In January 2016, the FASB issued ASUNo. 2016-01, Financial Instruments — Overall (Subtopic 825-10): Recognition and measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities. The amendments in this update require an entity to: (i) measure equity investments at fair value through net income, with certain exceptions; (ii) present in other comprehensive income the changes in instrument-specific credit risk for financial liabilities measured using the fair value option; (iii) present financial assets and financial liabilities by measurement category and form of financial asset; (iv) calculate the fair value of financial instruments for disclosure purposes based on an exit price and; (v) assess a valuation allowance on deferred tax assets related to unrealized losses of available for sale debt securities in combination with other deferred tax assets. The update provides an election to subsequently measure certain non-marketable equity investments at cost less any impairment and adjusted for certain observable price changes. The update also requires a qualitative impairment assessment of such equity investments and amends certain fair value disclosure requirements. In February 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-03, Technical Corrections and Improvements to Financial Instruments-Overall (Subtopic 825-10) as an update to ASU 2016-01. This update is intended to clarify certain aspects of the guidance issued in ASU 2017-01 including: (i) equity securities without a readily determinable fair value — adjustments; (iii) forward contracts and purchased options; (iv) presentation requirements for certain fair value option liabilities; (v) fair value option liabilities denominated in a foreign currency and; (vi) transition guidance for equity securities without a readily determinable fair value. The new guidance became effective for the Company beginning on January 1, 2019. The Company has determined that upon adoption of this ASU there was no material effect on the financial statements

In August 2016, the FASB issued ASU2016-15, Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230) Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments, which made eight targeted changes to how cash receipts and cash payments are presented and classified in the statement of cash flows. The new guidance became effective for the Company beginning January 1, 2019 and was applied on a retrospective basis to the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

In November 2016, the FASB issued ASU2016-18, Statement of Cash Flow (Topic 230): Restricted Cash (a consensus of the FASB Emerging Issues Task Force). The amendments in this update require that a statement of cash flows explain the change during the period in the total of cash, cash equivalents and amounts generally described as restricted cash or restricted cash equivalents. Therefore, amounts generally described as restricted cash and restricted cash equivalents should be included with cash and cash equivalents when reconciling the beginning of period and end of period total amounts shown on the statement of cash flows. The amendments in this update do not provide a definition of restricted cash or restricted cash equivalents. The new guidance became effective for the Company on January 1, 2019 and was applied to the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

In August 2018, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU")2018-13, Fair Value Measurement ("Topic 820"), which modifies, removes and adds certain disclosure requirements on fair value measurements. The new guidance will be required for the Company for the annual reporting period beginning January 1, 2020 and interim periods within that fiscal year, and early adoption is permitted. The Company adopted this guidance starting from January 1, 2019 and has applied the required disclosures within its financial statements, which did not have a material impact on the presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

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#### Accounting Standards Issued but Not Yet Adopted

As an emerging growth company ("EGC"), the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act ("JOBS Act") allows the company to delay adoption of new or revised accounting pronouncements applicable to public companies until such pronouncements are applicable to private companies. The company has elected to use the extended transition period under the JOBS Act until such time the company is not considered to be an EGC. The adoption dates are discussed below to reflect this election

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU2016-02, Leases (Topic 842). This update amends various aspects of existing guidance for leases and requires additional disclosures about leasing arrangements. It will require companies to recognize lease assets and lease liabilities by lessees for those leases classified as operating leases under previous GAAP. Topic 842 retains a distinction between finance leases and operating leases. The classification criteria for distinguishing between finance leases and operating leases are substantially similar to the classification criteria for distinguishing between capital leases and operating leases in the previous lease guidance. In November 2019, the FASB issued ASU 2019-10 which extended the effective date of ASU 2016-02. The new guidance will be effective for the Company beginning January 1, 2021 and early adoption is permitted. The Company is currently in the process of evaluating the impact of the adoption of the new guidance on its financial statements.

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU2016-13, Financial Instruments — Credit Losses (Topic 326). This update requires expected credit losses for financial instruments held at the reporting date to be measured based on historical experience, current conditions and reasonable and supportable forecasts. The update eliminates the probable initial recognition threshold in current GAAP and instead reflects an entity's current estimate of all expected credit losses. Previously, when credit losses were measured under GAAP, an entity generally only considered past events and current conditions in measuring the incurred loss. In November 2019, the FASB issued ASU 2019-10 which extended the effective date of ASU 2016-13. The new guidance will be effective for the Company beginning January 1, 2023 and early adoption is permitted. The Company is currently in the process of evaluating the impact of the adoption of the new guidance on its financial statements.

In August 2018, the FASB issued ASU2018-15, Intangibles-Goodwill and Other-Internal-Use Software (Subtopic 35-40). This update provides guidance on accounting for a cloud computing arrangement that includes a license to internal-use software. This generally means that an intangible asset is recognized for the software license and, to the extent that the payments attributable to the software license are made over time, a liability also is recognized. If a cloud computing arrangement does not include a software license, the entity should account for the arrangement as a service contract which would generally mean to expense the service as incurred. The new guidance will be effective for the Company beginning January 1, 2021 and early adoption is permitted. The Company is currently in the process of evaluating the impact of the adoption of the new guidance on its financial statements.

In December 2019, the FASB issued ASU2019-12, *Income Taxes (Topic 740)*. This update provides amendments to simplify and reduce complexity when accounting for income taxes as well as eliminating certain exceptions. The new guidance will be effective for the Company beginning January 1, 2022 with early adoption permitted. The Company is currently in the process of evaluating the impact of the adoption of the new guidance on its financial statements.

In March 2020, the FASB issued ASUNo. 2020-04, Reference Rate Reform (Topic 848): Facilitation of the Effects of Reference Rate Reform on Financial Reporting. Subject to meeting certain criteria, the new guidance provides optional expedients and exceptions to applying contract modification accounting under existing GAAP, to address the expected phase out of the London Inter-bank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") by the

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end of 2021. This guidance is effective upon issuance and allows application to contract changes as early as January 1, 2020. The Company is in the process of reviewing its funding facilities and financing facilities that utilize LIBOR as the reference rate and is currently evaluating the potential impact that the adoption of this ASU will have on the consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

#### 2. Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is defined as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Inputs used to measure fair value are prioritized within a three-level fair value hierarchy. This hierarchy requires entities to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The three levels of inputs used to measure fair value are as follows:

- Level One Level One inputs are unadjusted, quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities which the Company has the
  ability to access at the measurement date.
- Level Two Level Two inputs are observable for that asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, and include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets and liabilities in markets that are not active, observable inputs for the asset or liability other than quoted prices and inputs derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means. If the asset or liability has a specified contractual term, the inputs must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.
- Level Three Level Three inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability that reflect the Company's assessment of the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, including assumptions about risk, and are developed based on the best information available

The Company's assets and liabilities are carried at cost, and because of theirshort-term nature, are believed to approximate current fair value, with the exception of mortgage loans held for sale, mortgage servicing rights, derivatives, real estate owned, GNMA loans subject to repurchase right and contingent liabilities due to acquisitions.

The Company updates the valuation of each instrument recorded at fair value on a monthly or quarterly basis, evaluating all available observable information which may include current market prices or bids, recent trade activity, changes in the levels of market activity and benchmarking of industry data. The assessment also includes consideration of identifying the valuation approach that would be used currently by market participants. If it is determined that a change in valuation technique or its application is appropriate, or if there are other changes in availability of observable data or market activity, the current methodology will be analyzed to determine if a transfer between levels of the valuation hierarchy is appropriate. Such reclassifications are reported as transfers into or out of a level as of the beginning of the quarter that the change occurs.

Fair value is based on quoted market prices, when available. If quoted prices are not available, fair value is estimated based upon other observable inputs. Unobservable inputs are used when observable inputs are not available and are based upon judgments and assumptions, which are the Company's assessment of the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. These inputs may include assumptions about risk, counterparty credit quality, the Company's creditworthiness and liquidity and are developed based on the best information available. When a determination is made to

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classify an asset or liability within Level Three of the valuation hierarchy, the determination is based upon the significance of the unobservable factors to the overall fair value measurement of the asset or liability. The fair value of assets and liabilities classified within Level Three of the valuation hierarchy also typically includes observable factors and the realized or unrealized gain or loss recorded from the valuation of these instruments would also include amounts determined by observable factors.

#### **Recurring Fair Value Measurements**

The Company's fair value measurements are evaluated within the fair value hierarchy, based on the nature of the inputs used to determine the fair value at the measurement date. At December 31, 2019 and 2018, the Company had the following assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

*Trading Securities* — Trading securities are classified within Level One of the valuation hierarchy. Valuation is based upon quoted prices for identical instruments traded in active markets. Level One trading securities include securities traded on active exchange markets, such as the New York Stock Exchange. Trading securities are included within prepaid expenses and other assets on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

**Derivative Instruments** — Derivative instruments are classified within Level Two and Level Three of the valuation hierarchy, and include the following:

Interest Rate Lock Commitments: IRLCs are classified within Level Three of the valuation hierarchy. IRLCs represent an agreement to extend credit to a mortgage loan applicant, or an agreement to purchase a loan from a third-party originator, whereby the interest rate on the loan is set prior to funding. The fair value of IRLCs is based upon the estimated fair value of the underlying mortgage loan, including the expected net future cash flows related to servicing the mortgage loan, net of estimated commission expenses, and adjusted for: (i) estimated costs to complete and originate the loan and (ii) an adjustment to reflect the estimated percentage of IRLCs that will result in a closed mortgage loan under the original terms of the agreement (pull-through rate). The pull-through rate is considered a significant unobservable input and is estimated based on changes in pricing and actual borrower behavior using a historical analysis of loan closing and fallout data. The average pull-through rate used to calculate the fair value of IRLCs as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, was 89.4% and 88.8%, respectively. On a quarterly basis, actual loan pull-through rates are compared to the modeled estimates to confirm the assumptions are reflective of current trends. Generally, a change in interest rates is accompanied by a directionally opposite change in the assumption used for the pull-through percentage, and the impact to fair value of a change in pull-through would be partially offset by the related change in price.

Forward Delivery Commitments: Forward delivery commitments are classified within Level Two of the valuation hierarchy. Forward delivery commitments fix the forward sales price that will be realized upon the sale of mortgage loans into the secondary market. The fair value of forward delivery commitments is primarily based upon the current agency mortgage-backed security market to-be-announced pricing specific to the loan program, delivery coupon and delivery date of the trade. Best efforts sales commitments are also entered into for certain loans at the time the borrower commitment is made. These best efforts sales commitments are valued using the committed price to the counterparty against the current market price of the IRLC or mortgage loan held for sale.

Option contracts are a type of forward commitment that represents the rights to buy or sell mortgage-backed securities at specified prices in the future. Their value is based upon the underlying current to-

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be-announced pricing of the agency mortgage-backed security market, and market-based volatility. See *Note* 6 for additional information on the derivative instruments.

Mortgage Loans Held for Sale — MLHS are carried at fair value. The fair value of MLHS is based on secondary market pricing for loans with similar characteristics, and as such, is classified as a Level Two measurement. For Level Two MLHS, fair value is estimated through a market approach by using either: (i) the fair value of securities backed by similar mortgage loans, adjusted for certain factors to approximate the fair value of a whole mortgage loan, including the value attributable to servicing rights and credit risk, (ii) current commitments to purchase loans or (iii) recent observable market trades for similar loans, adjusted for credit risk and other individual loan characteristics. The agency mortgage-backed security market is a highly liquid and active secondary market for conforming conventional loans whereby quoted prices exist for securities at the pass-through level and are published on a regular basis. The Company has the ability to access this market and it is the market into which conforming mortgage loans are typically sold.

Mortgage Servicing Rights — MSRs are classified within Level Three of the valuation hierarchy due to the use of significant unobservable inputs and the lack of an active market for such assets. The fair value of MSRs is estimated based upon projections of expected future cash flows considering prepayment estimates, the Company's historical prepayment rates, portfolio characteristics, interest rates based on interest rate yield curves, implied volatility and other economic factors. The Company obtains valuations from an independent third party on a quarterly basis, and records an adjustment based on this third-party valuation.

Contingent Liabilities due to acquisitions— Contingent liabilities represent future obligations of the Company to make payments to the former owners of its acquired companies. The Company determines the fair value of its contingent liabilities using a discounted cash flow approach whereby the Company forecasts the cash outflows related to the future payments, which are based on a percentage of net income specified in the purchase agreements. The Company then discounts these expected payment amounts to calculate the present value, or fair value, as of the valuation date. The Company's management evaluates the underlying projections used in determining fair value each period and makes updates to these underlying projections.

The Company uses a risk-adjusted discount rate to value the contingent liabilities which is considered a significant unobservable input, and as such, the liabilities are classified as a Level Three measurement. Management's underlying projections adjust for market penetration and other economic expectations, and the discount rate is risk-adjusted for key factors such as uncertainty in the mortgage banking industry due to its reliance on external influences (interest rates, regulatory changes, etc.), upfront payments, and credit risk. An increase in the discount rate will result in a decrease in the fair value of the contingent liabilities. Conversely, a decrease in the discount rate will result in an increase in the fair value of the contingent liabilities. For each of the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, the range of the risk adjusted discount rate was 8.0% - 20.0%, with a median of 15.0%. Adjustments to the fair value of the contingent liabilities (other than payments) are recorded as a gain or loss and are included within general and administrative expenses on the Consolidated Statements of Income.

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The following table summarizes the Company's assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2019:

Description	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Assets:				
Trading securities	\$ 93	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 93
Derivative				
Interest rate lock commitments	_	_	19,922	19,922
Mortgage loans held for sale	_	1,504,842	_	1,504,842
Mortgage servicing rights			418,402	418,402
Total assets at fair value	\$ 93	\$1,504,842	\$438,324	\$1,943,259
Liabilities:	· <u> </u>			<u> </u>
Derivative				
Forward delivery commitments	_	4,863	_	4,863
Contingent liabilities due to acquisitions			8,073	8,073
Total liabilities at fair value	<u>\$</u>	\$ 4,863	\$ 8,073	\$ 12,936

The following table summarizes the Company's assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2018:

Description	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Assets:				
Trading securities	\$ 107	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 107
Derivative				
Interest rate lock commitments	_	_	12,541	12,541
Mortgage loans held for sale	_	966,171	_	966,171
Mortgage servicing rights			511,852	511,852
Total assets at fair value	\$ 107	\$966,171	<u>\$524,393</u>	\$ 1,490,671
Liabilities:	<u></u> -			
Derivative				
Forward delivery commitments	_	10,157	_	10,157
Contingent liabilities due to acquisitions			5,106	5,106
Total liabilities at fair value	<u>\$</u>	\$ 10,157	\$ 5,106	\$ 15,263

### Non-Recurring Fair Value Measurements

Certain assets and liabilities that are not typically measured at fair value on a recurring basis may be subject to fair value measurement requirements under certain circumstances. These adjustments to fair value usually result from write-downs of individual assets. At December 31, 2019 and 2018, the Company had the following financial assets measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis:

Real Estate Owned — Other assets that are evaluated for impairment using fair value measurements on a nonrecurring basis consist of mortgage loans in foreclosure and REO. The evaluation of impairment reflects an estimate of losses that have been incurred as of the balance sheet date, which will likely not be recoverable from guarantors, insurers or investors. The impairment of mortgage loans in foreclosure, which represents the unpaid principal balance of mortgage loans for which foreclosure

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proceedings have been initiated, plus recoverable advances on those loans, is based on the fair value of the underlying collateral, determined on a loan level basis, less costs to sell. REO properties, which are acquired from mortgagors in default, are recorded at the lower of adjusted carrying amount at the time the property is acquired or fair value of the property, less estimated selling costs. Fair values of the collateral underlying mortgage loans in foreclosure and REOs are estimated using appraisals and broker price opinions, which are updated on a periodic basis to reflect current housing market conditions. The allowance for probable losses associated with mortgage loans in foreclosure and the adjustment to record REO at their estimated net realizable value are based upon fair value measurements from Level Three of the valuation hierarchy.

Ginnie Mae Loans subject to Repurchase Right — GNMA securitization programs allow servicers to buy back individual delinquent mortgage loans from the securitized loan pool once certain conditions are met. If a borrower makes no payment for three consecutive months, the servicer has the option to repurchase the delinquent loan for an amount equal to 100% of the loan's remaining principal balance. Under ASC 860, this buy-back option is considered a conditional option until the delinquency criteria are met, at which time the option becomes unconditional. The Company records these assets and liabilities at their fair value, which is determined to be the remaining unpaid principal balance. The Company's future expected realizable cash flows are the cash payments of the remaining unpaid principal balance whether paid by the borrower or reimbursed through a claim filed with HUD. The Company considers the fair value of these assets and liabilities to fall into the Level Two bucket in the valuation hierarchy due to the assets and liabilities having specified contractual terms and the inputs are observable for substantially the full term of the assets and liabilities life.

The following table summarizes the Company's financial assets measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis at December 31, 2019:

Description	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Assets:	·			
Real estate owned	_	_	852	852
Ginnie Mae loans subject to repurchase right		404,344		404,344
Total assets at fair value	<u> </u>	\$ 404,344	\$ 852	\$ 405,196
Liabilities:				
Ginnie Mae loans subject to repurchase right		412,490		412,490
Total liabilities at fair value	<u>\$</u>	\$ 412,490	<u>\$</u>	\$ 412,490

The following table summarizes the Company's financial assets measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis at December 31, 2018:

Description	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Assets:		<u> </u>		
Real estate owned	_	_	3,314	3,314
Ginnie Mae loans subject to repurchase right	_ <u></u> _	321,049		321,049
Total assets at fair value	<u>\$</u>	\$ 321,049	\$ 3,314	\$ 324,363
Liabilities:				
Ginnie Mae loans subject to repurchase right		333,018		333,018
Total liabilities at fair value	\$ —	\$333,018	\$ —	\$ 333,018

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The table below presents a reconciliation of Level 3 assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring andnon-recurring basis for the years ended:

	IRLCs	Contingo Liabiliti		Real Estate Owned
Balance at December 31, 2017	\$12,719	\$ 10,9	22 \$	639
Net transfers and revaluation gains	(178)		_	_
Payments	_	(6,1	33)	_
Additions	_	2,9	59	5,421
Proceeds	_		_	(2,781)
Valuation adjustments		(2,6	42)	35
Balance at December 31, 2018	\$12,541	\$ 5,1	06	3,314
Net transfers and revaluation gains	7,381		_	_
Payments	_	(6,6	88)	_
Additions	_	1,7	35	2,601
Proceeds	_		_	(5,140)
Valuation adjustments		7,9	20	77
Balance at December 31, 2019	\$19,922	\$ 8,0	73	852

Changes in the availability of observable inputs may result in reclassifications of certain assets or liabilities. Such reclassifications are reported as transfers in or out of Level Three as of the beginning of the period that the change occurs. There were no transfers between fair value levels during the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018.

### Fair Value Option

The following is the estimated fair value and unpaid principal balance of MLHS that have contractual principal amounts and for which the Company has elected the fair value option. The fair value option was elected for MLHS as the Company believes fair value best reflects their expected future economic performance:

		Principai			
		Amount Due			
	Fair Value	Upo	on Maturity	Diff	erence (1)
Balance at December 31, 2019	\$1,504,842	\$	1,485,460	\$	19,382
Balance at December 31, 2018	\$ 966,171	\$	950,695	\$	15,476

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## 3. Acquisitions

The Company completed one acquisition in 2019: Vitek Real Estate Industries Group, Inc. ("Vitek") through an Asset Purchase Agreement. On December 6, 2018, the Company announced a definitive agreement pursuant to which it would acquire certain assets of Vitek. Vitek was a mortgage loan originator with an experienced team of loan officers and an established presence in Northern California. This strategic acquisition expanded Guild's presence in this region and added experienced loan officers to Guild's sales force. The transaction closed on April 30, 2019.

<sup>(1)</sup> Represents the amount of gains included in loan origination fees and gain on sale of loans, net due to changes in fair value of items accounted for using the fair value option.

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The acquisition has been accounted for under the acquisition method of accounting pursuant to ASC 805, Business Combinations. Assets acquired and liabilities assumed are recorded at their fair value as of the date of acquisition based on management's estimates using currently available information. The results of Vitek's operations are included in Guild's Consolidated Statements of Income from the date of acquisition. For U.S. income tax purposes the acquisition of Vitek is treated as an asset purchase.

Total cash consideration for the acquisition was approximately \$10.5 million. The purchase price allocation provided in the table below reflects the final determination of the fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed in the acquisition of Vitek, with the excess of total consideration over total identifiable net assets recorded as goodwill. Goodwill in the amount of \$0.4 million is expected to be deductible for income tax purposes. Transaction costs associated with the Vitek acquisition were approximately \$0.2 million and were expensed as incurred within general and administrative expenses in the Consolidated Statements of Income.

	Total
Goodwill	\$ 2,135
Mortgage servicing rights	7,568
Fixed assets	862
Other assets	27
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(40)
Net assets acquired	<u>\$ 10,552</u>
	Total
Cash payments	\$ 8,817
Contingent consideration	1,735
Total purchase price	<u>\$ 10,552</u>

The following table presents the results of operations of Vitek that are included in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Income from the acquisition date of April 30, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

Revenues	\$ 11,105
Expenses	8,039
Net income	<u>\$_3,066</u>

The Company completed one acquisition in 2018: Cornerstone Mortgage, Inc. ("CMI") through an Asset Purchase Agreement. On December 22, 2017, the Company announced a definitive agreement pursuant to which it would acquire certain assets of CMI. CMI was a mortgage loan originator with an experienced team of loan officers and an established presence in Missouri, Kansas and Illinois. This strategic acquisition expanded Guild's presence in these regions and added experienced loan officers to Guild's sales force. The transaction closed on February 28, 2018.

The acquisition has been accounted for under the acquisition method of accounting pursuant to ASC 805, Business Combinations. Assets acquired and liabilities assumed are recorded at their fair value as of the date of acquisition based on management's estimates using currently available information. The results of CMI's operations are included in Guild's Consolidated Statements of Income from the date of acquisition. For U.S. income tax purposes, the acquisition of CMI is treated as an asset purchase.

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Total cash consideration for the acquisition was approximately \$23.1 million. The purchase price allocation provided in the table below reflects the final determination of the fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed in the acquisition of CMI, with the excess of total consideration over total identifiable net assets recorded as goodwill. Goodwill in the amount of \$10.0 million is expected to be deductible for income tax purposes. Transaction costs associated with the CMI acquisition were approximately \$0.4 million and were expensed as incurred within general and administrative expenses in the Consolidated Statements of Income. The Company offered certain employees retention bonuses in connection with the acquisition. The retention bonuses are payable on a yearly basis over a four-year period. For the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, the Company recorded \$1.4 million and \$0.9 million, respectively, within salaries, commissions and benefits expense in the Consolidated Statements of Income.

	Total
Goodwill	\$ 12,626
Mortgage servicing rights	9,964
Fixed assets	400
Other assets	334
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(185)
Net assets acquired	<u>\$ 23,139</u>
	_Total
Cash payments	\$ 20,180
Contingent consideration	2,959
Total purchase price	2,959 \$ 23,139

The following table presents the results of operations of CMI that are included in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Income from the acquisition date of February 28, 2018 through December 31, 2018 and for the year ended December 31, 2019.

	2019	2018
Revenues	\$ 53,789	\$ 23,647
Expenses	43,398	24,598
Net income (loss)	\$ 10,391	\$ (951)

There have been no adjustments to the purchase price allocation during the measurement period. SeeNote 1, Business, Basis of Presentation and Accounting Policies, for further information regarding the methods used to account for the fair value of certain assets acquired and liabilities assumed in connection with an acquisition.

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## 4. Accounts and Interest Receivable

Accounts and interest receivable consisted of the following at December 31, 2019 and 2018:

	2019	2018
Trust advances	\$ 17,622	\$ 14,700
Foreclosure advances, net	7,348	5,128
Receivables related to loan sales	5,771	6,858
Other	3,870	1,254
Total accounts and interest receivable	\$ <u>34,611</u>	\$ 27,940

Management has established a foreclosure reserve for estimated uncollectable balances of the foreclosure and trust advances. Management believes that substantially all other accounts and interest receivable amounts are collectible and, accordingly, no allowance for doubtful accounts is necessary.

The activity of the foreclosure loss reserve was as follows for the years ended December 31,2019 and 2018:

	2019	2018
Balance — beginning of year	\$ 7,884	\$ 6,205
Utilization of foreclosure reserve	(3,910)	(2,755)
Provision charged to operations	_ 3,895	4,434
Balance — end of year	\$_7,869	\$ 7,884

### 5. Other Assets

Other assets consisted of the following at December 31, 2019 and 2018:

	2019	2018
Prepaid expenses	\$11,274	\$ 13,187
Company owned life insurance	21,908	17,315
Property and equipment, net	9,835	12,878
Income tax receivable	1,015	13,339
Due from affiliates	2,600	3,089
Real estate owned	8,998	15,359
Trading securities	93	77
Total other assets	\$ 55,723	\$ 75,244

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Property and equipment consisted of the following at December 31, 2019 and 2018:

	2019	2018
Computer equipment	\$ 22,546	\$ 23,440
Furniture and equipment	16,404	14,598
Leasehold improvements	5,395	5,247
Internal-use software	3,476	
Internal-use software in production	1,155	1,772
Property and equipment, gross	48,976	45,057
Accumulated depreciation	(39,141)	(32,179)
Property and equipment, net	\$ 9,835	\$ 12,878

Depreciation and amortization expense for fixed assets was \$7.3 million and \$7.2 million for the years ending December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

### 6. Derivative Financial Instruments

The Company uses forward commitments in hedging the interest rate risk exposure on its fixed and adjustable rate commitments. The Company's derivative instruments are not designated as hedging instruments, and therefore, changes in fair value are recorded in current period earnings. Hedging gains and losses are included in loan origination fees and gain on sale, net in the Consolidated Statements of Income.

Net hedging gains (losses) were as follows December 31, 2019 and 2018:

	2019	2018
Hedging gains (losses)	\$12,675	\$ (8,233)

#### Notional and Fair Value

The notional and fair value of derivative financial instruments not designated as hedging instruments were as follows at December 31, 2019 and 1018:

	Notional Value	Derivative Asset	Derivative Liability
Balance at December 31, 2019			
IRLCs	\$1,524,540	\$ 19,922	\$ —
Forward commitments	\$1,961,733	\$ —	\$ 4,863
Balance at December 31, 2018			
IRLCs	\$ 799,203	\$ 12,541	\$ —
Forward commitments	\$ 803,987	\$ —	\$ 10,157

The Company had an additional \$427.7 million and \$316.5 million of outstanding forward contracts and mandatory sell commitments, comprised of closed loans with equal and offsetting UPB amounts allocated to them, at December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively. The Company also had \$376.5 million and \$277.5 million in closed hedge instruments not yet settled at December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively. See *Note 2* for fair value disclosure of the derivative instruments.

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The following table presents the quantitative information about IRLCs and the fair value measurements as of December 31, 2019 and 1018:

	2019	2018
Unobservable Input	Range (Weighted Average)	
Loan funding probability ("pull-through")	0% -100% (89.4%)	0% - 100% (88.8%)

Counterparty agreements for forward commitments contain master netting agreements. The master netting agreements contain a legal right to offset amounts due to and from the same counterparty. Derivative assets in the Consolidated Balance Sheets represent derivative contracts in a gain position net of loss positions with the same counterparty and, therefore, also represent the Company's maximum counterparty credit risk. The Company incurred no credit losses due to nonperformance of any of its counterparties during the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018.

## 7. Mortgage Servicing Rights

The activity of mortgage servicing rights was as follows for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018:

	2019	2018
Balance — beginning of year	\$ 511,852	\$ 388,075
MSRs originated and acquired through acquisitions	161,769	140,827
Changes in fair value:		
Due to collection/realization of cash flows	(83,821)	(43,228)
Due to changes in valuation model inputs or assumptions	(171,398)	26,178
Balance — end of year	\$ 418,402	\$ 511,852

The following table presents the quantitative information for the MSR fair value measurement as of December 31, 2019 and 1018:

	2019	2018
Unobservable Input	Range (Weig	ghted Average)
Discount rate	9.2% - 15.5% (10.2%)	9.2% - 15.4% (10.0%)
Prepayment rate	8.9% - 30.0% (17.3%)	8.2% - 32.0% (11.0%)

At December 31, 2019 and 2018, the MSRs had a weighted average life of approximately 4.9 and 7.0 years, respectively. SeeNote 2 for additional information regarding the valuation of MSRs.

Actual revenue generated from servicing activities includes contractually specified servicing fees, as well as late fees and other ancillary servicing revenue, which were recorded within loan servicing and other fees as follows for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018:

	2019	2018
Servicing fees from servicing portfolio	\$ 138,201	\$ 119,647
Late fees	5,967	4,835
Other ancillary servicing revenue	(1,463)	(801)
Total loan servicing and other fees	<u>\$ 142,705</u>	\$ 123,681

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At December 31, 2019 and 2018, the unpaid principal balance of mortgage loans serviced totaled \$50.6 billion and \$46.3 billion, respectively. Conforming conventional loans serviced by the Company are sold to FNMA or FHLMC programs on a nonrecourse basis, whereby foreclosure losses are generally the responsibility of FNMA and FHLMC and not the Company. Similarly, certain loans serviced by the Company are secured through GNMA programs, whereby the Company is insured against loss by FHA or partially guaranteed against loss by VA.

The key assumptions used to estimate the fair value of MSRs are prepayment speeds and the discount rate. Increases in prepayment speeds generally have an adverse effect on the value of MSRs as the underlying loans prepay faster. In a declining interest rate environment, the fair value of MSRs generally decreases as prepayments increase and therefore, the estimated life of the MSRs and related cash flows decrease. Decreases in prepayment speeds generally have a positive effect on the value of MSRs as the underlying loans prepay less frequently. In a rising interest rate environment, the fair value of MSRs generally increases as prepayments decrease and therefore, the estimated life of the MSRs and related cash flows increase. Increases in the discount rate result in a lower MSR value and decreases in the discount rate result in a higher MSR value. MSR uncertainties are hypothetical and do not always have a direct correlation with each assumption. Changes in one assumption may result in changes to another assumption, which might magnify or counteract the uncertainties.

The following table illustrates the impact of adverse changes on the discount rate and prepayment speeds at two different data points at December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively:

	Discoun	Discount Rates		nt Speeds
	10% Adverse Change	20% Adverse Change	10% Adverse Change	20% Adverse Change
December 31, 2019				
Mortgage servicing rights	(23,682)	(35,701)	(31,329)	(49,031)
December 31, 2018				
Mortgage servicing rights	(28,019)	(45,580)	(26,322)	(43,156)

### 8. Mortgage Loans Held for Sale

The Company sells substantially all of its originated mortgage loans into the secondary market. The Company may retain the right to service some of these loans upon sale through ownership of servicing rights. A reconciliation of the changes in mortgage loans held for sale to the amounts presented in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 is set forth below:

	2019	2018
Balance at the beginning of period	\$ 966,171	\$ 959,092
Origination of mortgage loans held for sale	21,749,675	16,466,876
Proceeds on sale of payments from mortgage loans held for sale	(21,854,967)	(16,947,871)
Gain on sale of mortgage loans excluding fair value of other financial instruments, net	638,902	493,578
Valuation adjustment of mortgage loans held for sale	5,061	(5,504)
Balance at the end of period	\$ 1,504,842	\$ 966,171

At December 31, 2019, mortgage loans held for sale included unpaid principal balances of the underlying loans of \$1.5 billion, and had a fair value of \$1.5 billion. At December 31, 2018, mortgage loans

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held for sale included unpaid principal balances of the underlying loans of \$1.0 billion, and had a fair value of \$1.0 billion.

#### 9. Goodwill

A summary of the activity in goodwill is presented below for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018:

Balance at December 31, 2017	\$ 48,073
2018 Acquisitions (Note 3)	12,626
Balance at December 31, 2018	60,699
2019 Acquisitions (Note 3)	2,135
Balance at December 31, 2019	<u>\$ 62,834</u>

During 2019, the Company completed its annual goodwill impairment test as of December 31, 2019 using qualitative assessments of all applicable reporting units. Based on the results of the annual goodwill impairment test, the Company determined there was no impairment. For more information on the use of qualitative assessments, see *Note 1 — Business, Basis of Presentation and Accounting Policies*.

### 10. Investor Reserves

The Company's estimate of the investor reserves consider the current macro-economic environment and recent repurchase trends; however, if the Company experiences a prolonged period of higher repurchase and indemnification activity, then the realized losses from loan repurchases and indemnifications may ultimately be in excess of the liability. The maximum exposure under the Company's representations and warranties would be the outstanding principal balance and any premium received on all loans ever sold by the Company, less any loans that have already been paid in full by the mortgagee, that have defaulted without a breach of representations and warranties, that have been indemnified via settlement or make-whole, or that have been repurchased. Additionally, the Company may receive relief of certain representations and warranty obligations on loans sold to FNMA or FHLMC on or after January 1, 2013 if FNMA or FHLMC satisfactorily concludes a quality control loan file review or if the borrower meets certain acceptable payment history requirements within 12 or 36 months after the loan is sold to FNMA or FHLMC.

The activity of the investor reserves was as follows for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018:

	2019	2018
Balance — beginning of year	\$ 14,312	\$ 14,735
Utilization of reserve for loan losses	(7,994)	(6,909)
Provision charged to operations	10,203	6,486
Balance — end of year	\$ 16,521	\$ 14,312

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### 11. Warehouse Lines of Credit

Warehouse lines of credit consisted of the following at December 31, 2019 and 2018. Changes subsequent to December 31, 2019 have been described in the notes referenced with the below table.

	Maturity as of December 31, 2019	2019	2018
\$600 million master repurchase facility agreement(1)	October 2020	\$ 456,225	\$ 255,495
\$150 million master repurchase facility agreement(2)	September 2020	80,965	81,373
\$700 million master repurchase facility agreement(3)	February 2021	282,579	139,137
\$200 million master repurchase facility agreement(4)	April 2020	136,699	165,774
\$300 million master repurchase facility agreement(5)	September 2020	148,149	114,190
\$400 million master repurchase facility agreement(6)	July 2020	190,221	85,709
\$75 million master repurchase facility agreement(7)	March 2024	9,569	_
		 1,304,407	841,678
Prepaid commitment fees		(1,220)	(1,944)
Net warehouse lines of credit		\$ 1,303,187	\$ 839,734

- (1) The variable interest rate is calculated using a base rate tied to LIBOR, the Eurodollar, or an alternative base rate, plus the applicable interest rate margin. Subsequent to December 31, 2019, the borrowing capacity on this facility has been increased to \$800.0 million.
- (2) The variable interest rate is calculated using a base rate tied to LIBOR, plus the applicable interest rate margin. This line of credit requires a minimum deposit of \$0.75 million.
- (3) The variable interest rate is calculated using a base rate tied to LIBOR, plus the applicable interest rate margin. This line of credit was amended subsequent to December 31, 2019, increasing the required minimum deposit from \$2.5 million to \$3.5 million.
- (4) The variable interest rate is calculated using a base rate plus LIBOR, with a floor of 1.525%. This line of credit requires a minimum deposit of \$1.1 million. Subsequent to December 31, 2019, this line of credit was amended with a maturity date of June 2021 and increased capacity up to \$290.0 million.
- (5) The variable interest rate is calculated using a base rate tied to LIBOR, plus the applicable interest rate margin. This line of credit was amended subsequent to December 31, 2019, with borrowing capacity of up to \$299.0 million.
- (6) The variable interest rate is calculated using a base rate tied to LIBOR, plus the applicable interest rate margin. This borrowing capacity of this facility was increased in 2019 to \$400 million. Subsequent to December 31, 2019, this line of credit was amended, extending the maturity date to July 2021.
- (7) The interest rate on this facility is 3.375%. This facility was opened in 2019 and is used for GNMA delinquent buyouts. Each buyout represents a separate transaction that can remain on the facility for up to 4 years.

Subsequent to December 31, 2019, the Company entered into a master purchase agreement with a new lender. The facility size is \$200.0 million with an interest rate that is tied to LIBOR and a floor of 1.75%. The maturity date of the facility is April 2021.

The weighted average interest rate for warehouse lines of credit was 4.04% and 4.20% at December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively. All warehouse lines of credit are collateralized by underlying mortgages and

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related documents. Existing balances on warehouse lines are repaid through the sale proceeds from the collateralized loans held for sale. The Company intends to renew existing warehouse lines prior to expiration. If those lines are not renewed or replaced, that could have a negative impact on the Company's ability to continue funding new loans. The Company had cash balances of \$68.2 million and \$31.9 million in its warehouse buy down accounts as offsets to certain lines of credit at December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

The agreements governing the Company's warehouse lines of credit contain covenants that include certain financial requirements, including maintenance of maximum adjusted leverage ratio, minimum net worth, minimum tangible net worth, minimum current ratio, minimum liquidity, positive quarterly income and limitations on additional indebtedness, dividends, sale of assets, and decline in the mortgage loan servicing portfolio's fair value. At December 31, 2019 and 2018, management believes the Company was in compliance with all debt covenants.

The Company has an optional short-term financing agreement between FNMA and the lender described as "As Soon As Pooled" (ASAP). The Company can elect to assign FNMA MBS trades to FNMA in advance of settlement and enter into a financing transaction and revenue related to the assignment is deferred until the final pool settlement date. The Company determines utilization based on warehouse availability and cash needs. There was no outstanding balance as of December 31, 2019 and 2018.

#### 12. Notes Payable

#### Revolving Notes:

In January 2014, the Company entered into an agreement for a revolving note from one of its warehouse banks, which it can draw upon as needed and has renewed on an annual basis. Borrowings on the revolving note are collateralized by the Company's GNMA MSRs. Monthly interest on the outstanding balance is calculated using a base rate tied to the LIBOR rate plus the applicable margin, with a floor of 4.50%. The revolving note also has an unused facility fee on the average unused balance, which is also paid quarterly. The unused facility fee is waived if the average outstanding balance exceeds 70% of the available facility. In June 2020, the Company amended and restated the agreement and the revolving note was increased to a maximum committed amount of \$135.0 million. The agreement also allows for the Company to increase the committed amount up to \$200.0 million. The revolving note is currently scheduled to expire in June 2022. The Company has the option to convert the outstanding balance of the revolving note into a term note at its discretion. At December 31, 2019 and 2018, the Company had \$90.0 million, respectively, in outstanding borrowings on this credit facility.

In July 2017, the Company entered into an agreement for a revolving note of up to \$25.0 million from one of its warehouse banks, which it can draw upon as needed and has renewed on an annual basis. In July 2018, the Company amended the agreement to increase the revolving note up to \$50.0 million. In July 2020, the Company amended the agreement by extending the expiration date to July 2021 and increasing the revolving note up to \$65.0 million. Borrowings on the revolving note are collateralized by the Company's FHLMC MSRs. Monthly interest on the outstanding balance is calculated using a base rate tied to the LIBOR rate plus the applicable margin. The revolving note also has an unused facility fee on the average unused balance, which is also paid monthly. The unused facility fee is waived if the average outstanding balance exceeds 50% of the available combined warehouse and MSR facility. The lender has the option to convert the outstanding balance of the revolving note into a term note at its discretion. At December 31, 2019 and 2018, the Company had \$50.0 million and \$25.0 million, respectively, in outstanding borrowings on this credit facility.

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#### Term Note:

In January 2014, the Company entered into a term note agreement with one of its warehouse banks collateralized by the Company's FNMA MSRs. In September 2019, the term note was amended and restated, at which time there was an outstanding amount of \$78.0 million. The outstanding amount of \$78.0 million was rolled into a new term note with a commitment of \$100.0 million. The note allows for the committed amount to be increased to a maximum of \$150.0 million. The Company can draw on the committed amount through September 2020 and the note matures on September 30, 2022. Interest on the principal is paid monthly and is based upon a margin plus the highest of the (i) Prime Rate, (ii) Federal Funds Rate plus 0.5%, or (iii) the Eurodollar Base Rate plus 1.0%. Principal payments of 5% of the outstanding balance as of September 30, 2020 are due quarterly beginning October 1, 2020, with the remaining principal balance due upon maturity. The term note also has an unused facility fee equal to 0.375% of the average daily unadvanced amount, which is the difference between the committed amount and the amount outstanding. This fee is paid quarterly. At December 31, 2019 and 2018, the Company had an outstanding balance of \$78.0 million and \$85.0 million, respectively, on this facility.

The minimum calendar year payments and maturities of the Company's term note are as follows:

2020	\$ 3,900
2021 2022	15,600
2022	_ 58,500
Total	\$ 78,000

### 13. Income Taxes

The components of income tax expense were as follows for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018:

	2019	2018
Current expense (benefit):		
Federal	\$21,252	\$ (247)
State	4,977	(210)
	\$ 26,229	\$ (457)
Deferred (benefit) expense:		
Federal	\$ (19,952)	\$ 21,022
State	(6,024)	3,695
	(25,976)	24,717
Income tax expense	\$ 253	\$ 24,260

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The following table presents a reconciliation of the recorded income tax expense of continuing operations to the amount of taxes computed by applying the applicable statutory federal income tax rate of 21.0 percent to income from continuing operations before income taxes, as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively:

	201	2019		18
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Amount of statutory rate	\$ 1,171	21.0%	\$20,494	21.0%
State income taxes, net of federal tax benefit	262	4.7%	3,904	4.0%
Federal and state tax credits, net of federal tax benefit	(387)	(6.9)%	(236)	(0.2)%
Change in blended state tax rate, net of federal benefit	(1,122)	(20.1)%	(1,109)	(1.1)%
Other, net	329	5.9%	1,207	1.2%
	\$ 253	4.5%	\$24,260	24.9%

The tax effects of significant temporary differences which gave rise to the Company's deferred tax assets and liabilities are as follows at December 31, 2019 and 2018:

	2019	2018
Deferred tax assets:		
Mortgage loans held for sale	\$ 6,969	\$ 6,078
Intangible assets	1,130	386
Accrued compensation and benefits	2,060	2,490
Deferred compensation	1,464	1,613
Other accrued liabilities	916	587
R&D credit carryforward	_	260
Non operating loss carryforward		746
Deferred tax assets	12,539	12,160
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Mortgage servicing rights	\$ 94,094	\$ 122,105
Trading securities	23	19
Derivatives	3,518	525
Property and equipment	1,182	1,765
Deferred tax liabilities	98,817	124,414
Net deferred tax liabilities	\$ 86,278	\$ 112,254

In assessing the realizability of deferred tax assets, management considers whether it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. The ultimate realization of deferred tax assets is dependent upon the generation of future taxable income during the periods in which those temporary differences become deductible. Management considers the scheduled reversal of deferred tax liabilities including the impact of available carryback and carryforward periods. Based upon the level of historical taxable income and projections for future taxable income over the periods in which the deferred tax assets are deductible, management believes it is more likely than not that the Company will realize the benefits of these deductible differences.

The Company had approximately \$3.1 million and \$2.0 million of federal and various state net operating loss carryforwards, respectively, at December 31, 2018. The federal and state net operating loss carryforwards are anticipated to be fully utilized upon finalization of the December 31, 2019 tax returns.

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The federal net operating loss carryforward has an indefinite carryforward period and the various state net operating loss carryforwards expire beginning in 2038. Additionally, the Company had approximately \$0.2 million of federal and California tax credits, respectively at December 2018, which expire in 2038 for federal and have an indefinite carryforward period for California. The federal and California tax credits are anticipated to be fully utilized upon finalization of the December 31, 2019 tax returns.

The Company records interest related to unrecognized tax benefits in interest expense and records penalties as a component of income taxes. There are no unrecognized tax benefits as of December 31, 2019, and there were no changes in unrecognized tax benefits during the year. The Company is required to analyze all open years, as defined by the statutes of limitations, for all major jurisdictions, which includes federal and state jurisdictions. The Company is no longer subject to federal examinations prior to 2016 or for state examinations prior to 2015.

### 14. Employee Benefit Plans

#### **Defined Contribution Plan**

The Company has a 401(k) profit sharing plan covering substantially all employees. Employees may contribute amounts subject to certain Internal Revenue Service and plan limitations. The Company may make discretionary matching and nonelective contributions. For the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, the Company contributed \$5.9 million and \$5.8 million to the plan, respectively.

#### **Deferred Compensation Plan**

The Company has a deferred compensation plan for executives which was frozen effective December 31, 2007. Plan assets consist of phantom Class A member units in Guild Management, LLC. The units are allocated to specific participants and the values of the units are determined in accordance with the plan documents which is based on a multiple of Guild Mortgage Company, LLC's equity value. Distribution of a participant's vested balance is payable in a single lump sum upon death or disability; termination of employment; retirement after attaining age 65 (55 for participants who had an account balance in the plan as of May 1, 2001); or upon termination of the plan.

In 2017, the Company commenced a Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan for certain highly compensated executives and employees that allows the participants to defer a portion of their earnings. Distribution of a participant's vested balance is payable in a single lump sum upon death or disability; termination of employment; retirement; or upon termination of the plan.

#### Guild Equity Appreciation Rights Plan

In 2013, the Company established the Guild Equity Appreciation Rights ("GEARs") Plan for certain executives that compensates participants with GEARs that, if vested, will ultimately be settled in cash on the final vesting date. The awards have a five-year vesting period in addition to annual performance vesting conditions. Compensation expense related to the GEARs awards is recognized over the five-year vesting period based on the change in the fair value of the award and the likelihood of achieving the performance vesting criteria.

In 2017, the Company established a new GEARs Plan for certain executives compensated with GEARs that will ultimately be settled in cash at maturity. Maturity is the earlier of (i) a change of control; (ii) the participant's retirement; (iii) the participant's death; (iv) the determination that the participant has suffered a disability; or (v) the involuntary termination of the participant's employment with the Company and its subsidiaries without cause. The awards vest immediately, and compensation related to these GEARs

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awards is recognized over the participant's service period based on the change in the fair value of the award. For the year ended December 31, 2019, the Company recognized \$0.1 million as expense, and for the year ended December 31, 2018, the Company recognized \$0.3 million as income for both GEARs plans, which is included within salaries, commissions and benefits in the Consolidated Statements of Income.

### 15. Commitments and Contingencies

### Commitments to Extend Credit

The Company enters into interest rate lock commitments with customers who have applied for residential mortgage loans and meet certain credit and underwriting criteria. These commitments expose the Company to market risk if interest rates change and the loan is not economically hedged or committed to an investor. The Company is also exposed to credit loss if the loan is originated and not sold to an investor and the customer does not perform. The collateral upon extension of credit typically consists of a first deed of trust in the mortgagor's residential property. Commitments to originate loans do not necessarily reflect future cash requirements as some commitments are expected to expire without being drawn upon. Total commitments to originate loans at December 31, 2019 and 2018 approximated \$1.5 billion and \$0.8 billion, respectively.

The Company manages the interest rate price risk associated with its outstanding interest rate lock commitments and loans held for sale by entering into derivative loan instruments such as forward loan sales commitments, mandatory delivery commitments, options and futures contracts. Total commitments related to these derivatives at December 31, 2019 and 2018 approximated \$2.0 billion and \$0.8 billion, respectively.

#### Leases

The Company leases office space and equipment under noncancelable and cancelable operating agreements expiring at various dates through 2030. Rent expense amounted to \$29.6 million and \$28.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively, and is included within occupancy, equipment and communication expense in the Consolidated Statements of Income.

Future minimum rental payments under the noncancelable operating leases are as follows at December 31, 2019:

2020	\$ 26,620
2021	22,282
2022	17,541
2023	13,360
2024	9,625
Thereafter	34,467
	\$ 123,895

### Legal

The Company is involved in various lawsuits arising in the ordinary course of business. While the ultimate results of these lawsuits cannot be predicted with certainty, management does not expect that these matters will have a material adverse effect on the consolidated financial position or results of operations of the Company.

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### U.S. ex rel. Dougherty v. Guild Mortgage Company, No.16-cv-02909 (S.D. Cal.)

On May 18, 2016, the U.S. Department of Justice ("DOJ"), on behalf of HUD (together, the "government"), filed & Complaint-in-Intervention ("Intervention Complaint") in a pending *qui tam* action against the Company under the False Claims Act ("FCA"), 31 U.S.C. §§ 3729-3733. The Intervention Complaint, filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, alleges FCA violations in connection with the underwriting and origination of certain residential mortgage loans that the Company endorsed for Federal Housing Administration ("FHA") insurance. The Intervention Complaint alleges violations of Sections 3729 (a)(l)(A) and (B) of the FCA, breach of common law fiduciary duty, and breach of contract. The government's claims arise from the Company's origination of residential mortgage loans, which the Company subsequently endorsed for FHA insurance between January 1, 2006, and December 31, 2011. The Company believes the FCA and common law claims are without merit.

On August 10, 2016, the Company filed motions to dismiss the government's Intervention Complaint and the Relator's Third Amended Complaint. In March 2018, the Court stayed the case pending the Ninth Circuit's determination of the appeal in Rose v Stephens Institute (No. 17-15111). On August 24, 2018, the ruling in the Rose case was issued and the Court lifted its self-imposed stay. On March 4, 2019, the government filed an amended complaint which Guild responded to on March 22, 2019 reasserting that the claims were without merit. Guild's motion to dismiss was denied by the court in September 2019. Discovery began in December 2019 and will continue through December 2, 2020.

#### 16. Related Party Transactions

In November 2014, one of the Company's executives retired. Other executives of the Company had the option and executed their right to purchase the retiring executive's units in Guild Management, LLC, an indirect parent company of the Company. The purchase was funded by the Company and, in return, the Company received a note receivable from Guild Management, LLC for approximately \$2.5 million. The note is due in 2024 and is included within Other Assets on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

In April 2017, Guild Mortgage Company, LLC, the Company's parent company, sold units to Guild Management III, LLC for \$2.3 million in consideration of which \$1.2 million was advanced by the Company in exchange for notes receivable from its members. These members fully paid back the notes and accrued interest during 2019. At December 31, 2018, these members owed \$0.2 on these notes which is included within Other Assets on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

On January 1, 2019, one of the Company's executives retired, which triggered a repurchase of the executive's equity in Guild Management, LLC, and a payout of deferred compensation. The Company's parent company, Guild Mortgage Company, LLC, sold 13.7038 shares of the Company to the executive in exchange for the executive's equity in Guild Management, LLC. The executive in turn sold the Company's shares back to the Company in exchange for a promissory note of \$8.0 million, which is to be paid over 16 quarters. During 2019, the Company made payments of \$1.6 million to the executive, and \$6.6 million remained as of December 31, 2019. In connection with the executive's retirement, Company made a one-time payment of \$2.0 million to the executive in connection with her participation in the deferred compensation plans.

#### 17. Minimum Net Worth Requirements

Certain secondary market investors and state regulators require the Company to maintain minimum net worth and capital requirements. To the extent that these requirements are not met, secondary market investors and/or the state regulators may utilize a range of remedies including sanctions, and/or

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suspension or termination of selling and servicing agreements, which may prohibit the Company from originating, securitizing or servicing these specific types of mortgage loans.

The Company is subject to the following minimum net worth, minimum capital ratio and minimum liquidity requirements established by the Federal Housing Finance Agency for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac Seller/Servicers, and Ginnie Mae for single family issuers.

#### Minimum Net Worth

The minimum net worth requirement for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac is defined as follows:

- Base of \$2,500 plus 25 basis points of outstanding UPB for total loans serviced.
- Adjusted/Tangible Net Worth comprises of total equity less goodwill, intangible assets, affiliate receivables and certain pledged assets.

The minimum net worth requirement for Ginnie Mae is defined as follows:

- Base of \$2,500 plus 35 basis points of the issuer's total single-family effective outstanding obligations.
- Adjusted/Tangible Net Worth comprises of total equity less goodwill, intangible assets, affiliate receivables and certain pledged assets.

#### Minimum Capital Ratio

For Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and Ginnie Mae the Company is also required to hold a ratio of Adjusted/Tangible Net Worth to Total Assets

#### Minimum Liquidity

The minimum liquidity requirement for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac is defined as follows:

- 3.5 basis points of total Agency servicing.
- Incremental 200 basis points of total nonperforming Agency, measured as 90 plus day delinquencies, servicing in excess of 6% of the total Agency servicing UPB.
- Allowable assets for liquidity may include: cash and cash equivalents (unrestricted); available for sale or held for trading investment grade securities (e.g., Agency MBS, Obligations of GSEs, US Treasury Obligations); and unused/available portion of committed servicing advance

The minimum liquidity requirement for Ginnie Mae is defined as follows:

Maintain liquid assets equal to the greater of \$1,000 or 10 basis points of our outstanding single-family MBS.

The most restrictive of the minimum net worth and capital requirements require the Company to maintain a minimum adjusted net worth balance of \$73,118 and \$69,954 as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively. As of December 31, 2019 and 2018, the Company was in compliance with this requirement.

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#### 18. Additional Non-Cash Disclosures

For the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, the Company had the following non-cash transactions that are not included in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

	2019	2018
GNMA inventory obtained due to delinquent status of GNMA serviced loans	\$ 290,945	\$ 221,559
GNMA inventory removed from delinquent status	(116,138)	(83,896)
GNMA real estate owned resolved through finalized foreclosure sale (conveyed to HUD)	(11,440)	(12,854)
Reduction in GNMA inventory due to loan removal from pool	(83,895)	(128,494)
Net (decrease) increase of GNMA payable due to receipt or resolution of GNMA inventory and GNMA real estate owned	\$ 79,472	\$ (3,685)
GNMA real estate owned obtained through foreclosure sale of GNMA serviced loans	\$ 7,617	\$ 11,030

#### 19. Segments

ASC 280, Segment Reporting, establishes the standards for reporting information about segments in financial statements. In applying the criteria set forth in that guidance, the Company has determined that it has two reportable segments — Loan Origination and Servicing.

Origination — The Company operates its loan origination business in approximately forty-eight states. Its licensed sales professionals and support staff cultivate deep relationships with referral partners and clients and provide a customized approach to the loan transaction whether it is a purchase or refinance. The origination segment is primarily responsible for loan origination, acquisition and sale activities.

Servicing — The Company services loans out of its corporate office in San Diego, California. Properties of the loans serviced by the Company are disbursed throughout the United States and as of December 31, 2019 the Company serviced at least one loan in forty-eight different states. The servicing segment provides a steady stream of cash flow to support the origination segment and more importantly it allows for the Company to build long standing client relationships that drive repeat and referral business back to the origination segment to recapture the client's next mortgage transaction. The servicing segment is primarily responsible for the servicing activities of all loans in the Company's servicing portfolio which includes, but is not limited to, collection and remittance of loan payments, managing borrower's impound accounts for taxes and insurance, loan payoffs, loss mitigation and foreclosure activities.

The Company does not allocate assets to its reportable segments as they are not included in the review performed by the Chief Operating Decision Maker for purposes of assessing segment performance and allocating resources. The balance sheet is managed on a consolidated basis and is not used in the context of segment reporting. The Company also does not allocate certain corporate expenses, which are represented by All Other in the tables below.

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The following table presents the financial performance and results by segment for the year ended December 31, 2019:

			Total		
	Origination	Servicing	Segments	All Other	Total
Revenue		· <u></u>		' <u></u>	
Loan origination fees and gain on sale of loans, net	\$ 817,293	\$ 3,521	\$ 820,814	\$ —	\$ 820,814
Loan servicing and other fees	_	142,705	142,705	_	142,705
Valuation adjustment of mortgage servicing rights	_	(255,219)	(255,219)	_	(255,219)
Interest income (expense)	9,702	2,674	12,376	(8,980)	3,396
Other income	38		38	1,155	1,193
Net revenue	827,033	(106,319)	720,714	(7,825)	712,889
Expenses					
Salaries, commissions and benefits	548,056	15,538	563,594	14,576	578,170
General and administrative	43,028	10,307	53,335	10,648	63,983
Occupancy, equipment and communication	48,115	2,078	50,193	3,485	53,678
Depreciation and amortization	6,417	326	6,743	590	7,333
Provision for foreclosure losses	_	3,895	3,895	_	3,895
Income tax expense				253	253
Net income (loss)	\$ 181,417	<u>\$(138,463)</u>	\$ 42,954	\$ (37,377)	\$ 5,577

The following table presents the financial performance and results by segment for the year ended December 31, 2018:

			Total		
	Origination	Servicing	Segments	All Other	Total
Revenue					
Loan origination fees and gain on sale of loans, net	\$ 614,004	\$ 2,604	\$ 616,608	\$ —	\$616,608
Loan servicing and other fees	_	123,681	123,681	_	123,681
Valuation adjustment of mortgage servicing rights	_	(17,050)	(17,050)	_	(17,050)
Interest income (expense)	9,422	(2,728)	6,694	(7,020)	(326)
Other income (expense)	33		33	(27)	6
Net revenue	623,459	106,507	729,966	(7,047)	722,919
Expenses					
Salaries, commissions and benefits	480,280	13,716	493,996	16,257	510,253
General and administrative	33,419	8,566	41,985	8,991	50,976
Occupancy, equipment and communication	46,986	1,893	48,879	3,604	52,483
Depreciation and amortization	6,392	112	6,504	676	7,180
Provision for foreclosure losses	_	4,434	4,434	_	4,434
Income tax expense				24,260	24,260
Net income (loss)	\$ 56,382	\$ 77,786	\$ 134,168	\$ (60,835)	\$ 73,333

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#### 20. Subsequent Events

The Company has evaluated subsequent events from the balance sheet date through August 21, 2020, the date on which the financial statements were issued. In March 2020, the World Health Organization ("WHO") declared the outbreak of a novel coronavirus (COVID-19) as a pandemic, which continues to spread throughout the United States. Through August 21, 2020, the Company remains fully functional in both its origination and servicing operations. While the pandemic could cause for certain branches to temporarily close, most of the significant job functions can be performed remotely. The Company has taken steps to ensure business can continue as necessary should branches be forced to temporarily close. The Company continues to monitor guidance published by the WHO, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, local and federal government agencies and the Mortgage Bankers Association and is in continual communication with its investors regarding the developments in the mortgage industry.

### 21. Events (Unaudited) Subsequent to the Date of Report of the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

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As further discussed in note 15 to the consolidated financial statements, this lawsuit is in the discovery phase and the Company is engaged in settlement discussions. As of and for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2020, the Company has accrued \$22.9 million associated with a potential settlement with the DOJ within accounts payable and accrued expenses and as a reduction to loan origination fees and gain on sale of loans, net. The ultimate outcome of this action remains uncertain and the amount to be paid in connection with a settlement, if ultimately agreed, or any monetary award against us could exceed the amount reserved. We have incurred and are continuing to incur defense costs and other expenses in connection with this



#### **PART II**

### INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

### Item 13. Other Expenses of Issuance.

The following table sets forth the various expenses, other than the underwriting discount, payable in connection with the offering contemplated by this registration statement. All of the fees set forth below are estimates except for the SEC registration fee, the FINRA fee and the stock exchange listing fee.

	Payable by the registrant
SEC registration fee	<u>**</u>
FINRA fee	\$*
Stock exchange listing fee	\$*
Blue Sky fees and expenses	\$*
Printing expenses	<b>\$*</b>
Legal fees and expenses	<b>\$*</b>
Accounting fees and expenses	<b>\$*</b>
Transfer agent and registrar fees	<b>\$*</b>
Miscellaneous fees and expenses	\$*
Total	<u>**</u>

<sup>\*</sup> To be furnished by amendment.

### Item 14. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

### Limitation of Personal Liability of Directors and Indemnification

Section 102(b)(7) of the DGCL permits a corporation to provide in its certificate of incorporation that a director of the corporation shall not be personally liable to the corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except for liability (1) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its stockholders, (2) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (3) under Section 174 of the DGCL (regarding, among other things, the payment of unlawful dividends or unlawful stock purchases or redemptions), or (4) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit. Our certificate of incorporation will provide for such limitation of liability.

Section 145(a) of the DGCL empowers a corporation to indemnify any director, officer, employee or agent, or former director, officer, employee or agent, who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation), by reason of such person's service as a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or such person's service, at the corporation's request, as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding; provided that such director or officer acted in good faith and in a manner reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation; and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, provided that such director or officer had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful.

Section 145(b) of the DGCL empowers a corporation to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a

director, officer, employee or agent of another enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit; provided that such director or officer acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, except that no indemnification may be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such director or officer shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the Delaware Court of Chancery or the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such director or officer is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses that the court shall deem proper. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, except as otherwise provided in our bylaws, we shall be required to indemnify any such person in connection with a proceeding (or part thereof) commenced by such person only if the commencement of such proceeding (or part thereof) by any such person was authorized by the Board of Directors.

Our certificate of incorporation and our bylaws will require us to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to or is otherwise involved in any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director or officer of Guild, or is or was serving at the request of Guild as a director, officer, trustee, employee or agent of another corporation or of a partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, including service with respect to employee benefit plans maintained or sponsored by Guild, against all expense, liability and loss (including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines, ERISA excise taxes or penalties and amounts paid or to be paid in settlement) incurred or suffered by such person in connection with such proceeding if the person acted in good faith and in a manner reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of Guild and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful.

We will be authorized under our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and our amended and restated bylaws to purchase and maintain insurance to protect Guild and any current or former director, officer, employee or agent of Guild or another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any expense, liability or loss, whether or not Guild would have the power to indemnify such person against such expense, liability or loss under the DGCL. We believe that these indemnification provisions and the directors' and officers' insurance are useful to attract and retain qualified directors and executive officers.

We expect that the underwriting agreement will provide for indemnification of directors and officers ofGuild by the underwriters against certain liabilities.

#### Item 15. Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities.

Set forth below is information regarding securities sold or granted by us within the past three years that were not registered under the Securities Act. Also included is the consideration, if any, received by us for such securities and information relating to the section of the Securities Act, or rule of the SEC, under which exemption from registration was claimed for such sales and grants.

In August 2020, in connection with its formation and prior to the occurrence of the other reorganization transactions, the Issuer sold 100 shares of common stock to Guild Investors, LLC for aggregate consideration of \$1. The shares of common stock described above were issued in reliance on the exemption contained in Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act on the basis that the transaction did not involve a public offering. No underwriters were involved in the transaction.

### Item 16. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules.

(a) Exhibits: The list of exhibits set forth under "Exhibit Index" at the end of this Registration Statement is incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 17. Undertakings.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that, in the opinion of the SEC, such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

The registrant hereby further undertakes that:

- (1) For purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, the information omitted from the form of prospectus filed as part of this registration statement in reliance upon Rule 430A and contained in a form of prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(1) or (4) or 497(h) under the Securities Act shall be deemed to be part of this registration statement as of the time it was declared effective; and
- (2) For purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each post-effective amendment that contains a form of prospectus shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

Exhibit

### EXHIBIT INDEX

Number	Exhibit Description
1.1	Form of Underwriting Agreement*
3.1**	Form of Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Guild Holdings Company
3.2**	Form of Amended and Restated Bylaws of Guild Holdings Company
4.1	Form of Class A Common Stock Certificate of Guild Holdings Company*
4.2	Form of Registration Rights Agreement, by and among Guild and certain of its stockholders
5.1	Form of Opinion of Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz
10.1	Guild Holdings Company 2020 Omnibus Incentive Plan†
10.2**	Form of Indemnification Agreement†
10.3**	Executive Compensation Agreement between Guild Mortgage Co. and Mary Ann McGarry, effective as of January 1, 2019†
10.4**	Executive Compensation Agreement between Guild Mortgage Co. and Terry Schmidt, effective as of January 1, 2019†
10.5**	Employment Agreement between Guild Mortgage Co. and Barry Horn, dated as of January 1, 2016†
10.6**	Employment Agreement between Guild Mortgage Co. and David Neylan, dated as of January 1, 2016†
10.7	Compensation Deferral Plan for Executives†
10.8**	Executive Nonqualified Excess Plan†
10.9**	Executive Nonqualified Excess Plan Adoption Agreement, dated as of November 6, 2017†
10.10**	Executive Performance Incentive Plan between Guild Mortgage Co. and Amber Elwell, dated as of March 3, 2020†
10.11**	Executive Performance Incentive Plan between Guild Mortgage Co. and Lisa Klika, dated as of June 27, 2017†
10.12**	Amended and Restated Master Repurchase Agreement, dated as of September 1, 2020, by and among Bank of America, N.A., as Buyer, Guild Mortgage CO SPE W40, LLC, as Seller, and Guild Mortgage Company and Guild Investors, LLC as collective Guarantor and Pledgor+#
10.13	Omnibus Amendment to Principal Agreements, dated as of October 8, 2020, by and among Guild Holdings Company, Guild Mortgage Co., Guild Mortgage CO SPE W40, LLC and Bank of America, N.A.*
10.14	Amended and Restated Master Repurchase Agreement, dated as of October 24, 2019, by and among Guild Mortgage Co. and Guild Investors, LLC, as Sellers, the Buyers party thereto, and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Agent for the Buyers from time to time party thereto+#
10.15**	First Amendment to Amended and Restated Master Repurchase Agreement, dated as of July 10, 2020, by and among Guild Mortgage Co. and Guild Investors, LLC, as Sellers, The Bank of New York Mellon, as Agent, and the financial institutions listed on the signature pages thereto, as Buyers+
10.16	Second Amendment to Amended and Restated Master Repurchase Agreement, dated as of October 8, 2020, by and among Guild Mortgage Co. and Guild Investors, LLC, as Sellers, The Bank of New York Mellon, as Agent, and the financial institutions listed on the signature pages thereto, as Buyers*

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description
10.17**	Amended and Restated Term Loan Agreement, dated as of September 30, 2019, by and among Guild Mortgage Co. and Guild Investors, LLC, as Borrowers, the Lenders party thereto, and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Administrative Agent+#
10.18**	Waiver No. 1 to Amended and Restated Term Loan Agreement, dated as of April 29, 2020, by and among Guild Mortgage Co. and Guild Investors, LLC, as Borrowers, the Lenders party thereto, and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Administrative Agent+
10.19	Amendment No. 1 to Amended and Restated Term Loan Agreement, dated as of October 8, 2020, by and among Guild Mortgage Co. and Guild Investors, LLC, as Borrowers, the Lenders party thereto, and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Administrative Agent*
10.20**	First Amended and Restated Master Repurchase Agreement, dated as of December 14, 2018, by and between Guild Mortgage Co., as Seller, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Buyer+#
10.21**	First Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Master Repurchase Agreement, dated as of June 21, 2019, by and between Guild Mortgage Co., as Seller, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Buyer+
10.22**	Second Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Master Repurchase Agreement, dated as of December 13, 2019, by and between Guild Mortgage Co., as Seller, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Buyer+#
10.23**	Third Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Master Repurchase Agreement, dated as of February 21, 2020, by and between Guild Mortgage Co., as Seller, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Buyer+#
10.24**	Fourth Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Master Repurchase Agreement, dated as of June 23, 2020, by and between Guild Mortgage Co., as Seller, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Buyer+#
10.25**	Fifth Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Master Repurchase Agreement, dated as of July 24, 2020, by and between Guild Mortgage Co., as Seller, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Buyer+#
10.26	Sixth Amendment to First Amended and Restated Master Repurchase Agreement, dated as of October 8, 2020, by and between Guild Mortgage Co., as Seller, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Buyer*
10.27**	Mortgage Warehouse Agreement, dated as of April 13, 2020, by and between Guild Mortgage Co., as Seller, and Texas Capital Bank, National Association+#
10.28**	Side Letter to Mortgage Warehouse Agreement, dated as of June 10, 2020, by and between Guild Mortgage Co., as Seller, and Texas Capital Bank, National Association*
10.29	Amendment No. 1 to Mortgage Warehouse Agreement, dated as of October 8, 2020, by and among Guild Mortgage Co., as Seller, Guild Holdings Company and Texas Capital Bank, National Association*
10.30**	Fifth Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement, dated as of June 6, 2020, by and among Guild Mortgage Co., as Borrower, the Lenders from time to time party thereto, and Texas Capital Bank, National Association, as Administrative Agent+#
10.31	Amendment No. 1 to Fifth Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement, dated as of October 8, 2020, by and among Guild Mortgage Co., as Borrower, Guild Holdings Company, the Lenders from time to time party thereto, and Texas Capital Bank, National Association, as Administrative Agent*

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description
10.32**	Master Loan Purchase and Servicing Agreement, dated as of December 21, 2018, by and between Texas Capital Bank, National Association, as Purchaser, and Guild Mortgage Company, as Seller+#
10.33	Amendment No. 1 to Master Loan Purchase and Servicing Agreement (EBO Program), dated as of October 8, 2020, by and between Texas Capital Bank, National Association, as Purchaser, and Guild Mortgage Co., as Seller*
10.34**	Master Repurchase Agreement, dated as of July 29, 2015, by and between Guild Mortgage Co., as Seller, and EverBank, as Buyer+#
10.35**	First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Master Repurchase Agreement and Pricing Letter, dated as of July 27, 2016, by and between Guild Mortgage Co., as Seller, and EverBank, as Buyer+ #
10.36**	Second Amendment to the Amended and Restated Master Repurchase Agreement and Pricing Letter, dated as of January 11, 2017, by and between Guild Mortgage Co., as Seller, and EverBank, as Buyer+#
10.37**	Third Amendment to the Amended and Restated Master Repurchase Agreement and Pricing Letter, dated as of July 26, 2017, by and between Guild Mortgage Co., as Seller, and TIAA, FSB, as Buyer+#
10.38**	Fourth Amendment to the Amended and Restated Master Repurchase Agreement and Pricing Letter, dated as of July 19, 2018, by and between Guild Mortgage Co., as Seller, and TIAA, FSB, as Buyer+#
10.39**	Fifth Amendment to the Amended and Restated Master Repurchase Agreement and Pricing Letter, dated as of March 29, 2019, by and between Guild Mortgage Co., as Seller, and TIAA, FSB, as Buyer+#
10.40**	Sixth Amendment to the Amended and Restated Master Repurchase Agreement and Pricing Letter, dated as of July 18, 2019, by and between Guild Mortgage Co., as Seller, and TIAA, FSB, as Buyer+#
10.41	Seventh Amendment to the Amended and Restated Master Repurchase Agreement and Pricing Letter, dated as of August 22, 2019, by and between Guild Mortgage Co., as Seller, and TIAA, FSB, as Buyer+#
10.42	Eighth Amendment to the Amended and Restated Master Repurchase Agreement and Pricing Letter, dated as of February 12, 2020, by and between Guild Mortgage Co., as Seller, and TIAA, FSB, as Buyer+#
10.43**	Ninth Amendment to the Amended and Restated Master Repurchase Agreement and Pricing Letter, dated as of March 20, 2020, by and between Guild Mortgage Co., as Seller, and TIAA, FSB, as Buyer+#
10.44**	Tenth Amendment to the Amended and Restated Master Repurchase Agreement and Pricing Letter, dated as of April 13, 2020, by and between Guild Mortgage Co., as Seller, and TIAA, FSB, as Buyer+#
10.45**	Eleventh Amendment to the Amended and Restated Master Repurchase Agreement and Pricing Letter, dated as of May 19, 2020, by and between Guild Mortgage Co., as Seller, and TIAA, FSB, as Buyer+#
10.46**	Twelfth Amendment to the Amended and Restated Master Repurchase Agreement and Pricing Letter, dated as of July 15, 2020, by and between Guild Mortgage Co., as Seller, and TIAA, FSB, as Buyer+#

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description
10.47	Thirteenth Amendment to the Amended and Restated Master Repurchase Agreement and Pricing Letter, dated as of August 14, 2020, by and between Guild Mortgage Co., as Seller, and TIAA, FSB, as Buyer*
10.48	Fourteenth Amendment to the Amended and Restated Master Repurchase Agreement and Pricing Letter, dated as of October 8, 2020, by and between Guild Mortgage Co., as Seller, and TIAA, FSB, as Buyer*
10.49**	Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement, dated as of July 15, 2020, by and between Guild Mortgage Co., as Borrower, and TIAA, FSB*+#
10.50	First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement, dated as of August 14, 2020, by and among Guild Mortgage Co., as Borrower, and TIAA, FSB*
10.51	Amendment No. 2 to Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement, dated as of October 8, 2020, by and between Guild Mortgage Co., as Seller, and TIAA, FSB, as Buyer*
10.52**	Master Repurchase Agreement, dated as of March 24, 2015, by and among Guild Mortgage Co. and Guild Investors, LLC, as Sellers, and U.S. Bank National Association, as Buyer+#
10.53**	First Amendment to the Master Repurchase Agreement, dated as of June 24, 2015, by and among Guild Mortgage Co. and Guild Investors, LLC, as Sellers, and U.S. Bank National Association, as Buyer+#
10.54**	Second Amendment to the Master Repurchase Agreement, dated as of October 27, 2015, by and among Guild Mortgage Co. and Guild Investors, LLC, as Sellers, and U.S. Bank National Association, as Buyer+
10.55**	Third Amendment to the Master Repurchase Agreement, dated as of April 20, 2016, by and among Guild Mortgage Co. and Guild Investors, LLC, as Sellers, and U.S. Bank National Association, as Buyer#
10.56**	Fourth Amendment to the Master Repurchase Agreement, dated as of June 20, 2016, by and among Guild Mortgage Co. and Guild Investors, LLC, as Sellers, and U.S. Bank National Association, as Buyer+#
10.57**	Fifth Amendment to the Master Repurchase Agreement, dated as of June 16, 2017, by and among Guild Mortgage Co. and Guild Investors, LLC, as Sellers, and U.S. Bank National Association, as Buyer+
10.58**	Sixth Amendment to the Master Repurchase Agreement, dated as of August 18, 2017 by and among Guild Mortgage Co. and Guild Investors, LLC, as Sellers, and U.S. Bank National Association, as Buyer+#
10.59**	Seventh Amendment to the Master Repurchase Agreement, dated as of September 28, 2018, by and among Guild Mortgage Co. and Guild Investors, LLC, as Sellers, and U.S. Bank National Association, as Buyer+#
10.60**	Eighth Amendment to the Master Repurchase Agreement, dated as of August 29, 2019, by and among Guild Mortgage Co. and Guild Investors, LLC, as Sellers, and U.S. Bank National Association, as Buyer+
10.61**	Ninth Amendment to the Master Repurchase Agreement, dated as of September 13, 2019, by and among Guild Mortgage Co. and Guild Investors, LLC, as Sellers, and U.S. Bank National Association, as Buyer
10.62**	Tenth Amendment to the Master Repurchase Agreement, dated as of October 15, 2019, by and among Guild Mortgage Co. and Guild Investors, LLC, as Sellers, and U.S. Bank National Association, as Buyer+#
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Exhibit <u>Number</u>	Exhibit Description
10.63**	Eleventh Amendment to the Master Repurchase Agreement, dated as of April 1, 2020, by and among Guild Mortgage Co. and Guild Investors, LLC, as Sellers, and U.S. Bank National Association, as Buyer
10.64**	Twelfth Amendment to the Master Repurchase Agreement, dated as of July 24, 2020, by and among Guild Mortgage Co. and Guild Investors, LLC, as Sellers, and U.S. Bank National Association, as Buyer+#
10.65	Thirteenth Amendment to the Master Repurchase Agreement, dated as of September 11, 2020, by and among Guild Mortgage Co. and Guild Investors, LLC, as Sellers, and U.S. Bank National Association, as Buyer*
10.66	Fourteenth Amendment to Master Repurchase Agreement, dated as of October 8, 2020, by and among Guild Mortgage Co. and Guild Investors, LLC, as Sellers, and U.S. Bank National Association, as Buyer*
10.67**	Master Repurchase Agreement, dated as of April 29, 2020, by and among Guild Mortgage Co. and Guild Investors, LLC, as Sellers, and Western Alliance Bank, as Buyer+#
10.68**	First Amendment to the Master Repurchase Agreement, dated as of July 24, 2020, by and among Guild Mortgage Co. and Guild Investors, LLC, as Sellers, and Western Alliance Bank, as Buyer+#
10.69	Second Amendment to Master Repurchase Agreement, dated as of October 8, 2020, by and among Guild Mortgage Co. and Guild Investors, LLC, as Sellers, and Western Alliance Bank, as Buyer*
10.70**	Form of Restricted Stock Unit Agreement for IPO Grants to Employees under the Guild Holdings Company 2020 Omnibus Incentive Plan†
10.71**	Form of Restricted Stock Unit Agreement for IPO Grants to Non-Employee Directors under the Guild Holdings Company 2020 Omnibus Incentive Plan†
21.1**	Subsidiaries of Guild Holdings Company
23.1	Consent of KPMG LLP
23.2	Consent of Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz (contained in its opinion filed as Exhibit 5.1 hereto)
24.1**	Power of attorney (included on the signature page to this registration statement)
99.1(a)	Consent of Director Nominee - Martha Marcon
99.1(b)	Consent of Director Nominee - Junior Bryant

<sup>\*</sup> To be filed by amendment.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Previously filed.

<sup>†</sup> Indicates management contract or compensatory plan.

<sup>+</sup> Certain portions of this exhibit have been redacted pursuant to Item 601(b)(10)(iv) of Regulation S-K. The Company agrees to furnish supplementally an unredacted copy of the exhibit to the SEC upon its request.

<sup>#</sup> Certain schedules and exhibits have been omitted pursuant to Item 601(a)(5) of Regulation S-K. The Company agrees to furnish supplementally a copy of any omitted schedule or exhibit to the SEC upon its request.

### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of San Diego, State of California, on October 9, 2020.

### GUILD HOLDINGS COMPANY

By: /s/ Mary Ann McGarry
Name: Mary Ann McGarry
Title: Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated on October 9, 2020.

	Signature	<u>Title</u>
By:	/s/ Mary Ann McGarry Mary Ann McGarry	Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)
Ву:	/s/ Amber Elwell Amber Elwell	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)
Ву:	* Patrick Duffy	Chairman of the Board of Directors
By:	* Mike Meyer	Director
By:	* Terry Schmidt	President and Director
*By:	/s/ Amber Elwell Attorney-in-fact	

#### REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT

This REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT, dated as of  $[\bullet]$ , 2020 (this "<u>Agreement</u>"), is made by and among Guild Holdings Company, a Delaware corporation ("<u>Guild</u>"), and the holders listed on <u>Schedule I</u> hereto (each, a "<u>Holder</u>" and collectively, the "<u>Holders</u>").

### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Holders are offering and selling shares of Guild's Class A Common Stock (the 'PO") to the public pursuant to a registration statement on Form S-1, immediately following which offering and sale the Holders will collectively own [●]% or more of the outstanding shares of Guild's Class A Common Stock and 100% of the outstanding shares of its Class B Common Stock; and

WHEREAS, Guild and the Holders desire to enter into this Agreement to set forth the terms and conditions of the registration rights and obligations of Guild and the Holders.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the covenants hereinafter contained, it is agreed as follows:

### Article I Definitions

Section 1.1 Definitions. As used in this Agreement, the following capitalized terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them below.

"Affiliate" shall mean, when used with respect to a specified Person, a Person that, directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by or is under common control with such specified Person. For the purpose of this definition, "control" (including, with correlative meanings, "controlled by" and "under common control with"), when used with respect to any specified Person shall mean the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of such Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities or other interests, by contract, agreement, obligation, indenture, instrument, lease, promise, arrangement, release, warranty, commitment, undertaking or otherwise.

"Agreement" shall have the meaning set forth in the Preamble.

"Article III Notice" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.1.

"Business Day" shall mean a day other than a Saturday, a Sunday or a day on which banking institutions located in New York, New York are authorized or obligated by law or executive order to close.

"Class A Common Stock" shall mean the Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of Guild (it being understood that, if the Class A Common Stock, as a class, shall be reclassified, exchanged or converted into another security (including as a result of a merger,

consolidation or otherwise) or the right to receive such security, each reference to Class A Common Stock in this Agreement shall refer to such other security into which the Class A Common Stock was reclassified, exchanged or converted), including any shares of Class A Common Stock issued or issuable upon the conversion of Class B Common Stock.

- "Class B Common Stock" shall mean the Class B Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of Guild.
- "Commission" shall mean the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.
- "Damages" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 6.1.
- "Demand Registration" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.1.
- "Demand Request" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.1.
- "<u>Disclosure Package</u>" shall mean, with respect to any offering of securities, (a) the preliminary Prospectus, (b) each Free Writing Prospectus (if any) and (c) all other information prepared by or on behalf of Guild, in each case, that is deemed under Rule 159 promulgated under the Securities Act to have been conveyed to purchasers of securities at the time of sale of such securities (including a contract of sale).
- "Exchange Act" shall mean the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, together with the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, all as the same shall be in effect from time to time.
  - "Free Writing Prospectus" shall mean any "free writing prospectus" as defined in Rule 405 promulgated under the Securities Act.
- "Governmental Authority" shall mean any nation or government, any state, municipality or other political subdivision thereof, and any entity, body, agency, commission, department, board, bureau, court, tribunal or other instrumentality, whether federal, state, local, domestic, foreign or multinational, exercising executive, legislative, judicial, regulatory, administrative or other similar functions of, or pertaining to, a government and any executive official thereof.
  - "Guild" shall have the meaning set forth in the Preamble.
  - "Guild Covered Person" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 6.2.
  - "Guild Free Writing Prospectus" shall mean each Free Writing Prospectus prepared by or on behalf of Guild.
  - "Guild Notice" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.1.
  - "Holder" and "Holders" shall have the meanings set forth in the Preamble.
  - "Holder Covered Persons" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 6.1.

"Holder Free Writing Prospectus" shall mean each Free Writing Prospectus prepared by or on behalf of (unless prepared by Guild or on behalf of Guild) a Holder and used or referred to by such Holder in connection with the offering of Registrable Securities.

"Indemnified Party" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 6.3.

"Indemnifying Party" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 6.3.

"IPO" shall have the meaning set forth in the Recitals.

"MCMI Holder" shall mean McCarthy Capital Mortgage Investors, LLC.

"Parties" shall mean the parties to this Agreement.

"Person" shall mean any individual, firm, limited liability company or partnership, joint venture, corporation, joint stock company, trust or unincorporated organization, incorporated or unincorporated association, Governmental Authority or other entity of any kind, and shall include any successor (by merger or otherwise) of such entity.

"Piggy-back Registration" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.1.

"Prospectus" shall mean the prospectus included in any Registration Statement, as amended or supplemented by any prospectus supplement with respect to the terms of the offering of any portion of the Registrable Securities covered by such Registration Statement or any other amendments and supplements to such prospectus, including any preliminary prospectus, any pre-effective or post-effective amendment and all material incorporated by reference in any prospectus.

"Public Offering" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.1.

"Registrable Securities" shall mean shares of Class A Common Stock, including shares of Class A Common Stock issued or to be issued upon conversion of shares of Guild's Class B Common Stock. As to any particular Registrable Securities, once issued, such securities shall cease to be Registrable Securities when (a) a Registration Statement with respect to the sale of such securities shall have become effective under the Securities Act and such securities shall have been disposed of in accordance with such Registration Statement, (b) such securities shall have been sold to the public pursuant to Rule 144 (or any successor provision) under the Securities Act, (c) such securities shall have ceased to be outstanding, (d) in the case of a Holder other than the MCMI Holder or any of its Affiliates, all remaining Registrable Securities held by such Holder may immediately be sold under Rule 144 (or any similar provision then in force) under the Securities Act without any restriction as to volume, manner of sale or otherwise or (e) such securities have been sold by a Holder in a transaction in which such Holder's rights under this Agreement are not, or cannot be, assigned.

"Registration Expenses" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.1.

"Registration Statement" shall mean any registration statement of Guild that covers Registrable Securities pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement, all amendments and supplements to such registration statement, including post-effective amendments, and all exhibits and all material incorporated by reference in such registration statement.

"Rule 144" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 7.1.

"Securities Act" shall mean the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, together with the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, all as the same shall be in effect from time to time.

"Selling Stockholders" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.2.

"Shelf Registration" shall mean a registration of the Registrable Securities under a Registration Statement of Guild for an offering to be made on a delayed or continuous basis of Class A Common Stock pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act (or similar provisions then in effect).

### Article II Demand Registrations

Section 2.1 Requests for Registration. Subject to the provisions of this Article II, the MCMI Holder may at any time make a written request (a "Demand Request") for registration under the Securities Act of Registrable Securities (a 'Demand Registration') after such Registrable Securities are no longer subject to the underwriter lock-up applicable to the IPO (which may be due to the expiration or waiver of suchlock-up with respect to such Registrable Securities). Such Demand Requests shall specify the amount of Registrable Securities to be registered and the intended method or methods of disposition. Guild shall, within five (5) days of the receipt of a Demand Request, give written notice of such Demand Request to all Holders of Registrable Securities (the "Guild Notice"). Guild shall, subject to the provisions of this Article II and to the Holders' compliance with their obligations under the provisions of this Agreement, use its reasonable best efforts to file as promptly as reasonably practicable, but in any event not later than forty-five (45) days after the Demand Request is received, with the Commission a Registration Statement registering all Registrable Securities included in such Demand Request and any Registrable Securities that the Holders request to be included within the ten (10) days following their receipt of the Guild Notice, for disposition in accordance with the intended method or methods set forth therein as promptly as possible following receipt of a Demand Request; provided, that, if the managing underwriter(s) for a Demand Registration in which Registrable Securities are proposed to be included pursuant to this Article II that involves an underwritten offering shall advise Guild that, in its reasonable opinion, the number of Registrable Securities to be sold is greater than the amount that can be offered without adversely affecting the price, timing or distribution of the securities offered or the market for the securities offered, then Guild will be entitled to reduce the number of Registrable Securities included in such registration to the number that, in the opinion of the managing underwriter(s), can be sold without having the adverse effect referred to above; provided, further, that in the event of such a reduction in the number of Registrable Securities included in such registration, the number of Registrable Securities registered shall be allocated in the following priority: first, pro rata among the Holders participating in the Demand Registration based on the relative number of Registrable Securities then held by each such Holder; second, and only if all the securities referred to in the

preceding clause "first" have been included, to Guild up to the number of shares of Class A Common Stock proposed to be registered for offer and sale by Guild; and third, and only if all of the securities referred to in the preceding clauses "first" and "second" have been included to holders of shares of Class A Common Stock otherwise eligible to be included in such Demand Registration, on a pro rata basis based on the relative number of Registrable Securities then held by the holders of such shares of Class A Common Stock, up to the number of securities that in the opinion of the managing underwriter or underwriters can be sold without having such adverse effect. Guild shall use its reasonable best efforts to cause such Registration Statement to be declared effective as promptly as reasonably practicable after filing and to remain effective until the earlier of (i) ninety (90) days following the date on which it was declared effective and (ii) the date on which all of the Registrable Securities covered thereby are disposed of in accordance with the method or methods of disposition stated therein. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company shall not be required to effect any registration to be effected pursuant to this Section 2.1 unless the Registrable Securities requested to be registered pursuant to a Demand Registration represent an aggregate offering price of Registrable Securities that is reasonably expected to equal at least \$10,000,000.

Section 2.2 <u>Limitations on Demand Registration Requests</u>. Notwithstanding anything in this <u>Article II</u> to the contrary, Guild shall not be obligated to effect a Demand Registration, other than a Shelf Registration, (a) within sixty (60) days after the effective date of a previous registration effected with respect to the Registrable Securities pursuant to <u>Section 2.1</u> or (b) during any period (not to exceed one hundred eighty days (180) days) following the closing of the completion of an offering of securities by Guild if such Demand Registration would cause Guild to breach a "lock-up" or similar provision contained in the underwriting agreement for such offering. Furthermore, Guild shall not be obligated to effect more than four (4) Demand Registrations in any twelve (12)-month period.

Section 2.3 <u>Suspension of Registration</u>. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if in the good faith judgment of the Board of Directors of Guild it would be materially detrimental to Guild and its stockholders for any Registration Statement to be filed or continued to be used or for any Registration Statement or Prospectus to be amended or supplemented because such filing, continued use, amendment or supplement would (a) require disclosure of material nonpublic information, the disclosure of which would be reasonably likely to materially and adversely affect Guild and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or (b) materially interfere with any existing or prospective business transaction or negotiation involving Guild, Guild shall have the right to suspend the use of the applicable Registration Statement or delay delivery or filing, but not the preparation, of the applicable Registration Statement or Prospectus or any document incorporated therein by reference, in each case for a reasonable period of time; <u>provided, however</u>, that Guild shall not be able to exercise such suspension right more than twice in each twelve (12)-month period or for an aggregate of more than one hundred twenty (120) days in any twelve (12)-month period. Guild agrees to notify each Holder promptly upon each of the commencement and termination of each such suspension. Each Holder agrees that, upon any such notice from Guild, it will discontinue any disposition of Registrable Securities pursuant to a Shelf Registration until receipt of Guild's notice as to the termination of any such suspension. Each of the Holders agree to keep the notice of any such suspension confidential and shall not disclose such notice or reasons to any Person other than such Holder's legal counsel or as required by law. In the event that the ability of the Holders to sell shall be suspended for any reason, the period of such suspension shall not count towards compliance with the ninety (90)-day period referred to in clause (i) of Section 2.1.

Section 2.4 Shelf Registration. At any time after the date hereof when Guild is eligible to register the applicable Registrable Securities onForm S-3 (or a successor form), the MCMI Holder, for so long as it holds any Registrable Securities, or any Affiliates of the MCMI Holder, for so long as they hold any Registrable Securities may request Demand Registrations, and any Holder of Registrable Securities in excess of the product of (x) the maximum number of Registrable Securities that may, as of the date of the applicable demand, be sold under Rule 144 (or any similar provision then in force) under the Securities Act without any restriction as to volume multiplied by (y) two (2) may request Guild to effect a Demand Registration (for purposes of this Section 2.4, whether or not such Holder is the MCMI Holder or an Affiliate of the MCMI Holder) as a Shelf Registration. There shall be no limitations on the number of underwritten offerings pursuant to a Shelf Registration; provided, however, that (i) only the MCMI Holder, for so long as it holds any Registrable Securities, and any Affiliates of the MCMI Holder, for so long as they hold any Registrable Securities, may require Guild to effect an underwritten offering pursuant to a Shelf Registration and (ii) the Holders may not require Guild to effect more than four (4) underwritten offerings in any twelve (12)-month period. Any Holder of Registrable Securities included on a Shelf Registration shall have the right to request that Guild cooperate in a shelf takedown at any time, including, only in the case of the MCMI Holder, for so long as they hold any Registrable Securities, in connection with an underwritten offering, by delivering a written request thereof to Guild specifying the number of shares of Registrable Securities such Holder wishes to include in the shelf takedown. If the takedown is an underwritten offering, the Registrable Securities requested to be included in a shelf takedown must represent an aggregate offering price of Registrable Securities that is

Section 2.5 <u>Form.</u> Guild shall use its reasonable best efforts to cause Demand Registrations to be registered on FormS-3 (or any successor form), and if Guild is not then eligible under the Securities Act to use Form S-3, Demand Registrations shall be registered on FormS-1 (or any successor form). Guild shall use its reasonable best efforts to become eligible to use Form S-3 and, after becoming eligible to use FormS-3, shall use its reasonable best efforts to remain so eligible.

### Article III Piggy-back Registrations

Section 3.1 Right to Include Registrable Securities. If at any time Guild proposes to register (including for this purpose a registration effected by Guild for security holders of Guild other than any Holder) securities that may include any shares of Class A Common Stock and to file a Registration Statement with respect thereto under the Securities Act, whether or not for sale for its own account (other than (i) pursuant to a registration statement on Form S-4, Form S-8 or any successor or similar forms, (ii) in connection with any dividend reinvestment or similar plan or (iii) for the sole purpose of offering securities to another entity or its security holders in connection with the acquisition of assets or securities of such entity or any similar transaction), in a manner that would permit registration of Registrable Securities for resale to the public under

the Securities Act (a "Public Offering"), Guild will at each such time promptly (but in no event less than twenty (20) days prior to the proposed date of filing such Registration Statement) give written notice to the Holders of (a) its intention to do so, (b) the form of registration statement of the Commission that has been selected by Guild and (c) the rights of Holders under this Article III (the "Article III Notice"). Guild will include in any Public Offering all Registrable Securities that Guild is requested in writing, within fifteen (15) days after the date the Article III Notice is delivered by Guild, to register by the Holders thereof (each, a "Piggy-back Registration"); provided, however, that (i) if, at any time after giving the Article III Notice and prior to the effective date of the Registration Statement filed in connection therewith, Guild shall determine for any reason to abandon such Public Offering, Guild may give written notice of such determination to all Holders who so requested registration, and thereafter Guild shall be relieved of its obligation to register any Registrable Securities in connection with such abandoned Public Offering (without prejudice to the other rights of Holders under this Article III), and (ii) Guild shall be permitted to delay such Public Offering for the same period and under the same circumstances as set forth in Section 2.3. No Piggy-back Registration effected by Guild under this Article III shall relieve Guild of its obligations to effect Demand Registrations under Article III, except as otherwise set forth in Section 2.2. Guild's filing of a Shelf Registration shall not be deemed to be a Public Offering:provided, however, that the proposal to file any Prospectus supplement filed pursuant to a Shelf Registration with respect to an offering of Class A Common Stock for its own account or for the account of any other Persons will be a Public Offering unless such offering qualifies for an exemption from the Public Offering definition in this Section 3.1; provided, further, that if Guild files a Shelf Registration for its own account or for the account of any other Persons, Guild agrees that it shall use its reasonable best efforts to include in such Registration Statement such disclosures as may be required by Rule 430B under the Securities Act in order to ensure that the Holders may be added to such Shelf Registration at a later time through the filing of a Prospectus supplement rather than a posteffective amendment.

Section 3.2 Priority; Registration Form. If the managing underwriter(s) for a Piggy-back Registration that involves an underwritten offering shall advise Guild in good faith that, in its opinion, the number of shares of Class A Common Stock to be sold for the account of persons other than Guild (collectively, "Selling Stockholders") is greater than the amount that can be offered without adversely affecting the price, timing or distribution of the securities offered or the market for the securities offered, then the number of shares of Class A Common Stock to be sold for the account of Selling Stockholders (including Holders) may be reduced to a number that, in the reasonable opinion of the managing underwriter(s), may reasonably be sold without having the adverse effect referred to above. The reduced number of shares of Class A Common Stock that may be registered in such Public Offering shall be allocated in the following priority: first, to shares of Class A Common Stock proposed to be registered for offer and sale by Guild; second, to Registrable Securities proposed to be registered by Holders as a Piggy-back Registration, allocated pro rata among such Holders based on the relative number of Registrable Securities then held by each such Holder; and third, to all other shares of Class A Common stock requested and otherwise eligible to be included in such underwritten offering, on a pro rata basis based on the relative number of Registrable Securities then held by the holders of such shares of Class A Common Stock, up to the number of securities that in the opinion of the managing underwriter or underwriters can be sold without having such adverse effect. If the number of Registrable Securities proposed to be registered by Holders as a Piggy-back Registration is reduced pursuant to this Section 3.2, such Registrable Securities included in the Registration

Statement shall be allocated pro rata among the Holders participating in the Piggy-back Registration based on the number of Registrable Securities beneficially owned by the respective Holders. If, as a result of the proration provisions of this Section 3.2, any Holder shall not be entitled to include all Registrable Securities in a registration pursuant to this Article III that such Holder has requested be included, such Holder may elect to withdraw its Registrable Securities from such registration.

### Article IV Registration Procedures

- Section 4.1 <u>Use Reasonable Best Efforts</u>. In connection with Guild's registration obligations pursuant to <u>Article II</u> and <u>Article III</u>, Guild shall use its reasonable best efforts to effect such registrations to permit the sale of such Registrable Securities in accordance with the intended method or methods of disposition thereof and pursuant thereto Guild shall as promptly as reasonably practicable:
- (a) prepare and file with the Commission a Registration Statement or Registration Statements relating to the registration on any appropriate form under the Securities Act, and to cause such Registration Statement to become effective as promptly as reasonably practicable and to remain continuously effective for the time period required by this Agreement to the extent permitted under the Securities Act;
- (b) except in the case of a Shelf Registration effected on FormS-3, prepare and file with the Commission such amendments and posteffective amendments to each Registration Statement as may be necessary to keep such Registration Statement effective for the time period required by
  this Agreement; cause the Registration Statement and the related Prospectus to be supplemented by any required Prospectus supplement, and as so
  supplemented to be filed in accordance with the Securities Act and any rules and regulations promulgated thereunder; and otherwise comply with the
  provisions of the Securities Act as may be necessary to facilitate the disposition of all Registrable Securities covered by such Registration Statement during
  the applicable period in accordance with the intended method or methods of disposition by the selling Holders thereof set forth in such Registration
  Statement or such Prospectus or Prospectus supplement;
- (c) in the case of a Shelf Registration effected on Form S-3, prepare and file with the Commission such amendments and supplements to such Registration Statement and the prospectus used in connection therewith as may be necessary to keep such Registration Statement effective and to comply with the provisions of the Securities Act with respect to the disposition of all Registrable Securities subject thereto for a period ending on the earlier of (i) the date on which all the Registrable Securities subject thereto have been sold pursuant to such Registration Statement and (ii) such shorter period as the Holders of shares of Class A Common Stock covered by such Shelf Registration shall agree (based on the determination by the Holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities to be registered on such Shelf Registration Statement, which shall include the MCMI Holder, for so long as it holds any Registrable Securities, and any Affiliates of the MCMI Holder, for so long as they hold any Registrable Securities) in writing;

- (d) notify the selling Holders and the managing underwriter(s), if any, promptly if at any time (i) any Prospectus, Registration Statement or amendment or supplement thereto is filed, (ii) any Registration Statement, or any post-effective amendment thereto, becomes effective, (iii) the Commission or any Governmental Authority requests any amendment or supplement to, or any additional information in respect of, any Registration Statement or Prospectus, (iv) the Commission or any other Governmental Authority issues any stop order suspending the effectiveness of a Registration Statement or initiates any proceedings for that purpose, (v) Guild receives any notice that the qualification of any Registrable Securities for sale in any jurisdiction has been suspended or that any proceeding has been initiated for the purpose of suspending such qualification, (vi) upon the discovery of any event which requires that any changes be made in such Registration Statement or any related Prospectus so that such Registration Statement or Prospectus will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, in light of the circumstances under which they were made (<u>provided, however</u>, that, in the case of this subclause (vi), such notice need only state that an event of such nature has occurred, without describing such event), (vii) of the determination by counsel of Guild that a post-effective amendment to a Registration Statement is advisable; or (viii) if, at any time, the representations and warranties of Guild in any applicable underwriting agreement cease to be true and correct in all material respects. Guild hereby agrees to promptly reimburse any selling Holders for any reasonable out-of-pocket losses and expenses incurred in connection with any uncompleted sale of any Registrable Securities in the event that Guild fails to timely notify such Holder that the Registration Statement then on file with the
- (e) use its reasonable best efforts to obtain the withdrawal of any order suspending the effectiveness of a Registration Statement, or the qualification of any Registrable Securities for sale in any jurisdiction, at the earliest reasonably practicable time;
- (f) if requested by the managing underwriter(s) or any Holder of Registrable Securities being sold in connection with an underwritten offering, incorporate into a Prospectus supplement or a post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement any information that the managing underwriter(s), such Holder and Guild reasonably agree is required to be included therein relating to such sale of Registrable Securities; and file such supplement or post-effective amendment as soon as practicable in accordance with the Securities Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder;
- (g) upon the written request of a Holder or managing underwriter, if any, furnish to such Persons, one signed copy of the Registration Statement or Registration Statements, any Guild Free Writing Prospectus and any post-effective amendment thereto, including all financial statements and schedules thereto, all documents incorporated therein by reference and all exhibits thereto (including exhibits incorporated by reference) as promptly as practicable after filing such documents with the Commission;
- (h) upon the written request of a Holder or managing underwriter, if any, deliver to such Persons, as many copies of the Prospectus or Prospectuses (including each preliminary Prospectus) and any amendment, supplement or exhibit thereto as such Persons may reasonably request; and consent to the use of such Prospectus or any amendment, supplement or

exhibit thereto by each such selling Holder and underwriter, if any, in connection with the offering and sale of the Registrable Securities covered by such Prospectus, amendment, supplement or exhibit, in each case, in accordance with the intended method or methods of disposition thereof;

- (i) prior to any public offering of Registrable Securities, use its reasonable best efforts to register or qualify, and cooperate with the selling Holders to register or qualify, the underwriter(s), if any, and their respective counsel in connection with the registration or qualification of, such Registrable Securities for offer and sale under the securities or blue sky laws of such jurisdictions as may be requested by the Holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities included in such Registration Statement; keep each such registration or qualification effective during the period that the applicable Registration Statement is required to be maintained effective under this Agreement; and do any and all other acts or things necessary to enable the disposition in such jurisdictions of the Registrable Securities covered by such Registration Statement; provided, however, that Guild will not be required to qualify generally to do business in any jurisdiction where it is not then so qualified or to take any action that would subject it to taxation or general service of process in any jurisdiction where it is not then so subject;
- (j) furnish to counsel selected by the Holders, prior to the filing of a Registration Statement or Prospectus or any supplement or post-effective amendment or any Guild Free Writing Prospectus thereto with the Commission, copies of such documents and with a reasonable and appropriate opportunity to review and comment on such documents, subject to such documents being under Guild's control;
- (k) cooperate with the selling Holders and the underwriter(s), if any, in the preparation and delivery of certificates representing the Registrable Securities to be sold, such certificates to be in such denominations and registered in such names as such selling Holders or underwriter(s) may request at least five (5) Business Days prior to any sale of Registrable Securities represented by such certificates; provided that Guild may satisfy its obligations hereunder without issuing physical stock certificates through the use of The Depository Trust Company's Direct Registration System;
- (1) subject to Section 4.3, upon the occurrence of any event described in Section 4.1(d)(vi), promptly prepare and file a supplement or post-effective amendment to the applicable Registration Statement or Prospectus or any document incorporated therein by reference, and any other required documents, so that such Registration Statement and Prospectus will not thereafter contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, and to cause such supplement or post-effective amendment to become effective as promptly as practicable;
- (m) take all other actions in connection therewith as are reasonably necessary to expedite or facilitate the disposition of the Registrable Securities included in such Registration Statement and, in the case of an underwritten offering: (i) enter into an underwriting agreement in customary form with the managing underwriter(s) (such agreement to contain standard and customary indemnities, representations, warranties and other agreements of or from Guild, as the

case may be); (ii) obtain opinions of counsel to Guild (which, if reasonably acceptable to the underwriter(s), may be Guild's inside counsel) addressed to the underwriter(s), such opinions to be in customary form; and (iii) obtain "comfort" letters from Guild's independent certified public accountants addressed to the underwriter(s), such letters to be in customary form;

- (n) with respect to each Guild Free Writing Prospectus or other materials to be included in the Disclosure Package, ensure that no Registrable Securities be sold "by means of" (as defined in Rule 159A(b) promulgated under the Securities Act) such Guild Free Writing Prospectus or other materials without the Holders whose Registrable Securities are being registered having first been provided with a reasonable opportunity to review and comment on such documents:
- (o) within the deadlines specified by the Securities Act, make all required filings of all Prospectuses and Guild Free Writing Prospectuses with the Commission;
- (p) make available upon reasonable notice at reasonable times and for reasonable periods for inspection by any selling Holder of Registrable Securities, any underwriter(s) participating in any disposition pursuant to such Registration Statement, and any attorney, accountant or other agent retained by any such selling Holder or underwriter(s) all reasonably requested financial and other records, pertinent corporate documents and properties of Guild; and cause Guild's officers, directors, employees, attorneys and independent accountants to make themselves available at reasonable times and for reasonable periods to discuss the business of Guild and to supply all information available to Guild reasonably requested by any such selling Holders, underwriter(s), attorneys, accountants or agents in connection with such Registration Statement as shall be necessary to enable them to exercise their due diligence responsibility (each selling Holder of Registrable Securities agrees, on its own behalf and on behalf of all its underwriter(s), accountants, attorneys and agents, that the information obtained by it as a result of such inspections shall be kept confidential by it and, except as required by law, not disclosed by it, in each case, unless and until such information is made generally available to the public other than by such selling Holder; and each selling Holder of Registrable Securities further agrees, on its own behalf and on behalf of all its underwriter(s), accountants, attorneys and agents, that it will, upon learning that disclosure of such information is sought in a court of competent jurisdiction, promptly give notice to Guild and allow Guild at its expense, to undertake appropriate action to prevent disclosure of the information deemed confidential);
- (q) consider in good faith any reasonable request of the selling Holders and underwriters for the participation of management of Guild in "road shows" and similar sales events;
- (r) reasonably cooperate with the selling Holders and each underwriter or agent participating in the disposition of such Registrable Securities and their respective counsel, in connection with any filings required to be made with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority;

- (s) cause all Registrable Securities covered by the applicable Registration Statement to be listed on each securities exchange on which any Class A Common Stock is then listed or quoted; and
- (t) take all other customary steps reasonably necessary or desirable to effect the registration of the Registrable Securities contemplated hereby.
- Section 4.2 <u>Holders' Obligation to Furnish Information</u>. As a condition precedent to any registration hereunder, Guild may require each Holder of Registrable Securities as to which any registration is being effected to furnish to Guild in writing such information regarding the Holder, the distribution of such Registrable Securities, and other customary certifications and agreements as Guild may from time to time reasonably request (the "<u>Holder Information</u>"). Each such Holder agrees to furnish such Holder Information to Guild and to cooperate with Guild as reasonably necessary to enable Guild to comply with the provisions of this Agreement. At least fifteen (15) days prior to the first anticipated filing date of a Registration Statement for any registration under this Agreement, Guild will notify in writing each Holder of the Holder Information which Guild is requesting from that Holder whether or not such Holder has elected to have any of its Registrable Securities included in the Registration Statement. If, within five (5) days prior to the anticipated filing date, Guild has not received the requested Holder Information from a Holder, then Guild may file the Registration Statement without including Registrable Securities of that Holder.
- Section 4.3 <u>Suspension of Sales Pending Amendment of Prospectus</u> Each Holder shall, upon receipt of any notice from Guild of the happening of any event of the kind described in clauses (iii) through (vi) of <u>Section 4.1(d)</u>, suspend the disposition of any Registrable Securities covered by such Registration Statement or Prospectus until such Holder's receipt of the copies of a supplemented or amended Prospectus or until it is advised in writing by Guild that the use of the applicable Prospectus may be resumed, and, if so directed by Guild such Holder will deliver to Guild all copies, other than permanent file copies, then in such Holder's possession of any Prospectus covering such Registrable Securities. If Guild shall have given any such notice during a period when a Demand Registration is in effect, the ninety (90)-day period referred to in clause (i) of <u>Section 2.1</u> shall be extended by the number of days of such suspension period.
- Section 4.4 Other Registration Rights. Guild shall not, without the consent of (x) the MCMI Holder, for so long as it holds any Registrable Securities, and any Affiliates of the MCMI Holder, for so long as they hold any Registrable Securities and (y) Holders holding a majority of the Registrable Securities, grant to any Persons the right to request Guild to register any equity securities of Guild, or any securities convertible or exchangeable into or exercisable for such securities, whether pursuant to "demand," "piggyback" or other rights, unless such rights are subject and subordinate to the rights of the Holders under this Agreement.

### Article V Registration Expenses

Section 5.1 Registration Expenses. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein to the contrary, all reasonable and documented expenses incident to Guild's performance of or compliance with its obligations under this Agreement, including all (a) registration and filing fees, (b) fees and expenses of compliance with securities or blue sky laws, (c) printing expenses, (d) fees and disbursements of its counsel and its independent certified public accountants (including the expenses of any special audit or "comfort" letters required by or incident to such performance or compliance), (e) the reasonable fees and expenses of not more than one firm of attorneys acting as legal counsel for all of the Holders in the relevant registration and sale, (f) securities acts liability insurance (if Guild elects to obtain such insurance) and (g) the expenses and fees for listing securities to be registered on any securities exchange, shall be borne by Guild (all such expenses being herein referred to as "Registration Expenses"); provided, however, that Registration Expenses shall not include any underwriting discounts or commissions or transfer taxes with respect to shares of Class A Common Stock sold by the Holders, which underwriting discounts or commissions and transfer taxes shall in all cases be borne solely by the Holders.

#### Article VI Indemnification

Section 6.1 Indemnification by Guild. In the event of any registration of any securities of Guild under the Securities Act pursuant to Article II or Article III, Guild will indemnify and hold harmless each selling Holder of any Registrable Securities covered by such Registration Statement, its directors, officers and agents and each other Person, if any, who controls such selling Holder within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act (each such selling Holder and such other Persons, collectively, "Holder Covered Persons"), against any and all out-of-pocket losses, claims, damages, liabilities and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses) (collectively, "Damages") actually and as incurred by such Holder Covered Person under the Securities Act, common law or otherwise, to the extent that such Damages (or actions or proceedings in respect thereof) arise out of or result from (a) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Disclosure Package, any Registration Statement, the Prospectus, or in any amendment or supplement thereto, under which such securities were registered under the Securities Act or the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, or (b) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in any preliminary Prospectus, together with the documents incorporated by reference therein (as amended or supplemented if Guild shall have filed with the Commission any amendment thereof or supplement thereto), if used prior to the effective date of such Registration Statement, or contained in the Prospectus, together with the documents incorporated by reference therein (as amended or supplemented if Guild shall have filed with the Commission any amendment thereof or supplement thereto), or the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; provided, however, that Guild shall not be liable to any Holder Covered Person in any such case to the extent that any such Damage (or action or proceeding in respect thereof) arises out of or relates to any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission made in such Registration Statement or amendment thereof or supplement thereto or in any such preliminary, final or summary Prospectus in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to Guild by or on behalf of any such Holder Covered Person specifically for use in the preparation thereof.

Section 6.2 Indemnification by the Selling Holders. Each Holder selling Registrable Securities in any Registration Statement filed pursuant to Article III or Article III will indemnify and hold harmless, severally and not jointly, Guild, its directors, officers and agents and each Person controlling Guild within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act (each, a "Guild Covered Person") against any and all Damages actually and as incurred by such Guild Covered Person under the Securities Act, common law or otherwise, to the extent that such Damages (or actions or proceedings in respect thereof) arise out of or result from any statement or alleged statement in or omission or alleged omission from the Disclosure Package, such Registration Statement, any preliminary, final or summary Prospectus contained therein, any Holder Free Writing Prospectus for such Holder or any amendment or supplement thereto, if such statement or alleged statement or omission or alleged omission was made in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to Guild or its representatives by or on behalf of any selling Holder specifically for use in the preparation of such Disclosure Package, Registration Statement, preliminary, final or summary Prospectus, Holder Free Writing Prospectus or amendment or supplement thereto. In no event shall the liability of any Holder hereunder be greater than the net proceeds received by such Holder under the sale of the Registrable Securities giving rise to such indemnification obligation. Such indemnity shall remain in full force and effect regardless of any investigation made by or on behalf of Guild or any of its directors, officers, agents, or controlling Persons. Guild may require as a condition to its including Registrable Securities in any Registration Statement filed hereunder that each such selling Holder acknowledge its agreement to be bound by the provisions of this Agreement (including this Article VI) applicable to it.

Section 6.3 Notices of Claims. Promptly after receipt by a Holder Covered Person or a Guild Covered Person (each, an Indemnified Party") of written notice of the commencement of any action or proceeding with respect to which a claim for indemnification may be made pursuant to this Article VI, such Indemnified Party will, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against, respectively, Guild, on the one hand, or any selling Holder, on the other hand (such Person or Persons, the "Indemnifying Party"), give written notice to the latter of the commencement of such action; provided, however, that the failure of any Indemnified Party to give notice as provided herein shall not relieve the Indemnifying Party of its or their obligations under this Article VI, except to the extent that the Indemnifying Party is actually materially prejudiced by such failure to give notice, and in no event shall such failure relieve the Indemnifying Party from any other liability that it may have to such Indemnified Party. If any such claim or action shall be brought against an Indemnified Party, and it shall notify the Indemnifying Party thereof in accordance with this Section 6.3, the Indemnifying Party shall be entitled to participate therein, and, to the extent that it wishes, to assume the defense thereof with counsel reasonably satisfactory to the Indemnified Party, and after notice from the Indemnifying Party to such Indemnified Party of its election to assume the defense thereof, the Indemnified Party shall not be liable to such Indemnified Party under this Article VI for any legal or other expenses subsequently incurred by such Indemnified Party in connection with the defense thereof, other than reasonable cost of investigation; provided, further, that if, in the Indemnified Party's reasonable judgment, a conflict of interest between the Indemnified Party and the Indemnifying Party exists in respect of such claim, then such Indemnified Party shall have the right to participate in the defense of such claim and to employ one fir

written consent to such judgment or settlement, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed. No Indemnifying Party shall, without the prior written consent of the Indemnified Party, consent to entry of any judgment or enter into any settlement in respect of which the Indemnified Party is or could have been a party and indemnity could have been sought hereunder by such Indemnified Party, unless such settlement includes an unconditional release of such Indemnified Party from all liability arising out of such claim or proceeding.

Section 6.4 Contribution. If the indemnification provided for in this Article VI is unavailable or insufficient to hold harmless an Indemnified Party under this Article VI, then each Indemnifying Party shall have a several and not joint obligation to contribute to the amount paid or payable by such Indemnified Party as a result of the Damages referred to in this Article VI in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative fault of the Indemnifying Party, on the one hand, and the Indemnified Party, on the other hand, in connection with the offering that resulted in such Damages, as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative fault shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether an untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or an omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Indemnifying Party or the Indemnified Party and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such untrue statements or omission. Notwithstanding anything in this Section 6.4 to the contrary, no Holder shall be required to contribute any amount pursuant to this Section 6.4 in excess of the amount by which (a) the net proceeds received by such Holder from the sale of Registrable Securities in the offering to which the misstatement or omission relates exceeds, and (b) the amount of any Damages that such Holder has otherwise been required to pay by reason of such misstatement or omission. Guild and the Holders agree that it would not be just and equitable if contributions pursuant to this Section 6.4 were to be determined by pro rata allocation or by any other method of allocation that does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to in this Section 6.4. The amount paid by an Indemnified Party as a result of the Damages referred to in the first sentence of this ection 6.4 shall be deemed to include any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such Indemnified Party in connection with investigating or defending any action or claim (which shall be limited as provided in Section 6.3 if the Indemnifying Party has assumed the defense of any such action in accordance with the provisions thereof) that is the subject of this Section 6.4. No Person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Securities Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any Person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. Promptly after receipt by an Indemnified Party under this Section 6.4 of notice of the commencement of any action against such party in respect of which a claim for contribution may be made against an Indemnifying Party under this Section 6.4, such Indemnified Party shall notify the Indemnifying Party in writing of the commencement thereof if the notice specified in Section 6.3 has not been given with respect to such action; provided, however, that the failure of any Indemnified Party to give notice as provided herein shall not relieve the Indemnifying Party of its or their obligations under this Article VI, except to the extent that the Indemnifying Party is actually materially prejudiced by such failure to give notice, and in no event shall such failure relieve the Indemnifying Party from any other liability that it may have to such Indemnified Party.

### Article VII Rule 144

Section 7.1 Rule 144. Guild shall file the reports required to be filed by it under the Securities Act and the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, so long as it is subject to such reporting requirements, all to the extent required from time to time to enable the Holders to sell Registrable Securities without registration under the Securities Act within the limits of the exemptions provided by Rule 144 of the Securities Act ("Rule 144"). Upon the request of a Holder, Guild shall deliver to such Holder a written statement stating whether it has complied with such requirements and will take such further action as such Holder may reasonably request, all to the extent required from time to time to enable such Holder to sell Registrable Securities without registration under the Securities Act within the limits of the exemptions provided by Rule 144.

### Article VIII Underwritten Registrations

Section 8.1 <u>Selection of Underwriter(s)</u>. In each registration under <u>Article II</u>, the underwriter or underwriters and managing underwriter or managing underwriters that will administer the offering shall be selected by the MCMI Holder (or any Affiliate thereof designated thereby that holds Registrable Securities); <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, such managing underwriter or underwriters shall be reasonably acceptable to Guild. In each registration under <u>Article III</u>, the underwriter or underwriters and managing underwriter or managing underwriters that will administer the offering shall be selected by Guild.

Section 8.2 Agreements of Selling Holders. No Holder shall sell any of its Registrable Securities in any underwritten offering pursuant to a registration hereunder, unless such Holder (a) agrees to sell such Registrable Securities on a basis provided in any underwriting agreement in customary form, including the making of customary representations, warranties and indemnities and (b) completes and executes all questionnaires, powers of attorney, indemnities, underwriting agreements and other documents required under the terms of such underwriting agreements or as reasonably requested by Guild (whether or not such offering is underwritten).

### Article IX Holdback Agreements

Section 9.1 Restrictions on Public Sales by Holders To the extent not inconsistent with applicable law, each Holder that is timely notified in writing by the managing underwriter(s) or underwriter(s) shall not effect any public sale or distribution (including a sale pursuant to Rule 144) of any securities of Guild of the same class or series being registered in an underwritten offering (other than pursuant to an employee stock option, stock purchase, stock bonus or similar plan, or pursuant to a merger, exchange offer or transaction of the type specified in Rule 145(a) under the Securities Act) or any securities of Guild convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for securities of the same class or series, during the seven (7)-day period prior to the effective date of the applicable Registration Statement, if such date is known, or during the period beginning on such effective date and ending either (a) sixty (60) days after such effective date (except as part of such underwritten offering or pursuant to registrations on Form S-8 or S-4 or any successor forms thereto) or (b) any such earlier date as may be requested by the managing underwriter(s) or underwriter(s) of such registration.

## Article X Effectiveness and Termination

Section 10.1 <u>Effectiveness</u>. This Agreement shall take effect on the date hereof and shall remain in effect until it is terminated pursuant to <u>Section 10.2</u>.

Section 10.2 <u>Termination</u>. Other than the termination provisions applicable to particular Sections of this Agreement that are specifically provided elsewhere in this Agreement, this Agreement shall terminate upon the earliest to occur of: (a) the mutual written agreement of each of the Parties hereto to terminate this Agreement and (b) the date on which no Registrable Securities shall remain outstanding.

#### Article XI Miscellaneous

Section 11.1 Interpretation. In this Agreement, (a) words in the singular shall be deemed to include the plural and vice versa and words of one gender shall be deemed to include the other genders as the context requires; (b) the terms "hereof," "herein," and "herewith" and words of similar import shall, unless otherwise stated, be construed to refer to this Agreement as a whole (including all of the schedules, exhibits and appendices hereto and thereto) and not to any particular provision of this Agreement; (c) Article, Section, schedule, exhibit and appendix references are to the Articles, Sections, schedules, exhibits and appendices to this Agreement unless otherwise specified; (d) unless otherwise stated, all references to any agreement (including this Agreement) shall be deemed to include the exhibits, schedules and annexes (including all schedules, exhibits and appendixes) to such agreement; (e) the word "including" and words of similar import when used in this Agreement shall mean "including, without limitation," unless otherwise specified; (f) the word "or" shall not be exclusive; (g) unless otherwise specified in a particular case, the word "days" refers to calendar days; (h) references herein to this Agreement or any other agreement contemplated herein shall be deemed to refer to this Agreement or such other agreement as of the date on which it is executed and as it may be amended, modified or supplemented thereafter, unless otherwise specified; and (i) unless expressly stated to the contrary in this Agreement, all references to "the date hereof," "the date of this Agreement," "hereby" and "hereupon" and words of similar import shall all be references to [•], 2020.

Section 11.2 <u>Amendments and Waivers</u>. No provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed waived, amended, supplemented or modified by a Party, unless such waiver, amendment, supplement or modification is in writing and signed by the authorized representative of the Party against whom it is sought to enforce such waiver, amendment, supplement or modification.

Section 11.3 <u>Assignability</u>. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that neither Party may assign its rights or delegate its obligations under this Agreement without

the express prior written consent of the other Parties hereto; <u>provided</u>, that a Holder may assign its rights and obligations hereunder to an Affiliate of such Holder without such express prior written consent. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no such consent shall be required for the assignment of a Party's rights and obligations under this Agreement in connection with a change of control of a Party so long as the resulting, surviving or transferee Person assumes all the obligations of the relevant Party thereto by operation of law or pursuant to an agreement in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the other Parties.

Section 11.4 <u>Third-Party Beneficiaries</u>. Except for the indemnification rights under this Agreement of any Holder Covered Person or Guild Covered Person in their respective capacities as such, (a) the provisions of this Agreement are solely for the benefit of the Parties and are not intended to confer upon any Person, except the Parties any rights or remedies hereunder, and (b) there are no third-party beneficiaries of this Agreement and this Agreement shall not provide any third person with any remedy, claim, Liability, reimbursement, claim of action or other right in excess of those existing without reference to this Agreement.

Section 11.5 <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, supersedes all previous agreements, negotiations, discussions, writings, understandings, commitments and conversations with respect to such subject matter, and there are no agreements or understandings between the Parties other than those set forth or referred to herein or therein.

Section 11.6 <u>Notices</u>. All notices, requests, claims, demands or other communications under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be given or made (and shall be deemed to have been duly given or made upon receipt) by delivery in person, by overnight courier service, or by facsimile with receipt confirmed, to the respective Parties at the following addresses (or at such other address for a Party as shall be specified in a notice given in accordance with this <u>Section 12.6</u>).

If to Guild:

Guild Holdings Company 5887 Copley Drive San Diego, California 92111 Attention: General Counsel

E-mail:

with a copy to:

Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz 51 West 52nd Street New York, New York 10019

Attention: David E. Shapiro, Esq.

Mark F. Veblen, Esq. Mark A. Stagliano, Esq.

Email: deshapiro@wlrk.com

mfveblen@wlrk.com mastagliano@wlrk.com If to any of the Holders, to the address set forth below such Holder's name on Schedule I hereto, or such other address as may be designated in writing hereafter, in the same manner, by such Person.

A Party may, by notice to the other Parties, change the address to which such notices are to be given.

Section 11.7 Severability. If any provision of this Agreement or the application thereof to any Person or circumstance is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remaining provisions hereof, or the application of such provision to Persons or circumstances or in jurisdictions other than those as to which it has been held invalid or unenforceable, shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired or invalidated thereby. Upon such determination, the Parties shall negotiate in good faith in an effort to agree upon such a suitable and equitable provision to effect the original intent of the Parties.

Section 11.8 Governing Law. This Agreement (and any claims or disputes arising out of or related hereto or to the transactions contemplated hereby or to the inducement of any Party to enter herein, whether for breach of contract, tortious conduct or otherwise and whether predicated on common law, statute or otherwise) shall be governed by and construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware irrespective of the choice of laws principles of the State of Delaware, including all matters of validity, construction, effect, enforceability, performance and remedies. Each Party agrees that all actions or proceedings arising out of or in connection with this Agreement, or for recognition and enforcement of any judgment arising out of or in connection with this Agreement, shall be determined exclusively in the state or federal courts in the State of Delaware, and each Party hereby irrevocably submits with regard to any such action or proceeding for itself and with respect to its property, generally and unconditionally, to the exclusive jurisdiction of the aforesaid courts. Each Party hereby expressly waives any right it may have to assert, and agrees not to assert, by way of motion, as a defense, counterclaim or otherwise, in any such action or proceeding: (a) any claim that it is not subject to personal jurisdiction in the aforesaid courts for any reason; (b) that it or its property is exempt or immune from jurisdiction of any such court or from any legal process commenced in such courts; and (c) that (i) any of the aforesaid courts is an inconvenient or inappropriate forum for such action or proceeding, (ii) venue is not proper in any of the aforesaid court, and (iii) this Agreement, or the subject matter hereof, may not be enforced in or by any of the aforesaid courts.

Section 11.9 <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, all of which shall be considered one and the same agreement, and shall become effective when one or more counterparts have been signed by each of the Parties and delivered to the other Parties. Each Party acknowledges that it and each other Party may execute this Agreement by facsimile, stamp or mechanical signature, and that delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page to this Agreement (whether executed by manual, stamp or mechanical signature) by facsimile or by e-mail in portable document format (PDF) shall be

effective as delivery of such executed counterpart of this Agreement. Each Party expressly adopts and confirms each such facsimile, stamp or mechanical signature (regardless of whether delivered in person, by mail, by courier, by facsimile or by e-mail in portable document format (PDF)) made in its respective name as if it were a manual signature delivered in person, agrees that it will not assert that any such signature or delivery is not adequate to bind such Party to the same extent as if it were signed manually and delivered in person and agrees that, at the reasonable request of any of the other Parties at any time, it will as promptly as reasonably practicable cause this Agreement to be manually executed (any such execution to be as of the date of the initial date thereof) and delivered in person, by mail or by courier.

- Section 11.10 Specific Performance. In the event of any actual or threatened default in, or breach of, any of the terms, conditions and provisions of this Agreement, the Party or Parties who are, or are to be, thereby aggrieved shall have the right to specific performance and injunctive or other equitable relief in respect of its or their rights under this Agreement, in addition to any and all other rights and remedies at law or in equity, and all such rights and remedies shall be cumulative. The Parties agree that the remedies at law for any breach or threatened breach, including monetary damages, are inadequate compensation for any loss and that any defense in any Action for specific performance that a remedy at law would be adequate is waived. Any requirements for the securing or posting of any bond with such remedy are waived by each of the Parties.
- Section 11.11 <u>Waivers of Default</u>. Waiver by a Party of any default by another Party of any provision of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver by the waiving Party of any subsequent or other default, nor shall it prejudice the rights of another Party. No failure or delay by a Party in exercising any right, power or privilege under this Agreement shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall a single or partial exercise thereof prejudice any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power or privilege.
- Section 11.12 <u>Headings</u>. The article, section and paragraph headings contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.
- Section 11.13 <u>Mutual Drafting</u>. This Agreement shall be deemed to be the joint work product of the Parties and any rule of construction that a document shall be interpreted or construed against a drafter of such document shall not be applicable.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the date set forth above.

### GUILD HOLDINGS COMPANY

By:			
By: Name: Title:			
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By: Name:			
Name:			
Title:			

[Signature Page to Registration Rights Agreement]

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#### [Letterhead of Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz]

[ ], 2020

Guild Holdings Company 5887 Copley Drive San Diego, California 92111

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as special counsel to Guild Holdings Company, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the Registration Statement on Form S-1 (the "Registration Statement", which term does not include any other document or agreement whether or not specifically referred to therein or attached as an exhibit or schedule thereto), initially filed by the Company with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on October 1, 2020, relating to the registration under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), of up to [ ] shares of Class A common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company to be sold by the selling stockholders named in the Registration Statement (the "Shares"). In connection with the foregoing, you have requested our opinion with respect to the following matters.

For the purposes of giving the opinion contained herein, we have examined the Registration Statement, the amended and restated certificate of incorporation of the Company, the form of which has been filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Registration Statement (the "Certificate of Incorporation"), and an underwriting agreement between the Company, the selling stockholders party thereto and the underwriters named therein, the form of which has been filed as Exhibit 1.1 to the Registration Statement (the "Underwriting Agreement"). We have also examined the originals, or duplicates or certified or conformed copies, of such corporate records, agreements, documents and other instruments and have made such other investigations as we have deemed relevant and necessary in connection with the opinions set forth below. As to questions of fact material to this opinion, we have relied, with your approval, upon oral and written representations of officers and representatives of the Company and the selling stockholders and certificates or comparable documents of public officials and of officers and representatives of the Company and the selling stockholders.

In making such examination and rendering the opinions set forth below, we have assumed without verification the genuineness of all signatures, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the authenticity of the originals of such documents submitted to us as certified copies, the conformity to originals of all documents submitted to us as copies, the authenticity of the originals of such documents, that all documents submitted to us as certified copies are true and correct copies of such originals and the legal capacity of all individuals executing any of the foregoing documents.

Based upon the foregoing, and subject to the qualifications, assumptions and limitations stated herein, we are of the opinion that, when each of the Board of Directors and the sole stockholder of the Company have taken all necessary corporate action to authorize and approve the Certificate of Incorporation, when the Certificate of Incorporation has been duly filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware and when the Registration Statement has been declared effective by order of the Commission and the Shares have been issued, delivered and paid for in the manner contemplated by and upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Registration Statement and the Underwriting Agreement, the Shares will be validly issued, duly authorized, fully paid and nonassessable.

We are members of the bar of the State of New York, and we do not express any opinion herein concerning any law other than the Delaware General Corporation Law (including the statutory provisions, all applicable provisions of the Delaware Constitution and reported judicial decisions interpreting the foregoing).

This opinion letter speaks only as of its date and is delivered in accordance with the requirements of Item 601(b)(5) of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act. We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion letter as Exhibit 5.1 to the Registration Statement and to the use of our name under the caption "Legal Matters" in the Prospectus included in the Registration Statement. In giving such consent, we do not hereby admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder.

Very Truly Yours,

### GUILD HOLDINGS COMPANY 2020 OMNIBUS INCENTIVE PLAN

### SECTION 1. Purpose; Definitions

The purpose of this Plan is to give the Company a competitive advantage in attracting, retaining and motivating officers, employees, directors and/or consultants of the Company and its Subsidiaries and Affiliates and to enable the Company to provide incentives for future performance of services directly linked to the profitability of the Company's businesses and increases in Company shareholder value.

For purposes of this Plan, the following terms are defined as set forth below:

- (a) "Affiliate" means a company or other entity controlled by, controlling or under common control with the Company.
- (b) "Applicable Exchange" means the New York Stock Exchange or such other securities exchange as may at the applicable time be the principal market for the Common Stock.
- (c) "Award" means a Stock Option, Stock Appreciation Right, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Unit, Other Stock-Based Award or Cash Award granted pursuant to the terms of this Plan.
  - (d) "Award Agreement" means a written or electronic document or agreement setting forth the terms and conditions of a specific Award.
  - (e) "Board" means the board of directors of the Company.
  - (f) "Business Combination" has the meaning set forth in Section 10(e)(iii).
  - (g) "Cash Award" means a cash-settled Award granted pursuant to Section 9.
- (h) "Cause" means, unless otherwise provided in an Award Agreement, (i) "Cause" as defined in any Individual Agreement to which the Participant is a party as of the Grant Date, or (ii) if there is no such Individual Agreement or if it does not define Cause: (A) conviction of, or plea of guilty or nolo contendere by, the Participant for committing a felony under federal law or the law of the state in which such action occurred, (B) willful and deliberate failure on the part of the Participant in the performance of his or her employment duties in any material respect, (C) dishonesty in the course of fulfilling the Participant's employment duties, or (D) a material violation of the Company's ethics and compliance program, code of conduct or other material policy of the Company. Notwithstanding the general rule of Section 2(c), following a Change in Control, any determination by the Committee as to whether "Cause" exists shall be subject to de novo review.
  - (i) "Change in Control" has the meaning set forth in Section 10(e).

- (j) "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, and any successor thereto, the Treasury Regulations thereunder and other relevant interpretive guidance issued by the Internal Revenue Service or the Treasury Department. Reference to any specific section of the Code shall be deemed to include such regulations and guidance, as well as any successor provision of the Code.
  - (k) "Committee" means the Committee referred to in Section 2.
  - (1) "Common Stock" means Class A common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, of the Company.
  - (m) "Company" means Guild Holdings Company, a Delaware corporation, or its successor.
  - (n) "Corporate Transaction" has the meaning set forth in Section 3(d).
- (o) "Disability" means, unless otherwise provided in an Award Agreement, (i) "Disability" as defined in any Individual Agreement to which the Participant is a party, or (ii) if there is no such Individual Agreement or it does not define "Disability," permanent and total disability as determined under the Company's Long-Term Disability Plan applicable to the Participant; provided, however, to the extent necessary to avoid tax penalties under Section 409A of the Code, "Disability means "disability" as defined in Section 409(a)(2)(C) of the Code.
- (p) "Disaffiliation" means a Subsidiary's or an Affiliate's ceasing to be a Subsidiary or Affiliate for any reason (including as a result of a public offering, or a spinoff or sale by the Company, of the stock of the Subsidiary or Affiliate) or a sale of a division of the Company and its Affiliates.
  - (q) "Effective Date" has the meaning set forth in Section 11(a).
- (r) "Eligible Individuals" means directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates, and prospective directors, officers, employees and consultants who have accepted offers of employment or consultancy from the Company or its Subsidiaries or Affiliates.
  - (s) "Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended from time to time, and any successor thereto.
- (t) "Fair Market Value" means, except as otherwise determined by the Committee, the closing price of a Share on the Applicable Exchange on the date of measurement or, if Shares were not traded on the Applicable Exchange on such measurement date, then on the immediately preceding date on which Shares were traded on the Applicable Exchange, as reported by such source as the Committee may select. If there is no regular public trading market for Shares, the Fair Market Value of a Share shall be determined by the Committee in good faith and, to the extent applicable, such determination shall be made in a manner that satisfies Sections 409A and 422(c)(1) of the Code.

- (u) "Full-Value Award" means any Award other than a Stock Option, Stock Appreciation Right or Cash Award.
- (v) "Grant Date" means the date on which the Committee by resolution selects an Eligible Individual to receive a grant of an Award and determines the number of Shares, or the formula for earning a number of Shares, to be subject to such Award or the cash amount subject to such Award, or such later date as the Committee shall provide in such resolution.
- (w) "Incentive Stock Option" means any Stock Option designated in the applicable Award Agreement as an "incentive stock option" within the meaning of Section 422 of the Code, and that in fact so qualifies.
  - (x) "Incumbent Board" has the meaning set forth in Section 10(e)(ii).
- (y) "Individual Agreement" means an employment, consulting, change in control, or similar agreement between a Participant and the Company or one of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates. If a Participant is party to both an employment agreement and a change in control agreement, the employment agreement shall be the relevant "Individual Agreement" prior to a Change in Control, and the change in control agreement shall be the relevant "Individual Agreement" after a Change in Control.
- (z) "Investors" means, collectively, (i) McCarthy Capital Mortgage Investors, LLC, any other investment funds affiliated with McCarthy Partners Management, LLC, and any company or other entity controlled by, controlling or under common control with McCarthy Capital Mortgage Investors, LLC or any such investment fund (other than any portfolio company) (the "McCarthy Investors") and (ii) provided that the McCarthy Investors own a majority of the voting power of the Company, any Person that forms a group (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) or Section 14(d)(2) of the Exchange Act or any successor provision) with the McCarthy Investors and that, directly or indirectly, holds or acquires beneficial ownership of voting securities of the Company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors.
  - (aa) "Nonqualified Stock Option" means any Stock Option that is not an Incentive Stock Option.
  - (bb) "Other Stock-Based Award" means an Award granted pursuant to Section 8.
  - (cc) "Outstanding Company Common Stock" has the meaning set forth in Section 10(e)(i).
  - (dd) "Outstanding Company Voting Securities" has the meaning set forth in Section 10(e)(i).

- (ee) "Participant" means an Eligible Individual to whom an Award is or has been granted.
- (ff) "Performance Goals" means the performance goals established by the Committee in connection with the grant of an Award. Such goals shall be based on the attainment of specified levels of one or more of the following measures or such other performance measures as are determined by the Committee: stock price, earnings (whether based on earnings before taxes, earnings before interest and taxes or earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization), earnings per share, return on equity, return on assets or operating assets, asset quality, net interest margin, loan portfolio growth, efficiency ratio, liquidity, market share, customer service measures or indices, economic value added, shareholder value added, embedded value added, combined ratio, pre- or after-tax income, net income, cash flow (before or after dividends), cash flow per share (before or after dividends), gross margin, risk-based capital, revenues, revenue growth, return on capital (whether based on return on total capital or return on invested capital), cash flow return on investment, cost control, gross profit, operating profit, cash generation, unit volume, sales, asset quality, cost saving levels, market-spending efficiency, core non-interest income, change in working capital, production volume, production income, gain on sale margins, or segment income, in each case with respect to (i) the Company or any one or more Subsidiaries, divisions, business units or business segments thereof, either in absolute terms or relative to the performance of one or more other companies (including an index covering multiple companies) including reasonable adjustments or (ii) an individual Participant.
  - (gg) "Person" has the meaning set forth in Section 10(e)(i).
  - (hh) "Plan" means the Guild Holdings Company 2020 Omnibus Incentive Plan, as set forth herein and as hereinafter amended from time to time.
  - (ii) "Replaced Award" has the meaning set forth in Section 10(b).
  - (jj) "Replacement Award" has the meaning set forth in Section 10(b).
  - (kk) "Restricted Stock" means an Award granted under Section 6.
  - (ll) "Restricted Stock Unit" has the meaning set forth in Section 7(a).
  - (mm) "Section 16(b)" has the meaning set forth in Section 2(f).
  - (nn) "Separation from Service" has the meaning set forth in Section 409A of the Code.
  - (00) "Share" means a share of Common Stock.
  - (pp) "Stock Appreciation Right" means an Award granted under Section 5(b).
  - (qq) "Stock Option" means an Award granted under Section 5(a).

- (rr) "Subsidiary" means any corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company or other entity during any period in which at least a 50% voting or profits interest is owned, directly or indirectly, by the Company or any successor to the Company.
- (ss) "Term" means the maximum period during which a Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right may remain outstanding, subject to earlier termination upon Termination of Service or otherwise, as specified in the applicable Award Agreement.
- (tt) "Termination of Service" means the termination of the applicable Participant's employment with, or performance of services for, the Company and any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee, (i) if a Participant's employment with the Company and its Affiliates terminates but such Participant continues to provide services to the Company and its Affiliates in a non-employee capacity, such change in status shall not be deemed a Termination of Service and (ii) a Participant employed by, or performing services for, a Subsidiary or an Affiliate or a division of the Company and its Affiliates shall also be deemed to incur a Termination of Service if, as a result of a Disaffiliation, such Subsidiary, Affiliate or division ceases to be a Subsidiary, Affiliate or division, as the case may be, and the Participant does not immediately thereafter become an employee of, or service provider for, the Company or another Subsidiary or Affiliate. The Committee shall determine, in its sole discretion, the point at which a Participant who is on an approved leave of absence experiences a Termination of Service as a result of such leave of absence. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this definition, with respect to any Award that constitutes a "nonqualified deferred compensation plan" subject to Section 409A of the Code, a Participant shall not be considered to have experienced a "Termination of Service" unless the Participant has experienced a Separation from Service.

#### **SECTION 2.** Administration

(a) Committee. This Plan shall be administered by the Board directly, or if the Board elects, by the Compensation Committee of the Board or such other committee of the Board as the Board may from time to time designate, which committee shall be composed of not fewer than two directors, and shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Board. All references in this Plan to the "Committee" shall refer to the Compensation Committee of the Board as a whole, unless a separate committee has been designated or authorized consistent with the foregoing; provided that, subject to applicable law, all powers of the Committee may be exercised by the full Board.

Subject to the terms and conditions of this Plan, the Committee shall have absolute authority:

- (i) To select the Eligible Individuals to whom Awards may from time to time be granted;
- (ii) To determine whether and to what extent Incentive Stock Options, Nonqualified Stock Options, Stock Appreciation Rights, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, Other Stock-Based Awards, Cash Awards or any combination thereof are to be granted hereunder;

- (iii) To determine the number of Shares to be covered by an Award or the amount of any Cash Award;
- (iv) To approve the form of any Award Agreement and determine the terms and conditions of any Award granted hereunder, including the exercise price and any vesting condition, restriction or limitation;
- (v) To modify, amend or adjust the terms and conditions (including any Performance Goals) of any Award, including, without limitation, waiving any exercise or vesting conditions with respect to any Award;
  - (vi) To determine to what extent and under what circumstances Shares or cash payable with respect to an Award shall be deferred;
  - (vii) To determine under what circumstances an Award may be settled in cash, Shares, other property or a combination of the foregoing;
- (viii) To adopt, alter and repeal such administrative rules, guidelines and practices governing this Plan as it shall from time to time deem advisable;
  - (ix) To establish any "blackout" period that the Committee in its sole discretion deems necessary or advisable;
  - (x) To interpret the terms and provisions of this Plan and any Award issued under this Plan (and any Award Agreement relating thereto);
  - (xi) To decide all other matters that must be determined in connection with an Award; and
  - (xii) To otherwise administer this Plan.

#### (b) Procedures.

- (i) The Committee may act only by a majority of its members then in office, except that the Committee may, except to the extent prohibited by applicable law or the listing standards of the Applicable Exchange, allocate all or any portion of its responsibilities and powers to any one or more of its members and may delegate all or any part of its responsibilities and powers to any person or persons selected by it. Any such allocation or delegation may be revoked by the Committee at any time.
- (ii) Any authority granted to the Committee may be exercised by the full Board. To the extent that any permitted action taken by the Board conflicts with action taken by the Committee, the Board action shall control.

- (c) Discretion of Committee. Subject to Section 1(h), any determination made by the Committee or pursuant to delegated authority under the provisions of this Plan with respect to any Award shall be made in the sole discretion of the Committee or such delegate at the time of the grant of the Award or, unless in contravention of any express term of this Plan, at any time thereafter. All decisions made by the Committee or any appropriately delegated officer pursuant to the provisions of this Plan shall be final, binding and conclusive on all persons, including the Company, Participants and Eligible Individuals. Any determination made by the Committee or pursuant to delegated authority under the provisions of this Plan, including conditions for grant or vesting and the adjustment of Awards pursuant to Section 3(d) need not be the same for each Participant.
- (d) Cancellation or Suspension. Subject to Section 5(c), the Committee shall have full power and authority to determine whether, to what extent and under what circumstances any Award shall be canceled or suspended.
- (e) Award Agreements. The terms and conditions of each Award, as determined by the Committee, shall be set forth in a written (or electronic) Award Agreement, which shall be delivered to the Participant receiving such Award upon, or as promptly as is reasonably practicable following, the grant of such Award. The effectiveness of an Award shall be subject to the Participant's acceptance of the applicable Award Agreement within the time period specified therein (if any).
- (f) Section 16(b). The provisions of this Plan are intended to ensure that no transaction under this Plan is subject to (and all such transactions will be exempt from) the short-swing recovery rules of Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act ("Section 16(b)"). Accordingly, the composition of the Committee shall be subject to such limitations as the Board deems appropriate to permit transactions pursuant to this Plan to be exempt (pursuant to Rule 16b-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act) from Section 16(b), and no delegation of authority by the Committee shall be permitted if such delegation would cause any such transaction to be subject to (and not exempt from) Section 16(b).

## SECTION 3. Common Stock Subject to Plan; Other Limits

- (a) Plan Maximums. (i) Subject to Section 3(c), the maximum number of Shares that may be granted pursuant to Awards under this Plan shall be 5,500,000 (the "Share Reserve"). The maximum number of Shares that may be granted pursuant to Stock Options intended to be Incentive Stock Options shall be 5,500,000 Shares. Shares subject to an Award under this Plan may be authorized and unissued Shares or treasury Shares.
- (b) Non-Employee Director Compensation Limits. No non-employee director of the Company may receive compensation in such capacity during any calendar year with a value that exceeds \$500,000 (calculating the value of any equity-based Awards based on the grant date fair value of such Awards for financial reporting purposes). For purposes of the preceding sentence, an equity-based Award shall be deemed received upon grant (and not upon vesting or settlement) and any deferred cash compensation shall be deemed received when earned (and not when paid).

(c) Rules for Calculating Shares Issued. To the extent that any Award is forfeited, terminates, expires or lapses instead of being exercised, or any Award is settled for cash, the Shares subject to such Award that are not delivered as a result thereof shall again be available for Awards under this Plan. If the tax withholding obligations relating to any Full-Value Award are satisfied by withholding Shares relating to such Full-Value Award, such withheld Shares shall not be deemed to have been granted for purposes of the first sentence of Section 3(a). If the exercise price of any Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right are satisfied by delivering Shares (either actually or through a signed document affirming the Participant's ownership and delivery of such Shares) or withholding Shares relating to such Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right, the gross number of Shares subject to the Award shall nonetheless be deemed to have been granted for purposes of the first sentence of Section 3(a).

#### (d) Adjustment Provisions.

(i) In the event of a merger, consolidation, acquisition of property or shares, stock rights offering, liquidation, disposition for consideration of the Company's direct or indirect ownership of a Subsidiary or Affiliate (including by reason of a Disaffiliation), or similar event affecting the Company or any of its Subsidiaries (each, a "Corporate Transaction"), the Committee or the Board may in its discretion make such substitutions or adjustments as it deems appropriate and equitable to (A) the limits set forth in Sections 3(a) and 3(b) and the kind of securities deliverable pursuant to this Plan; (B) the number and kind of Shares or other securities subject to outstanding Awards; (C) the Performance Goals applicable to outstanding Awards; and (D) the exercise price of outstanding Awards. In the event of a Corporate Transaction, such adjustments may include (I) the cancellation of outstanding Awards in exchange for payments of cash, property or a combination thereof having an aggregate value equal to the value of such Awards, as determined by the Committee in its sole discretion (it being understood that in the event of a Corporate Transaction with respect to which shareholders of Common Stock receive consideration other than publicly traded equity securities of the ultimate surviving entity, any such determination by the Committee that the value of a Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right shall for this purpose be deemed to equal the excess, if any, of the value of the consideration being paid for each Share pursuant to such Corporate Transaction over the exercise price of such Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right shall be deemed conclusively valid); (II) the substitution of other property (including cash or other securities of the Company and securities of entities other than the Company) for the Shares subject to outstanding Awards; and (III) in connection with any Disaffiliation, arranging for the assumption of Awards, or replacement of Awards with new awards based on other property or other securities (including other securities of the Company and securities of entities other than the Company), by the affected Subsidiary, Affiliate, or division or by the entity that controls such Subsidiary, Affiliate, or division following such Disaffiliation (as well as any corresponding adjustments to Awards that remain based upon Company securities). securities

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- (ii) In the event of a stock dividend, stock split, reverse stock split, reorganization, share combination, or recapitalization or similar event affecting the capital structure of the Company, or a Disaffiliation, separation or spinoff, in each case without consideration, or other extraordinary dividend of cash or other property to the Company's shareholders, the Committee or the Board shall make such substitutions or adjustments as it deems appropriate and equitable to (A) the limits set forth in Sections 3(a) and 3(b) and the kind of securities deliverable pursuant to this Plan; (B) the number and kind of Shares or other securities subject to outstanding Awards; (C) the Performance Goals applicable to outstanding Awards; and (D) the exercise price of outstanding Awards.
- (iii) Any adjustments made pursuant to this Section 3(d) to Awards that are considered "nonqualified deferred compensation" subject to Section 409A of the Code shall be made in compliance with the requirements of Section 409A of the Code. Any adjustments made pursuant to this Section 3(d) to Awards that are not considered "nonqualified deferred compensation" subject to Section 409A of the Code shall be made in such a manner as to ensure that after such adjustments, either (A) the Awards continue not to be subject to Section 409A of the Code or (B) there does not result in the imposition of any penalty taxes under Section 409A of the Code in respect of such Awards.

# SECTION 4. Eligibility

Awards may be granted under this Plan to Eligible Individuals; provided, however, that Incentive Stock Options may be granted only to employees of the Company and its subsidiaries or parent corporation (within the meaning of Section 424(f) of the Code).

#### SECTION 5. Stock Options and Stock Appreciation Rights

- (a) Stock Options. Stock Options may be granted alone or in addition to other Awards granted under this Plan and may be of two types: Incentive Stock Options and Nonqualified Stock Options. The Award Agreement for a Stock Option shall indicate whether the Stock Option is intended to be an Incentive Stock Option or a Nonqualified Stock Option.
- (b) Stock Appreciation Rights. Upon the exercise of a Stock Appreciation Right, the Participant shall be entitled to receive an amount in cash or Shares in value equal to the product of (i) the excess of the Fair Market Value of one Share over the exercise price of the applicable Stock Appreciation Right, multiplied by (ii) the number of Shares in respect of which the Stock Appreciation Right has been exercised. The applicable Award Agreement shall specify whether such payment is to be made in cash or Shares, or shall reserve to the Committee or the Participant the right to make that determination prior to or upon the exercise of the Stock Appreciation Right.
- (c) Exercise Price; Prohibition on Repricing. The exercise price per Share subject to a Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right shall be determined by the Committee and set forth in the applicable Award Agreement, and shall not be less than the Fair Market Value of a Share on the applicable Grant Date. In no event may any Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right granted under this Plan be amended, other than pursuant to Section 3(d), to decrease the exercise price thereof, be cancelled in exchange for cash or other Awards if the exercise price of such

Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right exceeds the Fair Market Value of a Share on the date of such cancellation, be cancelled in exchange for any new Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right with a lower exercise price, or otherwise be subject to any action that would be treated, under the Applicable Exchange listing standards or for accounting purposes, as a "repricing" of such Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right, unless such amendment, cancellation, or action is approved by the Company's shareholders.

- (d) Term. The Term of each Stock Option and each Stock Appreciation Right shall be fixed by the Committee, but no Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right shall be exercisable more than 10 years after its Grant Date.
- (e) Exercisability. Except as otherwise provided herein, Stock Options and Stock Appreciation Rights shall be exercisable at such time or times and subject to such terms and conditions as shall be determined by the Committee.
- (f) Method of Exercise. Subject to the provisions of this Section 5, Stock Options and Stock Appreciation Rights may be exercised, in whole or in part, at any time during the Term thereof in accordance with the methods and procedures established by the Committee in the Award Agreement or otherwise.
- (g) Delivery; Rights of Shareholders. A Participant shall not be entitled to delivery of Shares pursuant to the exercise of a Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right until the exercise price therefor has been fully paid and applicable taxes have been withheld. Except as otherwise provided in Section 5(k), a Participant shall have all of the rights of a shareholder of the Company holding the number of Shares deliverable pursuant to such Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right (including, if applicable, the right to vote the applicable Shares), when the Participant (i) has given written notice of exercise, (ii) if requested, has given the representation described in Section 12(a) and (iii) in the case of a Stock Option, has paid in full for such Shares.
- (h) Nontransferability of Stock Options and Stock Appreciation Rights. No Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right shall be transferable by a Participant other than, for no value or consideration, by will or by the laws of descent and distribution or as otherwise expressly permitted by the Committee. Any Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right shall be exercisable, subject to the terms of this Plan, only by the Participant, the guardian or legal representative of the Participant, or any person to whom such stock option is transferred pursuant to this Section 5(h), it being understood that the term "holder" and "Participant" include such guardian, legal representative and other transferee; provided, however, that the term "Termination of Service" shall continue to refer to the Termination of Service of the original Participant.
- (i) Termination of Service. The effect of a Participant's Termination of Service on any Award of Stock Options or Stock Appreciation Rights then held by such Participant shall be set forth in the applicable Award Agreement or any other document approved by the Committee and applicable to such Award.

- (j) Additional Rules for Incentive Stock Options. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan to the contrary, no Stock Option that is intended to qualify as an Incentive Stock Option may be granted to any Eligible Individual who at the time of such grant owns stock possessing more than 10% of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Company or of any Subsidiary, unless at the time such Stock Option is granted the exercise price is at least 110% of the Fair Market Value of a Share and such Stock Option by its terms is not exercisable after the expiration of five years from the date such Stock Option is granted. In addition, the aggregate Fair Market Value of the Common Stock (determined at the time a Stock Option for the Common Stock is granted) for which Incentive Stock Options are exercisable for the first time by a Participant during any calendar year, under all of the incentive stock option plans of the Company and of any Subsidiary, may not exceed \$100,000. To the extent a Stock Option that by its terms was intended to be an Incentive Stock Option exceeds this \$100,000 limit, the portion of the Stock Option in excess of such limit shall be treated as a Nonqualified Stock Option.
- (k) Dividends and Dividend Equivalents. Dividends (whether paid in cash or Shares) and dividend equivalents may not be paid or accrued on Stock Options or Stock Appreciation Rights; provided that Stock Options and Stock Appreciation Rights may be adjusted under certain circumstances in accordance with the terms of Section 3(d).

#### SECTION 6. Restricted Stock

- (a) Nature of Awards. Shares of Restricted Stock are actual Shares issued to a Participant that are subject to vesting or forfeiture provisions and may be awarded either alone or in addition to other Awards granted under this Plan.
- (b) Book Entry Registration or Certificated Shares. Shares of Restricted Stock shall be evidenced in such manner as the Committee may deem appropriate, including book-entry registration or issuance of one or more stock certificates. If any certificate is issued in respect of Shares of Restricted Stock, such certificate shall be registered in the name of the Participant and shall bear an appropriate legend indicating that the sale, transfer or other disposition thereof by the holder is prohibited except in compliance with the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder. The Committee may require that the certificates evidencing such Shares be held in custody by the Company until the restrictions thereon shall have lapsed and that, as a condition of any Award of Restricted Stock, the applicable Participant shall have delivered a stock power, endorsed in blank, relating to the Common Stock covered by such Award.
- (c) Terms and Conditions. Shares of Restricted Stock shall be subject to the following terms and conditions and such other terms and conditions as are set forth in the applicable Award Agreement (including the vesting or forfeiture provisions applicable upon a Termination of Service):

- (i) The Committee shall, prior to or at the time of grant, condition (A) the vesting of an Award of Restricted Stock upon the continued service of the applicable Participant, or (B) the grant or vesting of an Award of Restricted Stock upon the attainment of Performance Goals or the attainment of Performance Goals and the continued service of the applicable Participant.
- (ii) Subject to the provisions of this Plan and the applicable Award Agreement, a Participant shall not be permitted to sell, assign, transfer, pledge or otherwise encumber an Award of Restricted Stock prior to such time as all applicable vesting conditions are satisfied.
- (d) Rights of a Shareholder. Except as provided in this Section 6 and the applicable Award Agreement, a Participant shall have the same rights as any other holder of Shares with respect to Shares of Restricted Stock, including, if applicable, the right to vote the Shares and the right to receive any dividends; provided, however, that, unless otherwise determined by the Committee and subject to Section 12(e), (i) cash dividends on Shares shall be payable in cash and shall be held subject to the vesting of the underlying Restricted Stock and (ii) dividends payable in Shares shall be paid in the form of Restricted Stock, and shall be held subject to the vesting of the underlying Restricted Stock.
- (e) Termination of Service. The effect of a Participant's Termination of Service on any Award of Restricted Stock then held by such Participant shall be set forth in the applicable Award Agreement or any other document approved by the Committee and applicable to such Award.

# SECTION 7. Restricted Stock Units

- (a) Nature of Awards. Restricted stock units ("Restricted Stock Units") are Awards denominated in Shares that will be settled, subject to the terms and conditions of the applicable Award Agreement, in a specified number of Shares or an amount of cash equal to the Fair Market Value of a specified number of Shares.
- (b) *Terms and Conditions*. Restricted Stock Units shall be subject to the following terms and conditions and such other terms and conditions as are set forth in the applicable Award Agreement (including the vesting or forfeiture provisions applicable upon a Termination of Service):
  - (i) The Committee shall, prior to or at the time of grant, condition (A) the vesting of Restricted Stock Units upon the continued service of the applicable Participant, or (B) the grant or vesting of Restricted Stock Units upon the attainment of Performance Goals or the attainment of Performance Goals and the continued service of the applicable Participant. An Award of Restricted Stock Units shall be settled as and when the Restricted Stock Units vest, at a later time specified by the Committee in the applicable Award Agreement, or, if the Committee so permits, in accordance with an election of the Participant.

- (ii) Subject to the provisions of this Plan and the applicable Award Agreement, a Participant shall not be permitted to sell, assign, transfer, pledge or otherwise encumber Restricted Stock Units.
- (c) Rights of a Shareholder. A Participant to whom Restricted Stock Units are awarded shall have no rights as a shareholder with respect to the Shares represented by the Restricted Stock Units unless and until Shares are actually delivered to the participant in settlement thereof. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee and subject to Section 12(e), an Award of Restricted Stock Units shall be adjusted to reflect deemed reinvestment in additional Restricted Stock Units of the dividends that would be paid and distributions that would be made with respect to the Award of Restricted Stock Units if it consisted of actual Shares.
- (d) Termination of Service. The effect of a Participant's Termination of Service on any Award of Restricted Stock Units then held by such Participant shall be set forth in the applicable Award Agreement or any other document approved by the Committee and applicable to such Award.

#### SECTION 8. Other Stock-Based Awards

The Committee may grant Awards of Shares or related to Shares not otherwise described herein in such amounts and subject to such terms and conditions consistent with the terms of this Plan as the Committee shall determine. Without limiting the generality of the preceding sentence, each such Other Stock-Based Award may (a) involve the transfer of actual Shares to Participants, either at the time of grant or thereafter, or payment in cash or otherwise of amounts based on the value of Shares, (b) be subject to performance-based and/or service-based conditions, (c) be in the form of phantom stock, performance shares, deferred share units or share-denominated performance units, or other Awards denominated in, or with a value determined by reference to, a number of Shares that is specified at the time of the grant of such Award, and (d) be designed to comply with applicable laws of jurisdictions other than the United States.

# SECTION 9. Cash Awards

The Committee may grant Awards to Eligible Individuals that are denominated and payable in cash in such amounts and subject to such terms and conditions consistent with the terms of this Plan as the Committee shall determine. With respect to a Cash Award subject to Performance Goals, the Performance Goals to be achieved during any performance period and the length of the performance period shall be determined by the Committee upon the grant of such Cash Award.

# SECTION 10. Change-in-Control Provisions

- (a) General. The provisions of this Section 10 shall, subject to Section 3(d), apply notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan to the contrary, except to the extent the Committee specifically provides otherwise in an Award Agreement.
- (b) Impact of Change in Control. Upon the occurrence of a Change in Control, unless otherwise provided in the applicable Award Agreement:
  (i) all then-outstanding Stock Options and Stock Appreciation Rights shall become fully vested and exercisable, and all Full-Value Awards (other than performance-based Full-Value Awards) and all Cash Awards (other than performance-based Cash Awards) shall vest in full, be free of restrictions, and be deemed to be earned and payable in an amount equal to the full value of such Award, except in each case to the extent that another Award meeting the requirements of Section 10(c) (any award meeting the requirements of Section 3(d) to replace such Award (any award intended to be replaced by a Replacement Award, a "Replaced Award"), and (ii) any performance-based Full-Value Award or Cash Award that is not replaced by a Replacement Award shall be deemed to be earned and payable in an amount equal to the full value of such performance-based Award (with all applicable Performance Goals deemed achieved at the greater of (x) the applicable target level and (y) the level of achievement as determined by the Committee not later than the date of the Change in Control, taking into account performance through the latest date preceding the Change in Control as to which performance can, as a practical matter, be determined (but not later than the end of the applicable performance period)).
- (c) Replacement Awards. An Award shall meet the conditions of this Section 10(c) (and hence qualify as a Replacement Award) if: (i) it is of the same type as the Replaced Award (except that for any Replaced Award that is performance-based, the Replacement Award shall be subject solely to time-based vesting for the remainder of the applicable performance period (or such shorter period as determined by the Committee) and the applicable Performance Goals shall be deemed to be achieved at the greater of (x) the applicable target level; and (y) the level of achievement as determined by the Committee taking into account performance through the latest date preceding the Change in Control as to which performance can, as a practical matter, be determined (but not later than the end of the applicable performance period)); (ii) it has a value equal to the value of the Replaced Award as of the date of the Change in Control, as determined by the Committee in its sole discretion consistent with Section 3(d); (iii) the underlying Replaced Award was an equity-based award, it relates to publicly traded equity securities of the Company or the entity surviving the Company following the Change in Control; (iv) it contains terms relating to vesting (including with respect to a Termination of Service) that are substantially identical to those of the Replaced Award; and (v) its other terms and conditions are not less favorable to the Participant than the terms and conditions of the Replaced Award (including the provisions that would apply in the event of a subsequent Change in Control) as of the date of the Change in Control. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, a Replacement Award may take the form of a continuation of the applicable Replaced Award if the requirements of the preceding sentence are satisfied. If a Replacement Award is granted, the Replaced Award shall

not vest upon the Change in Control. The determination whether the conditions of this Section 10(c) are satisfied shall be made by the Committee, as constituted immediately before the Change in Control, in its sole discretion.

- (d) Termination of Service. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan to the contrary and unless otherwise determined by the Committee and set forth in the applicable Award Agreement, upon a Termination of Service of a Participant by the Company without Cause (excluding a Termination of Service due to the Participant's death or Disability) within 24 months following a Change in Control, (i) all Replacement Awards held by such Participant shall vest in full, be free of restrictions, and be deemed to be earned in full (with respect to Performance Goals, unless otherwise agreed in connection with the Change in Control, at the greater of (x) the applicable target level and (y) the level of achievement of the Performance Goals for the Award as determined by the Committee taking into account performance through the latest date preceding the Termination of Service as to which performance can, as a practical matter, be determined (but not later than the end of the applicable performance period)), and (ii) unless otherwise provided in the applicable Award Agreement, notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan to the contrary, any Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right held by the Participant as of the date of the Change in Control that remains outstanding as of the date of such Termination of Service may thereafter be exercised until the expiration of the stated full Term of such Nonqualified Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right.
  - (e) Definition of Change in Control. For purposes of this Plan, a "Change in Control" shall mean the occurrence of any of the following events:
  - (i) An acquisition by any individual, entity or group (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) or 14(d)(2) of the Exchange Act) (a \*Person\*\*) of beneficial ownership (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act) of shares of common stock of the Company or other voting securities of the Company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors of the Company, as a result of which such Person becomes the beneficial owner (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act) of 30% or more of either (1) the then outstanding shares of common stock of the Company (the "Outstanding Company Common Stock") or (2) the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities of the Company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors of the company (the "Outstanding Company Voting Securities"); provided, however, that for purposes of this subsection (i), the following acquisitions shall not constitute a Change in Control: (1) any acquisition directly from the Company; (2) any acquisition by the Company; (3) any acquisition by one or more Investors; (4) any acquisition by any employee benefit plan (or related trust) sponsored or maintained by the Company or any entity controlled by the Company; or (5) any acquisition by any entity pursuant to a transaction that complies with clauses (1), (2) and (3) of subsection (iii) of this Section 10(e); or
  - (ii) A change in the composition of the Board such that the individuals who, as of the Effective Date, constitute the Board (the 'Incumbent Board') cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority of the Board; provided, however, that any individual who becomes a member of the Board subsequent to the Effective Date whose election, or nomination for election by the Company's shareholders, was approved by a

vote of at least a majority of those individuals who are members of the Board and who were also members of the Incumbent Board (or deemed to be such pursuant to this proviso) shall be considered as though such individual were a member of the Incumbent Board; *provided further*, that any such individual whose initial assumption of office occurs as a result of either an actual or threatened election contest with respect to the election or removal of directors or other actual or threatened solicitation of proxies or consents by or on behalf of a Person other than the Board shall not be considered as a member of the Incumbent Board; or

- (iii) The consummation of a reorganization, merger, statutory share exchange or consolidation or similar transaction involving the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company, or the acquisition of assets or securities of another entity by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries (a "Business Combination"), in each case, unless, following such Business Combination: (1) all or substantially all of the individuals and entities who were the beneficial owners, respectively, of the Outstanding Company Common Stock and Outstanding Company Voting Securities immediately prior to such Business Combination beneficially own, directly or indirectly, more than 50% of, respectively, the then outstanding shares of common stock (or, for a noncorporate entity, equivalent securities) and the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (or, for a noncorporate entity, equivalent securities), as the case may be, of the entity resulting from such Business Combination (including an entity that, as a result of such transaction, owns the Company or all or substantially all of the Company's assets either directly or through one or more subsidiaries) in substantially the same proportions as their ownership, immediately prior to such Business Combination of the Outstanding Company Common Stock and Outstanding Company Voting Securities, as the case may be; (2) no Person (excluding any entity resulting from such Business Combination or any employee benefit plan (or related trust) of the Company or such entity resulting from such Business Combination) beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, 30% or more of, respectively, the then outstanding shares of common stock (or, for a noncorporate entity, equivalent securities) of the entity resulting from such Business Combination or the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities of such entity except to the extent that such ownership existed prior to the Business Combination; and (3) at least a majority of the members of the board of directors (or, for a noncorporate entity, equivalent body or committee) of the entity resulting from such Business Combination were members of the Board at the time of the execution of the initial agreement, or of the action of the Board, providing for such Business Combination; or
  - (iv) The approval by the shareholders of the Company of a complete liquidation or dissolution of the Company.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan, any Award Agreement or any Individual Agreement, with respect to any Award that constitutes "nonqualified deferred compensation" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code, a Change in Control shall not constitute a settlement or distribution event with respect to such Award, or an event that otherwise changes the timing of settlement or distribution of such Award, unless the Change in Control also constitutes an event described in Section 409A(a)(2)(v) of the Code and the regulations thereto. For the avoidance of doubt, this paragraph shall have no bearing on whether an Award vests pursuant to the terms of this Plan or the applicable Award Agreement or Individual Agreement.

#### SECTION 11. Term, Termination and Amendment

- (a) Effectiveness. This Plan will be effective as of the date of the Company's initial public offering (the Effective Date').
- (b) Termination. This Plan shall terminate on the tenth anniversary of the Effective Date. Awards outstanding as of such date shall not be affected or impaired by the termination of this Plan.
- (c) Amendments. The Committee may amend, alter, or discontinue this Plan or an Award, provided that no amendment, alteration or discontinuation shall be made that would materially impair the rights of the Participant with respect to a previously granted Award without such Participant's consent, except to the extent necessary to comply with applicable law, including Section 409A of the Code, Applicable Exchange listing standards or accounting rules. In addition, no amendment shall be made without the approval of the Company's shareholders to the extent such approval is required by applicable law or the listing standards of the Applicable Exchange or as contemplated by Section 5(c).

#### **SECTION 12.** Miscellaneous Provisions

- (a) Conditions for Issuance. The Committee may require each person purchasing or receiving Shares pursuant to an Award to represent to and agree with the Company in writing that such person is acquiring the Shares without a view to the distribution thereof. The certificates for such Shares may include any legend that the Committee deems appropriate to reflect any restrictions on transfer. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan or agreements made pursuant thereto, the Company shall not be required to issue or deliver any Shares (whether in certificated or book entry form) under this Plan prior to fulfillment of all of the following conditions: (i) listing or approval for listing upon notice of issuance, of such Shares on the Applicable Exchange; (ii) any registration or other qualification of such Shares of the Company under any state or federal law or regulation, or the maintaining in effect of any such registration or other qualification that the Committee shall, in its absolute discretion upon the advice of counsel, deem necessary or advisable; and (iii) obtaining any other consent, approval, or permit from any state or federal governmental agency that the Committee shall, in its absolute discretion determine to be necessary or advisable.
- (b) Additional Compensation Arrangements. Nothing contained in this Plan shall prevent the Company or any Subsidiary or Affiliate from adopting other or additional compensation arrangements for its employees.

(c) No Contract of Employment. This Plan shall not constitute a contract of employment, and adoption of this Plan shall not confer upon any employee any right to continued employment, nor shall it interfere in any way with the right of the Company or any Subsidiary or Affiliate to terminate the employment of any employee at any time.

#### (d) Taxes.

- (i) Withholding. No later than the date as of which an amount first becomes includible in the gross income of a Participant for federal, state, local or foreign income or employment or other tax purposes with respect to any Award under this Plan, such Participant shall pay to the Company, or make arrangements satisfactory to the Company regarding the payment of, any federal, state, local or foreign taxes of any kind required by law to be withhold with respect to such amount. Unless otherwise determined by the Company, withholding obligations may be settled with Common Stock, including Common Stock that is part of the Award that gives rise to the withholding requirement, having a Fair Market Value on the date of withholding equal to the amount to be withheld for tax purposes, all in accordance with such procedures as the Committee establishes. The obligations of the Company under this Plan shall be conditional on such payment or arrangements, and the Company and its Affiliates shall, to the extent permitted by law, have the right to deduct any such taxes from any payment otherwise due to such Participant. The Committee may establish such procedures as it deems appropriate, including making irrevocable elections, for the settlement of withholding obligations with Common Stock; provided, however, unless otherwise subsequently determined by the Committee, with respect to a Participant subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act, the withholding of Shares by the Company or any of its Affiliates to satisfy tax, exercise price or other withholding obligations in respect of an Award shall be mandatory.
- (ii) Section 409A. This Plan and the Awards hereunder are intended to comply with the requirements of Section 409A of the Code or an exemption or exclusion therefrom and, with respect to amounts that are subject to Section 409A of the Code, it is intended that this Plan be administered in all respects in accordance with Section 409A of the Code. Each payment under any Award shall be treated as a separate payment for purposes of Section 409A of the Code. In no event may a Participant, directly or indirectly, designate the calendar year of any payment to be made under any Award that constitutes nonqualified deferred compensation subject to Section 409A of the Code. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan or any Award Agreement to the contrary, if a Participant is a "specified employee" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code (as determined in accordance with the methodology established by the Company), amounts that constitute "nonqualified deferred compensation" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code that otherwise would be payable by reason of a Participant's Separation from Service during the six-month period immediately following such Separation from Service shall instead be paid or provided on the first business day following the date that is six months following the Participant's Separation from Service or any earlier date permitted by Section 409A of the Code. If the Participant dies following the Separation from Service and prior to the payment of any amounts delayed on account of Section 409A of the Code, such amounts shall be paid to the personal representative of the Participant's estate within 30 days following the date of the Participant's death.

- (e) Limitation on Dividend Reinvestment and Dividend Equivalents. Reinvestment of dividends in additional Restricted Stock at the time of any dividend payment, and the payment of Shares with respect to dividends to Participants holding Awards of Restricted Stock Units or Other Stock-Based Awards, shall only be permissible if sufficient Shares are available under Section 3 for such reinvestment or payment (taking into account then-outstanding Awards). If sufficient Shares are not available for such reinvestment or payment, such reinvestment or payment shall be made in the form of a grant of Restricted Stock Units or Other Stock-Based Awards equal in number to the Shares that would have been obtained by such payment or reinvestment, the terms of which Restricted Stock Units or Other Stock-Based Awards shall provide for settlement in cash and for dividend equivalent reinvestment in further Restricted Stock Units or Other Stock-Based Awards on the terms contemplated by this Section 12(e). Unless otherwise determined by the Committee, any dividends or dividend equivalents credited with respect to any Award shall be subject to the same time and/or performance-based vesting conditions applicable to such Award and shall, if vested, be delivered or paid at the same time as such Award.
- (f) Designation of Death Beneficiary. The Committee shall establish such procedures as it deems appropriate for a Participant to designate a beneficiary to whom any amounts payable in the event of such Participant's death are to be paid or by whom any rights of such eligible Individual, after such Participant's death, may be exercised.
- (g) Subsidiary Employees. In the case of a grant of an Award to any employee of a Subsidiary, the Company may, if the Committee so directs, issue or transfer the Shares, if any, covered by the Award to the Subsidiary, for such lawful consideration as the Committee may specify, upon the condition or understanding that the Subsidiary will transfer the Shares to the employee in accordance with the terms of the Award specified by the Committee pursuant to the provisions of this Plan. All Shares underlying Awards that are forfeited or canceled revert to the Company.
- (h) Governing Law and Interpretation. This Plan and all Awards made and actions taken hereunder shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware, without reference to principles of conflict of laws. The captions of this Plan are not part of the provisions hereof and shall have no force or effect. Whenever the words "include," "includes" or "including" are used in this Plan, they shall be deemed to be followed by the words "but not limited to" and the word "or" shall be understood to mean "and/or."
- (i) Non-Transferability. Except as otherwise provided in Sections 5(h) or as determined by the Committee, Awards under this Plan are not transferable except by will or by laws of descent and distribution.

(j) Unfunded Status of the Plan. It is intended that this Plan constitute an "unfunded" plan. Neither the Company nor the Committee shall have any obligation to segregate assets or establish a trust or other arrangements to meet the obligations created under this Plan. Any liability of the Company to any Participant with respect to an Award shall be based solely upon contractual obligation created by this Plan and the Award Agreement. No such obligation shall be deemed to be secured by any pledge or encumbrance on the property of the Company.

# GUILD MORTGAGE COMPANY LLC COMPENSATION DEFERRAL PLAN FOR EXECUTIVES

#### Establishment of Plan

Effective as of April 1, 1999, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Guild Mortgage Company LLC (formerly known as Guild Mortgage Company) (the "Company"), established the Compensation Deferral Plan for Executives (the "Plan"). The Plan was amended and restated effective May 1, 2001 and January 1, 2007 and is now being amended and restated effective as of the date of the initial public offering (the "IPO Date") of Guild Holdings Company ("Guild Holdings"). The purpose of the Plan is to permit the deferral of compensation by selected employees of the Company, as more particularly provided in the Plan. The Company will pay for all administrative costs associated with the Plan. Effective as of December 31, 2007, the Plan was frozen and no new contributions were permitted to be made to the Plan by the Company or any participant (as defined below).

#### Administration of Plan

The Plan shall be administered by the Compensation Committee (the "Committee") of the Board of Directors of Guild Holdings, which shall have complete discretion: to interpret and construe the terms of the Plan and any compensation deferral agreement; to determine eligibility for the Plan; and to make other decisions regarding the administration of the Plan. The Committee may delegate its rights and duties to a duly authorized subcommittee created for the purpose of administering the Plan and they may engage the services of a third-party administration firm to provide recordkeeping and other services for the Plan. The Committee or such subcommittee may adopt, modify or repeal such administrative rules, interpretations and practices as it may, from time to time, deem necessary or desirable.

#### Eligibility

Participation in the Plan is limited to employees who were participants in the Plan as of December 31, 2007 and continue to have a Deferral Account (as defined below). Such employees were previously chosen by the Board, and are limited to a selected group of high-level management. Any employee who has been selected to participate under the Plan and who has an undistributed account balance shall be referred to herein as a "Participant."

#### **Participant Deferral Elections**

Effective as of December 31, 2007, no further contributions by Participants (the "Elective Contributions") were permitted under the Plan.

#### **Company Contributions**

Effective as of December 31, 2007, no further contributions by the Company (the "Company Contribution") were permitted under the Plan.

#### **Participant Deferral Accounts**

The Company shall maintain for each Participant an internal bookkeeping account (the "Deferral Account") for all Elective Contributions and Company Contributions, plus earnings. As of the IPO Date, each Participant's account balance shall be calculated as described in Exhibit A to this Plan.

Each Participant will be credited with the earnings on the Participant's entire Deferral Account on a periodic basis as determined by the Company, but not less frequently than annually based on hypothetical investment options offered under the Plan. The Company shall issue the Participant a written report (which may be electronic) on at least an annual basis, showing the balance in the Participant's Deferral Account.

## **Hypothetical Investment of Deferral Accounts**

The Company shall provide each Participant with an election to have amounts that are allocated to the Participant's Deferral Account credited with income and debited with losses based on the hypothetical investment of such accounts in accordance with the Participant's investment elections. The investment elections shall be made in accordance with such procedures (including default investment elections) as shall be determined from time to time by the Committee. The hypothetical investments shall be the investment funds offered from time to time under the Company's Profit Sharing 401(k) Plan (the "the Company 401(k) Plan").

In order to hedge its obligations under the Plan, the Company may invest all or a portion of its assets in such investments as the Company may deem appropriate. Any such investments shall remain the sole and exclusive property of the Company and the Participant shall have no right, title or interest in any such investment. The Participant shall bear all risk of loss or depreciation in respect of the Participants Deferral Account as a result of any such hypothetical investments elected by the Participant. Any references in the Plan to "earnings on a Deferral Account" shall be deemed to include "earnings or losses."

#### **Future Distributions**

Future distributions of the balance in a Participant's Deferral Account shall only be paid in a single lump sum after the earliest of the following events:
(a) the death or disability of the Participant, (b) the termination of the Participant's employment with the Company for any reason, (c) retirement from the Company, but only after attaining age 65 (or age 55 in the case of Participants who had an account balance in the Plan as of May 1, 2001), or (d) after termination of the Plan.

Distributions in the case of termination of employment for any reason other than death, disability or retirement after attaining age 65 (or age 55 in the case of Participants who had an account balance under the Plan as of May 1, 2001), shall be paid in a lump sum fifteen (15) days after the close of the calendar quarter in which falls the first anniversary date of such termination. During such period, earnings on the undistributed portion of the Deferral Account shall continue to be credited in accordance with the Plan.

Distributions upon death, disability or retirement (after age 65 or 55, as applicable) shall be paid thirty (30) days after the close of the calendar quarter in which such death, disability or retirement occurs. For the purposes of this Plan, a Participant will be considered disabled if he or she, as determined by the Company:

- (a) is unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment that can be expected to result in death or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than twelve (12) months; or
- (b) is, by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment that can be expected to result in death or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than twelve (12) months, receiving disability income replacement benefits for a period of not less than three (3) months under an accident and health plan covering employees of the Company.

Distributions after the termination of the Plan shall be made in accordance with the section of the Plan entitled "Amendment, Suspension and Termination of the Plan."

The only form of distribution permitted under the Plan shall be a single lump sum payment.

#### Hardship Withdrawals

In addition to the enumerated distribution events and methods listed above, in response to a Participant request, the Company may, in its discretion, allow the Participant to withdraw up to all of the portion of such Participant's Deferral Account that is attributable to the Participant's own Elective Contributions and earnings thereon due to the Participant's unforeseen financial emergency. Any withdrawal under this exception shall be limited to the amount reasonably necessary to satisfy the financial need, including income and employment taxes due on the amounts withdrawn. The term "unforeseen financial emergency" shall be limited to a severe financial hardship to the participant resulting from:

- (a) an illness or accident of the Participant, the Participant's spouse or a dependent of the Participant, as defined in Section 152(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code");
  - (b) loss of the Participant's property due to casualty; or
  - (c) other similar extraordinary and unforeseeable circumstances arising from events beyond the control of the Participant.

A Participant may apply for a hardship distribution following the rules and procedures prescribed by the Company under the Plan, subject to the following limitations:

- (1) A Participant may request a hardship distribution from this Plan only after first exhausting his or her right to a hardship distribution from the Company 401(k) Plan.
- (2) A participant may only make one hardship distribution request from this Plan in any given calendar year.

(3) The right to receive a hardship distribution shall be limited to the funds in the Deferral Account which are attributable to the Participant's own Elective Contributions and earnings thereon, and shall exclude Company Contributions and any earnings thereon.

#### **Beneficiary Designation**

Each Participant may designate a person(s) or entity to receive such Participant's Deferral Account upon the Participant's death by properly completing a beneficiary designation form supplied by the Company for such purpose and submitting such form to the Company, as required by the form's instructions. A "Designated Beneficiary" shall mean the person(s) or entity designated on such form, or in the absence of a completed form, such term shall mean the following:

- (a) First, the surviving spouse of the Participant, if any.
- (b) Second, if there is no surviving spouse, then the living children of the Participant, if any, to be divided among them in equal shares.
- (c) Third, if there is no surviving spouse or children, the estate of such Participant.

#### Non-Transferable Interest

The rights of each Participant may not be transferred, conveyed or assigned to any third party, except that in the event of the death of a Participant, such Deferral Account shall pass to the Designated Beneficiary of such Participant.

#### Amendment, Suspension and Termination of the Plan

The Company reserves the right to amend, suspend or terminate the Plan, in whole or in part; provided, however, that such amendment, suspension or termination shall not operate to forfeit or reduce amounts then accrued to the Deferral Account of each affected Participant.

The freezing of the Plan as of December 31, 2007 and the cessation of new contributions thereto shall not be construed as a termination.

#### No Guarantee of Continued Employment

The Plan shall not be construed as giving any Participant any rights to continued employment with the Company. Nothing contained in the Plan (nor an Employee's participation in the Plan) shall be construed to alter the at-will employment status of any Participant, which employment may be terminated by the Company at any time and for any reason, with or without notice.

## Impact on Social Security and Qualified Retirement Plans

Amounts that are deferred under this Plan are still classified as current wages for the purposes of Social Security benefits and the Company is required to withhold for the Company's and the Participant's respective share of Social Security taxes. However, such amounts are not treated as

compensation under the Company's 401(k) Plan, and thus deferrals under this Plan will not be eligible for any employer matching contributions that might otherwise be available under the 401(k) Plan. Amounts deferred under the Plan should not be taxable to the Participants for income tax purposes until actually distributed from the Plan to the Participant. All such distributions shall be subject to applicable income and payroll tax withholding.

# Right of Offset

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Plan, the Company reserves the right to reduce and offset any amounts otherwise distributable to a Participant under this Plan by any amounts that the Participant owes the Company, including, without limitation, amounts owed to the Company due to the misconduct of the Participant in his or her capacity as an employee of the Company, as determined by the Committee.

## **Employee Retirement Income Security Act**

The Plan is intended to be "unfunded" and maintained primarily for the purpose of providing deferred compensation for a select group of management or highly compensated employees for purposes of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"). Accordingly, the Plan is not intended to be covered by Parts 2 through 4 of Subtitle B of Title I of ERISA.

#### **Claims Procedure**

- (a) <u>Independence and Impartiality</u>. The Company acknowledges and agrees that claims for benefits and appeals of adverse determinations hereunder will be adjudicated in a manner that is designed to ensure the independence and impartiality of the persons involved in making such determinations.
- (b) Initial Claim. If a Participant or such Participant's Designated Beneficiary wishes to file a claim for a benefit under the Plan, request an interpretation or ruling under the Plan, or request other information related to the Plan (in each case, a "claimant"), the claimant or his/her authorized representative shall present the claim or request, in writing, to the Committee. Any such claim or request must include information sufficient to enable the Committee to make a determination on the claim or request. Any notice or filing required or permitted to be given to the Committee under the Plan shall be effective if made in writing and hand delivered, or sent by registered or certified mail, to the principal office of the Company and addressed to the Committee. Such notice shall be deemed given as of the date of delivery or, if delivery is made by mail, as of the date shown on the postmark on the receipt for registration or certification. The Committee shall respond within forty-five (45) days after receiving the claim or request. For reasons that are beyond the Plan's control, the Committee may extend the reply period for thirty (30) days by giving written notice to the claimant prior to the expiration of the initial forty-five (45)-day period. If, after extending the initial forty-five(45)-day period for thirty (30) days, the Committee determines that it will still be unable, for reasons that are beyond the Plan's control, to make a decision within the first thirty (30)-day extension period, the Committee may extend the reply period for a second thirty (30)-day period by giving written notice to the claimant prior to the expiration of the first thirty(30)-day extension. All such notices extending the reply

period shall explain the circumstances requiring the extension and the date by which the Committee expects to make a decision on the claim or request at issue. Such notices shall also explain the standards on which entitlement to the benefit, interpretation, ruling, or information being sought is based, the unresolved issues that prevent a determination on the claim or request, and the additional information needed to resolve those issues. The claimant will have forty-five (45) days from the date of the Committee's notice to provide the specified information.

- (c) <u>Denial of Claim</u>. If the Committee determines that all or part of the claim or request will be denied (including the cancellation or termination of a benefit that is applied retroactively), it shall provide the claimant with a written notice of its determination that explains the claimant's appeal rights. Such written notice shall be made in a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner calculated to be understood by the claimant, and shall further set forth:
  - (1) The specific reason(s) for the adverse determination, with reference(s) to the specific Plan provision(s) on which such determination was based.
  - (2) A description of any additional material or information required from the claimant and an explanation of why it is necessary.
  - (3) An explanation of the Plan's claim review procedures and the time limits applicable to such procedures, as well as a statement of the claimant's right to bring a civil action under Section 502(a) of ERISA following an adverse determination on review of the Committee's determination.
  - (4) In the event that the determination related to a claim for disability benefits:
    - a. A discussion of the Committee's adverse determination and an explanation of the basis for disagreeing with or not following: (i) the views of medical and/or vocational professionals who treated and/or evaluated the claimant and that were presented by the claimant; (ii) the views of medical and/or vocational experts whose advice was obtained on behalf of the Plan and in connection with the determination, regardless of whether their advice was relied upon in making the determination; and (iii) a disability determination made by the Social Security Administration with respect to the claimant and that was presented by the claimant. Further, if any medical or vocational experts' advice was obtained in connection with such determination, all such experts shall be identified, regardless of whether their advice was relied upon.
    - b. If the adverse determination is based on a medical necessity or experimental treatment or similar exclusion or limit, either an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment for the determination, applying the terms of the Plan to the claimant's medical circumstances, or a statement that such explanation will be provided free of charge upon request.
    - c. Either the specific internal rules, guidelines, protocols, standards, or other similar Plan criteria relied on in making the adverse determination or, alternatively, a statement that such internal rules, guidelines, protocols, standards or other similar Plan criteria do not exist.

- d. A statement that the claimant is entitled to receive, upon request and free of charge, reasonable access to, and copies of, all documents, records, and other information relevant (as the term "relevant" is defined in applicable ERISA regulations) to the claim.
- (d) Review of a Denied Claim. Any claimant whose claim or request is denied or who has not received a written response within the timeframe set forth above may request a review of his or her claim or request by giving written notice to the Committee. Such request for review must be submitted to the Committee no later than one hundred eighty (180) days after receipt of the Committee's written notice denying the claim or request or expiration of the applicable timeframe. On review, the claimant may have representation, examine pertinent documents, and submit issues and documents in writing. Upon request and free of charge, the claimant shall be given reasonable access to, and copies of, all documents, records, and other information relevant (as the term "relevant" is defined in applicable ERISA regulations) to the claim. The claimant or his/her authorized representative may submit written comments, documents, records, and other information related to the denied claim or request. The request for review shall be reviewed by the Committee, which may, but shall not be required to, award the claimant a hearing.

The Committee's review of a denied claim or request shall take into account all comments, documents, records, and other information submitted by the claimant, without regard to whether such information was submitted or considered as part of the initial determination. In the case of a claim relating to disability benefits, the Company shall appoint a group of no less than three (3) independent and impartial persons to review the claim (the "Disability Review Committee").

In the event that the determination related to a claim for disability benefits:

- (1) If the Committee's determination was based, in whole or in part, on a medical judgment, including determinations with regard to whether a treatment, drug, or other item is experimental, investigational, or not medically necessary or appropriate, the Disability Review Committee shall consult with a health care professional who has appropriate training and experience in the field of medicine involved in the medical judgment. Such health care professional shall be a person who is neither an individual consulted in connection with the Committee's determination nor the subordinate of such individual.
- (2) The Disability Review Committee shall provide the claimant, free of charge, with: (i) any new or additional evidence considered, relied upon, or generated by the Disability Review Committee, an insurer, or other person making a determination in connection with the claim, and (ii) any new or additional rationale(s) upon which the Disability Review Committee intends to issue an adverse determination on review, as soon as possible and sufficiently in advance of the date by which notice of the determination on review must be made, in order that the claimant is given a reasonable opportunity to respond prior to that date.

- (e) <u>Final Determination</u>. The determination on review (whether by hearing or otherwise) shall be made within forty-five (45) days after the date on which the claimant requested the review, unless special circumstances require an extension of the review period, not to exceed forty-five (45) additional days. In such a case, the Committee or Disability Review Committee shall notify the claimant, in writing and before the end of the initial forty-five (45)-day period, of such special circumstances and the date by which the Committee or Disability Review Committee expects to render its determination. All determinations on review shall be final and binding on all parties concerned. The determination shall be communicated to the claimant in writing and in a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner calculated to be understood by the claimant. If the Committee's determination is upheld on review, the notice shall also set forth:
  - (1) The specific reason(s) for the adverse determination, with reference(s) to the specific Plan provision(s) on which such determination was based.
  - (2) A statement that the claimant is entitled to receive, upon request and free of charge, reasonable access to, and copies of, all documents, records, and other information relevant (as the term "relevant" is defined in applicable ERISA regulations) to the claim.
  - (3) A statement of the claimant's right to bring a civil action under Section 502(a) of ERISA that also explains the Plan's contractual limitations period governing the claimant's right to bring such an action and that specifies the calendar date on which the limitations period will end.
  - (4) In the event that the determination related to a claim for disability benefits:
    - a. A discussion of the Disability Review Committee's determination and an explanation of the basis for disagreeing with or not following: (i) the views of medical and/or vocational professionals who treated and/or evaluated the claimant and that were presented by the claimant; (ii) the views of medical and/or vocational experts whose advice was obtained on behalf of the Plan and in connection with the determination, regardless of whether their advice was relied upon in making the determination; and (iii) a disability determination made by the Social Security Administration with respect to the claimant and presented by the claimant.
    - b. If the adverse determination is based on a medical necessity or experimental treatment or similar exclusion or limit, either an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment for the determination, applying the terms of the Plan to the claimant's medical circumstances, or a statement that such explanation will be provided free of charge upon request.
    - c. Either the specific internal rules, guidelines, protocols, standards, or other similar Plan criteria relied on in making the adverse determination or, alternatively, a statement that such internal rules, guidelines, protocols, standards or other similar Plan criteria do not exist

(f) Exhaustion Requirement. The procedures set forth in this section are a condition precedent to Participant or Participant's beneficiary being able to bring a civil action under Section 502(a) of ERISA, and must be exhausted before such filing can be made. The foregoing notwithstanding, no civil suit may be brought by a Participant or such Participant's beneficiary on any matter arising from or related to this Plan more than two (2) years from the date the Participant or Participant's beneficiary knew or reasonably should have known of the principal facts giving rise to the claim.

#### Section 409A of the Code

- (a) General. The obligations under this Plan are intended to comply with the requirements of Section 409A of the Code and shall in all respects be administered in accordance with Section 409A of the Code. For purposes of applying the provisions of Section 409A of the Code, each payment of compensation under this Plan shall be treated as a separate payment of compensation. All payments to be made upon a termination of employment under this Plan may only be made upon a "separation from service" under Section 409A of the Code to the extent necessary in order to avoid the imposition of penalty taxes on a Participant pursuant to Section 409A of the Code. In no event may a Participant, directly or indirectly, designate the calendar year of any payment under this Plan.
- (b) <u>Delay of Payments</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan to the contrary, if a Participant is considered a "specified employee" for purposes of Section 409A of the Code (as determined in accordance with the methodology established by the Company as in effect on the date of the Participant's separation from service), any payment or benefit that constitutes nonqualified deferred compensation within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code that is otherwise due to be paid to such Participant under this Agreement during the six (6)-month period immediately following such Participant's separation from service on account of such Participant's separation from service and paid to such Participant on the first (1st) business day of the seventh (7th) month following the Participant's separation from service (the "Delayed Payment Date"), to the extent necessary to avoid penalty taxes or accelerated taxation pursuant to Section 409A of the Code. If such Participant dies during the postponement period, the amounts and entitlements delayed on account of Section 409A of the Code shall be paid to the Participant's Designated Beneficiary on the first to occur of the Delayed Payment Date or thirty (30) calendar days after the date of such Participant's death.

#### Governing Law

The Plan shall be governed by the laws of the State of California (without regard to the choice of law principles thereof) except to the extent superseded by ERISA.

#### **Plan Controls**

In the event of any inconsistency between this Plan document and any other communication regarding this Plan, this Plan document controls. The captions in this Plan are not part of the provisions hereof and shall have no force or effect.

#### Gender and Plurals

Wherever used in this Plan document, words in the masculine gender shall include masculine or feminine gender, and, unless the context otherwise requires, words in the singular shall include the plural, and words in the plural shall include the singular.

### Validity

If any provision of the Plan is held to be illegal or invalid for any reason, the remaining provisions of the Plan will be construed and enforced as if such illegal and invalid provision had never been inserted herein.

#### Notice

Any notice or filing required or permitted to be given to the Committee under the Plan shall be sufficient if sent by first-class mail, to Guild Mortgage Company LLC, 5898 Copley Drive, San Diego, California, 92111. Any notice or filing required or permitted to be given to any Participant or Designated Beneficiary under the Plan shall be sufficient if provided either electronically, hand-delivered, or mailed to the address (or email address, as the case may be) of the Participant or Designated Beneficiary then listed on the records of the Company. Any such notice will be deemed given as of the date of delivery or, if delivery is made by mail, as of the date shown on the postmark or email system.

#### Successors

The provisions of the Plan shall bind and inure to the benefit of the Company and its successors and assigns. The term "successors" as used herein shall include any corporate or other business entity, which by merger, consolidation, purchase or otherwise acquires all or substantially all of the business and assets of the Company, and successors of any such corporation or other business entity.

# **Exhibit A Calculation of Account Balances**

	Dollar Value of Dividend Equivalent Balance as of	Units Credited to Account as of Immediately Prior to the Reorganization	
Participant	September 30, 2020	Transactions	
Mary Ann McGarry	\$ 5,033,128.74	79,365	
Terry Schmidt	\$ 5,422,110.55	79,365	
Michael Rish	\$ 3,271,518.01	51,587	
Catherine Blocker	\$ 151,003.94	2,381	
Theresa Cherry	\$ 1,138,582.82	15,873	

As of the IPO Date, each Participant shall have an initial account balance equal to the sum of (i) the product of (A) the number of shares of Company Class A common stock of Guild Holdings that would have been distributed in respect of the Participant's phantom units as a result of the reorganization transactions (as described in the Form S-1 Registration Statement of Guild Holdings) if such phantom units were actual outstanding Class A units in Guild Management LLC, multiplied by (B) the public offering price of Class A common stock of Guild Holdings plus (ii) the dollar value of the Participant's dividend equivalent balance as of the close of business on the last business day immediately prior to the IPO Date.

CERTAIN IDENTIFIED INFORMATION HAS BEEN EXCLUDED FROM THE EXHIBIT BECAUSE IT IS BOTH NOT MATERIAL AND WOULD LIKELY CAUSE COMPETITIVE HARM TO THE REGISTRANT IF PUBLICLY DISCLOSED. [\*\*\*] INDICATES THAT INFORMATION HAS BEEN REDACTED.

# AMENDED AND RESTATED

# MASTER REPURCHASE AGREEMENT

among

# The Bank of New York Mellon,

as the Agent for the Buyers from time to time party hereto

the Buyers

party hereto

and

**Guild Mortgage Company** 

and

**Guild Mortgage Company, LLC** 

as Sellers

The Bank of New York Mellon

Lead Arranger and Sole Bookrunner

Dated as of October 24, 2019

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# AMENDED AND RESTATED

#### MASTER REPURCHASE AGREEMENT

This is the AMENDED AND RESTATED MASTER REPURCHASE AGREEMENT dated as of October 24, 2019 (the "Agreement Date"), among GUILD MORTGAGE COMPANY, a California corporation (" GMC") and GUILD MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("GMCLLC"); each of GMC and GMCLLC is a "Seller" and are, collectively, the "Sellers"), the Buyers (defined below), and THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON (a Buyer, and in its capacity as administrative agent hereunder, the "Agent").

# Section 1. Applicability.

From time to time, on a committed basis, the parties will enter into transactions in which a Seller agrees to transfer to Agent, for the benefit of Buyers as more particularly set forth in the Administration Agreement, Eligible Assets against the transfer of Buyers' funds by Agent, acting on their behalf, with the simultaneous agreement of Agent, acting on behalf of Buyers, to transfer such Mortgage Loans and similar types of property to such Seller at a date certain not later than the Termination Date. Each such transaction (a "Transaction") shall be governed by this Repurchase Agreement unless otherwise agreed in writing.

This Repurchase Agreement amends and restates in its entirety all of the terms of that certain Amended and Restated Master Repurchase Agreement, dated as of October 25, 2018, among the Sellers, the Agent and the institutions who are Buyers thereunder (the "Prior Repurchase Agreement"). On the Effective Date the Transactions under the Prior Repurchase Agreement and all Purchased Assets under the Prior Repurchase Agreement (respectively, the "Prior Transactions" and the "Prior Purchased Assets") shall be deemed to be Transactions and Purchased Assets, respectively, under and as defined in this Repurchase Agreement, and the terms herein shall be applicable to all Transactions, including, without limitation, the Prior Transactions (including, without limitation, the Pricing Rate provisions applicable to Transactions hereunder).

#### Section 2. <u>Definitions</u>.

As used herein, the following terms have the following meanings (all terms defined in this <u>Section 2</u> or in another provision of this Repurchase Agreement in the singular have the same meanings when used in the plural and <u>vice versa</u>).

"ABR Rate" shall mean for any day, (i) the Alternate Base Rate for such day, plus (ii) the Pricing Spread.

"ABR Transaction" means, for purposes of determining the applicable Pricing Rate, the Purchase Price for Transactions or portions thereof which a Seller has designated in a Pricing Designation to the Agent in accordance with Section 4(a)(i) or 6(b) that the Pricing Rate therefore shall be based on the Alternate Base Rate. If the Sellers have not delivered a Pricing Designation with respect to any Transaction or portion thereof, such Transaction or portions thereof shall be deemed to be an ABR Transaction.

"Accepted Servicing Practices" means, with respect to any Mortgage Loan, those mortgage servicing practices of prudent mortgage lending institutions which service mortgage loans of the same type as such Mortgage Loan in the jurisdiction where the related Mortgaged Property is located.

"Acquisition" means any transaction, or any series of related transactions, consummated on or after the date of this Agreement, by which a Seller or any of its Subsidiaries (i) acquires any going business or all or substantially all of the assets of any firm, corporation or limited liability company, or division thereof, whether through purchase of assets, merger, payments to individuals (such as sign-on bonuses) or otherwise or (ii) directly or indirectly acquires (in one transaction or as the most recent transaction in a series of transactions) at least a majority (in number of votes) of the securities of a corporation which have ordinary voting power for the election of directors (other than securities having such power only by reason of the happening of a contingency) or a majority (by percentage or voting power) of the outstanding ownership interests of a partnership or limited liability company.

"Additional Documents" is defined in the Custody Agreement (as the documents m respect of each Purchased Asset that are listed on Schedule B to the Custody Agreement.)

"Additional Purchased Assets" is defined in Section 5(a).

"Adjusted Tangible Net Worth" means as of any date of determination, Tangible Net Worth on such date, <u>less</u> (i) MSR on such date, <u>plus</u> (ii) the lesser of (x) MSR on such date, or (y) the Appraised Value on such date, <u>less</u> (iii) real estate owned and advances for real estate owned on the balance sheet of any Seller as of such date, <u>less</u> (iv) Mortgage Loans held for investment, and <u>plus</u> (v) reserves for foreclosures, investment loan losses general loan losses and real estate owned loan losses maintained by the Sellers as of such date (<u>provided</u> that the sum of all such reserves, for purposes of calculating Adjusted Tangible Net Worth, shall not exceed the sum of the amounts in clauses (iii) and (iv).

"Administration Agreement" means the Amended and Restated Administration Agreement dated as of the Agreement Date, among the Agent, the Buyers and the Sellers, as supplemented, amended or restated from time to time.

"Administrative Fee" is defined in Section 41(b).

"Affiliate" means with respect to any Person, any "affiliate" of such Person, as such term is defined in the Bankruptcy Code. For the avoidance of doubt, "corporation", as used in the definition of "affiliate" in the Bankruptcy Code, is understood by the parties to include a limited liability company.

"Agency" means FNMA, FHLMC or GNMA as applicable.

"Agent" means BNY Mellon, with its main office in New York, New York, in its capacity as administrative agent and a contractual representative of the Buyers pursuant to the Administration Agreement, and not in its individual capacity as a Buyer, and any successor Agent appointed pursuant to Administration Agreement.

"Agreement Accounting Principles" means GAAP, applied in a manner consistent with that used in preparing the financial statements referred to in Section 12(d). Unless otherwise specified, all accounting terms not specifically defined herein shall be construed in accordance with the Agreement Accounting Principles. All references herein to consolidated and consolidating financial statements shall mean the statements of the Sellers and all consolidated Subsidiaries thereof.

"Alternate Base Rate" means, for any day, a rate of interest per annum equal to the highest of (i) the Prime Rate for such day, (ii) the sum of Federal Funds Effective Rate for such day plus [\*\*\*] per annum, and (iii) the sum of the LIBOR Base Rate on such date plus [\*\*\*] per annum.

"Anti-Corruption Laws" means, with respect to any Person, any Requirement of Law of any jurisdiction concerning or relating to bribery or corruption that is applicable to such Person, including, without limitation, the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and the U.K Bribery Act.

"Anti-Terrorism Laws" means any Legal Requirement related to terrorism, anti-terrorism, money laundering or anti-money laundering, including, without limitation, the Patriot Act, The Currency and Foreign Transactions Reporting Act (also known as the Bank Secrecy Act, 31 U.S.C. §§ 5311-5330 and 12 U.S.C. §§ 1818(s), 1820(b) and 1951-1959), the Trading With the Enemy Act (50 U.S.C. § 1 et seq., as amended) and Executive Order No. 13,224, 66 Fed. Reg. 49,079 (2001), the Money Laundering Control Act of 1986 (18 U.S.C. §§ 1956 and 1957), any executive order or other mandate issued by the President of the United States of America (Executive Order Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions With Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism), or any of the foreign assets control regulations of the United States Treasury Department (31 CFR, Subtitle B, Chapter V, as amended) or the Anti-Terrorism Order (the "Anti-Terrorism Order") or any enabling legislation or executive order relating to any of the same.

"Appraised Value" means with respect to servicing rights owned by the Sellers for residential Mortgage Loans at any date, the market value, expressed as a percentage, of the unpaid principal balance of such Mortgage Loans as set forth in the most recent appraisal delivered pursuant to Section 13(b)(xiv): provided, however, that if an appraisal is not delivered as required hereby, the term "Appraised Value" shall mean such market value, expressed as a percentage of the unpaid principal balance, at the time of determination, of such Mortgage Loans, as the Agent shall, in its reasonable business judgment, establish. For purposes of determining Adjusted Tangible Net Worth, the market value percentage for determining such Appraised Value shall never exceed [\*\*\*].

"Approved Closing Agent" means a title agent, escrow agent or correspondent approved by the Sellers to close Mortgage Loans on a Seller's behalf and who are included in a list of Approved Closing Agents provided to the Agent (title agents or escrow agents of a correspondent must also be included on such list). Sellers shall provide the Approved Closing Agent list to the Agent upon any addition or deletion of an agent to or from the list, and at any other time to the Agent or any Buyer upon the Agent's or such Buyer's request.

"Approved Investor" means as of any time, any of the institutions listed on Schedule I attached hereto (including institutions which are Approved Investors for specific types of Mortgage Loans, as set forth on Schedule I) and any other institution in a written request from the Sellers to the Agent and the Buyers and approved in writing by the Agent, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed. Any such institutions listed on Schedule I or previously approved by the Agent may be eliminated as an Approved Investor (or as an Approved Investor of a specific type) by written notice to a Seller from the Agent, which elimination notice shall be given only for reasonable cause or at the election of the Majority Buyers, and in either case any commitments issued by any such formerly-Approved Investor after such elimination shall not constitute Approved Investor Commitments, but commitments of such formerly-Approved Investor existing at the time of such elimination shall continue to be Approved Investor Commitments.

"Approved Investor Commitment" means a commitment, issued by an Approved Investor of the required type, to purchase Mortgage Loans, to exchange Securities for Mortgage Loans or to purchase Securities.

"Asset Type" means an Eligible Conforming Mortgage Loan, an Eligible Conforming Non-Owner Occupied Mortgage Loan, an Eligible Conforming High CLTV Loan, an Eligible Jumbo Mortgage Loan, an Eligible State Bond Loan, an Eligible Down Payment Assistance Loan, an Expanded Guidelines Loan, a Non-Qualified Mortgage Loan, an Eligible Standalone Second Mortgage Loan, or an Eligible Single-Close CTP Mortgage Loan.

"Asset Value" means, with respect to each Asset Type that is an Eligible Asset on any given day, a value equal to the Asset Valuation Amount for each such Eligible Asset, multiplied by the Purchase Price Percentage appurtenant to such Eligible Asset, as follows:

Eligible Asset	Purchase Price Percentage
Eligible Conforming Mortgage Loans not otherwise set forth in this table	[***] ([***] if the same has been a Purchased Asset for more than [***], and [***] if the same has been a Purchased Asset for more than [***])
Eligible Conforming Non-Owner Occupied Loans	[***]  ([***] if the same has been a Purchased Asset for more than [***], and [***] if the same has been a Purchased Asset for more than [***])
Eligible Conforming High CLTV Loan	[***] ([***] if the same has been a Purchased Asset for more than [***])
Eligible Jumbo Mortgage Loans up to	[***]

Eligible Asset	Purchase Price Percentage
[***]	([***] if the same has been a Purchased Asset for more than [***])
Eligible Jumbo Mortgage Loans which are Oversize Jumbo Loans over [***], up to [***]	[***] ([***] if the same has been a Purchased Asset for more than [***])
Eligible State Bond Loans	[***]  ([***] if the same has been a Purchased Asset for more than [***], and [***] if the same has been a Purchased Asset for more than [***])
Eligible Conforming Mortgage Loans originated under the FNMA Home Affordable Refinance Program, the FHLMC Relief Refinance Program or the FNMA Homepath Mortgage Program	[***] ([***] if the same has been a Purchased Asset for more than [***])
Eligible Down Payment Assistance Loan	[***]  ([***] if the same has been a Purchased Asset for more than [***], and 0% if the same has been a Purchased Asset for more than [***])
Expanded Guidelines Loan	[***] ([***] if the same has been a Purchased Asset for more than [***])
Non-Qualified Mortgage Loan	[***] ([***] if the same has been a Purchased Asset for more than [***])
Eligible Standalone Second Mortgage Loan	[***] ([***] if the same has been a Purchased Asset for more than [***])
Eligible Single-Close CTP Mortgage Loan	[***] ([***] if the same has been a Purchased Asset for more than [***])

*Ineligible Assets*. The Asset Value of a Purchased Asset shall be zero if:

- (i) except as otherwise set forth below in this definition, the Purchased Asset ceases to be an Eligible Asset;
- (ii) the related Mortgage Note has been released from the Custodian's possession, or any other document has been released from its Purchased Asset File (other than to an Approved Investor pursuant to a bailee letter), and any of the following applies: (a) such release has been for more than [\*\*\*]; or (b) the Custodian has not received a trust receipt therefor; or (c) the Asset Value thereof, when combined with the Asset Value of all other such Purchased Assets similarly released under a trust receipt, is more than [\*\*\*];
- (iii) its actual possession has been transferred from the Custodian to an Approved Investor pursuant to a bailee letter and not returned to the Custodian for more than [\*\*\*], or [\*\*\*] for deliveries to such Approved Investors as the Agent may have specifically approved for extended bailee letters, the same to be so identified on the list of Approved Investors); or
- (iv) it is delivered to an Approved Investor under an extended bailee letter permitted pursuant to clause (iii) above at a time when the Asset Value of all Purchased Assets that, at such time, have been transferred from the Custodian to Approved Investors pursuant to such extended bailee letters and not returned to the Custodian, is [\*\*\*] or more of the Maximum Purchase Price; or
- (v) the Agent has determined (which determination shall be made in a commercially reasonably manner) that the Purchased Asset is not eligible for whole loan sale or securitization in a transaction consistent with the prevailing sale and securitization industry for assets of substantially the same type as the Purchased Assets (including Sellers' prior completed securitization transactions).

Transactions relating to certain types of Purchased Assets shall be subject to the following limits:

<u>Wet Loans</u>: With respect to Wet Loans, during the days of each calendar month shown in the first column below, the aggregate Asset Value of all Mortgage Loans that are Wet Loans shall not exceed the percentage of the Maximum Purchase Price shown in the same row of the second column:

During these days each month	Wet Loans' maximum percentage of Maximum Purchase Price
first [***] and last [***]	[***]%
any other day	[***]%

<u>Sublimits</u>:

- (a) <u>Transaction Period Sublimits</u>. (i) the Asset Value of all Eligible Assets which have been Purchased Assets for more than [\*\*\*], but not more than [\*\*\*] (and which otherwise continue to be Eligible Assets during such period), shall not exceed [\*\*\*]% of the Maximum Purchase Price, and (ii) the Asset Value of all Eligible Assets which have been Purchased Assets for more than [\*\*\*] days, but not more than [\*\*\*] days (and which otherwise continue to be Eligible Assets during such period), shall not exceed [\*\*\*]% of the Maximum Purchase Price.
- (b) <u>Asset Type Sublimits</u>. The aggregate Asset Value of all Purchased Assets that are of the type or grouping described in the first column below shall not exceed the percentage of the Maximum Purchase Price in the same row of the second column below (Purchased Assets that are within more than one Maximum Purchase Price percentage or "sublimit" below shall be included in each applicable sublimit in determining the remaining Asset Value under each sublimit):

Type or types of Purchased Assets	Maximum Percentage of the Maximum Purchase Price
Eligible Conforming Mortgage Loans	[***]%
Eligible Conforming Non-Owner Occupied Mortgage Loans	[***]%
Eligible Conforming High CLTV Loan	[***]%
Eligible Jumbo Mortgage Loans, including Oversize Jumbo Loans (combined)	[***]%
	(Subject to Cumulative Sublimit)
Oversize Jumbo Loans	[***]%
	(Subject to Cumulative Sublimit)

Eligible State Bond Loans	[***]%
	(Subject to Cumulative Sublimit)
Eligible State Bond High CLTV Loans	[***]%
	(Sublimit for those originated under the Rural Housing Loan Program – this sublimit is included in the [***] Maximum Purchase Price Sublimit for Eligible State Bond Loans)
	(Subject to Cumulative Sublimit)
	[***]%
	(Sublimit for those not originated under the Rural Housing Loan Program – this sublimit is included in the [***] Maximum Purchase Price Sublimit for Eligible State Bond Loans)
	(Subject to Cumulative Sublimit)
Eligible Conforming Mortgage Loans originated under the	[***]%
FNMA Home Affordable Refinance Program, the FHLMC Relief Refinance Program, or the FNMA Homepath Mortgage Program	(Subject to Cumulative Sublimit)
Eligible Downpayment Assistance Loan	[***]%
	(Subject to Cumulative Sublimit)
Expanded Guidelines Loan	[***]%
	(Subject to Cumulative Sublimit)
Non-Qualified Mortgage Loan	[***]%
	(Subject to Cumulative Sublimit)
Eligible Standalone Second Mortgage Loan	[***]%
	(Subject to Cumulative Sublimit)
Eligible Single-close CTP Mortgage Loan	[***]%
	(Subject to Cumulative Sublimit)

<u>Cumulative Sublimit</u>. With respect to the types of Purchased Assets in the table above that are "Subject to Cumulative Sublimit" the maximum percentage of the Maximum Purchase Price for such types of Purchased Assets on a combined basis for all such types of Purchased Assets shall not be more than [\*\*\*]%.

Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, the Agent in its sole discretion may approve Transactions which are not in strict compliance with the eligibility or sublimit requirements regarding qualification of a Purchased Asset as an Eligible Asset as follows: (i) with respect to any Purchased Asset that fails or ceases to satisfy any eligibility or sublimit requirement for any reason, the Agent may waive such eligibility or sublimit requirement for such Purchased Asset and apply the Asset Value otherwise applicable to such Purchased Asset (had such Purchased Asset satisfied all such eligibility and sublimit requirements) as determined by the Agent, provided that the aggregate Asset Value of all such Purchased Assets for which the Agent provides such waivers shall not exceed [\*\*\*]; and (ii) with respect to any Purchased Asset, if the satisfaction of eligibility or sublimit requirements cannot be independently determined because of events beyond the reasonable control of the Sellers (i.e. natural disasters, transmission failures, etc.), the Agent may waive strict compliance with such eligibility or sublimit requirements in any amount for periods up to [\*\*\*], provided that, if such determination cannot be made after the [\*\*\*], the Sellers must certify in writing that all such eligibility requirements and limits are in fact satisfied.

"Asset Valuation Amount" means, with respect to each Mortgage Loan that is an Eligible Asset, a value determined as follows: each Mortgage Loan shall be valued at the lowest of (A) the unpaid principal balance of such Mortgage Loan on its Purchase Date, or (B) the net acquisition cost (including any discounts and excluding any servicing released premium) of such Mortgage Loan, if acquired by a Seller, or (C) the weighted average purchase price (expressed as a percentage of par) committed to under those Approved Investor Commitments which could cover such Purchased Asset applied to the unpaid principal balance of such Purchased Asset as of its Purchase Date or (D) market value, as determined by the Agent (in cooperation with the Custodian), based upon whole loan prices currently available, as and when the Agent, in its sole discretion (with no requirement to do so), chooses to calculate market value. The values described in (A), (B) and (C) of the preceding sentence shall be as determined by the Sellers as of the Purchase Date (or other applicable date) of the applicable Purchased Asset and reported to the Custodian.

In any determination of "market value" of any of the Eligible Asset types listed in clause (D) above, the Agent or the Custodian may, at the Sellers' expense, obtain third party market pricing information from companies specializing in providing market valuations for such types of mortgage loans.

"Assignment and Acceptance" is defined in Section 24.

"Assignment of Mortgage" means, with respect to any Mortgage, an assignment of the Mortgage, notice of transfer or equivalent instrument in recordable form, sufficient under the

Laws of the jurisdiction wherein the related Mortgaged Property is located to reflect the assignment of the Mortgage to the Agent or the Custodian, as its agent.

"Available Commitment" shall have the meaning specified in the Administration Agreement.

"Available Deposits" means the sum of those free collected balances maintained in accounts in the name of any Seller (or held by a Seller in trust for third parties) with a Buyer (after deducting float and balances required by such Buyer under its normal practices to compensate such Buyer for the maintenance of such accounts and taking into consideration reserve requirements applicable to such accounts) and which balances are not included in determining "Available Deposits" under any other arrangements between such Buyer and a Seller.

"Available Purchase Price" means, for any day, the Maximum Purchase Price minus the Purchase Price outstanding on that day.

"Bankruptcy Code" means the United States Bankruptcy Code of 1978, as amended from time to time.

"Basic Eligibility Requirements" means, with respect to each Seller, a Mortgage Loan with respect to which each of the following statements is accurate and complete:

- (i) Such Seller is the legal and equitable owner and holder of such Mortgage Loan, the Mortgage Note evidencing such Mortgage Loan, the Mortgage securing such Mortgage Note and the other Purchased Asset Documents and has full power and authority to sell such Mortgage Loan, Mortgage, Mortgage Note and other Purchased Asset Documents in a Transaction. Such Mortgage Loan and each commitment of a Person to purchase Mortgage Loans and Securities from such Seller (including Approved Investor Commitments) has been duly and validly issued to such Seller, and each Mortgage Loan is subject to no Liens except as may be granted pursuant to the Repurchase Documents.
- (ii) Each requirement of any federal, state or local law including, without limitation, usury, truth-in-lending, real estate settlement procedures, consumer credit protection, equal credit opportunity or disclosure laws applicable to such Mortgage Loan has been complied with.
  - (iii) With respect to each Mortgage Loan of a Seller which is the subject of a Transaction:
  - A. the Purchased Asset Documents with respect to such Mortgage Loan (other than a Wet Loan) have been duly executed and delivered by the parties thereto at a closing,
  - B. said Purchased Asset Documents are valid and enforceable in accordance with their terms, without defense or offset, subject to bankruptcy and

similar laws and other general restrictions on creditors' rights and equitable principles (whether raised in an equity proceeding or an action at law),

- C. the Mortgaged Property is free and clear of all Liens subject only to (a) the Lien of current real property taxes and assessments not yet due and payable; (b) covenants, conditions and restrictions, rights of way, easements and other matters of the public record, as of the date of recording, as are acceptable to mortgage lending institutions generally and specifically referred to in a lender's title insurance policy delivered to the originator of such Mortgage Loan and (i) referred to or otherwise considered in the appraisal made for the originator of such Mortgage Loan or (ii) which do not materially adversely affect the appraised value of such property as set forth in such appraisal; (c) the Mortgage that is the subject of any Transaction, (d) any first or second Mortgage on the Mortgaged Property contemplated in any Eligible Asset, and (e) other matters to which like properties are commonly subject which do not materially interfere with the benefits of the security intended to be provided by such Purchased Asset Documents or the use, enjoyment, value or marketability of the related property,
- D. such Mortgage Loan is covered by, and is in compliance with, the terms of the relevant Approved Investor Commitment,
- E. with respect to such Mortgage Loan (x) the legal description in the Purchased Asset Documents with respect thereto shall be as shown by a survey in the Sellers' possession or as shown on a recorded plat referred to in the description contained in the Mortgage, and (y) the Sellers will have a title insurance policy or binder, in American Land Title Association form, from a recognized title insurance company, insuring the priority of such valid first lien (or second lien, in the case of Standalone Second Mortgage Loans) and meeting the usual requirements of institutional purchasers of Mortgage Loans or of securities in respect thereof,
- F. at the time of delivery of the Required Purchased Asset Documents to the Custodian, the Sellers will have received with respect to such Mortgage Loan a policy, or other satisfactory evidence, of flood insurance, fire and casualty insurance in accordance with applicable law, with the local equivalent of the standard New York mortgagee clause and the applicable regulations of the Federal Insurance Administration of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, unless, as to flood insurance, the Sellers will have received satisfactory documentation to demonstrate that the mortgaged premises are not located in a special flood hazard area as determined by such agency. Such documentation will be retained in the Sellers' files relating to such Mortgage Loan,
- G. it has been correctly described in the Transaction Request submitted to the Custodian in respect of such Mortgage Loan,

- H. it has been fully funded to the mortgagor or to an escrow or closing agent by wire transfer, transmittal through an "Automated Clearing House" or any similar clearing house for interbank transfers of funds, cashier's check or a check written against the Sellers' controlled disbursement account with the Agent, which has been identified as a check in the related Transaction Request and for which the Agent has notified the Custodian that such check has been presented for payment and that good funds are available to fund the controlled disbursement account to cover such check,
- I. the Custodian has in its possession (other than with respect to Wet Loans) all Required Purchased Asset Documents other than those documents and instruments which are in the possession of the Sellers pursuant to a trust receipt or in the possession of a Person to whom delivery was made pursuant to a bailee letter,
- J. the Mortgage has been or will be promptly duly recorded where necessary and complies with all applicable state or local recording, registration and filing laws and regulations,
- K. there are no defenses, counterclaims or offsets of any nature whatsoever with respect to such Mortgage Loan or the indebtedness evidenced and secured thereby or with respect to any Required Mortgage Document and such Mortgage Loan is otherwise free of default, and, other than the related Required Purchased Asset Documents and Additional Required Purchased Asset Documents, there are no instruments or documents evidencing, securing or guaranteeing payment of the indebtedness constituting such Mortgage Loan,
- L. (a) with respect to Mortgage Loans other than MERS Mortgage Loans, each Assignment of Mortgage (i) has been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action by the Sellers, duly executed and delivered by the Sellers and is the legal, valid and binding obligation of the Sellers enforceable in accordance with its terms, subject to bankruptcy and similar laws and other general restrictions on creditors' rights and equitable principles, and (ii) complies with all applicable laws including all applicable recording, filing and registration laws and regulations and is adequate and legally sufficient for the purpose intended to be accomplished thereby, including, without limitation, the assignment of the rights, powers and benefits of a Seller as mortgagee, and (b) with respect to MERS Mortgage Loans, the interest of the Custodian and the Buyers in such Mortgages has been registered on the MERS System,
- M. such Seller has complied with all applicable laws, rules and regulations in respect of such Purchased Asset if it is insured by FHA or guaranteed by VA and the related insurance or guarantee is in full force and effect. Such Purchased Asset complies in all respects with all applicable requirements for purchase under the GNMA standard form of selling contract for FHA insured and VA guaranteed loans and any supplement thereto then in effect,

- N. such Seller has received an appraisal (but only if an appraisal is required pursuant to the applicable Underwriting and Acquisition Guidelines relating to such Mortgage Loan or is required by an applicable Approved Investor) on the property underlying such Purchased Asset, which appraisal is in conformity with the applicable requirements of any law or any governmental rule, regulation, policy, guideline or directive (whether or not having the force of law), or any interpretation thereof, including, without limitation, the provisions of Title XI of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act of 1989, as amended, reformed or otherwise modified from time to time, and any rules promulgated to implement such provisions,
- O. all fire and casualty policies covering the premises encumbered by such Purchased Asset (a) name such Seller as the insured under a standard mortgagee clause not less favorable in coverage to the mortgagee than is customarily used in the state where such premises is located, (b) are in full force and effect, and (c) afford insurance against fire and such other risks as are usually insured against in the broad form of extended coverage insurance from time to time available, as well as insurance against flood hazards as required by FHA or VA,
- P. with respect to MERS Mortgage Loans of a Seller, (i) such Seller is in full compliance with all terms and conditions of membership in MERS, including the MERSCORP, Inc. "Rules of Membership" most recently promulgated by MERSCORP, Inc., the "MERS Procedures Manual" most recently promulgated by MERS, and any and all other guidelines or requirements set forth by MERS or MERSCORP, as each of the foregoing may be modified from time to time, including, but in no way limited to compliance with guidelines and procedures set forth with respect to technological capabilities, drafting and recordation of Mortgages, registration of Mortgages on the MERS System, including registration of the interest of the Custodian and the Buyers in such Mortgages and membership requirements, and (ii) such Seller employs officers who have the authority, pursuant to a corporate resolution from MERS, to execute assignments of mortgage in the name of MERS for its own account, and pursuant to the MERS Affiliate Agreement, for its account, in the event de-registration from the MERS System is necessary or desirable,
- Q. All Mortgage Loans that are the subject of a Transaction must be first-lien priority Mortgage Loans (except for Standalone Second Mortgage Loans, which must be at least a second-priority Mortgage Loan),
  - R. All Mortgage Loans that are the subject of a Transaction have closed through an Approved Closing Agent,
  - S. Such Seller owns all right, title and interest in and to the servicing rights related to such Mortgage Loan, and

- (iv) With respect to each Mortgage Loan of a Seller which is the subject of a Transaction, there shall be no breach by a Seller of any of the following covenants (the sole remedy for which shall be the removal of such Mortgage Loan as Eligible Asset):
  - A. No Seller shall (a) amend or modify, or waive any of the terms and conditions of, or settle or compromise any claim in respect of, any Mortgage Loan or any rights related to any of the foregoing, if such amendment, modification or waiver materially and adversely affects the Asset Value of such Mortgage Loan, or impairs the marketability of such Mortgage Loan or (b) release any security or obligor, or, through any other activity or inactivity, cause any Mortgage Loan which shall have been eligible for purchase to become ineligible for purchase in accordance with the Approved Investor Commitment related to such Mortgage Loan.
  - B. No Seller shall sell, assign, transfer or otherwise dispose of, or grant any option with respect to, or pledge or otherwise encumber, any of the Purchased Asset Documents or any interest therein, except as permitted by any of the Repurchase Documents with respect to repurchases by the Sellers of Mortgage Loans.
  - C. Each Seller shall hold all escrow funds collected in respect of the Mortgage Loan in trust, without commingling the same with any other funds, and apply the same for the purposes for which such funds were collected <u>provided</u> that such obligation with respect to the Mortgage Loan shall not arise until [\*\*\*] after the origination or acquisition of the applicable Mortgage Loan.
  - D. Each Seller shall observe and perform all of its obligations in connection with each Approved Investor Commitment related to the Mortgage Loan. Within forty-eight (48) hours after a request therefor by the Agent or the Custodian, a copy of each Approved Investor Commitment certified by the Sellers or, if requested by the Agent or the Custodian at any time after a Default has occurred, the originals or an electronic version of such Approved Investor Commitments shall be delivered to the Agent.
  - E. Each Seller shall promptly notify the Agent and the Custodian if and when the Sellers receive any prepayment (which term excludes the principal portion of scheduled monthly payments made on a Mortgage Loan) arising from or relating to the Mortgage Loan and hold the same in trust, as security for the Obligations, until such Mortgage Loan is no longer included in any determination of Asset Value or, if a Default has occurred and is continuing, then immediately remit to the Agent such prepayments (and all interest and earnings thereon or with respect thereto).

"BNY Mellon" means The Bank of New York Mellon.

"Business Day" means (i) with respect to any borrowing, payment or rate selection of Eurodollar Transactions (and if applicable, LIBOR Transactions), any day, on which interbank

wire transfers can be made on the Fedwire system and on which trading is carried on in the London Interbank Market for Dollar deposits except (x) a Saturday or a Sunday, or (y) any day which in New York City, New York or the State of California shall be a legal holiday or a day on which banking institutions are authorized or required by law or other government action to be closed, and (ii) for all other purposes, any day on which interbank wire transfers can be made on the Fedwire system, except (x) a Saturday or a Sunday, or (y) any day which in New York City, New York or the State of California shall be a legal holiday or a day on which banking institutions are authorized or required by law or other government action to be closed.

"Buy-Down Agreement" means a written agreement between a Seller and a Buyer setting forth the terms and conditions under which such Buyer has agreed to a reduced pricing rate on account of LIBOR Transactions outstanding hereunder based upon Available Deposits maintained by such Seller with such Buyer.

"Buy-Down Buyer" is defined in Section 6(c).

"Buy-Down Rate" means a rate per annum equal to [\*\*\*]%.

"Buyers" means The Bank of New York Mellon and the other Buyers party hereto from time to time, and their respective successors in interest and assigns.

"Capitalized Lease" of a Person means any lease of Property by such Person as lessee which would be capitalized on a balance sheet of such Person prepared in accordance with Agreement Accounting Principles.

"Capita] Lease Obligations" means, for any Person, all obligations of that Person to pay rent or other amounts under a lease of (or other agreement conveying the right to use) Property, to the extent such obligations are required by GAAP to be classified and accounted for as a capital lease on that Person's balance sheet, and, for purposes of this Repurchase Agreement, the amount of those obligations shall be their capitalized amount, as determined in accordance with GAAP.

"Cash Equivalent Investments" means (i) short-term obligations of, or fully guaranteed by, the United States of America, (ii) commercial paper rated A-1 or better by S&P or P-1 or better by Moody's, (iii) demand deposit accounts maintained in the ordinary course of business, and (iv) certificates of deposit issued by and time deposits with commercial banks (whether domestic or foreign) having capital and surplus in excess of [\*\*\*]; provided in each case that the same provides for payment of both principal and interest (and not principal alone or interest alone) and is not subject to any contingency regarding the payment of principal or interest.

"Ceiling Rate" means, on any day, the maximum nonusurious rate of interest permitted for that day by whichever of applicable federal or New York law permits the higher interest rate, stated as a rate per annum.

"Change of Control" means the acquisition by any Person, or two or more Persons acting in concert, of beneficial ownership (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 of the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Exchange) of outstanding shares of voting stock or other

indicia of ownership of any Seller at any time if after giving effect to such acquisition such Person or Persons owns fifty percent (50%) or more of such outstanding voting stock or other indicia of ownership of such Seller, unless such Person or Persons immediately prior to such acquisition, already owned [\*\*\*] of such outstanding voting stock or other indicia of ownership of such Seller.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time.

"Collection Account" means account no. [\*\*\*], a blocked Seller's account (under the sole dominion and control of the Agent) with BNY Mellon, or such other account (or accounts) with BNY Mellon as the Agent shall from time to time designate by written notice to the Sellers, into which all Income shall be deposited following any Event of Default.

"Commitment" is defined in the Administration Agreement.

"Conforming Mortgage Loan" means a first priority Single-family Mortgage Loan (other than a Conforming Non-Owner Occupied Mortgage Loan) which (i) either is insured by the FHA or guaranteed by the VA or which fully conforms to all underwriting and other requirements for sale to FNMA, FHLMC or GNMA, (ii) if said Mortgage Loan has a loan-to-value which is greater than [\*\*\*], and is not subject to a commitment by the VA or FHA to guarantee or insure repayment thereof then said Mortgage Loan is either (x) covered by a policy of mortgage insurance acceptable to the applicable Agency and the Agent or (y) originated under either the FNMA Homepath Mortgage Program or the FNMA Home Affordable Refinance Program (as set out in the FNMA Selling Guide - Announcement 9-04 dated March 4, 2009 as amended from time to time) or the Freddie Mac Relief Refinance Program as set out in Chapter A24 of the Freddie Mac Single Family Seller/Servicer Guide, (iii) if the Mortgage Loan is originated under the FNMA Home Affordable Refinance Program it had a loan-to-value which did not exceed [\*\*\*] (including any subordinate financing - commonly known as a CLTV), except that if such FNMA Home Affordable Refinance Program Mortgage Loan is a refinance of a Mortgage Loan held by a Seller (i.e. so-called "DU Refi Plus – same servicer"), such loan-to-value and CLTV requirement is not applicable, (iv) if the Mortgage Loan is originated under the Freddie Mac Relief Refinance Program, it had a loan-to-value and a CLTV which did not exceed [\*\*\*], and (v) if the Mortgage Loan is originated under the FNMA Homepath Mortgage Program, it had a loan to value which did not exceed [\*\*\*], and a CLTV which did not exceed [\*\*\*], and a CLTV which did not exceed [\*\*\*].

"Conforming Non-Owner Occupied Mortgage Loan" means a first priority Single-family Mortgage Loan on a property other than the Mortgagor's primary residence which (i) fully conforms to all underwriting and other requirements for sale to FNMA or FHLMC, (ii) if said Mortgage Loan has a loan-to-value which is greater than [\*\*\*], and is not subject to a commitment by the VA or FHA to guarantee or insure repayment thereof then said Mortgage Loan is either (x) covered by a policy of mortgage insurance acceptable to the applicable Agency and the Agent or (y) originated under either the FNMA Homepath Mortgage Program or the FNMA Home Affordable Refinance Program (as set out in the FNMA Selling Guide - Announcement 9-04 dated March 4, 2009 as amended from time to time) or the Freddie Mac Relief Refinance Program as set out in Chapter A24 of the Freddie Mac Single Family

Seller/Servicer Guide, (iii) if the Mortgage Loan is originated under the FNMA Home Affordable Refinance Program it had a loan-to-value which did not exceed [\*\*\*] (including any subordinate financing - commonly known as a CLTV), except that if such FNMA Home Affordable Refinance Program Mortgage Loan is a refinance of a Mortgage Loan held by a Seller (i.e. so-called "DU Refi Plus – same servicer"), such loan-to-value and CLTV requirement is not applicable (iv) if the Mortgage Loan is originated under the Freddie Mac Relief Refinance Program, it had a loan-to-value and a CLTV which did not exceed [\*\*\*], and (v) if the Mortgage Loan is originated under the FNMA Homepath Mortgage Program, it had a loan to value which did not exceed [\*\*\*], and a CLTV which did not exceed [\*\*\*].

"Contingent Obligation" of a Person means any agreement, undertaking or arrangement by which such Person assumes, guarantees, endorses, contingently agrees to purchase or provide funds for the payment of, or otherwise becomes or is contingently liable upon, the obligation or liability of any other Person, or agrees to maintain the net worth or working capital or other financial condition of any other Person, or otherwise assures any creditor of such other Person against loss, including, without limitation, any comfort letter, operating agreement, take-or-pay contract or the obligations of any such Person as general partner of a partnership with respect to the liabilities of such partnership.

"Controlled Group" means all members of a controlled group of corporations and all trades or businesses (whether or not incorporated) under common control which, together with the Sellers or any of their Subsidiaries, are treated as a single employer under Section 414 of the Code.

"Custodian" means The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. and any successor under the Custody Agreement.

"Custody Agreement" means the Custody Agreement dated December 27, 2007 among the Sellers, the Agent and The Bank of New York (predecessor to the Custodian), as amended or restated from time to time.

"Debt" means, with respect to any Person, on any day, the sum of the following (without duplication):

- (a) all obligations created or issued by a Person for borrowed money (whether by loan, the issuance and sale of debt securities or the sale of Property to another Person subject to an understanding or agreement, contingent or otherwise, to repurchase such Property from such Person);
- (b) obligations of such Person to pay the deferred purchase or acquisition price of Property or services, other than trade accounts payable (other than for borrowed money) arising, and accrued expenses incurred, in the ordinary course of business so long as such trade accounts payable are payable and paid within ninety (90) days of the date the related invoice is received for the respective goods delivered or the respective services rendered;

- (c) indebtedness of others secured by a lien on the Property of such Person, whether or not the respective indebtedness so secured has been assumed by such Person;
- (d) obligations (contingent or otherwise) of such Person in respect of letters of credit or similar instruments issued for account of such Person;
  - (e) Capital Lease Obligations of such Person;
- (f) obligations of such Person under residential mortgage loan repurchase agreements or like arrangements (exclusive of indemnification or contingent purchase agreements with Approved Investors which in either case could require the repurchase of Mortgage Loans under certain circumstances);
  - (g) indebtedness of others Guaranteed on a recourse basis by such Person;
- (h) all obligations of such Person incurred in connection with the acquisition or carrying of fixed assets by such Person;
  - (i) indebtedness of general partnerships of which such Person is a general partner; and
- (j) any Guarantees or contingent liabilities of such Person for any of the indebtedness described in clauses (a) through (i) above.

"Default" means an Event of Default or an event that with notice, the lapse of time or both would become an Event of Default.

"Defaulting Party" is defined in Section 31(b).

"Dollars" and "\$" means lawful money of the United States of America.

"<u>Down Payment Assistance Loan</u>" means a first Mortgage Loan under a FNMA, FHLMC, FHA or VA loan program which would be a Conforming Mortgage Loan except that the loan to value ratio exceeds the loan to value ratio permitted for a Conforming Mortgage Loan, pursuant to which the Mortgagor receives assistance from a local authority or any other organization for the downpayment or closing costs, usually in the form of a second mortgage that is funded at closing (either by a Seller out of its own cash, or table funded by the provider).

"Due Diligence Costs" is defined in Section 32.

"Effective Date" means the date when the conditions precedent set forth in Section 3(b) have been satisfied.

"<u>Electronic Tracking Agreement</u>" means an Electronic Tracking Agreement among the Agent, GMC, MERS and MERSCORP, Inc., as supplemented, amended or restated from time to time.

"Eligible Asset" means, as of any date, an Asset Type, which:

- (i) meets the Basic Eligibility Requirements and which is a Residential Mortgage Loan;
- (ii) has no monthly installment of principal and/or interest which is more than 29 days past due;
- (iii) has a note date not more than [\*\*\*] or more prior to its Purchase Date;
- (iv) if it is a Wet Loan, the Seller thereof expects such Wet Loan to close on the Purchase Date and become a valid lien securing actual indebtedness by funding to the order of the mortgagor thereunder, has not learned of any information to the contrary and has not received any returned proceeds of such Wet Loan from the escrow or closing agent for such Wet Loan;
  - (v) if subject to a bailee letter or trust receipt and if said Purchased Asset was:
  - A. withdrawn by a Seller for purposes of correcting clerical or other non-substantive documentation problems: (i) the promissory note and other documents relating to said Purchased Asset were returned to the Custodian within [\*\*\*] from the date of withdrawal, (ii) said Purchased Asset was released to a Seller pursuant to a trust receipt and (iii) the Asset Value of said Purchased Assets when added to the Asset Value of all other Purchased Assets which have been similarly released to the Sellers does not exceed [\*\*\*];
  - B. shipped by the Custodian directly to an Approved Investor for "whole loan" purchase, or for purposes of formation of a pool supporting a Security, in either case pursuant to a bailee letter, and the full purchase price therefor has been paid pursuant to <u>Section 4(b)</u> (or said Purchased Asset has been returned to the Custodian) within the time limit for such bailments set forth in the "*ineligible asset*" section of the definition of "Asset Value"; or
  - D. not previously included in a determination of Asset Value, then shipped to an investor and returned, for whatever reason, to the Custodian; and
  - (vi) is a Qualified Mortgage Loan.

"Eligible Conforming High CLTV Loan" means an Eligible Conforming Mortgage Loan except that (i) the loan to value ratio may be (A) up to [\*\*\*], and (B) up to [\*\*\*] when taking into account an existing second mortgage, and (ii) is originated for purposes of re-financing a loan serviced by a Seller as of the Effective Date.

"<u>Eligible Conforming Mortgage Loan</u>" means an Eligible Asset which: (i) is either a Conforming Mortgage Loan or a Conforming Non-Owner Occupied Mortgage Loan; and (ii) is subject to an Approved Investor Commitment.

"Eligible Conforming Non-Owner Occupied Mortgage Loan" means an Eligible Asset which: (i) is a Conforming Non-Owner Occupied Mortgage Loan; and (ii) is subject to an Approved Investor Commitment.

"Eligible Down Payment Assistance Loan" means an Eligible Asset which is a Down Payment Assistance Loan that (i) has a loan to value ratio when combined with any related second mortgage loan of more than [\*\*\*] but less than or equal to [\*\*\*], and (ii) a loan to value ratio of [\*\*\*] or less (up to [\*\*\*] if, with respect to a VA or FHA Mortgage Loan, the mortgage insurance premium and/or HUD REO closing costs are included in the principal amount of such Mortgage Loan).

"Eligible Jumbo Mortgage Loan" means an Eligible Asset which: (i) is a Jumbo Mortgage Loan; (ii) meets the parameters for purchase of either (A) at least two Approved Investors identified on Schedule I as an Approved Jumbo Loan Investor or (B) a Jumbo Loan High LTV Purchaser; (iii) notwithstanding clause (ii), in the case of an Oversize Jumbo Loan, there shall be an Approved Investor Commitment specifically covering such Mortgage Loan); (iv) is made to an obligor with a FICO Score of not less than [\*\*\*] (or not less than [\*\*\*] if the loan has a loan to value ratio of [\*\*\*] or less); and (v) has a loan to value of [\*\*\*] (a [\*\*\*] LTV where the Approved Investor is a Jumbo Loan High LTV Purchaser) or less.

"Eligible Single-Close CTP Mortgage Loan" means an Eligible Asset which (i) is a Single-Close CTP Mortgage Loan, (ii) has an original principal balance that does not exceed the applicable FNMA or FHLMC Guidelines, (iii) has a loan to value conforming to the applicable FNMA or FHLMC guidelines (provided that the LTV must not exceed [\*\*\*] on second homes or [\*\*\*] on single unit investor properties), (iv) includes a maximum [\*\*\*] contingency reserve for change orders, and (v) is not a condominium, cooperative or seasonal property.

"Eligible Standalone Second Mortgage Loan" means an Eligible Asset which (i) is a Standalone Second Mortgage Loan, (ii) is made to an obligor having a FICO Score of not less than [\*\*\*], (iii) for which the combined loan to value of such Mortgage Loan and the first priority Mortgage Loan on the same property does not exceed [\*\*\*], and (iv) is subject to an Approved Investor Commitment.

"Eligible State Bond Loan" means an Eligible Asset which (i) is originated under the Underwriting and Acquisition Guidelines of a state bond Approved Investor or the Rural Housing Loan Program, and (ii) has a loan-to-value ratio that is not greater than [\*\*\*] (up to [\*\*\*] if, with respect to a VA or FHA Mortgage Loan or the Rural Housing Loan Program, the mortgage insurance premium is included in the principal amount of such Mortgage Loan).

"<u>Eligible State Bond High CLTV Loan</u>" means an Eligible Asset which is otherwise an Eligible State Bond Loan, where the loan-to-value ratio (taking into account all Mortgages encumbering the subject Single-family residence) is not greater than [\*\*\*].

"Embargoed Person" has the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 12(ff).

"Employee Benefit Plan" shall mean any employee benefit plan, program, arrangement, practice or contract, maintained by or on behalf of Borrower or an ERISA Affiliate, which provides benefits or compensation to or on behalf of employees or former employees, whether

formal or informal, whether or not written, including but not limited to the following types of plans:

- (1) Executive Arrangements any bonus, incentive compensation, stock option, deferred compensation, commission, severance, "golden parachute", "rabbi trust", or other executive compensation plan, program, contract, arrangement or practice;
- (2) ERISA Plans any "employee benefit plan" as defined in Section 3(3) of ERISA), including, but not limited to, any defined benefit pension plan, profit sharing plan, money purchase pension plan, savings or thrift plan, stock bonus plan, employee stock ownership plan, Multiemployer Plan, or any plan, fund, program, arrangement or practice providing for medical (including post-retirement medical), hospitalization, accident, sickness, disability, or life insurance benefits;
- (3) Other Employee Fringe Benefits any stock purchase, vacation, scholarship, day care, prepaid legal services, severance pay or other fringe benefit plan, program, arrangement, contract or practice.

"Environmental Laws" means any and all federal, state, local and foreign statutes, laws, judicial decisions, regulations, ordinances, rules, judgments, orders, decrees, plans, injunctions, permits, concessions, grants, franchises, licenses, agreements and other governmental restrictions relating to (i) the protection of the environment, (ii) the effect of the environment on human health, (iii) emissions, discharges or releases of pollutants, contaminants, hazardous substances or wastes into surface water, ground water or land, or (iv) the manufacture, processing, distribution, use, treatment, storage, disposal, transport or handling of pollutants, contaminants, hazardous substances or wastes or the clean-up or other remediation thereof.

"ERISA" means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended from time to time and any successor Law, and the regulations promulgated and rulings issued thereunder.

"ERISA Affiliate" means any Person that is a member of any group of the organizations or which such Person is a member that are (i) described in Section 414(b) or (c) of the Code, or (ii) solely for purposes of potential liability under Section 302(c)(11) of ERISA and Section 412(c)(11) of the Code and the lien created under Section 302(f) of ERISA and Section 412(n) of the Code, described in Section 414(m) or (o) of the Code.

"Eurodollar Base Rate" shall mean, with respect to any Eurodollar Transaction, a rate of interest per annum, as determined by the Agent, obtained by dividing:

- (a) the Eurodollar Benchmark Rate on the day that is two Business Days prior to the first day of the applicable Interest Period, by
  - (b) a number equal to 1.00 minus the Reserve Percentage.

"Eurodollar Benchmark Rate" means, with respect to any Eurodollar Transaction for any Interest Period, the rate per annum equal to the ICE Benchmark Administration Limited LIBOR Rate (or such successor thereto if the ICE Benchmark Administration Limited is no longer

making such a rate available) appearing on the applicable Bloomberg screen (or other commercially available source as designated by the Agent from time to time for purposes of providing quotations of interest rates applicable to Dollar deposits in the London interbank market) at approximately 11:00 a.m., London time, two (2) Business Days prior to the commencement of such Interest Period, as the rate for Dollar deposits with a maturity comparable to such Interest Period. In the event that such rate is not available at such time for any reason, then the "Eurodollar Benchmark Rate" with respect to such Eurodollar Transaction for such Interest Period shall be the rate at which Dollar deposits for a maturity comparable to such Interest Period of [\*\*\*] are offered by the principal London office of the Person serving as Agent in immediately available funds in the London interbank market at approximately 11:00 a.m., London time, two Business Days prior to the commencement of such Interest Period. In no event shall the Eurodollar Benchmark Rate ever be less than zero.

"Eurodollar Rate" means, with respect to a Eurodollar Transaction for the relevant Interest Period, the sum of the Eurodollar Base Rate applicable to such Interest Period and the Pricing Spread.

"<u>Eurodollar Transaction</u>" means, for purposes of determining the applicable Pricing Rate, the Purchase Price for Transactions or portions thereof which a Seller has designated in a Pricing Designation to the Agent in accordance with <u>Section 4(a)(i)</u> or <u>6(b)</u> that the Pricing Rate therefore shall be based on the Eurodollar Rate.

"Event of Default" is defined in Section 14.

"Event of Insolvency" means, for any Person:

- (a) that such Person or any Subsidiary shall have discontinued or abandoned operation of its business (unless, in the case of a Subsidiary, such business shall have been transferred to, and is being continued by, such Person or another Subsidiary of such Person);
- (b) that such Person or any Subsidiary shall (i) fail generally to, (ii) admit to the Agent or any Buyer its inability to or (iii) publicly admit in writing its inability to, pay its debts as they become due;
- (c) a proceeding shall have been instituted in a court having jurisdiction in the premises seeking a decree or order for relief in respect of such Person or any Subsidiary in an involuntary case under any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, liquidation, reorganization or other similar law now or hereafter in effect, or for the appointment of a receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee, custodian, sequestrator, conservator or other similar official of such Person or any Subsidiary, or for any substantial part of its property, or for the winding-up or liquidation of its affairs and such proceeding shall not have been dismissed within sixty (60) calendar days of its filing;
- (d) that such Person or any Subsidiary shall have commenced a voluntary case under any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar Law now or hereafter in effect, or such Person's or any Subsidiary's consent to the entry of an order for relief in an involuntary case under any such Law, or consent to the appointment of or taking possession by a receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee, custodian, sequestrator, conservator or other similar official of such

Person, or for any substantial part of its property, or any general assignment for the benefit of creditors;

- (e) that such Person or any Subsidiary shall become insolvent (unless, in the case of a Subsidiary, such Subsidiary's business shall have been transferred to, and is being continued by, such Person or another Subsidiary of such Person); or
- (f) if such Person or any Subsidiary is a corporation, such Person or any Subsidiary, or any of their subsidiaries, shall take any corporate action in furtherance of, or the action of which would result in any of the actions in respect of such Person or Subsidiary set forth in the preceding clauses (a), (b), (c), (d) or (e).

"Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

"Excluded Taxes" is defined in Section 8(e).

"Expanded Guidelines Loan" means a Single-family Mortgage Loan which (i) does not satisfy the requirements of any other Asset Type but which otherwise satisfies the requirements for an Eligible Asset as set forth in the definition of "Eligible Asset" (except that it need not be a Qualified Mortgage Loan), (ii) is a first mortgage lien, (iii) is made to an obligor with a FICO Score of not less than [\*\*\*], (iv) has a maximum loan to value ratio of not more than [\*\*\*].

"Expenses" means all present and future expenses reasonably incurred by or on behalf of the Agent or the Buyers in connection with this Repurchase Agreement or any of the other Repurchase Documents and any amendment, supplement or other modification or waiver related hereto or thereto, whether incurred heretofore or hereafter, which expenses shall include the cost of title, lien, judgment and other record searches; reasonable attorneys' fees; and costs of preparing and recording any Uniform Commercial Code financing statements or other filings necessary to perfect the security interest created hereby.

"Facility Fee" means an amount equal to the product of (x) [\*\*\*] basis points [\*\*\*] per annum and (y) the Maximum Purchase Price, due and payable as provided in Section 41(a).

"FATCA" means Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, as of the date of this Agreement (or any amended or successor version that is substantively comparable and not materially more onerous to comply with), any current or future regulations or official interpretations thereof and any agreement entered into pursuant to Section 1471(b)(1) of the Code.

"FDIA" is defined in Section 36(c).

"Federal Fund Effective Rate" means, for any day, the greater of (a) the rate calculated by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York based on such day's federal funds transactions by depository institutions (as determined in such manner as the Federal Reserve Bank of New York shall set forth on its public website from time to time) and as published on the next succeeding Business Day by Federal Reserve Bank of New York as the federal funds effective rate, and (b) [\*\*\*].

"FHA" means the Federal Housing Administration, an agency within the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, or any successor thereto, and including the Federal Housing Commissioner and the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development where appropriate under the FHA Regulations.

"FHA-Approved Mortgagee" means an institution that is approved by FHA to act as a servicer and mortgagee of record with respect to a Mortgage Loan insured by FHA.

"FHA Mortgage Loan" means a Mortgage Loan that is secured by a first lien on land and the Single-Family residence constructed thereon and is insured by FHA.

"FHLMC" means the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation or other agency, corporation or instrumentality of the United States to which the powers and duties of the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation have been transferred.

"FHLMC-Approved Lender" means an institution that is approved by FHLMC to act as a lender in connection with the origination of any Mortgage Loan purchased by FHLMC.

"FICO Score" means, on any date, and with respect to an obligor under a Mortgage Note, the credit rating score for such obligor on such date calculated in accordance with the procedures of Fair, Issac and Company, Inc.

"FNMA" means Fannie Mae or any or other agency, corporation or instrumentality of the United States to which the powers and duties of Fannie Mae have been transferred.

"FNMA-Approved Lender" means an institution that is approved by FNMA to act as a lender in connection with the origination of any Mortgage Loan purchased by FNMA.

"GAAP" generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America, applied on a consistent basis and applied to both classification of items and amounts, including the official interpretations thereof by the Financial Accounting Standards Board, its predecessors and successors. If at any time after the Effective Date any change in GAAP would affect the computation of any financial ratio or requirement set forth in any Repurchase Document, and either the Majority Buyers or the Sellers shall so request, the Agent, the Buyers and the Sellers shall negotiate in good faith to amend such ratio or requirement to reflect such change in GAAP (subject to the approval of the Majority Buyers), provided that, until so amended, (i) such ratio or requirement shall continue to be computed in accordance with GAAP prior to such change therein and (ii) the Sellers shall provide to the Agent and the Buyers financial statements and other documents required under the Repurchase Documents or as reasonably requested thereunder setting forth a reconciliation between calculations of such ratio or requirement made before and after giving effect to such change in GAAP.

"GAAP Carrying Value" means, with respect to any asset of Sellers, the value at which such asset is carried on the books of the Sellers in accordance with GAAP after excluding capitalized items. Any changes in the methodology used for adjusting such book value shall be subject to the prior approval of the Agent.

"Gestation Facility" means any Debt, whether accounted for as a sale or a financing, the purpose of which is to purchase or finance Mortgage Loans originated by a Seller which such Seller has identified as fully qualified for initial certification for the purpose of creating a pool of Mortgage Loans to support the issuance of a Security.

"GMC" has the meaning ascribed to such term in the introductory paragraph to this Repurchase Agreement.

"GMCLLC" has the meaning ascribed to such term in the introductory paragraph to this Repurchase Agreement.

"GMCLLC" Affiliate Loan" means the loan in the amount of [\*\*\*] made by GMCLLC to [\*\*\*].

"GNMA" means the Government National Mortgage Association or other agency, corporation or instrumentality of the United States as to which the powers and duties of the Governmental National Mortgage Association have been transferred.

"GNMA Security" means a security representing an undivided fractional interest in a pool of Mortgage Loans, which security is issued by a Seller and guaranteed as to full and timely payment of principal and interest by GNMA without regard as to whether a Seller collects any payments on such Mortgage Loans.

"Governmental Authority" means the United States, any state, county, municipality or other political subdivision thereof or any governmental authority (including any foreign governmental authority), agency, authority, department or commission (including any taxing authority) or any instrumentality of any of the foregoing (including any court or tribunal) exercising executive, legislative, judicial, regulatory or administrative functions of or pertaining to government and any corporation, partnership or other entity directly or indirectly owned by or controlled by the foregoing.

"Guarantee" means, as to any Person, any obligation of such Person directly or indirectly guaranteeing any Debt of any other Person or in any manner providing for the payment of any Debt of any other Person or otherwise protecting the holder of such Debt against loss (whether by virtue of partnership arrangements, by agreement to keep-well, to purchase assets, goods, securities or services, or to take-or-pay or otherwise); provided that the term "Guarantee" shall not include endorsements for collection or deposit in the ordinary course of business. The amount of any Guarantee of a Person shall be deemed to be an amount equal to the stated or determinable amount of the primary obligation in respect of which such Guarantee is made or, if not stated or determinable, the maximum reasonably anticipated liability in respect thereof as determined by such Person in good faith. The terms "Guarantee" and "Guaranteed" used as verbs have correlative meanings.

"Hedging Program" means a program for hedging interest rate risks of a Seller.

"Income" means at any time and with respect to any Purchased Asset, all principal thereof then due thereon, if any, and all interest, dividends or other distributions, if any, then due thereon.

## "Indemnified Party" is defined in Section 17.

"Interest Period" means with respect to any Eurodollar Transaction, the period commencing on a Business Day, as selected by the Sellers pursuant to this Agreement, and ending on the numerically corresponding day in the calendar month that is one, two or three months thereafter, as the Sellers may elect; provided, that (a) if any Interest Period would end on a day other than a Business Day, such Interest Period shall be extended to the next succeeding Business Day unless such next succeeding Business Day would fall in the next calendar month, in which case such Interest Period shall end on the next preceding Business Day and (ii) any Interest Period that commences on the last Business Day of a calendar month (or on a day for which there is no numerically corresponding day in the last calendar month of such Interest Period.

"Interest Rate Protection Agreement" means, with respect to any or all of the Mortgage Loans, any short sale of U.S. Treasury Securities, or futures contract, or mortgage related security, or Eurodollar futures contract, or options related contract, or interest rate swap, cap or collar agreement or similar arrangements providing for protection against fluctuations in interest rates or the exchange of nominal interest obligations, either generally or under specific contingencies, entered into by a Seller in accordance with such Seller's hedging policies and procedures.

"Interim Funder Category" shall mean the category of the same name on the MERS System that reflects the security interest of inter alia, mortgage warehouse lenders, in the Mortgage Loans that have been pledged by borrowers of such mortgage warehouse lender.

"Investment" of a Person means any loan, advance (other than commission, travel and similar advances to officers and employees made in the ordinary course of business), extension of credit (other than accounts receivable arising in the ordinary course of business on terms customary in the trade) or contribution of capital by such Person; stocks, bonds, mutual funds, partnership interests, notes, debentures or other securities owned by such Person; any deposit accounts and certificates of deposit owned by such Person; and structured notes, derivative financial instruments and other similar instruments or contracts owned by such Person.

"Jumbo Loan High LTV Purchaser" means any Approved Investor which, with the prior written consent of the Agent, is designated on Schedule I hereto as a "Jumbo Loan High LTV Purchaser." Any Approved Investor listed on Schedule I as a Jumbo Loan High LTV Purchaser may be eliminated as a Jumbo Loan High LTV Purchaser by written notice to a Seller from the Agent, which elimination notice shall be given only for reasonable cause or at the election of the Majority Buyers.

"Jumbo Mortgage Loan" means a Conforming Mortgage Loan except for size, but which has an original principal balance of not more than [\*\*\*], or in the case of an Oversize Jumbo Loan, not more than [\*\*\*].

"Key Person" means any of (i) Mary Ann McGarry, (ii) Terry Schmidt, or (iii) any two of James Madsen, Mike Rish and David Battany.

"Late Payment Fee" is defined in Section 6(a).

"Law" means any law, statute, code, ordinance, order, rule, regulation, treaty, judgment, decree, injunction, franchise, permit, certificate, license, authorization or other determination, direction or requirement (including any of the foregoing which relate to environmental standards or controls, energy regulations and occupational safety and health standards or controls) of any (domestic or foreign) arbitrator, court or other Governmental Authority, in each case applicable to or binding upon a Person or any of its Property or to which such Person or any of its Property is subject, including, without limitation, any such law, statute, code, ordinance, order, rule, regulation, treaty, judgment, decree, injunction, franchise, permit, certificate, license, authorization or other determination, direction or requirement (or amendment thereto) enacted or promulgated after the date hereof and any change in the interpretation or application thereof by any Governmental Authority charged with the administration thereof or compliance by such Person (or any corporation directly or indirectly owning or controlling such Person).

"Lead Arranger" means The Bank of New York Mellon.

"LIBOR Base Rate" shall mean, for any day, with respect to any LIBOR Transaction (or for purposes of the definition of Alternate Base Rate), a rate of interest per annum, as determined by the Agent on such day, obtained by dividing:

- (a) the LIBOR Benchmark Rate on such day, by
- (b) a number equal to 1.00 minus the Reserve Percentage.

"LIBOR Benchmark Rate" means, for any day and with respect to any LIBOR Transaction, the rate per annum equal to the ICE Benchmark Administration Limited LIBOR Rate (or such successor thereto if the ICE Benchmark Administration Limited is no longer making such a rate available) appearing on the applicable Bloomberg screen (or other commercially available source as designated by the Agent from time to time for purposes of providing quotations of interest rates applicable to Dollar deposits in the London interbank market) at approximately 11:00 a.m., London time, on such day as the rate for deposits in Dollars for a period of one month. In the event that such rate is not available at such time for any reason, then the "LIBOR Benchmark Rate" with respect to such LIBOR Transaction shall be the rate at which Dollar deposits of [\*\*\*] are offered by the principal London office of the Person serving as Agent in immediately available funds in the London interbank market at approximately 11:00 a.m., London time, on such day for a period of one month. In no event shall the LIBOR Benchmark Rate ever be less than zero.

"LIBOR Rate" shall mean for any day, the sum of the LIBOR Base Rate for such day and the Pricing Spread.

"<u>LIBOR Transaction</u>" means, for purposes of determining the applicable Pricing Rate, the Purchase Price for Transactions or portions thereof which a Seller has designated in a Pricing Designation to the Agent in accordance with <u>Section 4(a)(i)</u> or <u>6(b)</u> that the Pricing Rate therefore shall be based on the LIBOR Rate.

"Lien" means any lien (statutory or other), mortgage, pledge, hypothecation, assignment, deposit arrangement, encumbrance or preference, priority or other security agreement or preferential arrangement of any kind or nature whatsoever (including, without limitation, the

interest of a vendor or lessor under any conditional sale, Capitalized Lease or other title retention agreement) and any mortgage loan repurchase obligation.

"Liquidity" means, on any date, with respect to all Sellers, the value of (i) the sum of all cash owned by each of the Sellers on such date and held by them in unrestricted domestic accounts, plus (ii) all cash representing Margin Excess under Section 5(e) which has not been distributed to the Sellers, plus (iii) the sum of the market value of all unrestricted and unencumbered marketable securities owned by each of the Sellers on such date.

"Liquidity Requirement" means the requirement that the Sellers, on any date, have Liquidity that is in the aggregate not less than the greater of (i) [\*\*\*], and (ii) an amount equal to [\*\*\*] of the average daily amount of the total Marginable Assets of the Sellers over the immediately prior [\*\*\*] period, of which not less than [\*\*\*] thereof shall consist of cash owned by the Sellers on such date that is unencumbered and held by them in unrestricted domestic accounts.

"Loss" is defined in Section 17(a).

"Majority Buyers" shall have the meaning specified in the Administration Agreement.

"Marginable Assets" means, as of any date of determination, with respect to each Seller, the sum of the balance sheet values of (a) all of such Seller's and its consolidated Subsidiaries' assets that are subject to financing or other arrangements that allow the counterparty to such financing make margin calls or demands if such assets decline in value, including Mortgage Loans held for sale and servicing rights, and (b) interest rate lock commitments and other financial derivative instruments (net of derivative liabilities) of such Seller and its consolidated Subsidiaries.

"Margin Deficit" is defined in Section 5(a).

"Margin Excess" is defined in Section 5(e).

"Mark-to-Market" is defined in Section 5(a).

"Material Adverse Change" means either (i) a material adverse change in (a) the business, Property, condition (financial or otherwise), results of operations, or prospects of GMCLLC, GMC and their Subsidiaries taken as a whole, or (b) the ability of any Seller to perform its obligations under the Repurchase Documents, or (ii) any change in circumstances which adversely affects the validity or enforceability of any of the Repurchase Documents or the rights or remedies of the Agent or the Buyers thereunder, provided, however that "Material Adverse Change" shall not include any diminishment of Net Worth which occurs in the ordinary course of business of GMCLLC, GMC and their Subsidiaries taken as a whole.

"Material Adverse Effect" means either (i) a material adverse effect on (a) the business, Property, condition (financial or otherwise), results of operations, or prospects of GMCLLC, GMC and their Subsidiaries taken as a whole, or (b) the ability of any Seller to perform its obligations under the Repurchase Documents, or (ii) any adverse effect on the validity or enforceability of any of the Repurchase Documents or the rights or remedies of the Agent or the Buyers thereunder, <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u> that "Material Adverse Effect" shall not include any

diminishment of Net Worth which occurs in the ordinary course of business of GMCLLC, GMC and their Subsidiaries taken as a whole.

- "Maximum Purchase Price" means [\*\*\*]. Subject to the terms hereof, the Maximum Purchase Price may be increased in accordance with the terms of Section 4(g).
- "MERS" means Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, or any successor thereto.
- "MERS Affiliate Agreement" shall mean that certain MERS Affiliate Agreement dated as of May 5, 2006 among MERS, GMC and Guild Financial Express, Inc., and all amendments thereto.
  - "MERS Mortgage Loan" means any Purchased Asset registered with MERS on the MERS System.
  - "MERS System" means the system of recording transfers of mortgages electronically maintained by MERS.
  - "Moody's" means Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or any successors.
- "Mortgage" means a mortgage, deed of trust, security deed or similar instrument purporting to create a first lien or similar interest in real estate and improvements thereon.
  - "Mortgage Loan" means a loan of money evidenced by a Mortgage Note and secured by a Mortgage.
  - "Mortgage Note" means a note evidencing the indebtedness secured by a Mortgage.
  - "Mortgaged Property" means the Property securing payment of a Mortgage Loan.
- "Mortgagor" means the obligor or obligors on a Mortgage Note, including any Person who has assumed or guaranteed the obligations of the obligor thereon.
- "MSR" shall mean, as of any date of determination, the purchased mortgage loan servicing rights, capitalized excess mortgage loan servicing rights and originated mortgage loan servicing rights of the Sellers and their consolidated Subsidiaries on such date, included on the balance sheet of a Seller.
- "Multiemployer Plan" means, with respect to any Person, a "multiemployer plan" as defined in Section 400l(a)(3) of ERISA which is or was at any time during the current year or the immediately preceding five years contributed to by any Seller or any ERISA Affiliate thereof on behalf of its employees and which is covered by Title IV of ERISA.
- "Net Income" means, with respect to any Person and for any period, the net income of such Person for such period as determined in accordance with Agreement Accounting Principles.

"Net Worth" means as of any date of determination thereof, the sum of the net worth of GMC and GMCLLC and their consolidated Subsidiaries, on a consolidated basis as determined in accordance with Agreement Accounting Principles.

- "Nondefaulting Party" is defined in Section 31(b).
- "Non-excluded Taxes" is defined in Section 8(a).
- "Nonexempt Buyer" is defined in Section 8(e).

"Non-Qualified Mortgage Loan" means a Single-family Mortgage Loan which (i) does not satisfy the requirements of any other Asset Type but which otherwise satisfies the requirements for an Eligible Asset as set forth in the definition of "Eligible Asset" (except that it is not a Qualified Mortgage Loan), (ii) is a first mortgage lien, (iii) has an original principal amount of not more than [\*\*\*], (iv) has an underwritten debt-to-income ratio of [\*\*\*] or less, (v) is made to an obligor who has a FICO Score of [\*\*\*] or more, and (vi) is subject to an Approved Investor Commitment.

"OFAC" is defined in Section 12(ff).

"Obligations" means any amounts due and payable by the Sellers to the Agent and/or Buyers, or any of them, in connection with a Transaction, together with Price Differential and any interest (including interest which would be payable as post-petition interest in connection with any bankruptcy or similar proceeding) and all other fees, expenses and other amounts which are payable or owing by the Sellers to the Agent or the Buyers, or any of them, hereunder or under any of the Repurchase Documents. For avoidance of doubt, the term "Obligations" shall include all Obligations under the Prior Repurchase Agreement.

"Operating Account" means the account referred to in Section 10(b).

"Other Taxes" is defined in Section 8(b).

"Overdraft Funds" are any funds advanced by BNY Mellon to fund a Transaction for the purchase of Purchased Assets requested by Sellers prior to the time when Sellers have submitted a Transaction Request for such funding as required under Sections 3(b)(v)(a) and 4(a)(i)(a) hereof, which funds shall only be advanced by BNY Mellon if all of the following requirements are satisfied: (a) such funding would qualify as and meet the requirements for an ordinary Transaction except that the Transaction Request for such funding was submitted after the applicable deadline set forth in the above referenced Sections (and such funding shall be deemed a Transaction under this Agreement), (b) the Transaction Request for the funding of Overdraft Funds must be received by BNY Mellon no later than 4:00 p.m. (New York City time) on the Business Day such Overdraft Funds were advanced, (c) BNY Mellon shall not have actual knowledge of the existence of a Default, and (d) after giving effect to such funding, the sum of all outstanding Transactions (including the Transactions funded by such funding) shall not exceed the Maximum Purchase Price.

"Oversize Jumbo Loans" means an Eligible Jumbo Mortgage Loan which has an original principal balance in excess of [\*\*\*] but does not exceed [\*\*\*].

- "Patriot Act" is defined in Section 12(gg).
- "Payment Date" means the last day of each month, or if such day of any month is not a Business Day, the next Business Day.
- "PBGC" means the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation or any entity succeeding to any or all of its functions under ERISA.
- "Periodic Advance Repurchase Payment" is defined in Section 6(a).
- "<u>Permitted Servicing Facilities</u>" means, collectively, credit facilities provided by one or more commercial banks or bank syndicates in favor of either or both Sellers secured by the Sellers' mortgage loan servicing rights.
- "Person" means any individual, corporation, company, voluntary association, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company, trust, unincorporated association or government (or any agency, instrumentality or political subdivision thereof).
- "Plan" means, with respect to any Person, any employee benefit or similar plan that is or was at any time during the current year or immediately preceding five years established or maintained by such Person or any ERISA Affiliate thereof and that is covered by Title IV of ERISA, other than a Multiemployer Plan.
- "<u>Post-default Rate</u>" means a rate equal to the lesser of (x) the sum of (i) the Alternate Base Rate, (ii) the Pricing Spread and (iii) [\*\*\*] percent [\*\*\*], and (y) the Ceiling Rate for that day.
- "Pricing Designation" means an irrevocable notice from a Seller to the Agent not later than (i) 11:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the day (which must be a Business Day) that any ABR Transaction, LIBOR Transaction or Eurodollar Transaction (or part thereof) is to be converted to or continued as a new ABR Transaction or LIBOR Transaction, and (ii) 11:00 a.m. (New York City time) at least three Business Days before the day (which must be a Business Day) that any ABR Transaction, LIBOR Transaction or Eurodollar Transaction (or part thereof) is to be converted to or continued as a Eurodollar Transaction, specifying:
  - (i) the day on which an ABR Transaction, LIBOR Transaction or Eurodollar Transaction is to be converted to or continued as, as the case may be, a new ABR Transaction, LIBOR Transaction or Eurodollar Transaction,
  - (ii) the aggregate amount of each such ABR Transaction, LIBOR Transaction or Eurodollar Transaction being converted or continued, as the case may be (which in the case of a Eurodollar Transaction or LIBOR Transaction must be in a minimum amount of [\*\*\*], and in the case of an ABR Transaction must be in a minimum amount of [\*\*\*], and
    - (iii) with respect to each new Eurodollar Transaction, the Interest Period applicable thereto.

"Price Differential" means, with respect to any Transaction as of any date, the aggregate amount obtained by daily application of the Pricing Rate (or, during the continuation of an Event of Default, by daily application of the Post-default Rate) for such Transaction to the Purchase Price for such Transaction on a 360-day per year basis for the actual number of days during the period commencing on (and including) the Purchase Date for such Transaction and ending on (but excluding) the Repurchase Date (reduced by any amount of such Price Differential previously paid by the Sellers to the Agent for the benefit of the Buyers with respect to such Transaction.)

## "Pricing Rate" means:

- (a) with respect to each LIBOR Transaction for which a Seller has given the Agent prior notice in accordance with Section 4(a)(i) or 6(b), a rate per annum equal to the LIBOR Rate for such day;
- (b) with respect to each Eurodollar Transaction for which a Seller has given the Agent at least three Business Days prior notice in accordance with Section 4(a)(i) or 6(b), the Eurodollar Rate for the applicable Interest Period elected by such Seller in such notice to (but not including) the last day of such Interest Period at the interest rate determined by the Agent as applicable to such Eurodollar Transaction based upon the Sellers' selections under Section 4(a)(i) or 6(b) and otherwise in accordance with the terms hereof. Not more than [\*\*\*] different Interest Periods may be in effect at any time and no Interest Period may end after the Termination Date;
- (c) with respect to each ABR Transaction for which a Seller has given the Agent prior notice in accordance with Section 4(a)(i) or 6(b), or if no notice of any other Pricing Rate has been given to the Agent, the ABR Rate, such rate to be adjusted simultaneously with each change in the ABR Rate; and
  - (d) with respect to each Swingline Transaction, the LIBOR Rate.

Each Pricing Rate shall be computed on the basis of a year of three hundred sixty (360) days applied for the actual number of days involved. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth herein, in no event shall the Pricing Rate exceed the Ceiling Rate.

With respect to any Prior Transaction which is has not been repurchased by the Sellers prior to the Effective Date, the Pricing Rate for such Transaction shall be computed as follows: (i) prior to the Effective Date, the Pricing Rate shall be that as defined under the Prior Repurchase Agreement, and (ii) on and after the Effective Date, the Pricing Rate hereunder shall apply. Each calculation by the Agent of the amount of the Pricing Rate shall be conclusive, absent manifest error.

"Pricing Spread" means, so long as no Event of Default has occurred and is then continuing, (i) with respect to each LIBOR Transaction, [\*\*\*] (ii) with respect to each Eurodollar Transaction, [\*\*\*], (iii) with respect to each Swingline Transaction, [\*\*\*], and (iv) with respect to each ABR Transaction, [\*\*\*]. On the last day of any month, if for the month then ending the average of the daily amount of the Transactions for such month was greater than or equal to [\*\*\*] of the Commitments of all Buyers for such month, then for the following

calendar month the Pricing Spread for each type of Transaction shall be [\*\*\*]% less than the percentages set forth in the first sentence of this definition.

"Prime Rate" means a rate per annum equal to the prime rate of interest publicly announced from time to time by BNY Mellon, changing when and as said prime rate changes. The Sellers, the Buyers and the Agent acknowledge that to the extent interest is based on the Prime Rate, the Prime Rate is only one of the bases for computing interest on loans made by the Buyers, and by basing interest on the Prime Rate, the Buyers have not committed to charge, and the Sellers have not in any way bargained for, interest based on a lower or the lowest rate at which any Buyer may now or in the future make extensions of credit to other Persons.

"<u>Prior Administration Agreement</u>" means the Amended and Restated Administration Agreement dated as of October 25, 2018, among the Agent, the Buyers who are parties thereto and the Sellers.

"Prior Repurchase Agreement" has the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 1.

"Prohibited Person" is defined in Section 12(ff).

"Property" means any right or interest in or to property of any kind whatsoever, whether real, personal or mixed and whether tangible or intangible.

"Purchase Date" means the date on which Purchased Assets are transferred by Seller to the Agent for the benefit of the Buyers.

"<u>Purchase Price</u>" means, as the context requires, either (i) the funds to be transferred by the Agent to Seller for the purchase of particular Purchased Assets subject to a Transaction or (ii) the aggregate Asset Value of the Purchased Assets on the Purchase Date, and thereafter (except where the Agent and the Sellers agree otherwise) such aggregate amount decreased by the amount (without duplication) of any cash (other than payments of Price Differential), Income and Periodic Advance Repurchase Payments actually received by the Agent for the benefit of the Buyers pursuant to <u>Section 6</u> or applied to reduce the Sellers' obligations pursuant to <u>Section 5(a)</u>.

"<u>Purchase Price Percentage</u>" means the applicable percentage set forth in the chart in the definition of "Asset Value" as the Purchase Price Percentage.

"Purchased Asset Documents" means the Required Purchased Asset Documents, the Additional Documents and any other documents related to each Purchased Asset.

"Purchased Asset File" is defined in the Custody Agreement.

"<u>Purchased Assets</u>" means and includes the Purchased Mortgage Loans, any Additional Purchased Assets, as, in each case, are listed in a Purchased Assets Schedule delivered to the Agent and the Custodian, and the Sellers' interest in the other Repurchase Assets that are appurtenant to such Purchased Assets. For avoidance of doubt, the term "Purchased Assets" shall include all Purchased Assets under the Prior Repurchase Agreement.

"<u>Purchased Assets Report</u>" means a report delivered with each Transaction Request or upon the request of the Agent, including a Purchased Assets Schedule, setting forth information with respect to the Purchased Assets (and Mortgage Loans proposed to be the subject of a Transaction on the related Purchase Date, if applicable) in the form attached to <u>Exhibit A</u> (the Transaction Request form.)

"<u>Purchased Assets Schedule</u>" means with respect to any Transaction on any day, a schedule of Purchased Assets in computer-readable electronic medium generated by Seller and delivered to the Agent and the Custodian, which provides information (including the information set forth on <u>Schedule C</u> to the Custody Agreement (as the same may be amended from time to time)) relating to the Purchased Assets in a format acceptable to the Agent and the Custodian.

"<u>Purchased Mortgage Loans</u>" means the Mortgage Loans sold and transferred by the Sellers to the Agent (for the benefit of the Buyers) in a Transaction or Transactions.

"Qualified Mortgage Loan" means a residential mortgage loan which conforms to the requirements of a "Qualified Mortgage Loan" under the rules and regulations of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau promulgated on January 10, 2013, as amended, supplemented, modified or revised from time to time.

"Reaffirmation of Agreements" means that certain Reaffirmation of Agreements of even date herewith among Sellers and the Agent.

"Recourse Debt" of any Person means on a consolidated basis that Person's Debt minus liabilities relating to securitizations accounted for as financings under Financial Accounting Standards Board Standard No. 140.

"Recourse Servicing" means any servicing rights under a Servicing Agreement which obligates any Seller either to repurchase Mortgage Loans upon default by the borrower thereunder or to indemnify any party having an interest in such Mortgage Loans against any loss arising from such a default for reasons other than a breach of any representations or warranties regarding the condition of such Mortgage Loans at origination which were made by a Seller as originator of such Mortgage Loans.

"Register" is defined in Section 24.

"Regulation D" means Regulation D of the Federal Reserve Board, as in effect from time to time and all official rulings and interpretations thereunder or thereof.

"Regulation U" means Regulation U of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (or any successor), as the same may be modified and supplemented and in effect from time to time.

"Regulation Z" means Regulation Z of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (or any successor), as the same may be modified and supplemented and in effect from time to time.

"Reportable Event" means any of the events set forth in Section 4043(c) of ERISA, other than those events as to which the thirty day notice period is waived under subsections .21, .22, .24, .26, .27 or .28 of PBGC Reg. § 4043.

"Repurchase Agreement" means this Amended and Restated Master Repurchase Agreement as supplemented, amended, restated or replaced from time to time.

"Repurchase Assets" is defined in Section 9.

"Repurchase Date" means the date on which a Seller is required to repurchase the Purchased Assets subject to a Transaction from the Agent for the benefit of the Buyers on a date requested pursuant to Section 4(c) or (if earlier) on the Termination Date, including any date determined by application of the provisions of Section 4 or Section 15.

"Repurchase Documents" means this Repurchase Agreement, the Custody Agreement, each Servicer Notice, the Electronic Tracking Agreement, the Administration Agreement, the Security Agreement, the Reaffirmation of Agreements and any control agreement for the Collection Account.

"Repurchase Price" means the price at which Purchased Assets are to be transferred from the Agent on behalf of the Buyers to a Seller upon termination of a Transaction, which will be determined in each case as the sum of the outstanding Purchase Price and the accrued and unpaid Price Differential as of the date of such determination that relates solely to the Purchased Assets that are the subject of the terminating Transaction. Whenever the Repurchase Price for less than all of the Purchased Assets is to be determined, the Repurchase Price will only include unpaid Price Differential then outstanding that relates solely to the Purchased Assets that are the subject of the terminating Transaction.

"Repurchase Request" means a written request from Seller to the Agent and the Custodian, substantially in the form of Exhibit G, to repurchase a Purchased Asset.

"Required Purchased Asset Documents" means the documents (including the promissory note, if any) for each Purchased Asset that are required by the Custody Agreement to be delivered to the Custodian.

"Requirement of Law" means as to any Person, any Law (whether now in effect or hereafter enacted or promulgated) that is binding upon such Person or any material portion of its Property or to which such Person or any material portion of its Property is subject. The term "Requirement of Law" shall include (i) the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and all requests, rules, guidelines or directives thereunder, issued in connection therewith or in implementation thereof, (ii) all requests, rules, guidelines and directives promulgated by the Bank for International Settlements, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (or any successor or similar authority), or the United States or foreign regulatory authorities, in each case pursuant to Basel III, and (iii) ERISA, Anti-Corruption Laws, Anti-Terrorism Laws, Bankruptcy Laws, and the Patriot Act), and any amendments, modification, extensions, replacements or supplements thereto.

"Reserve Percentage" means, for any day during any Interest Period, the reserve percentage in effect on such day, whether or not applicable to any Lender, under regulations issued from time to time by the Federal Reserve Board for determining the maximum reserve requirement (including any emergency, special, supplemental or other marginal reserve requirement) with respect to eurocurrency funding (currently referred to as "Eurocurrency liabilities" in Regulation D). The applicable Eurodollar Base Rate or the applicable LIBOR Base Rate shall be adjusted automatically as of the effective date of any change in the Reserve Percentage.

"Residential Mortgage Loan" means a Single-family Mortgage Loan.

"Rural Housing Loan Program" means the Rural Development Single Family Housing Loan Program administered by the USDA.

"S&P" means Standard & Poor's Ratings Service (a division of The McGraw Hill Companies) or any successor.

"Sanctions Laws and Regulations" means any sanctions, prohibitions or requirements imposed, administered or enforced from time to time by the U.S. government (including, without limitation, Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control and the U.S. Department of State), the United Nations Security Council, the European Union, Her Majesty's Treasury or any other relevant sanctions authority, including those administered by OFAC; any laws, rules and regulations regarding such sanctions, prohibitions or requirements; and any applicable anti-money laundering and anti-terrorism financing laws, rules or regulations.

"Sanctioned Country" means at any time, a country or territory which is the subject or target of any Sanctions Laws and Regulations. "SEC" means the Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Security or Securities" means any FHLMC Security, FNMA Security or GNMA Security.

"SIPA" or "Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970" as such term is defined in Section 37(a).

"Section 4402" is defined in Section 31.

"Seller" means collectively, and jointly and severally, GMC and GMCLLC.

"Servicer" means GMC, GMCLLC, another Person retained by a Seller to service the relevant Mortgage Loans or any Seller if such Seller itself services the relevant Mortgage Loans.

"Servicer Instruction Letter" means a letter executed by the Sellers in the form of Exhibit I.

"Servicer Notice" means the notice acknowledged by the Servicer (when a Seller is not the Servicer) substantially in the form of Exhibit H.

"Servicing Agreement" means a servicing agreement between a Seller and Servicer, if any, as the same may be amended from time to time.

"Servicing Portfolio" means all Mortgage Loans then being serviced by GMC and GMCLLC either for their own account with respect to Purchased Assets or for others under Servicing Agreements (excluding Subservicing Agreements)

"Settlement Account" means the Sellers' non-interest bearing demand checking account no. [\*\*\*] to be maintained with the Agent and to be used for (a) the Agent's deposits of the Purchase Prices for purchases of Purchased Assets from the Sellers; (b) the Agent's deposits of Repurchase Price payments received from Seller or for Seller's account, (c) the Agent's distribution to the Buyers of the Repurchase Price payments received in accordance with Section 4.1 of the Administration Agreement and (d) only if and when (i) no Default has occurred unless it has been either cured by the Sellers or waived in writing by the Agent and (ii) no Event of Default has occurred unless the Agent has declared in writing that it has been cured or waived, the Agent's transfer to the Operating Account of proceeds in excess of the Repurchase Price of transfers of Purchased Assets to an Approved Investor. The Settlement Account is (and shall continuously be) part of the Repurchase Assets. The Settlement Account shall be subject to setoff by the Agent for the benefit of the Agent and any Buyer against any of the outstanding Obligations. The Settlement Account shall be an Agentcontrolled account from which the Sellers shall have no right to directly withdraw funds, but instead such funds may be withdrawn or paid out only against the order of the Agent or it designee, although under the circumstances described in clause (d) of the first sentence of this definition and subject to the conditions specified in that clause, the Agent shall use diligent and reasonable efforts to cause proceeds of Purchased Assets received from an Approved Investor in excess of the Repurchase Price therefor (if there are any such excess proceeds) that are received as therein described and that are deposited to the Settlement Account before 3:00 PM (New York City time) on a Business Day to be transferred to the Operating Account on that same Business Day, and will cause such excess proceeds (if any) received after that time to be transferred to the Operating Account no later than the next Business Day.

"Single-Employer Plan" means a single-employer plan as defined in Section 4001(a)(15) Of ERISA which is subject to the provisions of Title IV of ERISA.

"Single-family" is a preface that means that a Mortgage Loan is secured by a Mortgage covering, or the property that is the subject of a Mortgage is real property improved by, a one-, two-, three- or four-family residence.

"Single-Close CTP Mortgage Loan" means a first priority Single-family Mortgage Loan which is single-close construction-to-permanent loan eligible for sale to FNMA or FHLMC at funding and administered by a construction loan administrator approved by FNMA or FHLMC and acceptable to the Agent.

"Standalone Second Mortgage Loan" means a Single-family Mortgage Loan which is a second priority mortgage subject only to the lien of a first priority Mortgage Loan on the same property.

"Subsidiary" means, with respect to any Person, any corporation, partnership or other entity of which at least a majority of the securities or other ownership interests having by the terms thereof ordinary voting power to elect a majority of the board of directors or other persons performing similar functions of such corporation, partnership or other entity (irrespective of whether or not at the time securities or other ownership interests of any other class or classes of such corporation, partnership or other entity shall have or might have voting power by reason of the happening of any contingency) is at the time directly or indirectly owned or controlled by such Person or one or more Subsidiaries of such Person or by such Person and one or more Subsidiaries of such Person. Except as specifically noted on Schedule II, all Subsidiaries of GMCLLC as of the Agreement Date are listed on Schedule II.

"Substantial Portion" means, with respect to the Property of a Seller and its Subsidiaries, Property which (i) represents more than [\*\*\*] of the consolidated assets of such Seller and its Subsidiaries as would be shown in the consolidated financial statements of such Seller and its Subsidiaries as at the beginning of the twelve-month period ending with the month in which such determination is made, or (ii) is responsible for more than [\*\*\*] of the consolidated net sales or of the consolidated Net Income of such Seller and its Subsidiaries as reflected in the financial statements referred to in clause (i) above.

"Supplemental Facility" means a committed or uncommitted residential mortgage funding facility (which includes a warehouse line of credit, repurchase facility and off-balance sheet funding facility), other than this Repurchase Agreement, in favor of one or more of the Sellers for the origination of one or more Asset Types.

"Swingline Transaction" has the meaning ascribed to such term in the Administration Agreement.

"Tangible Net Worth" means Net Worth less (i) the sum of any other assets of the Sellers and any of their consolidated Subsidiaries which would be treated as intangibles under Agreement Accounting Principles (other than capitalized servicing rights) including, without limitation, any write-up of assets, good-will, research and development costs, trade-marks, trade names, service marks, copyrights, patents and unamortized debt discount and (ii) expenses and loans or other extensions of credit to officers, employees or Affiliates of any of the Sellers or of any of their consolidated Subsidiaries other than Mortgage Loans made to such Persons in the ordinary course of business (excluding any loans or extensions of credit to Subsidiaries). The Sellers acknowledge that in determining Tangible Net Worth under this Repurchase Agreement, the GMCLLC Affiliate Loan shall not be included in the "loans or extensions of credit to officers, employees or Affiliates" described in clause (ii) of this definition.

"Tax Treatment Certificate" is defined in Section 8(e)(ii).

"Taxes" is defined in Section 8(a).

"Termination Date" means October 22, 2020 or the date when a Termination Event occurs, whichever is earlier.

"<u>Termination Event</u>" means and includes a Change of Control, a Change in Executive Management, the termination date specified by the Sellers in accordance with <u>Section 7(e)</u>, the

occurrence and continuance of an Event of Default and the election of the Agent (at its option or upon the request of the Majority Buyers) to declare a Termination Event by reason thereof, or the written agreement of the Sellers, the Agent and the Majority Buyers to terminate this Repurchase Agreement.

"Total Liabilities" means, on any date, all liabilities of the Sellers and their Subsidiaries on such date as, in accordance with GAAP, are reflected on each Seller's consolidated balance sheet.

"Transaction" is defined in Section 1. For avoidance or doubt, the term "Transaction" shall include all Transactions under the Prior Repurchase Agreement.

"Transaction Request" means a request from a Seller to the Agent, substantially in the form of Exhibit A. to enter into a Transaction.

"Underwriting and Acquisition Guidelines" means and includes the Mortgage Loan Underwriting and Acquisition Guidelines and due diligence manual for Mortgage Loans for Seller and its Affiliates, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit D, as they may be supplemented, amended or restated from time to time by the Sellers, with notification of all material changes and copies of changed pages to be given to the Agent promptly after such changes are made.

"Uniform Commercial Code" and "UCC" means the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect from time to time in the State of New York; provided that if by reason of mandatory provisions of law, the perfection or the effect of perfection or non-perfection of the security interest in any Repurchase Assets or the continuation, renewal or enforcement thereof is governed by the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in a jurisdiction other than New York, "Uniform Commercial Code" means the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in such other jurisdiction for purposes of the provisions hereof relating to such perfection or effect of perfection or non-perfection.

"Unfunded Liabilities" means the amount (if any) by which the present value of all vested and unvested accrued benefits under all Single Employer Plans exceeds the fair market value of all such Plan assets allocable to such benefits, all determined as of the then most recent valuation date for such Plans using PBGC actuarial assumptions for single employer plan terminations.

"USDA" means the United States Department of Agriculture.

"USDA-Approved Lender" means an institution that is approved by USDA to act as a lender in connection with the origination of any Mortgage Loan originated under the Rural Housing Loan Program.

"VA" means the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, an agency of the United States of America, or any successor, and includes the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

"VA-Approved Lender" means an institution that is approved by the VA to act as a lender in connection with the origination of any Mortgage Loan guaranteed by the VA.

"Wet Loan" means a Purchased Mortgage Loan (whether a Seller originated it or acquired it from an Affiliate or a third party):

- (a) that would qualify without exception as an Eligible Asset except that one or more of its Required Purchased Asset Documents has not been delivered to the Custodian so as to satisfy all requirements to permit such Seller to sell it pursuant to this Repurchase Agreement without restriction;
- (b) that such Seller reasonably expects to fully qualify as an Eligible Asset when the Required Purchased Asset Documents have been delivered to the Custodian;
- (c) as to which such Seller actually and reasonably expects that such full qualification can and will be achieved on or before [\*\*\*] after a Transaction that includes that Purchased Mortgage Loan (and such Seller hereby agrees to take such steps as are reasonably necessary to ensure it achieves full qualification as an Eligible Asset); and
- (d) for which such Seller has delivered to the Agent and the Custodian a copy of a dated summary schedule (by fax or electronic transmission on or before the date of the related Transaction) duly executed by an authorized representative and in form acceptable to the Agent, (1) listing the Wet Loans subject to Transactions (i) by Seller loan number and showing for each (ii) the Customer name, (iii) the loan date (or, if it has not yet closed, its scheduled closing date), (iv) the original loan amount and (v) the loan interest rate, (2) certifying that, for each such Purchased Mortgage Loan, the Purchased Asset Documents have been executed and delivered by all appropriate Persons and such Purchased Mortgage Loan has been originated, closed, funded and (if applicable) conveyed to such Seller and (3) certifying that (x) the Purchased Asset Documents and other closing documentation for such Mortgage Loan are in the possession of (i) its closer or authorized agent or (ii) such Seller, or (y) such file has been shipped and is in transit to the Custodian or to Seller (who will ship such file to the Custodian promptly after reviewing it to confirm that it is correct and complete) submission to the Agent of each summary schedule shall be deemed to constitute a certification by the officer executing it as stated in clauses (2) and (3) above, whether or not such certifications are actually recited in such summary schedule).

Each Purchased Mortgage Loan that satisfies the foregoing requirements shall be an Eligible Asset subject to the condition subsequent of physical delivery of its Mortgage Note (if any), Mortgage and all other Required Purchased Asset Documents to the Custodian within [\*\*\*] after execution of the related Transaction. Each Wet Loan that a Seller requests be purchased in a Transaction shall be irrevocably deemed purchased by the Agent and shall automatically become a Purchased Mortgage Loan effective on the date of the related Transaction, and such Seller shall take all steps necessary or appropriate to cause the delivery of such Wet Loan and its Required Purchased Asset Documents to the Custodian to be completed in all respects, including causing the original promissory note evidencing such Mortgage Loan to be physically delivered to the Custodian within [\*\*\*] after the execution of the Transaction and, if requested by the Agent, to give written notice to any Person in possession of the Required Purchased Asset Documents for such Purchased Mortgage Loan that it has been purchased by the Agent. Upon delivery to the Custodian of the Required Purchased Asset

Documents relative to a Wet Loan, such Mortgage Loan shall no longer be subject to this Repurchase Agreement's limitations applicable to Wet Loans.

# Section 3. Conditions Precedent.

- (a) <u>Conditions Precedent to Initial Transaction</u>. The Agent's obligation to enter into the initial Transaction hereunder, for the benefit of the Buyers, is subject to the satisfaction, immediately prior to or concurrently with the making of such Transaction, of the condition precedent that the Agent shall have received from such Seller any fees and expenses payable hereunder, and all of the following documents, each of which shall be satisfactory to the Agent, Buyers and their counsel in form and substance:
  - (i) <u>Documents</u>. This Repurchase Agreement, an Amended and Restated Administration Agreement and a Reaffirmation of Agreements shall be duly executed by the parties thereto and delivered to the Agent.
  - (ii) <u>Opinions of Counsel</u>. An opinion or opinions of counsel to the Sellers, substantially in the forms of <u>Exhibit B</u>.
  - (iii) Organizational Documents. A certificate of existence of each of the Sellers delivered to the Agent prior to the Effective Date (or if unavailable, as soon as available thereafter) and an officer's certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit E including certified copies of the charter or articles of incorporation or formation, by-laws or operating agreement, as applicable, resolutions (or equivalent documents) and officers' incumbency certificate of each Seller and of all corporate or limited liability company authority of each Seller's officers, general partner or other authority for each Seller with respect to the execution, delivery and performance of the Repurchase Documents and each other document to be delivered by the Sellers from time to time in connection herewith.
  - (iv) <u>Good Standing</u>. A certificate of "good standing" from the Secretary of State of each State in which each Seller is organized or is qualified to do business, dated not more than 30 days prior to the date of this Repurchase Agreement.
  - (v) <u>Security Interest.</u> Evidence that all other actions necessary or, in the opinion of the Agent, desirable to perfect and protect the Agent's and Buyers' interest in the Purchased Assets and other Repurchase Assets have been taken, including UCC searches and duly authorized and filed Uniform Commercial Code financing statements on Form UCC-1.
  - ( v i ) <u>Underwriting and Acquisition Guidelines</u>. A true and correct copy of the Underwriting and Acquisition Guidelines to be attached as <u>Exhibit D</u>.
  - (vii) <u>Tax Identification Number</u>. Each Seller's federal tax identification number, to be listed on <u>Exhibit C</u>.

- (viii) <u>Bonds and Insurance</u>. A copy of each Seller's fidelity bond and policy of insurance containing errors and omissions coverage and such other insurance as the Agent shall require, each of which policies, where applicable, shall be in such form, with such companies, in such amounts and with such deductibles as are in accordance with all FNMA, FHLMC and GNMA requirements and reasonably satisfactory to the Agent.
- (ix) <u>Onsite Agency Review Reports</u>. A copy of the "on-site review report," "limited review report" or "audit report," as the case may be, prepared by HUD, FNMA and FHLMC in respect of each Seller and its operations most recently received by such Seller as of the Effective Date.
- (x) <u>Other Documents</u>. Such other documents as the Agent may reasonably request, in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Agent.
- (b) <u>Conditions Precedent to all Transactions</u>. The Agent's obligation to enter into each Transaction, for the benefit of Buyers, is subject to the satisfaction of the following further conditions precedent, both immediately prior to entering into such Transaction and also after giving effect thereto:
  - (i) <u>No Default</u>. No Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing under the Repurchase Documents.
  - ( i i ) Accounts. The Sellers shall have continued to maintain at BNY Mellon the Operating Account, Collection Account and Settlement Account.
  - (iii) <u>Asset Values Equal or Exceed Repurchase Price</u>. After giving effect to the requested Transaction, the Asset Values of all Purchased Assets that have not been repurchased equal or exceed the aggregate Repurchase Price (after deducting therefrom any accrued but unpaid Price Differential) for all outstanding Transactions, and the amount requested in such Transaction does not exceed the Available Purchase Price.
  - (iv) <u>Representations True</u>. Both immediately prior to the Transaction and also after giving effect thereto, the representations and warranties made by Seller in <u>Section 12</u>, shall be true, correct and complete on and as of such Purchase Date in all material respects with the same force and effect as if made on and as of such date (or, if any such representation or warranty is expressly stated to have been made as of a specific date, as of such specific date).
  - ( v ) <u>Transaction Forms Delivered</u>. Seller shall have delivered to the Agent and the Custodian (a) a Transaction Request, (b) a Purchased Assets Schedule and (c) a Purchased Assets Report not later than (i) 11:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the proposed Purchase Date in the case of ABR Transactions or LIBOR Transactions, (ii) 4:00 p.m. (New York City time) on the proposed Purchase Date in the case of each Swingline Transaction, and (iii) 11:00 a.m. (New York City time) three Business Days prior to the proposed Purchase Date in

the case of each Eurodollar Transaction. (During any period that the Custodian is BNY Mellon or an Affiliate of BNY Mellon, the delivery of the foregoing Transaction forms to the Custodian as required by this Repurchase Agreement shall be deemed delivery to the Agent as well.)

- (vi) <u>Files and Schedules Delivered to Custodian</u>. The Sellers shall have delivered to the Custodian (A) the Purchased Asset File with respect to each Purchased Asset (other than a Wet Loan) and (B) the Purchased Assets Schedule.
- (vii) <u>Wet Loans' Purchased Asset Files</u>. For each Wet Loan, on the [\*\*\*] following the applicable Purchase Date and in accordance with the terms of the Custody Agreement, the Sellers shall deliver to the Custodian the Purchased Asset File.
- (viii) <u>No Material Adverse Change</u>. As of the date of such Transaction, no Material Adverse Change shall have occurred since December 31, 2018.
- (ix) <u>Electronic Tracking Agreement</u>. To the extent any Seller is selling Mortgage Loans which are registered on the MERS System, the Agent or Custodian shall be in possession of an Electronic Tracking Agreement entered into, duly executed and delivered by MERS, such Seller and the Agent and being in full force and effect, free of any modification, breach or waiver.
- (x) <u>Amendments to Organizational Documents</u>. If there has been any amendment to any Seller's organizational documents or the organizational documents of any equity owner of any Seller, a true and correct copy of such amendment(s) shall have been delivered by Seller to the Agent.
- Seller hereunder shall constitute a certification by such Seller that all the conditions set forth in this <u>Section 3</u> have been satisfied (both as of the date of such notice or request and as of the date of such purchase).
- (xii) <u>Updated Opinions.</u> Upon request, the Agent shall have received from outside counsel to the Sellers an updated favorable opinion or opinions, in form and substance satisfactory to the Agent, covering and updating such matters that were originally addressed in the initial opinion issued.

#### Section 4. <u>Initiation; Termination</u>.

- (a) <u>Transaction Requests</u>. The following conditions and requirements shall apply with respect to any request for a Transaction:
  - (i) Sellers shall have delivered to the Agent (by fax (or by any electronic means acceptable to the Agent) to the Agent (a) a Transaction Request, (b) a Purchased Assets Schedule and (c) a Purchased Assets Report not later than

- (i) 11:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the proposed Purchase Date in the case of ABR Transactions or LIBOR Transactions, (ii) 4:00 p.m. (New York City time) on the proposed Purchase Date in the case of each Swingline Transaction, and (iii) 11:00 a.m. (New York City time) three Business Days prior to the proposed Purchase Date in the case of each Eurodollar Transaction.
- (ii) In no event shall a Transaction be entered into when the Repurchase Date for such Transaction would be later than the Termination Date.
- (iii) Except as to Wet Loans, the Sellers shall deliver (or cause to be delivered) to the Custodian the Purchased Asset File pertaining to each Eligible Asset in accordance with the terms of the Custody Agreement.
- (iv) Subject to the provisions of this <u>Section 4</u>, the Purchase Prices for the Purchased Assets subject to such Transaction will then be made available to a Seller by the Agent's (on behalf of the Buyers) wire transferring immediately available funds in the aggregate amount of such Purchase Prices.
- Sales of Purchased Assets to Approved Investors. The Custodian may ship Purchased Asset Files to an Approved Investor (or its trustee or documents custodian, which may be the Custodian) under cover of a suitable bailee letter (or, if the Custodian is also documents custodian for the Approved Investor, such custodian shall deliver a suitable bailee letter to the Agent) prior to the related Assets' repurchase by Seller and purchase by such Approved Investor. The proceeds of the sale or other disposition of Purchased Assets must be paid directly by the Approved Investor to the Settlement Account, or only if the affected Purchased Assets are being securitized, paid to a third party disbursement agent who is obligated pursuant to written agreement to receive and disburse to the Agent (for the benefit of Buyers) the cash amount (which shall be equal to the Repurchase Price for such Purchased Assets) specified in a conditional (as hereinafter provided) release and relinquishment agreement executed by the Agent that conditions such release and relinquishment of the Agent's interests in such Purchased Assets on payment of such specified amount to the Agent (for the benefit of Buyers.) Seller must give notice to Agent in an electronic format acceptable to Agent of the Purchased Assets for which proceeds have been received from either the purchasing Approved Investor or such third party disbursement agent (to enable Seller to reconcile payments received with Purchased Assets sold.) Upon receipt of Seller's Notice, Agent will apply any proceeds deposited into the Settlement Account to the Repurchase Price of the Purchased Assets identified by Seller in its Notice, and those Purchased Assets will be deemed and considered to have been repurchased by such Seller immediately prior to such purchase by the Approved Investor. The Agent and the Buyers are entitled to rely upon Seller's affirmation that deposits in the Settlement Account represent payments from Approved Investors (whether paid directly or by a third party disbursement agent) for the purchase of the Purchased Assets specified by Seller in its Notice. If the payment from an Approved Investor or disbursing agent for the purchase of Purchased Assets is less than the Repurchase Price for the Purchased Assets identified by Seller in its Notice, Seller must pay to Agent, and Seller authorizes Agent to charge the Operating Account for, an amount equal to that deficiency. Overdraft Funds advanced by BNY Mellon on any Business Day for Purchased Assets shall be repaid by Sellers the same Business Day from the funding of a Swing Line Transaction or regular Transaction for such Purchased Assets as provided in

Sections 3.2 and 3.3, respectively, of the Administration Agreement. Provided that no Default or Event of Default exists, Agent will pay over to Seller by depositing into the Operating Account the excess amount (if any) paid by an Approved Investor (either directly or through such a third party disbursement agent) for Purchased Assets over the sum of the Repurchase Price for those Assets, provided that any Overdraft Funds which have not been repaid as aforesaid shall first be repaid from such excess by the Agent's crediting the applicable account of BNY Mellon and thereafter such excess net of such payment shall be deposited into the Operating Account. To the extent that any Overdraft Funds are not so repaid, following an Event of Default, then such Overdraft Funds shall be repaid pursuant to Section 15(a). In the event that a repurchase described in this Section occurs on a date other than a Payment Date, the Agent may elect to defer Seller's payment of the accrued Price Differential in respect of the Purchased Assets so repurchased until the next Payment Date.

- (c) Redemptions. The Sellers may repurchase Purchased Assets without penalty or premium (whether for release and retransfer to Seller or for transfer to another one of Seller's warehousing or repurchase facilities permitted pursuant to this Repurchase Agreement), subject to the last sentence of this Section 4(c), on any date. The Repurchase Price payable for the repurchase of any such Purchased Asset shall be reduced as provided in Section 6(i). If the Sellers intend to make such a repurchase, then by 1:00 p.m. (New York City time) on the requested Repurchase Date (which must be a Business Day) Seller shall both (i) deliver to the Agent a Repurchase Request, substantially in the form of Exhibit G, and (ii) either (x) remit to the Agent in collected funds the Repurchase Price for the Purchased Asset(s) to be redeemed or (y) request shipment of Purchased Asset Files for such Purchased Assets to the other lender or repo counterparty and provide the contact information and address to which they are to be shipped under cover of an appropriate bailee letter (or if the Custodian is also documents custodian for such other lender or repo counterparty, have such custodian deliver to the Agent an appropriate bailee letter in form and substance acceptable to the Agent.) The amounts set forth on the Repurchase Request shall be applied to the Repurchase Price for the designated Purchased Assets. In the event that a repurchase described in this Section occurs on a date other than a Payment Date, the Agent may elect to defer Seller's payment of the accrued Price Differential in respect of the Purchased Assets so repurchased until the next Payment Date.
- ( d ) <u>All Repurchases</u>. On the Repurchase Date, termination of the Transaction will be effected by reassignment to Seller or its designee of any Purchased Assets being redeemed against the simultaneous transfer of the Repurchase Price (other than accrued Price Differential if the Agent has elected to defer payment thereof to the next Payment Date) to an account of the Agent for the benefit of the Buyers. The Sellers are obligated to obtain the Purchased Asset Files from the Custodian at the Sellers' expense on the Repurchase Date.
- (e) <u>Delivery of Additional Mortgage Loans</u>. From time to time the Sellers may deliver Eligible Assets to the Agent without entering into a new transaction, and such Eligible Assets shall be treated as Purchased Assets subject to the existing Transactions, as if delivered in the immediately preceding Transaction.
- (f) <u>Revaluation of Purchased Assets</u>. Agent reserves the right, but shall have no obligation, to revalue any Purchased Asset to its market value, as determined by the Agent (in cooperation with the Custodian), based upon whole loan prices currently available, whereupon

the Asset Value of such Purchased Asset shall be the lesser of (x) its Asset Value as determined in accordance with the definition of that term, without regard to the provisions of this <u>Section 4(f)</u>, and (y) the applicable Purchase Price Percentage times such market value. If any such revaluation results in a Margin Deficit, Seller shall pay it in accordance with the requirements of <u>Section 5(a)</u>.

(g) <u>Increase in Maximum Purchase Price</u>. By written notice to the Agent before the Termination Date, the Sellers may request an increase to the existing Maximum Purchase Price to an amount up to [\*\*\*]. No such request shall be made following the occurrence and during the continuance of a Default or Event of Default. The Agent's obligations with respect to such notice and the participation by one or more Buyers, at their option, in such increase will be governed by the terms of the Administration Agreement.

### Section 5. <u>Margin Amount Maintenance</u>.

- (a) If at any time the aggregate Asset Value of all Purchased Assets subject to all outstanding Transactions is less than the aggregate Repurchase Price for all such Transactions (a "Margin Deficit"), then the Agent shall by notice to the Sellers (as such notice is more particularly set forth below, a "Mark-to-Market"), require the Sellers to transfer to the Custodian or other designee of the Agent, for the benefit of Buyers, cash or Eligible Assets approved by the Agent in its sole discretion ("Additional Purchased Assets") so that the aggregate Asset Value of the Purchased Assets, including any such Additional Purchased Assets or cash, will thereupon equal or exceed the aggregate Repurchase Price for all Transactions. For purposes of the calculation of the Mark-to-Market, the Agent will exclude accrued and unpaid Price Differential that is otherwise included in the aggregate Repurchase Price (which, if so excluded, will be due on the next Payment Date). If the Agent delivers a Mark-to-Market to Seller at or before 4:00 p.m. (New York City time) on any Business Day, then the Sellers shall transfer cash or Additional Purchased Assets to the Custodian or other designee of the Agent, for the benefit of Buyers, on the next Business Day after the Business Day on which a Mark-to-Market is delivered to the Sellers. If the Agent delivers a Mark-to-Market to Seller after 4:00 p.m. (New York City time) on any Business Day, the Sellers shall be required to transfer cash or Additional Purchased Assets on the second Business Day thereafter.
- (b) The Agent's election, in its sole and absolute discretion, not to make a Mark-to-Market at any time there is a Margin Deficit shall not in any way limit or impair its right to make a Mark-to-Market at any time a Margin Deficit exists.
- (c) Any cash transferred to the Agent pursuant to <u>Section 5(a)</u> above shall be credited to the Repurchase Price of the related Transactions.
- (d) On any day, the aggregate amount of Transactions outstanding under the Repurchase Agreement shall in no event exceed the Maximum Purchase Price. If notice is given at or before 10:00 a.m. (New York City time), then by 2:00 p.m. on that same Business Day (or if notice is given after 10:00 a.m., then by 2:00 p.m. on the next Business Day) the Sellers shall repurchase enough Purchased Assets that the Repurchase Price equals or is less than the Maximum Purchase Price.

- (e) On any day on which the aggregate Asset Value of the Purchased Assets subject to Transactions exceeds the then outstanding aggregate Repurchase Price of all Transactions (a "Margin Excess"), provided that no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or would exist after such action by the Agent, the Agent, upon receipt of written request from Seller, shall remit cash or release Purchased Assets to Seller, as requested by the Sellers, in either case in an amount equal to the lesser of (i) the amount requested by the Sellers and (ii) such Margin Excess. To the extent that the Agent remits cash to the Sellers, such cash shall be additional Purchase Price with respect to the Transactions (but any such additional Purchase Price paid pursuant to this Section 5(e) shall not be included in the Repurchase Price for any Purchased Assets and no Price Differential shall accrue on any such additional Purchase Price paid pursuant to this Section 5(e). Any request received by the Agent after 11:30 a.m. (New York City time) shall be remitted by the Agent on the next Business Day.
- (f) The Agent shall not be obligated to remit an amount or release Purchased Assets requested pursuant to a request for Margin Excess which (i) Agent determines is based on erroneous information or would result in a Transaction other than in accordance with the terms of this Repurchase Agreement; (ii) does not reflect the current determination of Asset Value as provided in the definition thereof; (iii) exceeds the Available Purchase Price or (iv) would result in any Buyer's Available Commitment being exceeded.

# Section 6. Periodic Advance Repurchase Payments: Income.

- (a) Notwithstanding that the Agent, the Buyers and the Sellers intend that the Transactions hereunder be sales to the Agent for the benefit of the Buyers of the Purchased Assets, the Sellers shall pay to the Agent for the benefit of the Buyers on each Payment Date (i) the accrued and unpaid Price Differential and (ii) the amount of any unpaid Margin Deficit (each such payment of Margin Deficit, a "Periodic Advance Repurchase Payment"). Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, if the Sellers fail to pay all or part of any Periodic Advance Repurchase Payment due by 1:00 p.m. (New York City time on any Payment Date or the date that is two (2) Business Days after the Sellers' receipt of notice from the Agent that such Periodic Advance Repurchase Payment has become due, whichever is earlier, the Pricing Rate shall be equal to the Post-default Rate until the Periodic Advance Repurchase Payment is received in full by the Agent (any such amounts in excess of the standard Price Differential, the "Late Payment Fee"). Any payment received after 1:00 p.m. (New York City time shall be deemed to have been received by the Agent on the next Business Day.
- (b) The Pricing Rate applicable to the Purchase Price for one or more Transactions or portions thereof may be initially set forth in a Transaction Request. Any ABR Transaction, Eurodollar Transaction or LIBOR Transaction shall continue as an ABR Transaction, Eurodollar Transaction or LIBOR Transaction, respectively, until (i) with respect to Eurodollar Transactions the Interest Period with respect thereto ends, and (ii) with respect to an ABR Transaction or LIBOR Transaction, the Agent receives a Pricing Designation notifying the Agent of a change in the applicable Pricing Rate. At the end of an Interest Period with respect to any Eurodollar Transaction, such Eurodollar Transaction shall be automatically converted into an ABR Transaction unless a Seller shall have given the Agent a new Pricing Designation establishing a new Pricing Rate with respect to the Purchase Price amounts previously subject to such Eurodollar Transaction. A Seller must give the Agent a Pricing Designation not later than

- (i) 11:00 a.m. on the date that a Pricing Designation is to take effect in the case of a requested ABR Transactions or LIBOR Transactions, and (ii) 11:00 a.m. at least three Business Days prior to the date that a Pricing Designation is to take effect in the case of a requested Eurodollar Transaction. Each Pricing Designation shall be irrevocable.
- (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 6(b), a Seller and any individual Buyer (a "Buy-Down Buyer") may notify the Agent in writing that such Seller and such Buy-Down Buyer have entered into a Buy-Down Agreement with respect to all (or any part of, as designated in such notice) LIBOR Transactions from time to time outstanding and held by such Buy-Down Buyer, and, that, pursuant to said Buy-Down Agreement, the Pricing Rate applicable to such LIBOR Transactions during any calculation period shall be the Buy-Down Rate (or such other rate as the Buy-Down Buyer and the Sellers may agree to under the Buy-Down Agreement) and shall be based on the assumption that such Seller shall maintain sufficient Available Deposits with such Buy-Down Buyer. The Agent shall (until otherwise notified by such Seller and such Buy-Down Buyer to the contrary) compute each Pricing Differential payable pursuant to Section 6(a) consistently with the provisions of this Section 6(c). The Agent shall have no obligation to verify the amount of any Available Deposits supporting such pricing. Such Seller shall pay all deficiency fees or other amounts payable under its Buy-Down Agreement with each Buy-Down Buyer directly to such Buy-Down Buyer within [\*\*\*] calendar days of receipt of a billing statement from such Buy-Down Buyer and all such amounts shall be deemed to be Obligations hereunder.
- (d) Before the occurrence of any Event of Default, the Sellers (or their Servicer) shall collect all Income and properly allocate all such Income from the Purchased Assets to the Purchased Assets in its consolidated books and records.
- (e) After the occurrence of an Event of Default, the Sellers shall hold all Income then in its hands or in the hands of any Servicer, and all Income thereafter received by either, in trust for the Agent (for the benefit of Buyers), all such Income shall constitute the property of the Agent (for the benefit of Buyers) and shall not be commingled with other property of the Sellers or any Affiliate of any Seller, and the Sellers shall transfer all such Income from Sellers' master clearing account to the Collection Account with the Agent within [\*\*\*] Business Days after receipt. Funds deposited in the Collection Account during any month shall be held therein, in trust for the Agent for the benefit of the Buyers, until the next Payment Date.
- (f) With respect to each Payment Date on or after the occurrence of an Event of Default, funds on deposit in the Collection Account shall be applied as follows:
  - (i) first, to the payment of all costs and fees (including Late Payment Fees) payable by the Sellers pursuant to this Repurchase Agreement;
  - (ii) second, to the Agent for the benefit of Buyers in payment of any accrued and unpaid Price Differential;

- (iii) third, without limiting the rights of the Agent under <u>Section 5</u>, to the Agent for the benefit of the Buyers, in the amount of any unpaid Margin Deficit; and
- (iv) the balance shall be retained in the Collection Account and applied as provided above on the next Payment Date unless the Agent has declared in writing that any and all Events of Default have been cured or waived, in which case the balance shall be paid to Sellers.
- (g) If and to the extent any payment is not made when due under this Repurchase Agreement or any of the other Repurchase Documents, the Sellers authorize the Agent for the benefit of the Buyers to charge any amounts so due and unpaid against any or all of the Sellers' accounts with the Agent or any Buyer; provided that such right to charge the Sellers' accounts shall not apply to (i) any deposit of escrow monies being held on behalf of the mortgagors under Purchased Assets or on behalf of other third Persons that are not Affiliates of Seller, (ii) securities issued by any Seller or any Affiliate of a Seller for which the Agent or such Buyer is acting as underwriter or placement agent, (iii) investment assets that are held by the Agent or such Buyer acting as securities intermediary for a Seller but that are not Purchased Assets or (iv) any assets of a special purpose entity formed by a Seller to hold real estate or to issue asset-backed securities and that are held in an account designated in writing as such when the account was established. The Agent agrees to use reasonable efforts to promptly advise the Sellers of any charge made pursuant to this Section 6(g), but its failure to do so will not affect the validity or collectability of such charge.
- (h) Any funds from an Approved Investor's purchase of a Purchased Asset shall be sent to the Settlement Account and the Agent shall promptly (i) apply any funds to that Purchased Asset's Repurchase Price and, unless a Default or an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, (ii) transfer any funds in excess of such Repurchase Price to the Operating Account.
- (i) The Agent shall offset against the Repurchase Price of each such Transaction all Income (if any) and Periodic Advance Repurchase Payments (if any) actually received by the Agent pursuant to Section 6(a), excluding any Late Payment Fees paid pursuant to Section 6(a).

### Section 7. Requirements of Law; Indemnification.

- (a) If any Requirement of Law (other than with respect to that Buyer, any amendment made to the Buyer's certificate of incorporation and by-laws or other organizational or governing documents) or any change in the interpretation or application thereof or compliance by any Buyer with any request or directive (whether or not having the force of law) from any central bank or other Governmental Authority made subsequent to the date hereof:
  - (i) shall subject the Buyer to any Tax or increased Tax of any kind whatsoever with respect to this Repurchase Agreement or any Transaction or change the basis of taxation of payments to the Buyer in respect thereof;

(ii) shall impose, modify or hold applicable any reserve, special deposit, compulsory loan or similar requirement against assets held by, deposits or other liabilities in or for the account of, advances, or other extensions of credit by, or any other acquisition of funds by, any office of the Buyer which is not otherwise included in the determination of LIBOR or Eurodollar Rate herein; or

(iii) shall impose on the Buyer any other condition;

and the result of any of the foregoing is to increase the cost to the Buyer, by an amount which the Buyer reasonably deems to be material, of entering, continuing or maintaining any Transaction or to reduce any amount due or owing hereunder in respect thereof, then, in any such case, the Sellers shall promptly pay the Buyer such additional amount or amounts as calculated by the Buyer in good faith as will compensate the Buyer for such increased cost or reduced amount receivable equal to such increased costs or additional amounts reasonably determined by the Buyer. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, (i) the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and all requests, rules, guidelines or directives thereunder, issued in connection therewith or in implementation thereof, and (ii) all requests, rules, guidelines and directives promulgated by the Bank for International Settlements, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (or any successor or similar authority) or United States or foreign regulatory authorities, shall in each case be deemed to be a basis for compensation under this Section 7(a), regardless of the date enacted, adopted, issued or implemented.

- (b) If any Buyer shall have determined that the adoption of or any change in any Requirement of Law (other than with respect to that Buyer, any amendment made to the Buyer's certificate of incorporation and by-laws or other organizational or governing documents) regarding capital adequacy or in the interpretation or application thereof or compliance by the Buyer or any corporation controlling the Buyer with any request or directive regarding capital adequacy (whether or not having the force of law) from any Governmental Authority made subsequent to the date hereof shall have the effect of reducing the rate of return on the Buyer's or such corporation's capital as a consequence of its obligations hereunder to a level below that which the Buyer or such corporation could have achieved but for such adoption, change or compliance (taking into consideration the Buyer's or such corporation's policies with respect to capital adequacy) by an amount deemed by the Buyer to be material, then from time to time, the Sellers shall promptly pay to the Buyer such additional amount or amounts as will compensate the Buyer for such reduction. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, (i) the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and all requests, rules, guidelines or directives thereunder, issued in connection therewith or in implementation thereof, and (ii) all requests, rules, guidelines and directives promulgated by the Bank for International Settlements, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (or any successor or similar authority) or United States or foreign regulatory authorities, shall in each case be deemed to be a basis for compensation under this Section 7(b), regardless of the date enacted, adopted, issued or implemented.
- (c) Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, if a Eurodollar Transaction shall be terminated for any reason prior to the last day of the Interest Period applicable thereto, or if any repurchase of a Eurodollar Transaction is made by the Sellers for any reason on a date which is prior to the last day of the Interest Period applicable thereto, the

Sellers agree to indemnify the Agent and the Buyers against, and to pay on demand directly to the Agent and the Buyers the amount (as reasonably determined by the Agent or Buyers requiring indemnification) equal to any loss or out-of-pocket expense suffered by the Agent or Buyers as a result of such failure to borrow or convert, or such termination, repayment or prepayment, including any loss, cost or expense suffered by the Agent or Buyers in liquidating or employing deposits acquired to fund or maintain the funding of such Eurodollar Transaction, or redeploying funds prepaid or repaid, in amounts which correspond to such Eurodollar Transaction, and any internal processing charge customarily charged by the Agent or Buyers in connection therewith. A statement setting forth the calculations of any additional amounts payable pursuant to this Section submitted by the Agent or Buyers requiring indemnification to the Sellers shall be conclusive absent manifest error.

- (d) If any Buyer becomes entitled to claim any additional amounts pursuant to this Section, the Agent shall notify the Sellers of the event by reason of which it has become so entitled. A certificate as to any additional amounts payable pursuant to this Section submitted by such Buyer shall be conclusive in the absence of manifest error and the Sellers agree to pay the Buyer the amount shown as due on any such certificate within [\*\*\*] after the receipt by the Sellers of such certificate.
- (e) The Sellers may elect to reduce the Maximum Purchase Price or terminate this Repurchase Agreement by giving an irrevocable written notice to the Agent specifying as the date of reduction or termination date a date no earlier than [\*\*\*] and no later than [\*\*\*] after the date of the notice, and on the date so specified, provided that (i) in the case of a reduction of the Maximum Purchase Price, the amount of Obligations that exceed aggregate Asset Value of the Purchased Assets shall be paid to the Agent in full (together with all accrued and unpaid Pricing Differential thereon) in immediately available funds, and (ii) in the case of a termination of this Repurchase Agreement, the Obligations (including all accrued and unpaid Pricing Differential and the Facility Fee accrued through such termination date) shall be paid to the Agent in full in immediately available funds, in which event this Repurchase Agreement shall terminate and the Facility Fee shall cease to accrue after the specified termination date, although all accrued and unpaid Facility Fee through the specified termination date shall be earned and shall be due and payable on such termination date and no refund of the Facility Fee shall be required.

### Section 8. <u>Taxes</u>.

(a) Any and all payments by the Sellers under or in respect of this Repurchase Agreement or any other Repurchase Documents to which a Seller is a party shall be made free and clear of, and without deduction or withholding for or on account of, any and all present or future taxes, levies, imposts, deductions, charges or withholdings, and all liabilities (including penalties, interest and additions to tax) with respect thereto, whether now or hereafter imposed, levied, collected, withheld or assessed by any taxation authority or other Governmental Authority (collectively, "Taxes"), unless required by law. If a Seller shall be required under any applicable Requirement of Law to deduct or withhold any Taxes from or in respect of any sum payable under or in respect of this Repurchase Agreement or any of the other Repurchase Documents to any Buyer, (i) such Seller shall make all such deductions and withholdings in respect of Taxes, (ii) such Seller shall pay the full amount deducted or withheld in respect of

Taxes to the relevant taxation authority or other Governmental Authority in accordance with any applicable Requirement of Law, and (iii) the sum payable by such Seller shall be increased as may be necessary so that after Sellers have made all required deductions and withholdings (including deductions and withholdings applicable to additional amounts payable under this Section 8) such Buyer receives an amount equal to the sum it would have received had no such deductions or withholdings been made in respect of Non-excluded Taxes. For purposes of this Repurchase Agreement the term "Non-excluded Taxes" are Taxes other than, in the case of a Buyer, (i) Taxes that are imposed on its overall net income (and franchise taxes imposed in lieu thereof) by the jurisdiction under the laws of which such Buyer is organized or of its applicable lending office, or any political subdivision thereof, unless such Taxes are imposed as a result of such Buyer having executed, delivered or performed its obligations or received payments under, or enforced, this Repurchase Agreement or any of the other Repurchase Documents (in which case such Taxes will be treated as Non-excluded Taxes), and (ii) any U.S. Federal withholding Taxes imposed under FATCA.

- (b) In addition, Sellers hereby agree to pay any present or future stamp, recording, documentary, excise, property or value-added taxes, or similar taxes, charges or levies that arise from any payment made under or in respect of this Repurchase Agreement or any other Repurchase Document or from the execution, delivery or registration of, any performance under, or otherwise with respect to, this Repurchase Agreement or any other Repurchase Document (collectively, "Other Taxes").
- (c) The Sellers, jointly and severally, will indemnify such Buyer for, and hold it harmless against, the full amount of Non-excluded Taxes and Other Taxes, and the full amount of Taxes of any kind imposed by any jurisdiction on amounts payable under this Section 8 imposed on or paid by such Buyer and any liability (including penalties, additions to tax, interest and expenses) arising therefrom or with respect thereto. The indemnity by the Sellers provided for in this Section 8 shall apply and be made whether or not the Non-excluded Taxes or Other Taxes for which indemnification hereunder is sought have been correctly or legally asserted (but the Sellers reserve the right to make a claim against such Buyer in the event they determines that the amount of such indemnity is incorrect). Amounts payable by the Sellers under the indemnity set forth in this Section 8 shall be paid within [\*\*\*] from the date on which such Buyer makes written demand therefor.
- (d) Within thirty (30) days after the date of any payment of Taxes, the Sellers (or any Person making such payment on behalf of Sellers) shall furnish to the Agent (for such Buyer) a certified copy of the original official receipt evidencing payment thereof or give a written notice to the Agent stating the date and amount of Taxes paid, to whom paid and that Seller (or such Person making such payment on behalf of Sellers) has not received any official receipt therefor.
- (e) For purposes of <u>Section 8(e)</u>, the terms "United States" and "United States person" shall have the meanings specified in Section 7701 of the Internal Revenue Code. Each Buyer (including for avoidance of doubt any assignee, successor or participant) that either (i) is not incorporated under the laws of the United States, any State thereof, or the District of Columbia or (ii) whose name does not include "Incorporated," "Inc.," "Corporation," "P.C.," "insurance company," or "assurance company" (a "Nonexempt Buyer") shall deliver or

cause to be delivered to the Sellers the following properly completed and duly executed documents:

- (i) in the case of a Nonexempt Buyer that is not a United States person, a complete and executed (x) U.S. Internal Revenue Form W-8BEN with Part II completed in which such Buyer claims the benefits of a tax treaty with the United States providing for a zero or reduced rate of withholding (or any successor forms thereto), including all appropriate attachments or (y) a U.S. Internal Revenue Service forms W-8ECI (or any successor forms thereto); or
- (ii) in the case of an individual, (x) a complete and executed U.S. Internal Revenue Service Form W-8BEN (or any successor forms thereto) or (y) a complete and executed U.S. Internal Revenue Service Form W-9 (or any successor forms thereto) (each a "<u>Tax Treatment Certificate</u>"); or
- (iii) in the case of a Nonexempt Buyer that is organized under the laws of the United States, any State thereof, or the District of Columbia, a complete and executed U.S. Internal Revenue Service Form W-9 (or any successor forms thereto), including all appropriate attachments; or
- (iv) in the case of a Nonexempt Buyer that (x) is not organized under the laws of the United States, any State thereof, or the District of Columbia and (y) is treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, a complete and executed U.S. Internal Revenue Service Form W-8BEN claiming a zero rate of withholding (or any successor forms thereto) and a Tax Treatment Certificate; or
- (v) in the case of a Nonexempt Buyer that (A) is treated as a partnership or other non-corporate entity, and (B) is not organized under the laws of the United States, any State thereof, or the District of Columbia, (x)(i) a complete and executed U.S. Internal Revenue Service Form W-8IMY (or any successor forms thereto) (including all required documents and attachments) and (ii) a Tax Treatment Certificate, and (y) without duplication, with respect to each of its beneficial owners and the beneficial owners of such beneficial owners looking through chains of owners to individuals or entities that are treated as corporations for U.S. federal income tax purposes (all such owners, "beneficial owners"), the documents that would be required by clause (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (vi), (vii) and/or this clause (v) of this Section 8(e) with respect to each such beneficial owner if such beneficial owner were such Buyer, provided, however, that no such documents will be required with respect to a beneficial owner to the extent the actual Buyer is determined to be in compliance with the requirements for certification on behalf of its beneficial owner as may be provided in applicable U.S. Treasury regulations, or the requirements of this clause (v) are otherwise determined to be unnecessary, all such determinations under this clause (v) to be made in the sole discretion of the Sellers, provided, however, that such Buyer shall be provided an opportunity to establish such compliance as reasonable; or

- (vi) in the case of a Nonexempt Buyer that is disregarded for U.S. federal income tax purposes, the document that would be required by <u>clause (i)</u>, (<u>ii)</u>, (<u>iii)</u>, (<u>iv)</u>, (<u>v)</u>, (<u>vii)</u> and/or this <u>clause (vi)</u> of this <u>Section 8(e)</u> with respect to its beneficial owner if such beneficial owner were such Buyer; or
- (vii) in the case of a Nonexempt Buyer that (A) is not a United States person and (B) is acting in the capacity as an "intermediary" (as defined in U.S. Treasury Regulations), (x)(i) a U.S. Internal Revenue Service Form W-8IMY (or any successor form thereto) (including all required documents and attachments) and (ii) a Tax Treatment Certificate, and (y) if the intermediary is a "non-qualified intermediary" (as defined in U.S. Treasury Regulations), from each person upon whose behalf the "non-qualified intermediary" is acting the documents that would be required by clause (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), (vi), and/or this clause (vii) of this Section 8(e) with respect to each such person if each such person were such Buyer.

If the forms referred to above in this <u>Section 8(e)</u> that are provided by a Buyer at the time it first becomes a party as a Buyer to this Repurchase Agreement or, with respect to a grant of a participation, the effective date thereof, indicate a United States interest withholding tax rate in excess of zero, withholding tax at such rate shall be treated as Taxes other than "Non-excluded Taxes" ("<u>Excluded Taxes</u>") and shall not qualify as Non-excluded Taxes unless and until such Buyer provides the appropriate form certifying that a lesser rate applies, whereupon withholding tax at such lesser rate shall be considered Excluded Taxes solely for the periods governed by such form. If, however, on the date a Person becomes an assignee, successor or participant to this Repurchase Agreement, the Buyer transferor was entitled to indemnification or additional amounts under this <u>Section 8</u>, then the Buyer assignee, successor or participant shall be entitled to indemnification or additional amounts to the extent (and only to the extent), that the Buyer transferor was entitled to such indemnification or additional amounts for Non-excluded Taxes, and the Buyer assignee, successor or participant shall be entitled to additional indemnification or additional amounts for any other or additional Non-excluded Taxes.

- (f) For any period with respect to which a Buyer has failed to provide the Sellers with the appropriate form, certificate or other document described in Section 8(e) (other than (i) if such failure is due to a change in any applicable Requirement of Law, or in the interpretation or application thereof, occurring after the date on which a form, certificate or other document originally was required to be provided, (ii) if such form, certificate or other document otherwise is not required under Section 8(e), or (iii) if it is legally inadvisable or otherwise commercially disadvantageous for such Buyer to deliver such form, certificate or other document), such Buyer shall not be entitled to indemnification or additional amounts under Section 8(a) or Section 8(c) with respect to Non-excluded Taxes imposed by the United States by reason of such failure; provided, however, that should a Buyer become subject to Non-excluded Taxes because of its failure to deliver a form, certificate or other document required hereunder, the Sellers shall take such steps as such Buyer shall reasonably request, to assist such Buyer in recovering such Non-excluded Taxes.
- (g) Without prejudice to the survival of any other agreement of the Sellers hereunder, the agreements and obligations of the Sellers contained in this <u>Section 8</u> shall survive

the termination of this Repurchase Agreement. Nothing contained in this <u>Section 8</u> shall require any Buyer to make available any of its tax returns or any other information that it deems to be confidential or proprietary.

# Section 9. Security Interest.

- Although the parties intend that all Transactions hereunder be sales and purchases (other than for (a) accounting and tax purposes) and not loans, to secure the Agent and the Buyers in the event any such Transactions are deemed to be loans, each Seller hereby pledges to the Agent for the benefit of Buyers as security for the performance by the Sellers of the Obligations, and hereby presently grants, assigns and pledges to the Agent for the benefit of Buyers, a fully perfected first priority security interest in the Purchased Assets, the related records and all servicing rights related to the Purchased Assets, the Repurchase Documents relating to the Purchased Assets, any Property relating to any Purchased Asset or to its related Mortgaged Property, any Approved Investor Commitments relating to any Purchased Asset, all insurance policies and insurance proceeds relating to any Purchased Asset or the related Mortgaged Property, including any payments or proceeds under any related primary insurance or hazard insurance; any Income relating to any Purchased Asset, the Collection Account, the Settlement Account, the Operating Account and any other contract rights, deposit accounts (excluding any Interest Rate Protection Agreements but including any interest of Seller in escrow accounts) and any other payments, rights to payment (including payments of interest or finance charges), payment intangibles and other general intangibles to the extent that the foregoing relate to any Purchased Asset; and any other assets relating (i) to the Purchased Assets (including any other accounts) or any interest in the Purchased Assets, (ii) to the servicing of the Purchased Assets, (iii) to Sellers' interest under the related Servicing Agreement, (iv) to all collateral for any of the Purchased Assets and (v) to distributions in respect of the Purchased Assets; and any other proceeds, property, rights, title or interests with respect to any of the foregoing, in all instances, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, now existing or hereafter created (collectively, the "Repurchase Assets").
- (b) <u>Section 9(a)</u> is intended to constitute a security agreement or other arrangement or other credit enhancement related to this Repurchase Agreement and transactions hereunder as defined under Section 101(47)(v) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- (c) The Sellers hereby authorize the Agent to file such financing statement or statements relating to the Repurchase Assets as the Agent, at its option, may deem appropriate. The Sellers shall pay the filing costs for any financing statement or statements prepared pursuant to this <u>Section 9</u>.

### Section 10. <u>Payment, Transfer and Custody</u>.

(a) Unless otherwise mutually agreed in writing, all transfers of funds to be made by the Sellers hereunder shall be made in Dollars, in immediately available funds, without deduction, set-off or counterclaim, to the following Agent's account:

The Bank of New York Mellon 6023 Airport Road Oriskany, New York 13424 ABA: [\*\*\*]

Attention: Daizon Camp

Phone: [Redacted pursuant to Item 601(a)(6) of Reg. S-K]

Account Number: [\*\*\*]
For Credit To: GMC

not later than 1:00 p.m. (New York City time) - 2:00 p.m. if electronically submitted on the date when such payment shall become due (and each such payment made after such time shall be deemed to have been made on the next succeeding Business Day). The Sellers acknowledge that it has no rights of withdrawal from the foregoing account.

- (b) On the Purchase Date for each Transaction, ownership of the Purchased Assets shall be transferred to the Agent for the benefit of the Buyers against the simultaneous transfer of the Purchase Price therefore from the Buyers to the Settlement Account and the Agent's transfer of the Purchase Price from the Settlement Account to the following account of the Sellers (the "Operating Account"): Account No. [\*\*\*], for the account of the Sellers, The Bank of New York Mellon, ABA No. [\*\*\*], Attn: Terry Schmidt, simultaneously with the delivery to the Agent for the benefit of the Buyers of the Purchased Assets relating to each Transaction. With respect to the Purchased Assets being sold by Seller on a Purchase Date, Seller hereby sells, transfers, conveys and assigns to the Agent for the benefit of the Buyers without recourse, but subject to the terms of this Repurchase Agreement, all the right, title and interest of Seller in and to the Purchased Assets (on a servicing released basis) together with all right, title and interest of Seller in and to any appurtenant Repurchase Assets and the proceeds thereof. On each Repurchase Date, the repurchase of Purchased Assets and the termination of the applicable Transaction will be governed by Section 4(d).
- (c) In connection with such sale, transfer, conveyance and assignment, on or prior to each Purchase Date, the Sellers shall deliver or cause to be delivered and released to the Custodian the Purchased Asset Files for all Purchased Assets. The Custodian shall act as the agent for the Agent to effect the delivery of Purchased Assets transferred to the Sellers on each Repurchase Date pursuant to Section 4(d).

### Section 11. <u>Hypothecation or Pledge of Purchased Assets.</u>

Title to all Purchased Assets including the appurtenant Repurchase Assets shall pass to the Agent for the benefit of Buyers and the Agent (for the benefit of the Buyers) shall have free and unrestricted use of the Agent's interest in therein. The Agent shall be permitted, with the consent of each Buyer and on behalf and for the benefit of Buyers, to engage in repurchase transactions with the Purchased Assets, or to pledge, re-pledge, transfer, hypothecate or re-hypothecate the Purchased Assets. Nothing contained in this Repurchase Agreement shall obligate the Agent to segregate any Purchased Assets delivered to the Agent by the Sellers.

### Section 12. Representations.

The Sellers represent and warrant to the Agent and the Buyers that as of the Purchase Date of any Purchased Assets by the Agent (for the benefit of the Buyers) from the Sellers and as of the date of this Repurchase Agreement and any Transaction hereunder and at all times while the Repurchase Documents and any Transaction hereunder is in full force and effect:

- (a) Existence and Standing. Each of the Sellers and their Subsidiaries is a corporation, partnership (in the case of Subsidiaries only) or limited liability company duly and properly incorporated or organized, as the case may be, validly existing and (to the extent such concept applies to such entity) in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of incorporation or organization and has all requisite power and authority to own or lease its property and to conduct its business in each jurisdiction in which its business is conducted.
- (b) <u>Authorization and Validity</u>. The Sellers have the power and authority and legal right to execute and deliver this Repurchase Agreement, an Administration Agreement, a Reaffirmation of Agreements and all other Repurchase Documents to which they are parties. The Sellers have the power and authorization to consummate the transactions contemplated therein and in the other Repurchase Documents and to perform their respective obligations thereunder. The execution and delivery by the Sellers of the foregoing and all other Repurchase Documents, the consummation of the transactions therein contemplated and the performance of their respective obligations thereunder have been duly authorized by proper corporate, partnership or limited liability company proceedings, and the Repurchase Documents to which any of the Sellers is a party constitute legal, valid and binding obligations of such Seller enforceable against such Seller in accordance with their terms, except as enforceability may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency or similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally.
- Neither the execution and delivery by the Sellers of the Repurchase Documents, nor the consummation of the transactions therein contemplated, nor compliance with the provisions thereof will violate (i) any law, rule, regulation, order, writ, judgment, injunction, decree or award binding on either of the Sellers or any of their Subsidiaries or (ii) any Seller's or any Subsidiary's articles or certificate of incorporation, partnership agreement, certificate of partnership, articles or certificate of organization, by-laws, or operating or other management agreement, as the case may be, or (iii) the provisions of any indenture, instrument or agreement to which a Seller or any of its Subsidiaries is a party or is subject, or by which it, or its Property, is bound, or conflict with or constitute a default thereunder, or result in, or require, the creation or imposition of any Lien in, of or on the Property of any Seller or a Subsidiary pursuant to the terms of any such indenture, instrument or agreement. No order, consent, adjudication, approval, license, authorization, or validation of, or filing, recording or registration with, or exemption by, or other action in respect of any governmental or public body or Governmental Authority, or any subdivision thereof, which has not been obtained by a Seller or any of its Subsidiaries, is required to be obtained by such Seller or any of its Subsidiaries in connection with the execution and delivery of the Repurchase Documents, the Transactions under this Agreement, the payment and performance by a Seller of the Obligations or the legality, validity, binding effect or enforceability of any of

the Repurchase Documents (other than filings to perfect the Liens granted pursuant to this Repurchase Agreement or the Security Agreement).

- (d) <u>Financial Statements</u>. The December 31, 2018 consolidated financial statements of GMCLLC, GMC and their Subsidiaries heretofore delivered to the Buyers were prepared in accordance with GAAP in effect on the date such statements were prepared and fairly present the consolidated financial condition and operations of GMCLLC, GMC and their Subsidiaries at such date and the consolidated results of their operations for the period then ended.
  - (e) Material Adverse Change. Since December 31, 2018, no Material Adverse Change has occurred.
- (f) <u>Taxes</u>. The Sellers and their Subsidiaries have filed all United States federal tax returns and all other tax returns which are required to be filed and have paid all taxes due pursuant to said returns or pursuant to any assessment received by the Sellers or any of its Subsidiaries, except such taxes, if any, as are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and as to which adequate reserves have been provided in accordance with Agreement Accounting Principles and as to which no Lien exists. The United States income tax returns of the Sellers and their Subsidiaries were last audited by the Internal Revenue Service through the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008. No tax liens have been filed and no claims are being asserted with respect to any such taxes, except for the state tax audit being conducted by the California Department of Revenue as of the date of this Repurchase Agreement. The charges, accruals and reserves on the books of the Sellers and their Subsidiaries in respect of any taxes or other governmental charges are adequate in all material respects.
- (g) <u>Litigation and Contingent Obligations</u>. There is no litigation, arbitration, governmental investigation, proceeding or inquiry pending or, to the knowledge of any of their officers, threatened against or affecting the Sellers or any of their Subsidiaries which could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect or which seeks to prevent, enjoin or delay the making of any Loans. Other than any liability incident to any litigation, arbitration or proceeding which could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, the Sellers have no material contingent obligations not provided for or disclosed in the financial statements referred to in <u>Section 12(d)</u>.
- (h) <u>Subsidiaries</u>. <u>Schedule II</u> hereto contains an accurate list of all Subsidiaries of the Sellers as of the date of this Agreement, setting forth their respective jurisdictions of organization and the percentage of their respective capital stock or other ownership interests owned by the Sellers or other Subsidiaries. All of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock or other ownership interests of such Subsidiaries have been (to the extent such concepts are relevant with respect to such ownership interests) duly authorized and issued and are fully paid and non-assessable.
- (i) <u>ERISA</u>. There are no Unfunded Liabilities under any Single Employer Plans. Neither Seller nor any other member of the Controlled Group has incurred, or is reasonably expected to incur, any withdrawal liability to Multiemployer Plans. Each Plan complies in all material respects with all applicable requirements of law and regulations, no

Reportable Event has occurred with respect to any Plan, none of the Sellers or any other members of the Controlled Group has withdrawn from any Plan or initiated steps to do so, and no steps have been taken to reorganize or terminate any Plan. Sellers and each ERISA Affiliate have made full and timely payment of all amounts (A) required to be contributed under the terms of each Employee Benefit Plan and applicable law and (B) required to be paid as expenses of each Employee Benefit Plan. No Employee Benefit Plan has or would have an "amount of unfunded benefit liabilities (as defined in Section 4001(a)(18) of ERISA) if such Employee Benefit Plan were terminated as of this date. Sellers are not currently nor will it knowingly become subject to any liability (including withdrawal liability), tax or penalty whatsoever to any person whomsoever with respect to any Employee Benefit Plan including, but not limited to, any tax, penalty or liability arising under Title I or Title IV of ERISA or Chapter 43 of the Code.

- (j) Accuracy of Information. No information, exhibit or report furnished by the Sellers or any of their Subsidiaries to the Agent or to any Buyer in connection with the negotiation of, or compliance with, the Repurchase Documents contained any material misstatement of fact or omitted to state a material fact or any fact necessary to make the statements contained therein not misleading.
- (k) Regulation U. Margin stock (as defined in Regulation U) constitutes less than 25% of the value of those assets of a Seller and its Subsidiaries which are subject to any limitation on sale, pledge, or other restriction hereunder.
- (1) <u>Material Agreements</u>. No Seller or any Subsidiary is a party to any agreement or instrument or subject to any charter or other corporate restriction which could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. No Seller or any Subsidiary *is* in default in the performance, observance or fulfillment of any of the obligations, covenants or conditions contained in (i) any agreement to which it is a party, which default could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect or (ii) any agreement or instrument evidencing or governing Debt.
- (m) <u>Compliance With Laws</u>. The Sellers and their Subsidiaries have complied with all applicable statutes, rules, regulations, orders and restrictions of any domestic or foreign government or any instrumentality or agency thereof, having jurisdiction over the conduct of their respective businesses or the ownership of their respective Property.
- (n) Ownership of Properties. Except as set forth on Schedule III hereto, on the date of this Agreement, the Sellers and their Subsidiaries will have good title, free of all Liens other than those permitted by Section 13(q), to all of the Property and assets reflected in the financial statements provided to the Agent as owned by the Sellers and their Subsidiaries.
- (o) <u>Plan Assets; Prohibited Transactions</u>. The Sellers are not an entity deemed to hold "plan assets" within the meaning of 29 C.F.R. § 2510.3-101 of an employee benefit plan (as defined in Section 3(3) of ERISA) which is subject to Title I of ERISA or any plan (within the meaning of Section 4975 of the Code), and neither the execution of this Agreement nor the purchase and sale of Mortgage Loans hereunder gives rise to a prohibited transaction within the meaning of Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code.

- (p) <u>Investment Company Act</u>. No Seller or any Subsidiary is an "investment company" or a company "controlled" by an "investment company", within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.
- (q) <u>Public Utility Holding Company Act</u>. No Seller or any Subsidiary is a "holding company" or a "subsidiary company" of a "holding company", or an "affiliate" of a "holding company" or of a "subsidiary company" of a "holding company", within the meaning of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended.
- (r) GNMA, FHA, VA, FNMA, FHLMC and USDA Eligibility. Each Seller (other than GMCLLC) is: (i) an FHA-Approved Mortgagee in good standing, a VA-Approved Lender, a FHLMC-Approved Lender, a FNMA-Approved Lender and a USDA-Approved Lender, and meets all eligible requirements of law and governmental regulation so as to be eligible to originate, purchase, hold and service Mortgage Loans insured by FHA or supporting any Security; (ii) an approved seller and servicer in good standing of Mortgage Loans to each Agency and USDA; and (iii) an approved issuer and servicer in good standing of Securities for FHLMC, FNMA and GNMA and meets all FHLMC, FNMA and GNMA requirements, requirements of law and governmental regulations so as to be able to issue Securities and to originate and service the Mortgage Loans that secure such Securities.
- (s) <u>Acting as Principal</u>. The Sellers will engage in such Transactions as principal (or, if agreed in writing in advance of any Transaction by the other party hereto, as agent for a disclosed principal).
- (t) <u>Purchased Assets Schedule</u>. The information set forth in the related Purchased Assets Schedule and all other information or data furnished by, or on behalf of, the Sellers to the Agent or the Buyers is complete, true and correct in all material respects, and the Sellers acknowledge that neither the Agent nor any Buyer has verified the accuracy of such information or data.
- (u) <u>Solvency</u>. Neither the Repurchase Documents nor any Transaction thereunder are entered into in contemplation of insolvency or with intent to hinder, delay or defraud any of Seller's creditors. The transfer of the Mortgage Loans subject hereto is not undertaken with the intent to hinder, delay or defraud any of Seller's creditors. None of the Sellers is insolvent within the meaning of 11 U.S.C. Section 101(32) of the Bankruptcy Code and the transfer and sale of the Mortgage Loans pursuant hereto (i) will not cause any Seller to become insolvent, (ii) will not result in any property remaining with any Seller to be unreasonably small capital, and (iii) will not result in debts that would be beyond any Seller's ability to pay as same mature.
- (v) No Broker. The Sellers have not dealt with any broker, investment banker, agent, or other person, except for the Agent, who may be entitled to any commission or compensation in connection with the sale of Purchased Assets pursuant to this Repurchase Agreement.

- (w) <u>Ability to Perform</u>. The Sellers do not believe, and have no reason or cause to believe, that it cannot perform each and every one of their covenants contained in the Repurchase Documents.
  - (x) No Default. No Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing.
- (y) <u>Underwriting and Acquisition Guidelines</u>. The Underwriting and Acquisition Guidelines provided to the Agent are the true and correct Underwriting and Acquisition Guidelines of the Sellers, and any amendments thereto have been delivered to the Agent.
- (z) <u>Adverse Selection</u>. Seller has not purposely selected the Purchased Assets in a manner so as to adversely affect the Agent's or any Buyer's interests.

# (aa) Purchased Assets.

- (i) No Seller has assigned, pledged, or otherwise conveyed or encumbered any Purchased Asset, or any Mortgage Loan that such Seller proposes or has proposed to be made subject to a Transaction, to any Person other than the Agent, and immediately prior to the sale of such Mortgage Loan to the Agent for the benefit of the Buyers, such Seller was the sole owner of such Mortgage Loan and had good and marketable title thereto, free and clear of all Liens, in each case except for Liens to be released simultaneously with the sale to the Agent for the benefit of the Buyers hereunder.
- (ii) The provisions of this Repurchase Agreement are effective to either constitute a sale of Purchased Assets to the Agent for the benefit of the Buyers or to create in favor of the Agent for the benefit of the Buyers a valid security interest in all right, title and interest of the Sellers in, to and under the Repurchase Assets.
- (bb) <u>Chief Executive Office/Jurisdiction of Organization</u>. On the Agreement Date, Sellers' chief executive office is, and has been, located at 5898 Copley Drive, 5th Floor, San Diego, California 92111. The jurisdiction of organization of GMC is California and jurisdiction of organization of GMCLLC is Delaware.
- (cc) <u>Location of Books and Records</u>. The location where the Sellers keep their books and records, including all computer tapes and records related to the Repurchase Assets that are not in the possession of the Servicer or the Custodian, is its chief executive office.
- (dd) <u>Hedging</u>. The Sellers shall have entered into Interest Rate Protection Agreements in accordance with their hedging policies.
- (ee) <u>True and Complete Disclosure</u>. (a) The information, reports, financial statements, exhibits and schedules furnished in writing by or on behalf of the Sellers to the Agent or Buyers in connection with the negotiation, preparation or delivery of this Repurchase Agreement and the other Repurchase Documents or included herein or therein or delivered

pursuant hereto or thereto (other than with respect to the Purchased Assets), when taken as a whole, do not contain any untrue statement of material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary to make the statements herein or therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. All written information furnished after the date hereof by or on behalf of the Sellers to the Agent or Buyers in connection with this Repurchase Agreement and the other Repurchase Documents and the transactions contemplated hereby (other than with respect to the Purchased Assets) and thereby will be true, complete and accurate in every material respect, or (in the case of projections) based on reasonable estimates, on the date as of which such information is stated or certified. There is no fact known to any Seller, after due inquiry, that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect that has not been disclosed herein, in the other Repurchase Documents or in a report, financial statement, exhibit, schedule, disclosure letter or other writing furnished to the Agent for use in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby.

# (ff) No Embargoed Persons.

- (i) None of the Sellers' assets constitute property of, or are beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, by any Person targeted by economic or trade sanctions under US law, including but not limited to, the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. §§ 1701 et seq., the Trading with the Enemy Act, 50 U.S.C. App. 1 et seq. (the "Trading With the Enemy Act."), any of the foreign assets control regulations of the Treasury (31 C.F.R., Subtitle B, Chapter V, as amended) (the "Foreign Assets Control Regulations") or any enabling legislation or regulations promulgated thereunder or executive order relating thereto (which includes, without limitation, (A) Executive Order No. 13224, effective as of September 24, 2001, and relating to Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transaction With Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism (66 Fed. Reg. 49079 (2001)) (the "Executive Order") and (B) the USA Patriot Act, if the result of such ownership would be that the portion of any Transaction of any Buyer would be in violation of law ("Embargoed Person");
- (ii) No Embargoed Person has any interest of any nature whatsoever in the Sellers if the result of such interest would be that any portion of a Transaction of any Buyer would be in violation of law;
- (iii) The Sellers have not engaged in business with Embargoed Persons if the result of such business would be that any portion of a Transaction of any Buyer would be in violation of law; and
- (iv) Neither of the Sellers nor any of their Affiliates (A) is or will become a "blocked person" as described in the Executive Order, the Trading With the Enemy Act or the Foreign Assets Control Regulations or (B) engages or will engage in any dealings or transactions, or be otherwise associated, with any such "blocked person". For purposes of determining whether or not a representation is true or a covenant is being complied with under this paragraph, the Sellers shall not be required to make any investigation into (A) the ownership

of publicly traded stock or other publicly traded securities or (B) the beneficial ownership of any collective investment fund.

# (gg) Anti-Corruption Laws and Sanctions.

- (i) The Sellers have implemented and maintain in effect policies and procedures designed to ensure compliance by the Sellers and their respective Subsidiaries, directors, officers, employees and agents with Anti-Corruption Laws, Anti-Terrorism Laws and applicable Sanctions Laws and Regulations. The Sellers and their respective Subsidiaries, directors, officers and employees, and, to the knowledge of the Sellers their agents that will act in any capacity in connection with or benefit from the Transactions, are in compliance with Anti-Corruption Laws and applicable Sanctions Laws and Regulations, and no action, suit or proceeding by or before any Governmental Authority involving either Seller or any of its subsidiaries with respect to any potential violation of the Anti-Corruption Laws or Anti-Terrorism Laws is pending, or to the knowledge of the Sellers threatened. No proceeds of any Transaction will be used by Sellers in violation any Anti-Corruption Laws, Anti-Terrorism Laws or Sanctions Laws and Regulations, and none of the funds or assets of the Sellers that are used to pay any amount due pursuant to this Agreement shall constitute funds obtained from transactions with or relating to an Embargoed Person or a Sanctioned Country.
- (ii) Neither Seller or their respective Subsidiaries, directors, officers and employees, and, to the knowledge of the Sellers their agents, is a Person that is, or is owned or controlled by Persons that are: (i) the subject of Sanctions Laws and Regulations or (ii) located, organized or resident in a country or territory that is, or whose government is, the subject of Sanctions Laws and Regulations. The Sellers have provided to the Agent and the Buyers all information regarding the Sellers and their respective Subsidiaries, directors, officers and employees, and, to the knowledge of the Sellers their agents, necessary for the Agent and the Buyers to comply with "know your customer" and Anti-Terrorism Laws and such information is correct.
- (hh) <u>USA Patriot Act</u>. The Sellers acknowledge that pursuant to the requirements of the USA Patriot Act, (Title III of Pub. L. 107-56 (signed into law October 26, 2001)) (the "<u>Patriot Act</u>") the Agent and the Buyers are required to obtain, verify and record information that identifies the Sellers, which information includes the name and address of the Sellers and other information that will allow the Agent and the Buyers to identify the Sellers in accordance with the Patriot Act. The Sellers agree to provide to the Agent promptly after any request by the Agent, such information as the Agent and any Buyer shall require for purposes of complying with the requirements of the Patriot Act, the federal regulations issued pursuant to the Patriot Act and any customer identification program established by the Agent or any Buyer pursuant to the Patriot Act and such regulations.
  - (ii) Qualified Mortgage Loans. All Eligible Assets are Qualified Mortgage Loans.
- (jj) <u>Beneficial Ownership Certification</u>. As of the date hereof, the information included in the Beneficial Ownership Certification is true and correct in all respects.

### Section 13. Covenants.

On and as of the date of this Repurchase Agreement and each Purchase Date and each day until this Repurchase Agreement is no longer in force, each of the Sellers covenants as follows:

- (a) <u>Preservation of Existence; Compliance with Law</u>. Each Seller shall:
- (i) Preserve and maintain its legal existence and all of its material rights, privileges, licenses and franchises necessary for the operation of its business;
- (ii) Comply with the requirements of all applicable laws, rules, regulations and orders, whether now in effect or hereafter enacted or promulgated by any applicable Governmental Authority (including compliance in all material respects with all environmental laws);
- (iii) Maintain all licenses, permits or other approvals necessary for it to conduct its business and to perform its obligations under the Repurchase Documents, and shall conduct its business strictly in accordance with applicable law;
- (iv) Keep adequate records and books of account, in which complete entries will be made in accordance with GAAP consistently applied; and
- (v) Permit representatives of the Agent and the Buyers, upon reasonable notice (unless an Event of Default shall have occurred and is continuing, in which case, no prior notice shall be required), during normal business hours, to examine, copy and make extracts from its books and records, to inspect any of its Properties, and to discuss its business and affairs with its officers, all to the extent reasonably requested by the Agent.
- (b) <u>Financial Reporting</u>. The Sellers will maintain, for themselves and each Subsidiary, a system of accounting established and administered in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and furnish to the Buyers:
  - (i) Within 90 days after the close of each of its fiscal years, an unqualified audit report certified by independent certified public accountants, acceptable to the Buyers, prepared in accordance with Agreement Accounting Principles on a consolidated and consolidating basis (consolidating statements need not be certified by such accountants) for each of GMC and GMCLLC and their respective Subsidiaries, including balance sheets as of the end of such period, related profit and loss and changes in shareholders' equity statements, and a statement of cash flows, accompanied by (a) any management letter prepared by said accountants and (b) to the extent that such report and/or statements do not include a footnote or other statement therein to the effect that such accountants have obtained no knowledge of any Default or Event of Default (or if, in the opinion of such accountants, any Default or Event of Default shall exist, stating

the nature and status thereof), a certificate of said accountants that, in the course of their examination necessary for their certification of the foregoing, they have obtained no knowledge of any Default or Event Default (or if, applicable, stating the nature and status any Default or Event Default).

- (ii) As soon as available but in any event within 30 days after each month end, for each of GMC and GMCLLC and its respective Subsidiaries, consolidated and consolidating unaudited balance sheets as at the close of each such period and consolidated and consolidating profit and loss statements (showing a breakout of servicing sales gains attributed to servicing originated in prior periods), a changes in shareholders' equity statement and a statement of cash flows for the period from the beginning of such fiscal year to the end of such month, all certified (subject to normal year-end adjustments) by its chief financial officer.
- (iii) Together with the financial statements required under <u>Sections 13(b)(i)</u> and <u>(ii)</u>, a compliance certificate in substantially the form of <u>Exhibit F</u> hereto signed by the respective chief financial officers for each of GMC and GMCLLC which (x) shows the calculations necessary to determine compliance with this Agreement as currently in effect (regardless of whether this Agreement was in effect at the date for which such financial statements were prepared), (y) confirms that no Default or Event of Default exists, or if any Default or Event of Default exists, stating the nature and status thereof, and (z) sets forth the amounts outstanding under each Supplemental Facility and confirms that no default exists thereunder, or if any such default exists, stating the nature and status thereof.
- (iv) As soon as available but in any event within 30 days after each month end, (a) a production information report and (b) a servicing report and analysis which shall show the total servicing portfolio, a reconciliation of the servicing portfolio from the prior period, a breakdown of the servicing portfolio by investor type, capitalized vs. non-capitalized and the status of all Mortgage Loans serviced by the Sellers, all in such form and detail and including such additional information as the Agent may reasonably request. To the extent that the unpaid principal balance of those Mortgage Loans included in the Servicing Portfolio of GMC and GMCLLC which consist of Recourse Servicing is more than \$[\*\*\*], such servicing report shall show separately information concerning such Mortgage Loans.
- (v) As soon as available but in any event within fifteen (15) days after the end of each month, (a) a secondary marketing report (including a commitment status report) for such month reasonably satisfactory to the Agent, (b) pipeline management report, (c) delinquency and foreclosure reports.
- (vi) If requested by the Agent at any time within ninety (90) days after the beginning of each fiscal year of the Sellers, a copy of the plan and

forecast (including a projected consolidated and consolidating balance sheet, income statement and cash flow statement) of each Seller for such fiscal year.

- (vii) Within five (5) Business Days of submission thereof by a Seller, copies of all documents adverse to such Seller submitted in connection with any audits by any of FNMA, FHLMC or GNMA; within ten (10) Business Days of receipt thereof by such Seller, copies of all compliance and audit reports received from any of FNMA, FHLMC or GNMA; and promptly upon receipt, a copy of any notice from (i) any Agency to the effect that it is or is contemplating withdrawing its approval of such Seller as a FHA-Approved Mortgagee, FHLMC-Approved Buyer, FNMA-Approved Buyer or VA-Approved Buyer or as an approved seller and servicer for FNMA, FHLMC or GNMA or (ii) any mortgage insurer which insures any of the Purchased Assets to the effect that it is contemplating withdrawing its approval of such Seller as an approved originator of insured Mortgage Loans.
- (viii) No Seller or any of its Subsidiaries currently maintains any Single Employer Plans. In the event that any Seller or any of its Subsidiaries adopts or sponsors a Single Employer Plan in the future, then within 270 days after the close of each fiscal year, Sellers will deliver a statement of the Unfunded Liabilities of each Single Employer Plan, certified as correct by an actuary enrolled under ERISA.
- (ix) (A) As soon as possible and in any event within 10 days after a Seller knows that any Reportable Event has occurred with respect to any Plan, a statement, signed by the chief financial officer of such Seller, describing said Reportable Event and the action which such Seller proposes to take with respect thereto, (B) at the same time and in the same manner as such notice must be provided to the PBGC, or to an Employee Benefit Plan participant, beneficiary or alternative payee, any notice required under Section 10l(d), 302(f)(4), 303, 307, 4041(b)(l)(A)s or 4041(c)(l)(A) of ERISA or under Section 40l(a)(29) or 412 of the Code with respect to any Employee Benefit Plan, and (C) upon the request of the Agent, (x) true and complete copies of any and all documents, government reports and determination or opinion letters for any Employee Benefit Plan, or (y) a current statement of withdrawal liability for each Multiemployer Employee Benefit Plan
- (x) With respect to any Mortgaged Properties, as soon as possible and in any event within 10 days after receipt by a Seller, a copy of (a) any notice or claim to the effect that such Seller or any of its Subsidiaries is or may be liable to any Person as a result of the release by such Seller, any of its Subsidiaries, or any other Person of any toxic or hazardous waste or substance into the environment, and (b) any notice alleging any violation of any federal, state or local environmental, health or safety law or regulation by such Seller or any of its Subsidiaries.

- (xi) Promptly upon the furnishing thereof to the shareholders of a Seller, copies of all financial statements, reports and proxy statements so furnished.
- (xii) Promptly upon the filing thereof, copies of all registration statements and annual, quarterly, monthly or other regular reports which a Seller or any of its Subsidiaries files with the SEC.
- (xiii) Within five (5) days after the end of each calendar month and within one (1) Business Day after any request therefor by the Agent, a report providing a reconciliation of the Asset Value by record.
- (xiv) Within thirty (30) days of the end of each fiscal quarter of GMC and GMCLLC (or more frequently if requested by the Agent), an appraisal of the servicing rights owned by the Sellers for residential Mortgage Loans prepared by either an independent third party proposed by the Sellers and acceptable to the Agent, or if required by the Agent, an independent third party appraiser selected by the Agent, the cost of which in either case shall be borne by the Sellers.
- (xv) Within thirty (30) days of the end of each month a status report relating to all Mortgage Loans that are the subject of Transactions in a form approved by the Agent and the Buyers.
- (xvi) Within thirty (30) days after the end of each month a status report on all repurchase and indemnifications in a form reasonably satisfactory to the Agent and the Buyers.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in this Section 13(b), the Sellers shall not be obligated to provide the statements and balance sheets required by subsections (i), (ii) and (iv) above on a "consolidating" basis for any period during which Subsidiaries of the Sellers account for less than [\*\*\*] of consolidated assets and less than [\*\*\*] of consolidated gross revenues of the Sellers and their consolidated Subsidiaries (but such statements, including, where required, such statements prepared on a consolidated basis, shall otherwise be required as provided for in said subsections). Any requirement of the Sellers to deliver any of the reports or information to the Buyers pursuant to this Section 13(b) may also be satisfied by the Sellers' either (i) posting electronic copies to a secure online data room to which all Buyers have access and informing the Buyers by e-mail of such a posting or (ii) sending electronic copies directly to the Buyers by e-mail, provided that to the extent that any such report or information requires a certification or signature, then an original signed counterpart thereof shall be delivered to the Agent. Email addresses of each Buyer shall be the email address designated by each such Buyer to the Sellers from time to time.

- (c) Other Information. The Sellers will furnish to the Buyers the following additional information:
- (i) Promptly, notice of (i) the occurrence of any event which constitutes a Default or an Event of Default, detailing the nature of such Default

or Event of Default and any actions taken or proposed to be taken with respect to such Default or Event of Default, (ii) the commencement of any action, suit or proceeding before any court, arbitrator, Governmental Authority or Agency which (A) could result in liability or loss of [\*\*\*] or more in the aggregate, in excess of any applicable insurance coverage, to a Seller or any of its Subsidiaries or (B) would otherwise have a Material Adverse Effect, (iii) with respect to a Seller, any change in the chief executive officer, (iv) any threatened loss of any authorization, qualification, license or permit issued by any Governmental Authority or Agency to a Seller the loss of which could have a Material Adverse Effect, (v) any written correspondence or notification from any Governmental Authority or Agency, which revokes or threatens to revoke, limits or threatens to limit, or imposes or threatens to impose any material restrictions on, any approvals or authorizations granted by such Governmental Authority or Agency to a Seller or any Subsidiary thereof, together with a copy thereof, or (vi) any violation of any requirements or guidelines established by any Governmental Authority or Agency, which might have a material adverse effect on the status of either a Seller or any Subsidiary thereof as a lender, seller or servicer approved by such Governmental Authority.

- (ii) Promptly after becoming available, copies of the "on-site review reports," "limited review reports" or "audit reports," as the case may be prepared by HUD, FNMA and FHLMC in respect of a Seller and its operations, received by a Seller after the Effective Date.
- (iii) Promptly, any notice from MERS of a default or cancellation of a Seller's MERS membership and any other information the Agent may reasonably request with respect to such Seller's MERS membership.
- (iv) Notice of (x) any demand for payment or delivery of additional property or collateral by a lender or buyer, as the case may be, under a Supplemental Facility received by a Seller which is based on a "margin call," mark to market adjustment or similar requirement under such Supplemental Facility, which notice shall be given promptly after such demand is received by a Seller; and (y) any amendment to a Supplemental Facility which amends the purchase price percentage, loan margin or similar discount with respect to loans purchased or constituting collateral under a Supplemental Facility, which notice shall be given on or before the date that such amendment becomes effective.
- (v) Such other information (including non-financial information) as the Agent or any Buyer may from time to time reasonably request.
- (d) <u>Use of Purchase Price</u>. The Sellers will, and will cause each Subsidiary to, only use the proceeds of the Purchase Price, to originate mortgage loans in the operation of the Sellers' mortgage banking business, to pay Price Differential, Fees, expenses and other Obligations. The Sellers will not, nor will it permit any Subsidiary to, use any of the proceeds of the Loans to purchase or carry any "margin stock" (as defined in Regulation U) or to make any

Acquisition (other than those permitted by <u>Section 13(p)) or to make any Acquisition for which the board of directors of the Person being acquired has not consented to such Acquisition.</u>

- (e) <u>Notice of Default</u>. The Sellers will, and will cause each Subsidiary to, give prompt notice in writing to the Buyers of the occurrence of any Default or Event of Default and of any other development, financial or otherwise, which could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (f) <u>Conduct of Business</u>. The Sellers will, and will cause each Subsidiary to, carry on and conduct its business in substantially the same manner and in substantially the same fields of enterprise as it is presently conducted and to do all things necessary to remain duly incorporated or organized, validly existing and (to the extent such concept applies to such entity) in good standing as a domestic corporation, partnership or limited liability company in its jurisdiction of incorporation or organization, as the case may be, and maintain all requisite authority to conduct its business in each jurisdiction in which its business is conducted. The Sellers will adhere in all material respects to customary practices and standards in the industry to comply with their obligations under such Purchased Assets with respect to the real estate securing such Purchased Assets, including without limitation, the payment of all taxes and insurance premiums related thereto and maintenance of such real estate in compliance with all Laws.
- (g) <u>Taxes</u>. The Sellers will, and will cause each Subsidiary to, timely file complete and correct United States federal and applicable foreign, state and local tax returns required by law and pay when due all taxes, assessments and governmental charges and levies upon it or its income, profits or Property, except those which are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and with respect to which adequate reserves have been set aside in accordance with Agreement Accounting Principles. At any time that a Seller or any of its Subsidiaries is organized as a limited liability company, each such limited liability company will qualify for partnership tax treatment under United States federal tax law.
- (h) <u>Insurance</u>. The Sellers will, and will cause each Subsidiary to, maintain with financially sound and reputable insurance companies insurance on all their Property in such amounts and covering such risks as is consistent with sound business practice, and the Sellers will furnish to any Buyer upon request full information as to the insurance carried. The Sellers will at all times, upon request of the Agent, furnish to the Agent copies of its, and each of its Subsidiaries', current Mortgage Bankers Blanket Bond and of its, and each of its Subsidiaries', insurance policy containing errors and omissions coverage or mortgage impairment coverage, and such Bonds and policies, to the extent possible, shall each provide that it is not cancelable without thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Agent.
- (i) <u>Compliance with Laws.</u> The Sellers will, and will cause each Subsidiary to, comply with all Requirements of Law, including, without limitation, all Environmental Laws.
- (j) <u>Maintenance of Properties.</u> The Sellers will, and will cause each Subsidiary to, do all things necessary to maintain, preserve, protect and keep its tangible Property in good repair, working order and condition, and make all necessary and proper repairs,

renewals and replacements so that its business carried on m connection therewith may be properly conducted at all times.

- (k) <u>Inspection</u>. The Sellers will, and will cause each Subsidiary to, permit the Agent, the Custodian and the Buyers, by their respective representatives and Agents, to inspect any of the Property, books and financial records of the Sellers and each Subsidiary, to examine and make copies of the books of accounts and other financial records of the Sellers and each Subsidiary, and to discuss the affairs, finances and accounts of the Sellers and each Subsidiary with, and to be advised as to the same by, their respective officers at such reasonable times and intervals as the Agent, the Custodian or any Buyer may designate.
- (1) <u>Dividends</u>. The Sellers will not, nor will they permit any Subsidiary to, declare or pay any dividends or make any distributions on their capital stock or redeem, repurchase or otherwise acquire or retire any of their capital stock at any time outstanding, except that (i) a Seller may pay dividends that are payable in its own capital stock, (ii) a Seller may pay cash dividends to the shareholders of such Seller or redeem, repurchase or otherwise acquire or retire any of its capital stock (each, a "<u>Cash Dividend</u>"), <u>provided</u> that no uncured Default or Event of Default exists at the time any such Cash Dividend is paid or would exist after giving effect thereto, and <u>provided further</u> that at the time such Cash Dividend is paid, the aggregate Cash Dividends payable for the twelvemonth period preceding such payment (including the Cash Dividend then being paid) shall not exceed [\*\*\*] of Net Income of the Sellers on a combined basis for such twelve-month period, and (iii) any Subsidiary may declare and pay dividends or make distributions to a Seller or to a wholly-owned Subsidiary and GMCLLC shall be entitled to make the Tax Distributions (as defined in the operating agreement of GMCLLC) in accordance with the terms of the operating agreement of GMCLLC. For purposes of the calculation of Net Income for any applicable twelve-month period under this subsection (1), Net Income shall be adjusted for any non-cash gain or loss related to the valuation adjustment of servicing rights.
  - (m) <u>Debt</u>. The Sellers will not, nor will it permit any Subsidiary to, create, incur or suffer to exist any Debt, except:
    - (i) Debt arising under this Agreement or existing on the date hereof and described in Schedule III hereto.
    - (ii) Debt arising under Hedging Program.
  - (iii) Debt of the Sellers under agreements approved by the Majority Buyers in effect from time to time, whether accounted for as a sale or a financing.
  - (iv) Debt incurred under Supplemental Facilities <u>provided</u> that (A) such Debt is approved by the Agent, and (B) if such Debt when combined with all Supplemental Facilities is in excess of [\*\*\*], such Debt is approved by the Agent and the Majority Buyers.
  - (v) Debt incurred with institutional lenders and/or the McCarthy Group, LLC for general working capital purposes, other than Debt

under a Supplemental Facility, in an amount not to exceed [\*\*\*] in the aggregate, <u>provided</u> that any Debt to the McCarthy Group, LLC must be unsecured and subordinate to the obligations of the Sellers under this Agreement.

- (vi) Debt incurred under Permitted Servicing Facilities, <u>provided</u> that the aggregate maximum available amount under all Permitted Servicing Facilities shall not exceed [\*\*\*] of the Appraised Value.
- (vii) Debt secured by mortgage loan servicing rights <u>provided</u> that such Debt is approved by the Majority Buyers.
- (viii) Debt evidenced by one or more unsecured promissory notes incurred in connection with the redemption, repurchase or other acquisition or retirement of any of capital stock of the Sellers, <u>provided</u> that (A) the total amount outstanding thereunder shall not exceed at any time [\*\*\*], (B) the payments under such notes are made from Cash Dividends permitted under <u>Section 13(1)</u>, and (C) such notes are unsecured and subordinate to the obligations of the Sellers under this Agreement.
- (n) <u>Merger</u>. The Sellers will not, nor will it permit any Subsidiary to, merge or consolidate with or into any other Person, except for mergers in which a Seller is the surviving Person or any merger of a Subsidiary with or into a Seller or a whollyowned Subsidiary of a Seller.
- (o) <u>Sale of Assets.</u> The Sellers will not, nor will it permit any Subsidiary to, lease, sell or otherwise dispose of its Property, to any other Person, except:
  - (i) Sales of Mortgage Loans and Securities in the ordinary course of business and in accordance with this Agreement and the Repurchase Documents.
  - (ii) Leases, sales or other dispositions of its Property that, together with all other Property of the Sellers and their Subsidiaries previously leased, sold or disposed of (other than Mortgage Loans and Securities in the ordinary course of business) as permitted by this Section during the twelve-month period ending with the month in which any such lease, sale or other disposition occurs, do not constitute a Substantial Portion of the Property of the Sellers and their Subsidiaries.
- (p) <u>Investments and Acquisitions</u>. The Sellers will not, nor will it permit any Subsidiary to, make or suffer to exist any Investments (including without limitation, loans and advances to, and other Investments in, Subsidiaries), or commitments therefor, or to create any Subsidiary or to become or remain a partner in any partnership or joint venture, or to make any Acquisition of any Person, except:
  - (i) Cash Equivalent Investments.

- (ii) Existing Investments in Subsidiaries and other Investments in existence on the date hereof and described in Schedule I hereto.
- (iii) Investments in the ordinary course of a Seller's mortgage banking business to purchase: (a) Mortgage Loans, collateralized mortgage obligations and Securities (and in connection with commitments to purchase the same); (b) servicing rights and mortgage servicing contracts of another Person engaged in mortgage-related businesses; and (c) real estate acquired by foreclosure.
- (iv) Investments in the ordinary course of a Seller's mortgage banking business to enter into Hedging Programs to the extent permitted pursuant to Section 13(m)(iii).
- (v) Investments or Acquisitions after the date of hereof and through the Termination Date to acquire branches (which shall include, without limitation, payments (including sign-on bonuses) to individuals and the unpaid rent under assumed leases) in an aggregate amount not to exceed [\*\*\*] for each Investment or Acquisition and [\*\*\*] in the aggregate for all Investments or Acquisitions during such period.
- (q) <u>Liens</u>. The Sellers will not, nor will it permit any Subsidiary to, create, incur, or suffer to exist any Lien in, of or on any of the Property of the Sellers or any of their Subsidiaries, except:
  - (i) Liens for taxes, assessments or governmental charges or levies on its Property if the same shall not at the time be delinquent or thereafter can be paid without penalty, or are being contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings and for which adequate reserves in accordance with Agreement Accounting Principles shall have been set aside on its books.
  - (ii) Liens imposed by law, such as carriers', warehousemen's and mechanics' liens and other similar liens arising in the ordinary course of business which secure payment of obligations not more than [\*\*\*] past due or which are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and for which adequate *reserves* shall have been set aside on its books.
  - (iii) Liens arising out of pledges or deposits under worker's compensation laws, unemployment insurance, old age pensions, or other social security or retirement benefits, or similar legislation.
  - (iv) Utility easements, building restrictions and such other encumbrances or charges against real property as are of a nature generally existing with respect to properties of a similar character and which do not in any material way affect the marketability of the same or interfere with the use thereof in the business of a Seller or the Subsidiaries.

- (v) Liens existing on the date hereof and described in <u>Schedule III</u> hereto.
- (vi) Liens in favor of the Agent and the Custodian, for the benefit of the Buyers, granted pursuant to any of the Repurchase Documents.
- (vii) Liens to secure Debt permitted pursuant to Section 13(m) (iii), (iv), (vi) or (vii), provided that with respect to liens on Mortgage Loans to secure Debt permitted by Section 13(m), such Mortgage Loans shall not be the subject of any Transaction hereunder.
- (r) <u>Affiliates</u>. The Sellers will not, and will not permit any Subsidiary to, enter into any transaction (including, without limitation, the purchase or sale of any Property or service) with, or make any payment or transfer to, any Affiliate except in the ordinary course of business and pursuant to the reasonable requirements of a Seller's or such Subsidiary's business and upon fair and reasonable terms no less favorable to such Seller or such Subsidiary than that which such Seller or such Subsidiary would obtain in a comparable arms-length transaction.

# (s) Financial Covenants.

(i) <u>Leverage Ratio</u>. The Sellers will not permit, at any date, the ratio of Total Liabilities to Tangible Net Worth to exceed [\*\*\*] to [\*\*\*].

# (ii) [Reserved].

- (iii) Adjusted Tangible Net Worth. The Sellers will not, at any time, permit Adjusted Tangible Net worth to be less than [\*\*\*].
- (iv) <u>Liquidity Covenant</u>. The Sellers will not, at any time, permit the Liquidity of the Sellers to be less than the Liquidity Requirement.
- (v) <u>Minimum Net Income</u>. The Sellers will not permit the Net Income of the Sellers on a consolidated basis for each quarterly period ending on each March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31 to be less than [\*\*\*], provided that in lieu of such requirement for the quarter ending March 31, 2020, net loss of up to [\*\*\*] shall be permitted. For purposes of the calculation of minimum Net Income for any applicable quarterly period, Net Income shall be adjusted for any non-cash gain or loss related to the valuation adjustment of servicing rights.

# (t) [Reserved].

(u) <u>Agency and USDA Approvals</u>. The Sellers (i) will maintain their status as a FHA-Approved Mortgagee, remain eligible to obtain VA guaranties of Mortgage Loans and remain approved by each Agency and USDA as a seller/servicer and shall maintain its status as an approved originator of Mortgage Loans under the Rural Housing Loan Program, and (ii) will not permit any Agency or USDA to withdraw its approval.

### (v) [Reserved].

(w) <u>Approved Investor Commitments</u>. The Sellers shall maintain Approved Investor Commitments which cover all Purchased Assets and Securities and perform all of its obligations in connection with such Approved Investor Commitments.

# (x) Negative Pledges.

- (i) The Sellers shall not enter into any agreement pursuant to which it agrees not to (i) grant a lien to third parties unless such provision allows for the lien of the Agent, the Custodian and the Buyers contemplated under the Repurchase Documents or (ii) grant another creditor a pari passu security interest in and to any of the Purchased Assets prior to the date the same are repurchased by the Sellers pursuant to the Repurchase Documents.
- (ii) No Seller shall make any material change in the nature of the business carried on by such Seller as of the date of this Repurchase Agreement.
- (y) <u>Hedging Program</u>. The Sellers shall at all times maintain a Hedging Program which represents a reasonable means for the Sellers to hedge certain interest rate risks associated with the mortgage banking business, and is a customary and standard Hedging Program comparable to that of other similarly situated mortgage banking companies. The Sellers shall not alter or modify its Hedging Program without the consent of the Buyers; *provided, however*; that consent shall be deemed given to any new Hedging Program proposed in writing by the Sellers to the Buyers if the Sellers are not notified of any Buyer's objection to such new Hedging Program within 30 days of receipt of notice thereof from the Sellers.
- (z) <u>Maintain Copies; System Back-up.</u> The Sellers will maintain or cause to be maintained copies of (i) all Mortgage Notes, Mortgages, insurance policies, surveys, appraisals and other documents relating to Mortgage Loans, the originals of which are delivered to the Custodian, and (ii) all computer programs, tapes, discs, cards, accounting records and other data or information relating to the Mortgage Loans, the pooling thereof and/or the sale thereof to investors. All such copies (other than Mortgage Loan files) shall be stored at a location segregated from the primary storage location of such items. While any of the Obligations are outstanding or the Commitments have not been terminated, the Sellers shall maintain a "disaster recovery plan" in effect consistent with the kinds of disaster recovery plans customarily maintained by prudent mortgage banking businesses. Such plan shall be sufficient to enable the Sellers to continue the transaction of its business in the event a fire, flood, earthquake or other event shall prevent the Sellers from accessing its primary data and information.

### (aa) MERS.

(i) GMC and GMCLLC in its capacity as an Affiliate of GMC, shall (i) at all times, maintain their status as a MERS Member or an Affiliate of a MERS Member authorized to use the MERS System, (ii) at all times remain in full compliance all terms and conditions of membership in MERS or to have access to MERS as an Affiliate of a MERS Member, including the MERSCORP,

Inc. "Rules of Membership" most recently promulgated by MERSCORP, Inc., the "MERS Procedures Manual" most recently promulgated by MERS, and any and all other guidelines or requirements set forth by MERS or MERSCORP, as each of the foregoing may be modified from time to time, including, but in no way limited to compliance with guidelines and procedures set forth with respect to technological capabilities, drafting and recordation of Mortgages, registration of Mortgages on the MERS System, including registration of the interest of the Agent and the Buyers in such mortgages and membership requirements, (iii) promptly, upon the request of the Agent, execute and deliver to the Agent an assignment of mortgage, in blank, with respect to any MERS Mortgage Loan that the Agent determines has been or shall be removed from the MERS System and (iv) at all times, upon the Registration of any Mortgage on the MERS System, designate the Custodian, as agent for the Agent, in the Interim Funder category.

- (ii) No Seller shall de-register or attempt to de-register any Mortgage comprising a Purchased Asset from the MERS System unless it has complied with the requirements set forth in the Electronic Tracking Agreement and the requirements hereof and relating to a repurchase of the such Purchased Asset by the Sellers in accordance with the Repurchase Documents.
- (iii) GMC and GMCLLC shall each maintain the MERS Affiliate Agreement in full force and effect. The Sellers shall comply with all requirements of the MERS Affiliate Agreement. GMCLLC shall at all times have the benefits afforded to it by MERS under the MERS Affiliate Agreement.
- (bb) Reimbursement of Expenses. On the date of execution of this Repurchase Agreement, the Sellers shall reimburse the Agent for all expenses incurred by the Agent on or before such date in connection with this Repurchase Agreement or other Repurchase Documents and the transactions contemplated hereby. From and after such date, the Sellers shall promptly reimburse the Agent for all expenses reasonably incurred in connection with this Repurchase Agreement or other Repurchase Documents and the transactions contemplated hereby (including, without limitation, fees and expenses of counsel to the Agent and (to the extent the Agent has notice thereof) each Buyer, and other fees, as contemplated by Section 16. Section 17(a), Section 32 and Section 41) as the same are incurred by the Agent and within thirty (30) days of receipt of invoices therefor.
- (c c) Further Assurances. The Sellers shall execute and deliver to the Agent all further documents, financing statements, agreements and instruments, and take all further action that may be required under applicable law, or that the Agent may reasonably request, in order to effectuate the Transactions contemplated by this Repurchase Agreement and the Repurchase Documents or, without limiting any of the foregoing, to grant, preserve, protect and perfect the validity and first priority of the security interests created or intended to be created hereby. The Sellers shall do all things necessary to preserve the Repurchase Assets so that they remain subject to a first priority perfected security interest hereunder. The Sellers will not allow any default for which a Seller is responsible to occur under any Repurchase Assets or any Repurchase Document and the Sellers shall fully perform or cause to be performed when due all of its obligations under any Repurchase Assets and the Repurchase Documents.

- (dd) <u>Chief Executive Office; Jurisdiction of Organization</u>. Seller will not move its chief executive office from the address referred to in <u>Section 12(cc)</u> or change its jurisdiction of organization from the jurisdiction referred to in <u>Section 12(cc)</u> unless it shall have provided the Agent thirty (30) days' prior written notice of such change.
- (ee) <u>Underwriting and Acquisition Guidelines</u>. The Sellers shall notify the Agent of all material changes to the Underwriting and Acquisition Guidelines monthly, and shall deliver to the Agent all material and nonmaterial changed pages to the Underwriting and Acquisition Guidelines quarterly by the forty-fifth (45th) day of the first calendar month of the next quarter.
- (ff) <u>Required Supplemental Facilities</u>. The Sellers shall at all times maintain one or more Supplemental Facilities in an amount such that the Maximum Purchase Price shall not at any time be more than [\*\*\*] of all funding and repurchase obligations under this Repurchase Agreement and all Supplemental Facilities combined.
- (gg) <u>Covenants in Supplemental Facilities</u>. Any covenant, material restriction or event of default in a Supplemental Facility that is more burdensome than a covenant, restriction or event of default contained in this Repurchase Agreement or any other Repurchase Document, or which provides greater security to the providers of the Supplemental Facility, shall be deemed incorporated into the this Repurchase Agreement by reference, and the Sellers shall covenant to comply with the terms thereof for the benefit of the Buyers, and if required, enter into appropriate amendments to this Agreement at the request of the Agent.
- (hh) Anti-Corruption Law and Sanctions. The Sellers shall not, directly or indirectly, use the proceeds of any Transaction, or lend, contribute or otherwise make available such proceeds to any Subsidiary, joint venture partner or other Person (i) in furtherance of an offer, payment, promise to pay, or authorization of the payment or giving of money, or anything else of value, to any Person in violation of any Anti-Corruption Laws, (ii) to fund any activities or business of or with any Prohibited Person, or in any Sanctioned Country, or (iii) in any other manner that would result in a violation of any Sanctions Laws and Regulations by any party to this Agreement. None of the funds or assets of Sellers that are used to pay any amount due pursuant to this Agreement shall constitute funds obtained from transactions with or relating to a Prohibited Person or a Sanctioned Country.

### (ii) ERISA.

(i) <u>Plan Assets; Compliance; No Material Liability</u>. The Sellers (i) shall not use any Plan Assets to repay or secure any Transaction, (ii) no assets of the Sellers are or will be Plan Assets, (iii) each Employee Benefit Plan will be in material compliance with all applicable requirements of ERISA and the Code except to the extent any defects can be remedied without material liability to the Sellers under Revenue Procedure 2008-50 or any similar procedure, and (iv) the Sellers will not have any material liability under Title IV of ERISA or Section 412 of the Code with respect to any Employee Benefit Plan.

- (ii) <u>Transfer of Interests</u>. The Sellers shall not assign, sell, pledge, encumber, transfer, hypothecate or otherwise dispose of their interests or rights (direct or indirect) in this Agreement or attempt to do any of the foregoing or suffer any of the foregoing, or permit any party with a direct or indirect interest or right in this Agreement to do any of the foregoing, if such action would cause this Agreement or any Transaction or the exercise of any of the Agent's rights in connection therewith, to constitute a prohibited transaction under ERISA or the Code (unless the Sellers furnish to the Agent a legal opinion satisfactory to the Agent that the transaction is exempt from the prohibited transaction provisions of ERISA and the Code) or would otherwise result in assets of the Sellers being Plan Assets.
- (iii) <u>Indemnity</u>. The Sellers hereby indemnify the Indemnified Parties against all losses, claims, damages, penalties, judgments, liabilities and expenses (including, without limitation, all expenses of litigation or preparation therefor whether or not the Agent, any Buyer or any Affiliate is a party thereto) which any of them may actually pay or incur by reason of the investigation, defense and settlement of claims and in obtaining any prohibited transaction exemption under ERISA or the Code necessary in the Agent's judgment by reason of the inaccuracy of the representations and warranties set forth in this Section. The obligations of the Sellers under this Section shall survive the termination of this Agreement.
- (iv) Negative Covenants. The Sellers shall not take or fail to take, nor permit any ERISA Affiliate to take or fail to take, any action with respect to an Employee Benefit Plan including but not limited to, (i) establishing any Employee Benefit Plan, (ii) amending any Employee Benefit Plan, (iii) terminating or withdrawing from any Employee Benefit Plan, or (iv) incurring an amount of unfunded benefit liabilities, as defined in Section 4001(a)(18) of ERISA, or any withdrawal liability under Title IV of ERISA, result in a lien on the property of the Sellers, or require the Sellers to provide any security.
- (jj) <u>Beneficial Ownership Certification</u>. On or prior to the date hereof and from time to time, the Sellers shall provide to the Agent such documentation and other information requested by the Buyers in connection with applicable "know your customer" and anti-money-laundering rules and regulations, including the PATRIOT Act, and a Beneficial Ownership Certification in relation to the Sellers pursuant to the Beneficial Ownership Regulation.

### Section 14. Events of Default.

If any of the following events (each an "Event of Default") occur, the Agent, for the benefit of the Buyers, shall have the rights set forth in Section 15, as applicable:

(a) <u>Payment Failure</u>. The Sellers shall default in the payment of (i) any Repurchase Price payment or Margin Deficit payment on the date due, whether at the due date specified in this Repurchase Agreement or other relevant Repurchase Document, by acceleration or otherwise, or (ii) Price Differential, Income, Expenses or any other Obligations or amount due

from Sellers under this or any other Repurchase Document on or before [\*\*\*] after the date billed or otherwise becoming due.

- (b) <u>Breach of Representation</u>. Any representation or warranty made or deemed made by or on behalf of a Seller or any of its Subsidiaries to the Agent or any Buyer or the Agent under or in connection with this Repurchase Agreement, any other Repurchase Documents, any Transaction, or any certificate or information delivered in connection with this Repurchase Agreement or any other Repurchase Document shall be materially false on the date as of which made (it being understood that if any of the representations and warranties made pursuant to the definition of "Asset Value" are not true and correct as of any date with respect to any Mortgage Loan, such Mortgage Loan shall cease to be an Eligible Asset as the sole remedy for such failure).
- (c) <u>Breach of Particular Covenants</u>. The breach by a Seller of any of the terms or provisions of <u>Section 13(a), (I), (m), (n), (o), (p), (q), (r), (s), (t), (u), (v), (x) or (hh)</u> (there being no notice requirement or opportunity to cure any such breach) or the breach of any other subsection of <u>Section 13</u> if such breach is not remedied within [\*\*\*] after the earlier to occur of (A) receipt of written notice from the Agent or any Buyer of such breach, of (B) the date on which a Seller obtains knowledge of such breach.
- (d) Other Repurchase Agreement Defaults. The breach by a Seller (other than a breach which constitutes a Default under another Section of this Section 14) of any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement and such breach is not remedied within [\*\*\*] after the earlier to occur of (i) receipt of written notice from the Agent or any Buyer of such breach or (ii) the date that a Seller obtains knowledge of such breach.
- (e) <u>Debt</u>. Failure of a Seller or any of its Subsidiaries to pay when due any Debt (other than the Obligations); or the default by a Seller or any of its Subsidiaries in the performance beyond the applicable grace period with respect thereto, if any, of any term, provision or condition contained in any agreement under which any such Debt was created or is governed, or any other event shall occur or condition exist, the effect of which default or event is to cause, or to permit the holder or holders of such Debt to cause, such Debt to become due prior to its stated maturity; or any Debt of a Seller or any of its Subsidiaries shall be declared to be due and payable or required to be prepaid or repurchased (other than by a regularly scheduled payment) prior to the stated maturity thereof; or a Seller or any of its Subsidiaries shall not pay, or admit in writing its inability to pay, its debts generally as they become due.
- (f) <u>Event of Insolvency</u>. An Event of Insolvency shall have occurred with respect to any Seller or any of its Subsidiaries.
- (g) <u>Receiver</u>. A receiver, trustee, examiner, liquidator or similar official shall be appointed for such Seller or any of its Subsidiaries or any Substantial Portion of its Property and such appointment continues undischarged for a period of [\*\*\*].
- (h) <u>Condemnation or Seizure of Property</u>. Any court, government or Governmental Authority shall condemn, seize or otherwise appropriate, or take custody or control of all or any portion of the Property of a Seller and its Subsidiaries which, when taken

together with all other Property of such Seller and its Subsidiaries so condemned, seized, appropriated, or taken custody or control of, during the twelve-month period ending with the month in which any such action occurs, constitutes a Substantial Portion.

- (i) <u>Judgments</u>. A Seller or any of its Subsidiaries shall fail within [\*\*\*] to pay, bond or otherwise discharge one or more (i) judgments or orders for the payment of money, or (ii) nonmonetary judgments or orders which, individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, which judgments, in any case, is/are not stayed on appeal or otherwise being appropriately contested in good faith.
  - (j) Material Adverse Change. There shall occur a Material Adverse Change.
- (k) Other Defaults. The occurrence of any "default", as defined in any Repurchase Document (other than this Repurchase Agreement) or the breach of any of the terms or provisions of any Repurchase Document (other than this Repurchase Agreement), which default or breach continues beyond any period of grace therein provided.

### (1) ERISA Defaults.

- (i) There shall exist any Unfunded Liabilities under any Single Employer Plan or any Reportable Event shall occur in connection with any Plan.
- (ii) A Seller or any other member of the Controlled Group shall have been notified by the sponsor of a Multiemployer Plan that it has incurred withdrawal liability to such Multiemployer Plan.
  - (iii) The representations and warranties set forth in Section 12(0) shall at any time not be true and correct.
- (m) <u>Environmental</u>. A Seller or any of its Subsidiaries shall (i) be the subject of any proceeding or investigation pertaining to the release by such Seller or any of its Subsidiaries or any other Person of any toxic or hazardous waste or substance into the environment, or (ii) violate any Environmental Law, which, in the case of an event described in clause (i) or (ii), could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (n) GMC or GMCLLC in its capacity as an Affiliate of GMC shall, for any reason, cease to be a MERS Member or have access to the MERS System as an Affiliate of a MERS Member.
- (o) <u>Key Persons</u>. Any Key Person shall cease to be an officer of GMC or GMCLLC having substantially similar duties, powers and authority with respect to the business affairs of GMC and GMCLLC as are held by or delegated to such Key Person as of the date of this Agreement.

### Section 15. Remedies.

- (a) If an Event of Default occurs with respect to a Seller, the following rights and remedies are available to the Agent for the benefit of the Buyers; provided, that an Event of Default shall be deemed to be continuing unless expressly waived by the Agent in writing.
  - (i) At the option of the Agent (which the Agent may exercise in its sole discretion, and shall exercise at the direction of the Majority Buyers), exercised by written notice to the Sellers (which option shall be deemed to have been exercised, without any requirement for notice, automatically and immediately upon the occurrence of an Event of Insolvency of any Seller), the Repurchase Date for each Transaction hereunder, if it has not already occurred, shall be deemed immediately to occur. Except on the occurrence of an Event of Insolvency of any Seller, the Agent shall give notice to such Seller of the exercise of such option as promptly as practicable.
    - (ii) If the Agent exercises or is deemed to have exercised the option referred to in Section 15(a)(i):
  - (A) the Seller's obligations in such Transactions to repurchase all Purchased Assets, at the Repurchase Price therefor on the Repurchase Date determined in accordance with Section 15(a)(i), (1) shall thereupon become immediately due and payable, and (2) all Income paid after such exercise or deemed exercise shall be retained by the Agent and applied to the aggregate unpaid Repurchase Price, Overdraft Funds that were not repaid pursuant to Section 4(b) and any other amounts owed by any Seller hereunder;
  - (B) to the extent permitted by applicable law, the Repurchase Price with respect to each such Transaction shall be increased by the aggregate amount obtained by daily application of, on a 360 day per year basis for the actual number of days during the period from and including the date of the exercise or deemed exercise of such option to but excluding the date of payment of the Repurchase Price as so increased, (x) the Post-default Rate to (y) the Repurchase Price for such Transaction as of the Repurchase Date (decreased as of any day by (i) any amounts actually in the possession of the Agent for the benefit of the Buyers pursuant to Section 15(a)(iii), and (ii) any proceeds from the sale of Purchased Assets applied to the Repurchase Price pursuant to Section 15(a)(iv)); and
  - (C) all Income actually received by the Agent for the benefit of the Buyers pursuant to Section 6 (excluding any Late Payment Fees paid pursuant to Section 6(a) which shall be applied to the aggregate unpaid Repurchase Price owed by the Sellers) shall be disbursed by the Agent to the Buyers in accordance with the Administration Agreement.
  - (iii) Upon the occurrence of one or more Events of Default, the Agent shall have the right to obtain physical possession of all files of the Sellers

relating to the Purchased Assets and all documents relating to the Purchased Assets which are then or may thereafter come into the possession of the Sellers or any other third party acting for the Sellers and the Sellers shall deliver to the Agent such assignments as the Agent shall request. The Agent shall be entitled to specific performance of all agreements of the Sellers contained in the Repurchase Documents.

- (iv) At any time on the Business Day following notice to the Sellers (which notice may be the notice given under Section 15(a)(i)), in the event a Seller has not repurchased all Purchased Assets, the Agent may immediately sell, without demand or further notice of any kind, at a public or private sale or sales and at such price or prices as the Agent may deem satisfactory, any or all of the Purchased Assets and the Repurchase Assets on a servicing released basis (unless its servicing rights are already owned by a Servicer other than Seller or an Affiliate of Seller) and apply the proceeds thereof to the aggregate unpaid Repurchase Prices any other amounts owing by a Seller hereunder. Any Buyer or the Agent may be a purchaser of any Purchased Asset at any public or private sale and the Agent (although no Buyer) shall be entitled, for the purpose of bidding or making settlement or payment of the purchase price for all or portion of the Purchased Asset sold at any such sale, to credit bid up to the amount of the Obligations then unpaid. The proceeds of any disposition of Purchased Assets and the Repurchase Assets shall be applied first to the costs and expenses incurred by the Agent in connection with the Seller's default; second to the Repurchase Price and any Overdraft Funds not repaid pursuant to Section 4(b); third to costs of cover and/or related hedging transactions and fourth to any other outstanding Obligations of the Seller.
- (v) The Sellers shall be liable to the Agent and the Buyers for (i) the amount of all reasonable legal or other expenses (including, without limitation, all costs and expenses of the Agent and the Buyers) in connection with the enforcement of this Repurchase Agreement or any other agreement evidencing a Transaction, whether in action, suit or litigation or bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar proceeding affecting creditors' rights generally, further including, without limitation, the reasonable fees and expenses of counsel (including the costs of internal counsel of the Agent and the Buyers) incurred in connection with or as a result of an Event of Default, (ii) damages in an amount equal to the cost (including all fees, expenses and commissions) of entering into replacement transactions and entering into or terminating hedge transactions in connection with or as a result of an Event of Default, and (iii) any other loss, damage, cost or expense directly arising or resulting from the occurrence of an Event of Default in respect of a Transaction.
- (vi) The Agent shall have, in addition to its rights hereunder, any rights otherwise available to it under any other agreement or applicable law.
- (b) The Agent may exercise one or more of the remedies available to the Agent immediately upon the occurrence of an Event of Default and, except to the extent

provided in <u>Section 15(a)(i)</u> and <u>Section 15(a)(iv)</u>, at any time thereafter without notice to the Sellers. All rights and remedies arising under this Repurchase Agreement as amended from time to time hereunder are cumulative and not exclusive of any other rights or remedies which the Agent and the Buyers may have.

- (c) The Agent may enforce its rights and remedies hereunder without prior judicial process or hearing, and the Sellers hereby expressly waive any defenses any of them might otherwise have to require the Agent to enforce its rights by judicial process. The Sellers also waive any defense that it might otherwise have arising from the use of nonjudicial process, enforcement and sale of all or any portion of the Repurchase Assets, or from any other election of remedies. The Sellers recognize that nonjudicial remedies are consistent with the usages of the trade, are responsive to commercial necessity and are the result of a bargain at arm's length.
- (d) To the extent permitted by applicable law, the Sellers shall be liable to the Agent and the Buyers for interest on any amounts owing hereunder by the Sellers, from the date the Sellers become liable for such amounts until such amounts are (i) paid in full by the Sellers or (ii) satisfied in full by the exercise of the Agent's rights hereunder. Interest on any sum payable by the Sellers to the Agent under this Section 15(d) shall be at the Post-default Rate.

### Section 16. Expenses.

The Sellers agree:

- (a) to pay all of the Agent's out-of-pocket costs and expenses reasonably incurred, including reasonable attorneys' fees, in connection with the negotiation, documentation, amendment, waiver and administration of this Repurchase Agreement and the other Repurchase Documents;
- (b) subject to the limitation set forth in Section 16(a), to pay the Agent and the Buyers all the reasonable out of pocket due diligence, inspection, testing and review costs and expenses incurred by the Agent and the Buyers with respect to Mortgage Loans submitted by the Sellers for purchase under this Repurchase Agreement, including, but not limited to, those out of pocket costs and expenses incurred by the Agent and the Buyers pursuant to Section 17(a) and Section 32;
- (c) to pay all of the Agent's and each Buyer's out-of-pocket costs and expenses reasonably incurred, including reasonable attorneys' fees, in connection with the enforcement of this Repurchase Agreement and other Repurchase Documents;
- (d) to pay, and hold the Agent and the Buyers, their successors and assigns, harmless from and against, any and all present and future stamp, documentary and other similar taxes with respect to the foregoing matters and save them each harmless from and against any and all liabilities with respect to or resulting from any delay or omission to pay such taxes; and
- (e) to pay all of the Agent's fees and Custodian's fees under this Repurchase Agreement, the Administration Agreement, the Custody Agreement and the other Repurchase Documents.

### Section 17. Indemnification; Recourse Obligations.

- The Sellers agree to hold the Agent, the Buyers and their Affiliates, and their respective officers, directors, employees, agents and advisors (each an "Indemnified Party") harmless from, and indemnify the Indemnified Parties against, all liabilities, losses, damages, judgments, costs and expenses of any kind which may be imposed on, incurred by or asserted against such Indemnified Party (collectively, "Loss"), relating to or arising out of this Repurchase Agreement, any other Repurchase Document or any transaction contemplated hereby or thereby, or any amendment, supplement or modification of, or any waiver or consent under or in respect of, this Repurchase Agreement, any other Repurchase Document or any transaction contemplated hereby or thereby, any violation or breach of the provisions of this Repurchase Agreement or any other Repurchase Document or any amendment, supplement or modification thereof, or any violation of, or failure to comply with, any applicable law (including, without limitation, any law applicable to any Mortgage Loan), that, in each case, results from anything other than from such gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Indemnified Party as shall have been determined by final non-appealable order of a court of competent jurisdiction to have occurred and caused the Loss, provided that the foregoing exclusion for gross negligence or willful misconduct of an Indemnified Party shall not apply to any indemnification hereunder for failure by any Person (including the Sellers or any Indemnified Party) to comply with any law applicable to any Mortgage Loan. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Sellers agree to hold any Indemnified Party harmless from and indemnify such Indemnified Party against all Loss with respect to all Purchased Assets relating to or arising out of any taxes incurred or assessed in connection with the ownership of the Purchased Assets, that, in each case, results from anything other than such gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Indemnified Party as shall have been determined by final non-appealable order of a court of competent jurisdiction to have occurred and caused the Loss. In any suit, proceeding or action brought by an Indemnified Party in connection with any Purchased Asset for any sum owing thereunder, or to enforce any provisions of any Purchased Asset, the Sellers shall save, indemnify and hold such Indemnified Party harmless from and against all expense, loss or damage suffered by reason of any defense, set-off, counterclaim, recoupment or reduction or liability whatsoever of the account debtor or obligor thereunder, arising out of a breach by the Sellers of any obligation thereunder or arising out of any other agreement, indebtedness or liability at any time owing to or in favor of such account debtor or obligor or its successors from the Sellers. The Sellers also agree to reimburse an Indemnified Party as and when billed by such Indemnified Party for all the Indemnified Party's costs and expenses incurred in connection with the enforcement or the preservation of the Agent's and the Buyers' rights under this Repurchase Agreement, any other Repurchase Document or any transaction contemplated hereby or thereby, including the reasonable fees and disbursements of its counsel.
- (b) The obligations of the Sellers from time to time to pay the Repurchase Price, the Periodic Advance Repurchase Payments and all other amounts due under this Repurchase Agreement shall be full recourse obligations of the Sellers.

## Section 18. Servicing.

(a) The Sellers shall service, or cause the Servicer to service, the Purchased Assets consistent with the degree of skill and care that such Servicer customarily requires with

respect to similar Mortgage Loans owned or managed by it and in accordance with Accepted Servicing Practices, and shall itself, or shall require the Servicer to, (i) comply with all applicable Federal, State and local laws and regulations, (ii) maintain all state and federal licenses necessary for it to perform its servicing responsibilities hereunder and (iii) not impair the rights of any Buyer in any Purchased Assets or any payment thereunder.

- (b) The Sellers shall cause the Servicer to hold or cause to be held all escrow funds collected by the Servicer with respect to any Purchased Assets in trust accounts and shall apply the same for the purposes for which such funds were collected. At any time, at the request of the Agent, the Sellers shall cause a Servicer Notice in the form of Exhibit H to be delivered to any Servicer designated by the Agent.
- (c) Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, the Agent may give the Servicer a Servicer Instruction Letter and the Sellers will use commercially reasonable good faith efforts to cause the Servicer to comply with it.
- (d) Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default hereunder, the Agent shall have the right to exercise any and all of the Sellers' rights to immediately terminate the Servicer's right to service the Purchased Assets, and Sellers agree to pay (or reimburse the Agent and the Buyers for) any penalty or termination fee. The Sellers and the Servicer shall cooperate in transferring the servicing of the Purchased Assets to a successor servicer appointed by the Agent in its sole discretion.
- (e) If any Seller should discover that, for any reason whatsoever, any Servicer, trustee or other Person responsible to such Sellers for servicing or managing any such Purchased Asset has failed to perform fully any of the Sellers' material obligations under the Repurchase Documents or any of the obligations of such Person with respect to any Purchased Assets, such Seller shall promptly notify the Agent.

### Section 19. Recording of Communications.

The Agent, the Buyers and the Sellers shall have the right (but not the obligation) from time to time to make or cause to be made tape recordings of communications between its employees and those of the other party with respect to Transactions upon notice to the other party of such recording. The Agent, the Buyers and the Sellers consent to the admissibility of such tape recordings in any court, arbitration, or other proceedings. The parties agree that a duly authenticated transcript of such a tape recording shall be deemed to be a writing conclusively evidencing the parties' agreement.

## Section 20. Single Agreement.

The Agent, the Buyers and the Sellers acknowledge that, and have entered hereinto and will enter into each Transaction hereunder in consideration of and in reliance upon the fact that, all Transactions hereunder constitute a single business and contractual relationship and that each has been entered into in consideration of the other Transactions. Accordingly, each of the Agent, Buyers and the Sellers agree (i) to perform all of its obligations in respect of each Transaction hereunder, and that a default in the performance of any such obligations shall constitute a default by it in respect of all Transactions hereunder, (ii) that each of them shall be entitled to set off

claims and apply property held by them in respect of any Transaction against obligations owing to them in respect of any other Transaction hereunder; (iii) that payments, deliveries, and other transfers made by any of them in respect of any Transaction shall be deemed to have been made in consideration of payments, deliveries, and other transfers in respect of any other Transactions hereunder, and the obligations to make any such payments, deliveries, and other transfers may be applied against each other and netted and (iv) to promptly provide notice to the other after any such set off or application.

#### Section 21. Set-Off.

In addition to any rights and remedies of the Agent and the Buyers hereunder and by law, the Agent and the Buyers shall have the right, without prior notice to the Seller, any such notice being expressly waived by the Sellers to the extent permitted by applicable law, upon any amount becoming due and payable by the Sellers hereunder (whether at the stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise) to set-off and appropriate and apply against such amount any and all deposits (general or special, time or demand, provisional or final), in any currency, and any other credits, indebtedness or claims, in any currency, in each case whether direct or indirect, absolute or contingent, matured or unmatured, at any time held or owing by the Agent or any Buyer to or for the credit or the account of the Sellers; provided that the foregoing right of set-off shall not apply to (i) any deposit of escrow monies being held on behalf of the mortgagors under Purchased Assets or on behalf of other third Persons that are not Affiliates of Seller, (ii) securities issued by Seller or an Affiliate of Seller for which the Agent or such Buyer is acting as underwriter or placement agent, (iii) investment assets that are held by the Agent or such Buyer acting as securities intermediary for Seller but that are not Purchased Assets or (iv) any assets of a special purpose entity formed by Seller to hold real estate and that are held in an account designated in writing as such when the account was established. The Agent and the Buyers agree to promptly notify the Sellers after any such set-off and application made by such Buyer or the Agent; provided that the failure to give such notice shall not affect the validity of such set-off and application.

## Section 22. Notices and Other Communications.

All notices, demands, consents, requests and other communications required or permitted to be given or made hereunder (collectively, "Notices"), except as otherwise specifically provided in this Repurchase Agreement, shall be in writing and shall be delivered or sent to the party at its address set forth on the signature pages to this Repurchase Agreement (or any joinder agreement or amendment by which a Person joins as a Buyer in this Repurchase Agreement.). Each Notice shall be (a) delivered in person, or (b) mailed, by certified, registered or express mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the respective parties hereto at their respective addresses specified below, or (c) sent in a prepaid overnight delivery envelope via a nationally-recognized courier service (such as Federal Express, United Parcel Service, Purolator, DHL Worldwide Express or Network Courier Service) that provides weekday next-day delivery service to the addressee's location, or (d) telecopied to their respective fax numbers (with a paper copy mailed the same day as aforesaid) as hereinafter set forth or (e) emailed and displayed or acknowledged as received as hereinafter set forth, provided that any party may change its address for notice by designating such party's new address in a Notice to the sending party given at least five (5) Business Days before it shall become effective. All Notices shall be conclusively deemed to

have been properly given or served when received in person, regardless of how sent. Regardless of when received, all Notices shall be conclusively deemed to have been properly given or served if addressed in accordance with this Section and (l) if mailed, on the fourth (4th) Business Day after being deposited in the mails, (2) if sent by nationally-recognized courier service, on the next Business Day, (3) if faxed before the close of business at the recipient's location on a Business Day, when faxed — or if faxed after the close of business at the recipient's location or on a day that is not a Business Day, on the next Business Day thereafter to the fax number set forth or referred to below (provided that a paper copy is mailed on the same Business Day as aforesaid) or (4) if emailed, when the recipient by any means or method acknowledges receipt of such email (for the avoidance of doubt, a receipt automatically generated by either the sending or receiving system shall not be deemed or considered to satisfy such receipt requirement).

### Section 23. <u>Entire Agreement; Severability</u>.

This Repurchase Agreement, together with the Repurchase Documents, constitute the entire understanding among the Agent and the Sellers with respect to the subject matter they cover and shall supersede any existing agreements, understandings, inducements and conditions, express or implied, oral or written, among the parties containing general terms and conditions for repurchase transactions involving Purchased Assets. By acceptance of this Repurchase Agreement, the Agent and the Sellers acknowledge that they have not made, and are not relying upon, any statements, representations, promises or undertakings not contained in this Repurchase Agreement. Each provision and agreement herein shall be treated as separate and independent from any other provision or agreement herein and shall be enforceable notwithstanding the unenforceability of any such other provision or agreement.

### Section 24. Non-Assignability.

- (a) The rights and obligations of the parties under this Repurchase Agreement and under any Transaction shall not be assigned by the Sellers without the prior written consent of the Agent and the Buyers. Subject to the foregoing, this Repurchase Agreement and any Transactions shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors and assigns. Nothing in this Repurchase Agreement express or implied, shall give to any Person, other than the parties to this Repurchase Agreement and their successors hereunder, any benefit of any legal or equitable right, power, remedy or claim under this Repurchase Agreement.
- (b) Each Buyer may assign and participate its rights and obligations hereunder, in accordance with the Administration Agreement and pursuant to an executed assignment and acceptance by such Buyer and assignee ("Assignment and Acceptance").
- (c) The Agent shall maintain, as agent for the Buyers and the Seller, a register (the "Register") on which it will record each Buyer's rights hereunder, and each Assignment and Acceptance and participation. The Register shall include the names and addresses of the Buyer (including all assignees, successors and participants) and the percentage or portion of such rights and obligations assigned. Failure to make any such recordation, or any error in such recordation shall not affect the Seller's obligations in respect of such rights. If a Buyer sells a participation in its rights hereunder, it shall provide the Agent (as agent for the Sellers), or maintain as agent

of the Seller, the information described in this paragraph and permit the Agent (as agent for the Seller) to review such information as reasonably needed for the Agent (as agent for the Sellers) to comply with its obligations under this Repurchase Agreement or under any applicable Requirement of Law.

- (d) Each Buyer may, in connection with any assignment or participation or proposed assignment or participation pursuant to this Section 24, disclose to the assignee or participant or proposed assignee or participant, as the case may be, any information relating to the Seller or any of its Subsidiaries or to any aspect of the Transactions that has been furnished to such Buyer by or on behalf of the Sellers or any of its Subsidiaries; provided that such assignee or participant agrees in writing to hold such information subject to the confidentiality provisions of this Repurchase Agreement.
- (e) Each Buyer may at any time create a security interest in all or any portion of its rights under this Repurchase Agreement in favor of any Federal Reserve Bank in accordance with regulations of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and any operating circular issued by such Federal Reserve Bank. No such assignment shall release the assigning Buyer from its obligations hereunder.

#### Section 25. Tax Treatment.

Each party to this Repurchase Agreement acknowledges that it is its intent for purposes of U.S. federal, state and local income and franchise taxes, to treat each Transaction as indebtedness of the Sellers that is secured by the Purchased Assets and that the Purchased Assets are owned by the Sellers in the absence of an Event of Default by the Seller. All parties to this Repurchase Agreement agree to such treatment and agree to take no action inconsistent with this treatment, unless required by law.

### Section 26. <u>Termination Events</u>.

If a Termination Event shall occur, the obligation of the Agent and the Buyers to enter into Transactions shall immediately and automatically terminate, and the Majority Buyers, by written notice to the Sellers (which may be given by the Agent), may elect that the Repurchase Date for each Transaction hereunder, if it has not already occurred, shall be deemed immediately to occur, which shall have the same consequences and effects as the Agent's exercise of the option referred to in Section 15(a)(i). If no Termination Event occurs before then, this Repurchase Agreement will terminate on the Termination Date. On the Termination Date, all Repurchase Price and all other amounts outstanding under this Repurchase Agreement shall be paid by the Sellers in full.

### Section 27. <u>Terminability</u>.

Each representation and warranty made or deemed to be made by entering into a Transaction, herein or pursuant hereto shall survive the making of such representation and warranty, and the Agent shall not be deemed to have waived any Default that may arise because any such representation or warranty shall have proved to be false or misleading, notwithstanding that the Agent may have had notice or knowledge or reason to believe that such representation or warranty was false or misleading at the time the Transaction was made. Notwithstanding any

such termination or the occurrence of an Event of Default, all of the representations and warranties and covenants hereunder shall continue and survive. If no Termination Event occurs before then, this Repurchase Agreement will terminate on the Termination Date. The obligations of the Sellers under Section 16 and Section 17, and all other obligations of the Sellers which have not been performed as of the termination of this Repurchase Agreement, shall survive the termination of this Repurchase Agreement.

#### Section 28. **GOVERNING LAW.**

THIS REPURCHASE AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE INTERNAL LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK INCLUDING NEW YORK GENERAL OBLIGATIONS LAWS 5-1401 AND 5-1402, WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY OF ITS OTHER CONFLICT OF LAWS PROVISIONS.

## Section 29. SUBMISSION TO JURISDICTION; WAIVERS.

#### AGENT, BUYERS AND SELLER EACH HEREBY IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY:

- (a) SUBMITS FOR ITSELF AND ITS PROPERTY IN ANY LEGAL ACTION OR PROCEEDING RELATING TO THIS REPURCHASE AGREEMENT AND THE OTHER REPURCHASE DOCUMENTS, OR FOR RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT OF ANY JUDGMENT IN RESPECT THEREOF, TO THE EXCLUSIVE GENERAL JURISDICTION OF THE COURTS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, THE FEDERAL COURTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, AND APPELLATE COURTS FROM ANY THEREOF;
- (b) CONSENTS THAT ANY SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING MAY BE BROUGHT IN SUCH COURTS AND, TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, WAIVES ANY OBJECTION THAT IT MAY NOW OR HEREAFTER HAVE TO THE VENUE OF ANY SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING IN ANY SUCH COURT OR THAT SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING WAS BROUGHT IN AN INCONVENIENT COURT AND AGREES NOT TO PLEAD OR CLAIM THE SAME;
- (c) AGREES THAT SERVICE OF PROCESS IN ANY SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING MAY BE EFFECTED BY MAILING A COPY THEREOF BY REGISTERED OR CERTIFIED MAIL (OR ANY SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR FORM OF MAIL), POSTAGE PREPAID, TO ITS ADDRESS SET FORTH UNDER ITS SIGNATURE BELOW OR AT SUCH OTHER ADDRESS OF WHICH THE AGENT SHALL HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED;
- (d) AGREES THAT NOTHING HEREIN SHALL AFFECT THE RIGHT TO EFFECT SERVICE OF PROCESS IN ANY OTHER MANNER PERMITTED BY LAW OR SHALL LIMIT THE RIGHT TO SUE IN ANY OTHER JURISDICTION; AND

( e ) THE SELLERS, THE AGENT AND BUYERS EACH HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY AND ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS REPURCHASE AGREEMENT, ANY OTHER TRANSACTION DOCUMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY OR THEREBY.

## Section 30. No Waivers, Etc.

No failure on the part of the Agent or any Buyer to exercise and no delay in exercising, and no course of dealing with respect to, any right, power or privilege under any Repurchase Document shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, power or privilege under any Repurchase Document preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power or privilege. The remedies provided herein are cumulative and not: exclusive of any remedies provided by law. An Event of Default shall be deemed to be continuing unless expressly waived by the Agent in writing.

### Section 31. Netting.

If the Agent or any Buyer and the Sellers are "financial institutions" as now or hereinafter defined in Section 4402 of Title 12 of the United States Code ("Section 4402") and any rules or regulations promulgated thereunder,

- (a) All amounts to be paid or advanced by one party to or on behalf of the other under this Repurchase Agreement or any Transaction hereunder shall be deemed to be "payment obligations" and all amounts to be received by or on behalf of one party from the other under this Repurchase Agreement or any Transaction hereunder shall be deemed to be "payment entitlements" within the meaning of Section 4402, and this Repurchase Agreement shall be deemed to be a "netting contract" as defined in Section 4402.
- (b) The payment obligations and the payment entitlements of the parties hereto pursuant to this Repurchase Agreement and any Transaction hereunder shall be netted as follows. In the event that either party (the "Defaulting Party") shall fail to honor any payment obligation under this Repurchase Agreement or any Transaction hereunder, the other party (the "Nondefaulting Party") shall be entitled to reduce the amount of any payment to be made by the Nondefaulting Party to the Defaulting Party by the amount of the payment obligation that the Defaulting Party failed to honor.

## Section 32. <u>Periodic Due Diligence Review</u>.

In addition to the rights as provided in <u>Section 13(f)</u>, the Sellers acknowledge that the Agent and the Buyers have the right to perform continuing due diligence reviews with respect to the Purchased Assets, for purposes of verifying compliance with the representations, warranties and specifications made hereunder, or otherwise, and the Sellers agree that upon reasonable (but no less than five (5) Business Days') prior notice to the Sellers, unless an Event of Default shall have occurred in which case no notice is required, the Agent and the Buyers or their authorized representatives will be permitted during normal business hours to examine, inspect and make copies and extracts of, the Purchased Asset Files and any and all documents, records,

agreements, instruments or information relating to such Purchased Assets in the possession or under the control of the Seller. The Sellers also shall make available to the Agent and the Buyers a knowledgeable financial or accounting officer for the purpose of answering questions respecting the Purchased Assets and the Purchased Asset Files. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Sellers acknowledge that the Agent and the Buyers may purchase Mortgage Loans based solely upon the information provided by the Sellers to the Agent and the Buyers in the Purchased Assets Schedule and the representations, warranties and covenants contained herein, and that the Agent and the Buyers, at their option, have the right at any time to conduct a partial or complete due diligence review on some or all of the Purchased Assets that are subject to a Transaction, including ordering broker's price opinions, new credit reports and new appraisals on the related Mortgaged Properties and underlying assets and otherwise regenerating the information used to originate such Purchased Assets. The Agent and the Buyers may underwrite such Purchased Assets itself or engage a third party underwriter to perform such underwriting. The Sellers agree to cooperate with the Agent and the Buyers and any third party underwriter with access to any and all documents, records, agreements, instruments or information relating to such Purchased Assets in the possession, or under the control, of the Sellers. The Sellers further agree that the Sellers shall pay all expenses reasonably incurred by the Agent and the Buyers in connection with the Agent's and the Buyers' activities pursuant to this Section 32 ("Due Diligence Costs").

### Section 33. The Agent's Appointment As Attorney-In-Fact.

The Sellers hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint the Agent and any officer or agent thereof, with full power of substitution, as its true and lawful attorney-in-fact with full irrevocable power and authority in the place and stead of Sellers and in the name of Sellers or in its own name, from time to time in the Agent's discretion, for the purpose of carrying out the terms of this Repurchase Agreement, to take any and all appropriate action and to execute any and all documents and instruments which may be reasonably necessary or desirable to accomplish the purposes of this Repurchase Agreement, and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Sellers hereby give the Agent the power and right, on behalf of Sellers, without assent by, but with notice to, Sellers, if a Default shall have occurred and be continuing, to do the following:

- (i) in the name of any Seller, or in its own name, or otherwise, to take possession of and endorse and collect any checks, drafts, notes, acceptances or other instruments for the payment of moneys due with respect to any other Repurchase Assets and to file any claim or to take any other action or proceeding in any court of law or equity or otherwise deemed appropriate by the Agent for the purpose of collecting any and all such moneys due with respect to any other Repurchase Assets whenever payable;
- (ii) to pay or discharge taxes and Liens levied or placed on or threatened against the Repurchase Assets;
- (iii) (A) to direct any party liable for any payment under any Repurchase Assets to make payment of any and all monies due or to become due

thereunder directly to the Agent or as the Agent shall direct; (B) to ask or demand for, collect, receive payment of and receipt for, any and all moneys, claims and other amounts due or to become due at any time in respect of or arising out of any Repurchase Assets; (C) to sign and endorse any invoices, assignments, verifications, notices and other documents in connection with any Repurchase Assets; (D) to commence and prosecute any suits, actions or proceedings at law or in equity in any court of competent jurisdiction to collect the Repurchase Assets or any proceeds thereof and to enforce any other right in respect of any Repurchase Assets; (E) to defend any suit, action or proceeding brought against any Seller with respect to any Repurchase Assets; (F) to settle, compromise or adjust any suit, action or proceeding described in clause (E) above and, in connection therewith, to give such discharges or releases as the Agent may deem appropriate; and (G) generally, to sell, transfer, pledge and make any agreement with respect to or otherwise deal with any Repurchase Assets as fully and completely as though the Agent were the absolute owner thereof for all purposes, and to do, at the Agent's option and Seller's expense, at any time, and from time to time, all acts and things which the Agent deems necessary to protect, preserve or realize upon the Repurchase Assets and the Agent's Liens thereon and to effect the intent of this Repurchase Agreement, all as fully and effectively as any such Seller might do.

- (b) The Sellers hereby ratify all that said attorneys shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof. This power of attorney is a power coupled with an interest and shall be irrevocable.
- (c) The Sellers also authorize the Agent, if a Default shall have occurred, from time to time, to execute, in connection with any sale provided for in <u>Section 15</u>, any endorsements, assignments or other instruments of conveyance or transfer with respect to the Repurchase Assets.
- (d) The powers conferred on the Agent hereunder are solely to protect the Agent's (for the benefit of the Buyers) interests in the Repurchase Assets and shall not impose any duty upon it to exercise any such powers. The Agent shall be accountable only for amounts that it actually receives as a result of the exercise of such powers, and neither it nor any of its officers, directors, employees or agents shall be responsible to any Seller for any act or failure to act hereunder, except for its or their own gross negligence or willful misconduct.

### Section 34. Miscellaneous.

- (a) <u>Counterparts</u>. This Repurchase Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument, and any of the parties hereto may execute this Repurchase Agreement by signing any such counterpart.
- (b) <u>Captions</u>. The captions and headings appearing herein are for included solely for convenience of reference and are not intended to affect the interpretation of any provision of this Repurchase Agreement.

- (c) <u>Acknowledgment</u>. The Sellers hereby acknowledge that:
- (i) they have been advised by counsel in the negotiation, execution and delivery of this Repurchase Agreement and the other Repurchase Documents;
  - (ii) neither the Agent nor any Buyer has any fiduciary relationship to the Sellers;

and

- (iii) no joint venture exists between the Sellers and the Agent and/or any Buyers.
- (d) <u>Documents Mutually Drafted</u>. The Sellers, the Agent and Buyers agree that this Repurchase Agreement and each other Repurchase Document prepared in connection with the Transactions set forth herein have been mutually drafted and negotiated by each party, and consequently such documents shall not be construed against any party as the drafter thereof.

## Section 35. Confidentiality.

The Agent, the Buyers and the Sellers hereby agree that all written financial information, trade secrets or other confidential information, including without limitation, information of Sellers' customers, provided by one party to another pursuant to this Repurchase Agreement that is not in the public domain (other than due to a breach of this covenant) shall be held in confidence, except for disclosure (i) to its Affiliates and to other Buyers and their respective Affiliates, (ii) to legal counsel, accountants, and other professional advisors to such Buyer or to a Transferee, (iii) to any regulatory officials, (iv) to any Person as requested pursuant to or as required by any law order, regulation, ruling or legal process (including any summons or subpoena in connection with any litigation, (v) to any Person in connection with any legal proceeding to which such Buyer is a party (including any action to enforce the Repurchase Documents and in connection with any sale of Mortgage Loans, (vi) to a Buyer's direct or indirect contractual counterparties in swap agreements or to legal counsel, accountants and other professional advisors to such counterparties, (vii) of information deemed necessary or appropriate by the Agent or a Buyer in connection with any assignment or participation permitted by any of the Repurchase Documents or otherwise permitted by any of the terms thereof, (viii) to rating agencies if requested or required by such agencies in connection with a rating of such Buyer or an Affiliate of such Buyer: and (ix) of any fact to any Person which may be relevant to an understanding of the tax treatment of the Transactions.

## Section 36. <u>Intent.</u>

(a) The parties recognize that each Transaction is a "repurchase agreement" as that term is defined in Section 101 of Title 11 of the United States Code, as amended, and constitute "repurchase agreements" under Sections 546(f), 559 and 362(6)(7) of the Bankruptcy Code (except insofar as the type of Mortgage Loans subject to such Transaction or the term of such Transaction would render such definition inapplicable), and a "securities contract" as that term is defined in Section 741 of Title 11 of the United States Code, as amended (except insofar

as the type of assets subject to such Transaction would render such definition inapplicable), and a "master netting agreement" as that term is defined in Section 101 of the Bankruptcy Code.

- (b) It is understood that either party's right to liquidate Purchased Assets delivered to it in connection with Transactions hereunder or to exercise any other remedies pursuant to <u>Section 15</u> is a contractual right to liquidate such Transaction as described in Sections 555, 559 and 561 of Title 11 of the United States Code, as amended.
- (c) The parties agree and acknowledge that if a party hereto is an "insured depository institution," as such term is defined in the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, as amended ("FDIA"), then each Transaction hereunder with respect to such party is a "qualified financial contract," as that term is defined in FDIA and any rules, orders or policy statements thereunder (except insofar as the type of assets subject to such Transaction would render such definition inapplicable).
- (d) It is understood that this Repurchase Agreement constitutes a "netting contract" as defined in and subject to Title IV of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of 1991 ("FDICIA") and each payment entitlement and payment obligation under any Transaction hereunder shall constitute a "covered contractual payment entitlement" or "covered contractual payment obligation," respectively, as defined in and subject to FDICIA (except insofar as one or both of the parties is not a "financial institution" as that term is defined in FDICIA).
- (e) This Repurchase Agreement is intended to be a "repurchase agreement" and a "securities contract," within the meaning of Section 555 and Section 559 under the Bankruptcy Code.

## Section 37. <u>Disclosure Relating to Certain Federal Protections.</u>

The parties acknowledge that they have been advised that:

- (a) in the case of Transactions in which one of the parties is a broker or dealer registered with the SEC under Section 15 of the Exchange Act, the Securities Investor Protection Corporation has taken the position that the provisions of the Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970 ("Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970" or "SIPA") do not protect the other Parties with respect to any Transaction hereunder;
- (b) in the case of Transactions in which one of the parties is a government securities broker or a government securities dealer registered with the SEC under Section 15C of the Exchange Act, SIPA will not provide protection to the other parties with respect to any Transaction hereunder; and
- (c) in the case of Transactions in which one of the parties is a financial institution, funds held by the financial institution pursuant to a Transaction hereunder are not a deposit and therefore are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund, as applicable.

## Section 38. Conflicts.

In the event of any conflict between the terms of this Repurchase Agreement and any other Repurchase Document, the documents shall control in the following order of priority: first, the terms of this Repurchase Agreement shall prevail and then the terms of the Repurchase Documents shall prevail.

### Section 39. Authorizations.

Any of the persons whose signatures and titles appear on <u>Schedule IV</u> are authorized, acting singly, to act for the Sellers or the Agent, as the case may be, under this Repurchase Agreement.

## Section 40. <u>General Interpretive Principles.</u>

For purposes of this Repurchase Agreement, except as otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) the terms defined in this Repurchase Agreement have the meanings assigned to them in this Repurchase Agreement and include the plural as well as the singular, and the use of any gender herein shall be deemed to include the other gender;
- (b) accounting terms not otherwise defined herein have the meanings assigned to them in accordance with GAAP;
- (c) references herein to Sections and other subdivisions without specification of a document are to designated Sections and other subdivisions of this Repurchase Agreement;
- (d) a reference to a paragraph or clause without reference to a specific Section is a reference to the paragraph or clause contained in the same Section in which the reference appears;
- (e) the words "herein", "hereof", "hereunder" and other words of similar import refer to this Repurchase Agreement as a whole and not to any particular provision;
  - (f) the term "include" or "including" means without limitation by reason of enumeration;
- (g) all times specified herein or in any other Repurchase Document (unless expressly specified otherwise) are New York City times unless otherwise stated;
- (h) all values, balances and amounts used, cited or referred to herein are values, balances and amounts (converted if and as necessary so as to be) stated in (U.S.) Dollars; and
- (i) all references herein or in any Repurchase Document to "good faith" means good faith as defined in Section 1-201(19) of the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in the State of New York.

### Section 41. Fees.

- (a) Facility Fee. The Sellers agree to pay the Facility Fee, which shall be fully earned on the Agreement Date and shall be due and payable quarterly in arrears on the last day of each March, June, September and December commencing on the first such date following the Agreement Date; provided that all accrued Facility Fee then unpaid shall be due and payable on the Termination Date. Each such payment shall be made in Dollars, in immediately available funds, without deduction, set-off or counterclaim, to the Agent for the benefit of the Buyers at such account designated by the Agent. If the Maximum Purchase Price shall be increased or decreased from time to time either pursuant to a provision of this Repurchase Agreement or by separate agreement among Sellers, the Buyers and the Agent, the amount of the Facility Fee shall be adjusted accordingly. In addition, during any period that that a Buyer is a Declining Buyer (as defined in the Administration Agreement), the Facility Fee shall be reduced by an amount and for the period, in each case as determined by the Agent, that corresponds to the portion of the Maximum Purchase Price that is unavailable to the Sellers during such period by reason of such Declining Buyer's failure to fund its purchase obligations during such period. Each calculation of the amount of the Facility Fee by the Agent shall be conclusive, absent manifest error.
- (b) <u>Administrative Fee</u>. The Sellers agree to pay to the Agent such administrative fee (the "<u>Administrative Fee</u>") for the Agent's services in administering this Repurchase Agreement and the other Repurchase Documents as may be provided for in a separate agreement between the Sellers and the Agent.
- (c) <u>Other Fees</u>. The Sellers shall pay all other fees owed to BNY Mellon in its capacity as Lead Arranger and Bookrunner or Agent as may be provided for in a separate agreement between the Sellers and BNY Mellon, and all fees payable to the Buyers when due.

## Section 42. <u>Joint and Several Obligations</u>.

All obligations of the Sellers hereunder are the joint and several obligations of the Sellers.

## Section 43. <u>Amendments</u>.

This Repurchase Agreement may not be amended or modified except by a writing signed by the parties hereto and except as permitted by the terms of the Administration Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have entered into this Amended and Restated Master Repurchase Agreement as of the date set forth above.

# **GUILD MORTGAGE COMPANY**

By: /s/ Terry Schmidt

Name: Terry Schmidt

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief

Financial Officer

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San Diego, California 92111

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Attention: Terry Schmidt, Executive Vice President

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With a copy to:

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Attention: Taylor C. Dieckman

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# THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON,

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Attention: Michele Perrin

CERTAIN IDENTIFIED INFORMATION HAS BEEN EXCLUDED FROM THE EXHIBIT BECAUSE IT IS BOTH NOT MATERIAL AND WOULD LIKELY CAUSE COMPETITIVE HARM TO THE REGISTRANT IF PUBLICLY DISCLOSED. [\*\*\*] INDICATES THAT INFORMATION HAS BEEN REDACTED

#### TIAA BANK

100 Summer Street, Suite 3232 Boston, MA 02110

Guild Mortgage Company 5898 Copley Drive San Diego, California 92111 Attention: Terry L. Schmidt

Re: Seventh Amendment to the Amended and Restated Master Repurchase Agreement and Pricing Letter ("Seventh Amendment").

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This Seventh Amendment is made as of the [ ] day of August, 2019 (the "Amendment Effective Date"), to that certain Master Repurchase Agreement, dated as of July 29, 2015, as amended (the "Repurchase Agreement") and the Pricing Letter, dated as of July 29, 2015, as amended (the "Pricing Letter"), in each case by and between Guild Mortgage Company ("Seller") and TIAA, FSB, formerly known as EverBank ("Buyer" or "EverBank"). The Repurchase Agreement and the Pricing Letter are sometimes hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Agreement."

WHEREAS, Seller requested that Buyer amend the Agreement as provided herein; and

WHEREAS, Seller and Buyer have agreed to so amend the Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the patties hereto hereby agree to amend the Agreement as follows:

### SECTION 1. Amendments

(a) Sections 1, 2 and 3 of the Pricing Letter are hereby amended and restated in their entirety as follows:

**Section 1. Definitions.** The following terms shall have the meanings set forth below;

"Adjusted Indebtedness" means, at any date, the result of (a) Seller's Indebtedness on such date, minus (b) the unpaid principal of Seller's Subordinated Debt on such date (to the extent such Subordinated Debt is excluded from Seller's Indebtedness in calculating Seller's Adjusted Tangible Net Worth on such date in accordance with the definition thereof).

"Aged Mortgage Loan" shall mean a Mortgage Loan, other than a Jumbo Mortgage Loan, a Manufactured Housing Mortgage Loan, a HECM, an FHA 203(k) Loan, or a Low FICO Government Mortgage Loan, subject to a Transaction hereunder for more than [\*\*\*] but not more than [\*\*\*].

"Aging Limit" shall mean (a) [\*\*\*] following the Purchase Date for Mortgage Loans other than Aged Mortgage Loans, and (b) [\*\*\*] following the Purchase Date for Aged Mortgage Loans.

"Annual Financial Statement Date" shall mean December 31, 2014.

"Approved Mortgage Product" shall mean the following mortgage products approved by Buyer for Transactions under the Agreement: Conforming Mortgage Loans, Eligible Government Mortgage Loans, Jumbo Mortgage Loans, Manufactured Housing Mortgage Loans, State Agency Program Loans, HECMs, Low FICO Government Mortgage Loans, FHA 203(k) Loans, Wet Mortgage Loans and Aged Mortgage Loans. In no event shall an Ineligible Product be an Approved Mortgage

Product.

### "Change in Control" shall mean:

- (a) any transaction or event as a result of which either (i) [\*\*\*] shall cease to own, directly, at least [\*\*\*] and a controlling interest of the stock of Seller or (ii) there shall be any owner of the stock of Seller other than [\*\*\*] or [\*\*\*]; or
- (b) the sale, transfer, or other disposition of all or substantially all of Seller's assets (excluding any such action taken in connection with any securitization transaction); or
- (c) the consummation of a merger or consolidation of Seller with or into another entity or any other corporate reorganization (in one transaction or in a series of transactions); or
  - (d) [\*\*\*] shall no longer be both (i) employed by Seller, and (ii) involved in the day to day operations of Seller; or
  - (e) a change in the majority of the board of directors of Seller during any twelve month period.

"Concentration Category" shall mean, with respect to Mortgage Loans, each category set forth under the heading "Concentration Category" in the table included in the definition of "Concentration Limit."

"Concentration Limit" shall mean, as of any date of determination, with respect to the Eligible Mortgage Loans included in any Concentration Category, the applicable amount that the aggregate Purchase Price for such Eligible Mortgage Loans may not at any time exceed, as set forth in the below table.

Concentration Category	Concentration Limit (percentages based on Maximum Purchase Amount)
Wet Mortgage Loans	[***]
Jumbo Mortgage Loans	[***]*
Manufactured Housing Mortgage Loans	[***]
State Agency Program Loans	[***]
HECMs	[***]
Condo Loans	[***]
Low FICO Government Mortgage Loans	[***]
Second Lien Mortgage Loans	[***]
FHA 203(k) Loans	[***]
Fannie Mae Renovation Loans	[***]
Aged Mortgage Loans	[***]

\*The aggregate concentration of the Jumbo Mortgage Loans shall be subject to a [\*\*\*] concentration sublimit for Jumbo Mortgage Loans (Specialty) and in such concentration sublimit there shall be no more than (i) [\*\*\*] concentration of Jumbo Mortgage Loans (High DTI), (ii) [\*\*\*] concentration of Jumbo Mortgage Loans (High Limit), (iv) [\*\*\*] concentration of Jumbo Mortgage Loans (Modified DTI) and (v) [\*\*\*] concentration, in the aggregate, of Jumbo Mortgage Loans (High LTV) and Jumbo Mortgage Loans (Ultra LTV), with no more than [\*\*\*] concentration of Jumbo Mortgage Loans (Ultra LTV).

"Condo Loan" shall mean a Mortgage Loan that (i) does not conform to the requirements of an Agency for securitization or cash purchase, (2) conforms to the requirements of the EverBank Preferred Correspondent guidelines for the purchase of a condominium loan that is not eligible for securitization or cash purchase by an Agency, and (3) is subject to a Takeout Commitment by Buyer.

"Conforming Mortgage Loan" shall mean a Mortgage Loan (other than an a Manufactured Housing Mortgage Loan, an FHA 203(k) Loans or a State Agency Program Loan) that conforms to the requirements of an Agency for securitization or cash purchase, and which has a FICO score of at least [\*\*\*].

"Eligible Government Mortgage Loan" shall mean a Government Mortgage Loan (other than a Manufactured Housing Mortgage Loan or a State Agency Program Loan) that has a FICO score of at least [\*\*\*].

"ERISA Liability Threshold" shall mean [\*\*\*].

"Facility Termination Threshold" shall mean [\*\*\*].

"Fannie Mae Renovation Loan" shall mean first lien Mortgage Loans that meet all the requirements for a Fannie Mae Renovation Mortgage.

"FHA 203(k) Loan" shall mean first lien Mortgage Loans that meet all the requirements for mortgage insurance issued by FHA under the Section 203(k) Rehabilitation Mortgage Insurance Program.

"Fidelity Insurance Requirement" shall mean (a) [\*\*\*] for fidelity coverage, with a maximum deductible of [\*\*\*], and (b) [\*\*\*] for errors and omissions coverage, with a maximum deductible of [\*\*\*].

"Financial Reporting Party" shall mean Seller.

"HECM" shall have the meaning specified in the Repurchase Agreement.

"Ineligible Product" shall mean any mortgage product that is not an Approved Mortgage Product. Unless approved by Buyer in writing in advance on a case-by-case basis and subject to additional documentation, "Ineligible Product" shall also mean any Mortgage Loans with respect to which any Mortgagor thereunder is a shareholder, director, or officer of Seller or an Affiliate, or a Relative of any of the foregoing.

"Jumbo Mortgage Loan" is a collective reference to Jumbo Mortgage Loans (Standard Limit) and Jumbo Mortgage Loans (Specialty).

"Jumbo Mortgage Loans (High DTI)" shall mean a Mortgage Loan (i) with a principal balance of not more than [\*\*\*] (ii) that except with respect to (x) the original principal balance thereof and (y) the Debt-to-Income Ratio, conforms to the requirements for securitization or cash purchase by an Agency, (iii) that has a FICO score of at least [\*\*\*], (iv) with a Loan-to-Value Ratio no greater than [\*\*\*], (v) has aDebt-to-Income Ratio greater than [\*\*\*] and not to exceed [\*\*\*], (vi) is fully amortizing, and (vii) that is subject to a Takeout Commitment from a Takeout Investor.

"Jumbo Mortgage Loans (High Limit)" shall mean a Mortgage Loan, with or without a Takeout Commitment, (i) with a principal balance of not more than [\*\*\*], (ii) that except with respect to the original principal balance thereof, conforms to the requirements for securitization or cash purchase by an Agency, (iii) that satisfies Buyer's underwriting guidelines for jumbo mortgage loans, (iv) that has a FICO score of at least [\*\*\*], and (v) with a Loan-to-Value Ratio of not greater than [\*\*\*].

"Jumbo Mortgage Loans (High LTV)" shall mean a Mortgage Loan (i) with a principal balance of not more than [\*\*\*], (ii) that except with respect to (x) the original principal balance thereof and (y) the Loan-to-Value Ratio, conforms to the requirements for securitization or cash purchase by an Agency, (iii) that satisfies Buyer's underwriting guidelines for jumbo mortgage loans, (iv) that has a FICO score of at least [\*\*\*], (v) with a Loan-to-Value Ratio no greater than [\*\*\*], (vi) is fully amortizing, and (vii) that is subject to a Takeout Commitment from a Takeout Investor.

"Jumbo Mortgage Loans (Ultra LTV)" shall mean a Mortgage Loan (i) with a principal balance of not more than [\*\*\*], (ii) that except with respect to (x) the

original principal balance thereof and (y) the Loan-to-Value Ratio, conforms to the requirements for securitization or cash purchase by an Agency, (iii) that satisfies Buyer's underwriting guidelines for jumbo mortgage loans, (iv) that has a FICO score of at least [\*\*\*], (v) with a Loan-to-Value Ratio, greater than [\*\*\*], but no greater than [\*\*\*], (vi) is fully amortizing, and (vii) that is subject to a Takeout Commitment from a Takeout Investor.

"Jumbo Mortgage Loans (IO)" shall mean a Mortgage Loan (i) with a principal balance of not more than [\*\*\*] (ii) does not amortize, (iii) that except with respect to (x) the original principal balance thereof and (y) the failure to amortize. conforms to the requirements for securitization or cash purchase by an Agency, (iv) that satisfies Buyer's underwriting guidelines for jumbo mortgage loans, (v) that has a FICO score of at least [\*\*\*], (vi) with a Loan-to-Value Ratio of not greater than [\*\*\*], and (vii) that is subject to a Takeout Commitment from a Takeout Investor.

"Jumbo Mortgage Loans (Modified DTI)" shall mean a Mortgage Loan, with or without a Takeout Commitment, (i) with a principal balance of not more than [\*\*\*] (ii) that except with respect to the original principal balance thereof and the calculation of DTI, conforms to the requirements for securitization or cash purchase by an Agency, (iii) that satisfies Buyer's underwriting guidelines for jumbo mortgage loans, (iv) that has a FICO score of at least [\*\*\*], (v) with a Loan-to-Value Ratio of not greater than [\*\*\*], (vi) a Modified DTI not to exceed [\*\*\*], and (vii) that is subject to a Takeout Commitment from a Takeout Investor.

"Jumbo Mortgage Loans (Specialty)" is a collective reference to Jumbo Mortgage Loans (High DTI), Jumbo Mortgage Loans (IO), Jumbo Mortgage Loans (High LTV), Jumbo Mortgage Loans (Ultra LTV), Jumbo Mortgage Loans (High Limit) and Jumbo Mortgage Loans (Modified DTI).

"Jumbo Mortgage Loans (Standard Limit)" shall mean a Mortgage Loan, with or without a Takeout Commitment, (i) with a principal balance of not more than [\*\*\*], (ii) that except with respect to the original principal balance thereof, conforms to the requirements for securitization or cash purchase by an Agency, (iii) that satisfies Buyer's underwriting guidelines for jumbo mortgage loans, (iv) that has a FICO score of at least [\*\*\*], and (v) with a Loan-to-Value Ratio of not greater than [\*\*\*].

"LIBOR Floor" shall mean 0.00%.

"Low FICO Government Mortgage Loan" shall mean an Eligible Government Mortgage Loan which has a FICO score equal to or greater than [\*\*\*] but less than [\*\*\*].

"Litigation Threshold" shall mean [\*\*\*] of the Seller's Adjusted Tangible Net Worth.

"Manufactured Housing Mortgage Loan" shall mean any first-lien Mortgage Loan (a) with a FICO score not below [\*\*\*] and (b) with respect to which the Mortgaged Property is a manufactured dwelling and (i) such Mortgage Loan conforms with the applicable Agency requirements regarding mortgage loans related to manufactured dwellings, (ii) the related manufactured dwelling is permanently affixed to the land, (iii) the related manufactured dwelling and land are subject to a Mortgage properly tiled in the appropriate public recording office and naming Seller as mortgagee, (iv) the applicable laws of the jurisdiction in which the related Mortgaged Property is located will deem the manufactured dwelling located on such Mortgaged Property to be a part of the real property on

which such dwelling is located, and (v) such Manufactured Home Mortgage Loan is (1) a qualified mortgage under Section 860G(a)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and (2) secured by manufactured housing treated as a single family residence under Section 25(e) (10) of the Code.

"Maximum Purchase Amount" shall mean [\*\*\*] minus the then outstanding principal balance of the Loan (as defined in the Servicing Rights Facility).

"Modified DTI" shall mean the Debt-to-Income Ratio of the Mortgagor that includes income of the Mortgagor that is either (i) passive, or (ii) imputed to the Mortgagor based on the value of Mortgagor's assets.

"Monthly Financial Statement Date" shall mean June 30, 2015.

"Post-Default Rate" shall mean a rate per annum equal to the sum of (a) the LIBOR Rate, plus (b) [\*\*\*]

"Pricing Spread" shall mean:

Type of Mortgage Loan	Percentage
Conforming Mortgage Loans and Eligible Government Mortgage	[***]
Loans (excluding Manufactured Housing Mortgage Loans, FHA	
203(k) Loans, Low FICO Government Mortgage Loans and State	
Agency Program Loans)	
Jumbo Mortgage Loans (Standard Limit)	[***]
Manufactured Housing Mortgage Loans	[***]
State Agency Program Loans	[***]
HECMs	[***]
Condo Loans	[***]
Jumbo Mortgage Loans (Specialty)	[***]
Aged Mortgage Loans	[***]
Low FICO Government Mortgage Loans	[***]
Second Lien Mortgage Loans	[***]
FHA 203(k) Loans	[***]
Fannie Mae Renovation Loans	[***]
Mortgage Loans exceeding the applicable Transaction Term	[***]
Limitation	

When a Purchased Mortgage Loan may qualify for two or more Pricing Spreads hereunder, unless otherwise expressly agreed to by the Buyer in writing, such Purchased Mortgage Loan shall be assigned the higher Pricing Spread, as applicable.

"Purchase Price" shall mean the price at which each Purchased Mortgage Loan is transferred by Seller to Buyer, which shall equal:

- (a) on the Purchase Date, the applicable Purchase Price Percentage multiplied by the least of: (i) the Market Value of such Purchased Mortgage Loan, or (ii) the outstanding principal amount thereof as set forth on the related Mortgage Loan Schedule, or (iii) the price set forth in the related Takeout Commitment; and
- (b) on any day after the Purchase Date, except where Buyer and the Seller agree otherwise, the amount determined under the immediately preceding clause (a) decreased by the amount of any cash transferred by the Seller to Buyer pursuant to Section 4 or 5 of the Agreement or applied to reduce the Seller's obligations under Section 9 of the Agreement.

"Purchase Price Percentage" shall mean:

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FICO Government Mortgage Loans, FHA 203(k) Loans and State	
Agency Program Loans)	
Jumbo Mortgage Loans (Standard Limit)	[***]
Jumbo Mortgage Loans (Specialty)	[***]
State Agency Program Loans	[***]
Manufactured Housing Mortgage Loans	[***]
Condo Loans	[***]
HECMs	[***]
Low FICO Government Mortgage Loans	[***]
Second Lien Mortgage Loans	[***]
FHA 203(k) Loans	[***]
Fannie Mae Renovation Loans	[***]
Aged Mortgage Loans	[***]

When a Purchased Mortgage Loan may qualify for two or more Purchase Price Percentages hereunder, unless otherwise expressly agreed to by Buyer in writing, such Purchased Mortgage Loan shall be assigned the lower Purchase Price Percentage, as applicable.

"Relative" shall mean a spouse, domestic partner, cohabitant, child, stepchild, grandchild, parent, stepparent, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandparent, great grandparent, brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister, stepsibling, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, aunt, great aunt, uncle, great uncle, niece, nephew, or first cousin (that is, a child of an aunt or uncle).

"Reporting Date" shall mean the 15th day of each month, or if such day is not a Business Day, the next succeeding Business Day.

"Second Lien Mortgage Loan" shall mean (a)(i) a second lien mortgage loan that is originated by Seller contemporaneously with a first lien mortgage loan on the identical Mortgaged Property, and (ii) the first lien mortgage loan related to the Mortgage Property is (x) a Purchased Mortgage Loan and (y) a Qualified Mortgage, as defined in 12 CFR 1026.43, et seq.; and (b) that except with respect to the lien position thereof, (i) conforms to the requirements for securitization or cash purchase by an Agency, (ii) that satisfies Seller's Underwriting Guidelines for second lien mortgage loans, (iii) that has a FICO score of at least [\*\*\*], (iv) has a principal balance no greater than [\*\*\*], (v) has a combined loan to value no greater than [\*\*\*], and (vi) that is subject to a Takeout Commitment.

"Servicing Rights Facility" shall mean that certain Loan and Security Agreement, dated as of July 26, 2017, by and between Seller, as borrower, and Buyer, as bank, as the same may be amended or revised from time to time.

"State Agency Program Loan" shall mean a mortgage loan originated by Seller in accordance with the applicable guidelines of, and in anticipation of sale to, state housing authorities, as approved by Buyer in writing in its sole discretion.

"Surplus Amount" shall mean [\*\*\*].

"Termination Date" shall mean July 16, 2020 or such earlier date as determined by Buyer pursuant to its rights and remedies under the Agreement.

"Test Date" shall mean the last day of each calendar month with respect to Sections 3(a), 3(b) and 3(c) below and the last day of each fiscal quarter with respect to Section 3(d) below.

"<u>Transaction Term Limitation</u>" shall mean for each Transaction, the number of days such Transaction remains outstanding, which shall not exceed (a) with respect to any Mortgage Loan other than an Aged Mortgage Loan, [\*\*\*] and (b) with respect to an Aged Mortgage Loan, [\*\*\*].

"Warehouse Fees" shall mean those fees listed on Schedule I [Omitted pursuant to Item 601(a)(5) of Regulation S-K] hereto.

"Wet Delivery Deadline" shall mean, with respect to each Wet Mortgage Loan, the date that is [\*\*] following the related Purchase Date for such Wet Mortgage Loan.

**Section 2. No Commitment.** The Agreement does not constitute a commitment by Buyer to enter into Transactions under the Agreement. The parties acknowledge that Buyer will enter into Transactions with Seller in Buyer's sole discretion and subject to satisfaction of all terms and conditions of the Agreement.

Section 3. Certain Financial Condition Covenants. Without limiting any provision set forth in the Agreement, Seller shall comply with the following covenants, each to be tested on each Test Date occurring prior to the Termination Date:

- (a) Maintenance of Adjusted Tangible Net Worth. Seller shall maintain an Adjusted Tangible Net Worth of not less than [\*\*\*].
- (b) Maintenance of Ratio of Adjusted Indebtedness to Adjusted Tangible Net Worth. Seller shall maintain the ratio of Adjusted indebtedness to Adjusted Tangible Net Worth of no greater than [\*\*\*].

- (c) Maintenance of Liquidity. Seller shall ensure that it has cash and Cash Equivalents (excluding Restricted Cash or cash pledged to Persons other than Buyer), in an amount not less than [\*\*\*], which shall be comprised of a minimum of [\*\*\*] in cash. In determining Cash Equivalents and Seller's compliance with the foregoing liquidity maintenance requirement, up to [\*\*\*] may be comprised of voluntary buy-downs by Seller of its existing warehouse facilities, as approved by Buyer for purposes of such determination. Seller shall include, together with its monthly submission of the Compliance Certificate attached hereto as Exhibit A [Omitted pursuant to Item 601(a)(5) of Regulation S-K], evidence satisfactory to Buyer to demonstrate such buy-downs amount.
- (d) Maintenance of Profitability. Seller shall not permit (i) for any [\*\*\*] (on an individual [\*\*\*], and not aggregate. basis). Seller's Net Income, excluding non-cash write-ups or write-downs to the valuation of mortgage servicing rights, for such fiscal quarter to be less than [\*\*\*]; or (ii) for any [\*\*\*], Seller's Net Income, excluding non-cash write-ups or write-downs to the valuation of mortgage servicing rights, to be a loss of more than [\*\*\*].
- (b) The following definition contained in Section 2 of the Repurchase Agreement shall be amended and restated in its entirety:
  - ""Mortgage Loan" shall mean any one-to-four-family residential mortgage loan evidenced by a Mortgage Note and secured by a Mortgage."
- (c) The following is added at the end of the first paragraph in Schedule 1 of the Repurchase Agreement:
  - "To the extent that the Repurchase Agreement expressly permits a Mortgage Loan to violate any of the representations and warranties below, said Representation and Warranty shall be deemed inapplicable to that specific Mortgage Loan."
- **SECTION 2.** <u>Defined Terms.</u> Any terms capitalized but not otherwise defined herein should have the respective meanings set forth in the Agreement.
- **SECTION 3.** Fees. In addition to the fees contemplated by the Agreement, the Seller shall pay the Warehouse Fees as and when required hereunder. There are no fees due and owing in connection with this Amendment.
- **SECTION 4.** <u>Limited Effect.</u> Except as amended hereby, the Agreement shall continue in full force and effect in accordance with its term. Reference to this Seventh Amendment need not be made in the Agreement or any other instrument or document executed in connection therewith, or *in* any certificate, letter or communication issued or made pursuant to, or with respect to, the Agreement, any reference in any of such items to the Agreement being sufficient to refer to the Agreement as amended hereby.
- **SECTION 5.** Representations. In order to induce Buyer to execute and deliver this Seventh Amendment, each Seller hereby represents to Buyer that as of the date hereof, except as otherwise expressly waived by Buyer in writing, such Seller is in full compliance with all of the terms and conditions of the Agreement including without limitation, all of the representations and warranties

and all of the affirmative and negative covenants, and no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing under the Agreement.

**SECTION 6.** Severability. Each provision and agreement herein shall be treated as separate and independent from any other provision or agreement herein and shall be enforceable notwithstanding the unenforceability of any such other provision or agreement.

# SECTION 7. <u>GOVERNING LAW</u>. THIS PRICING LETTER SHALL BE CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, AND THE OBLIGATIONS, RIGHTS AND REMEDIES OF THE PARTIES HEREUNDER SHALL BE DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUCH LAWS.

**SECTION 8.** Counterparts. This Seventh Amendment may be executed in two (2) or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original but all of which together shall constitute but one and the same agreement. This Seventh Amendment, to the extent signed and delivered by facsimile or other electronic means, shall be treated in all manner and respects as an original agreement and shall be considered to have the same binding legal effect as if it were the original signed version thereof delivered in person. No signatory to this Seventh Amendment shall raise the use of a facsimile machine or other electronic means to deliver a signature or the fact that any signature or agreement was transmitted or communicated through the use of a facsimile machine or other electronic means as a defense to the formation or enforceability of a contract and each such Person forever waives any such defense.

[Signatures Appear on Following Pages]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Seller and Buyer have caused their names to be signed hereto by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized, as of the date first above written.

TIAA, FSB, as Buyer

By: /s/ Katherine M. Walton

Katherine M. Walton Vice President

GUILD MORTGAGE COMPANY, a California corporation, as Seller

By: /s/ Terry L. Schmidt
Terry L. Schmidt
EVP & CFO

Signature page Seventh Amendment to MRA and Pricing letter – Guild Mortgage Company

CERTAIN IDENTIFIED INFORMATION HAS BEEN EXCLUDED FROM THE EXHIBIT BECAUSE IT IS BOTH NOT MATERIAL AND WOULD LIKELY CAUSE COMPETITIVE HARM TO THE REGISTRANT IF PUBLICLY DISCLOSED. [\*\*\*] INDICATES THAT INFORMATION HAS BEEN REDACTED.

#### TIAA BANK

100 Summer Street, Suite 3232 Boston, MA 02110

Guild Mortgage Company 5898 Copley Drive San Diego, California 92111 Attention: Terry L. Schmidt

Re: Eighth Amendment to the Amended and Restated Master Repurchase Agreement and Pricing Letter ("Eighth Amendment").

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This Eighth Amendment is made as of the [] day of February 2020 (the "<u>Amendment Effective Date</u>"), to that certain Master Repurchase Agreement, dated as of July 29, 2015, as amended (the "<u>Repurchase Agreement</u>") and the Pricing Letter, dated as of July 29, 2015, as amended (the "<u>Pricing Letter</u>"), in each case by and between Guild Mortgage Company ('<u>Seller</u>") and TIAA, FSB. formerly known as EverBank ('<u>Buyer</u>" or "<u>EverBank</u>"). The Repurchase Agreement and the Pricing Letter are sometimes hereinafter collectively referred to as the "<u>Agreement</u>."

WHEREAS, Seller requested that Buyer amend the Agreement as provided herein; and

WHEREAS, Seller and Buyer have agreed to so amend the Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto hereby agree to amend the Agreement as follows:

### **SECTION 1. Amendments**

(a) Sections 1, 2 and 3 of the Pricing Letter are hereby amended and restated in their entirety as follows:

**Section 1. Definitions.** The following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

"Adjusted Indebtedness" means, at any date, the result of (a) Seller's Indebtedness on such date, minus (b) the unpaid principal of Seller's Subordinated Debt on such date (to the extent such Subordinated Debt is excluded from Seller's Indebtedness in calculating Seller's Adjusted Tangible Net Worth on such date in accordance with the definition thereof).

"Aged Mortgage Loan" shall mean a Mortgage Loan, other than a Jumbo Mortgage Loan, a manufactured Housing Mortgage Loan, a HECM, an FHA 203(k) Loan, or a Low FICO Government Mortgage Loan, subject to a Transaction hereunder for more than [\*\*\*] but not more than [\*\*\*].

"Aging Limit" shall mean (a) [\*\*\*] following the Purchase Date for Mortgage Loans other than Aged Mortgage Loans, and (b) [\*\*\*] following the Purchase Date for Aged Mortgage Loans.

"Annual Financial Statement Date" shall mean December 31, 2014.

"Approved Mortgage Product" shall mean the following mortgage products approved by Buyer for Transactions under the Agreement: Conforming Mortgage Loans, Eligible Government Mortgage Loans, Jumbo Mortgage Loans. Manufactured Housing Mortgage Loans, State Agency) Program Loans, HECMs, Low FICO Government Mortgage Loans, FHA 203(k) Loans, Wet Mortgage Loans and Aged Mortgage Loans. In no event shall an Ineligible Product be an Approved Mortgage Product.

#### "Change in Control" shall mean:

- (a) any transaction or event as a result of which either (i) [\*\*\*] shall cease to own, directly, at least [\*\*\*] and a controlling interest of the stock of Seller or (ii) there shall be any owner of the stock of Seller other than [\*\*\*] or [\*\*\*]; or
- (b) the sale, transfer, or other disposition of all or substantially all of Seller's assets (excluding any such action taken in connection with any securitization transaction); or
- (c) the consummation of a merger or consolidation of Seller with or into another entity or any other corporate reorganization (in one transaction or in a series of transactions); or
  - (d) [\*\*\*] shall no longer be both (i) employed by Seller, and (ii) involved in the day to day operations of Seller; or
  - (e) a change in the majority of the board of directors of Seller during any twelve-month period.

"Concentration Category" shall mean, with respect to Mortgage Loans, each category set forth under the heading "Concentration Category" in the table included in the definition of "Concentration Limit."

"Concentration Limit" shall mean. as of any date of determination, with respect to the Eligible Mortgage Loans included in any Concentration Category, the applicable amount that the aggregate Purchase Price for such Eligible Mortgage Loans may not at any time exceed. as set forth in the below table.

	Concentration Limit (percentages based on Maximum Purchase	
Concentration Category	Amount)	
Wet Mortgage Loans	[***]	
Jumbo Mortgage Loans	[***]	
Jumbo Mortgage Loans	[***]	
Manufactured Housing Mortgage Loans	[***]	
State Agency Program Loans	[***]	
HECMs	[***]	
Condo Loans	[***]	
Low FICO Government Mortgage Loans	[***]	
Second Lien Mortgage Loans	[***]	
FHA 203(k) Loans	[***]	
Fannie Mae Renovation Loans	[***]	
Aged Mortgage Loans	[***]	

\*The aggregate concentration of the Jumbo Mortgage Loans shall be subject to a [\*\*\*] concentration sublimit for Jumbo Mortgage Loans (Specialty) and in such concentration sublimit there shall be no more than (i) [\*\*\*] concentration of Jumbo Mortgage Loans (High DTI), (ii) [\*\*\*] concentration of Jumbo Mortgage Loans (High Limit), (iv) [\*\*\*] concentration of Jumbo Mortgage Loans (Modified DTI) and (v) [\*\*\*] concentration. in the aggregate, of Jumbo Mortgage Loans (High LTV) and Jumbo Mortgage Loans (Ultra LTV), with no more than [\*\*\*] concentration of Jumbo Mortgage Loans (Ultra LTV).

"Condo Loan" shall mean a Mortgage Loan that (i) does not conform to the requirements of an Agency for securitization or cash purchase, (2) conforms to the requirements of the EverBank preferred Correspondent guidelines for the purchase of a condominium loan that is not eligible for securitization or cash purchase by an Agency, and (3) is subject to a Takeout Commitment by Buyer.

"Conforming Mortgage Loan" shall mean a Mortgage Loan (other than an a Manufactured Housing Mortgage Loan, an FHA 203(k) Loans or a State Agency Program Loan) that conforms to the requirements of an Agency for securitization or cash purchase, and which has a FICO score of at least [\*\*\*].

"Eligible Government Mortgage Loan" shall mean a Government Mortgage Loan (other than a Manufactured Housing Mortgage Loan or a State Agency Program Loan) that has a FICO score of at least [\*\*\*].

"ERISA Liability Threshold" shall mean [\*\*\*].

"Facility Termination Threshold" shall mean [\*\*\*].

"Fannie Mae Renovation Loan" shall mean first lien Mortgage Loans that meet all the requirements for a Fannie Mae Renovation Mortgage.

"FHA 203(k) Loan" shall mean first lien Mortgage Loans that meet all the requirement for mortgage insurance issued by FHA under the Section 203(k) Rehabilitation Mortgage insurance Program.

"Fidelity Insurance Requirement" shall mean (a) [\*\*\*] for fidelity coverage, with a maximum deductible of [\*\*\*], and (b) [\*\*\*] for errors and omissions coverage, with a maximum deductible of [\*\*\*].

"Financial Reporting Party" shall mean Seller.

"HECM" shall have the meaning specified in the Repurchase Agreement.

"Ineligible Product" shall mean any mortgage product that is not an Approved Mortgage Product. Unless approved by Buyer in writing in advance on a case-by-case basis and subject to additional documentation, "Ineligible Product" shall also mean any Mortgage Loans with respect to which any Mortgagor thereunder is a shareholder, director, or officer of Seller or an Affiliate, or a Relative of any of the foregoing.

"Jumbo Mortgage Loan" is a collective reference to Jumbo Mortgage Loans (Standard Limit) and Jumbo Mortgage Loans (Specialty).

"Jumbo Mortgage Loans (High DTI))" shall mean a Mortgage Loan (i) with a principal balance of not more than [\*\*\*] (ii) that except with respect to (x) the original principal balance thereof and (y) the Debt-to-Income Ratio, conforms to the requirements for securitization or cash purchase by an Agency, (iii) that has a FICO score of at least [\*\*\*], (iv) with a Loan-to-Value Ratio no greater than [\*\*\*], (v) has a Debt-to-Income Ratio greater than [\*\*\*] and not to exceed [\*\*\*], (vi) is fully amortizing, and (vii) that is subject to a Takeout Commitment from a Takeout Investor.

"Jumbo Mortgage Loans (High Limit)" shall mean a Mortgage Loan, with or without a Takeout Commitment, (i) with a principal balance of not more than [\*\*\*], (ii) that except with respect to the original principal balance thereof, conforms to the requirements for securitization or cash purchase by an Agency, (iii) that satisfies Buyer's underwriting guidelines (or jumbo mortgage loans, (iv) that has a FICO score of at least [\*\*\*], and (v) with a Loan-to-Value Ratio of not greater than [\*\*\*].

"Jumbo Mortgage Loans (High LTV)" shall mean a Mortgage Loan (i) with a principal balance of rot more than [\*\*\*], (ii) that except with respect to (x) the original principal balance thereof and (y) the Loan-to-Value Ratio, conforms to the requirements for securitization or cash purchase by an Agency, (iii) that satisfies Buyer's underwriting guidelines for jumbo moltgage loans, (iv) that has a FICO score of at least [\*\*\*], (v) with a Loan-to-Value Ratio no greater than [\*\*\*], (vi) is fully amortizing, and (vii) that is subject to a Takeout Commitment from a Takeout Investor.

"Jumbo Mortgage Loans (Ultra LTV)" shall mean a Mortgage Loan (i) with a principal balance of not more than [\*\*\*], (ii) that except with respect to (x) the

original principal balance thereof and (y) the Loan-to-Value Ratio, conforms to the requirements for securitization or cash purchase by an Agency, (iii) that satisfies Buyer's underwriting guidelines for jumbo mortgage loans, (iv) that has a FICO score of at least [\*\*\*], (v) with a Loan-to-Value Ratio, greater than [\*\*\*], but no greater than [\*\*\*], (vi) is fully amortizing, and (vii) that is subject to a Takeout Commitment from a Takeout Investor.

"Jumbo Mortgage Loans (IO)" shall mean a Mortgage Loan (i) with a principal balance of not more than [\*\*\*] (ii) does not amortize, (iii) that except with respect to (x) the original principal balance thereof and (y) the failure to amortize, conforms to the requirements for securitization or cash purchase by an Agency, (iv) that satisfies Buyer's underwriting guidelines for jumbo mortgage loans, (v) that has a FICO score of at least [\*\*\*]. (vi) with Loan-to-Value Ratio of not greater than [\*\*\*], and (vii) that is subject to a Takeout Commitment from a Takeout Investor.

"Jumbo Mortgage Loans (Modified DTI)" shall mean a Mortgage Loan. with or without a Takeout Commitment. (i) with a principal balance of not more than [\*\*\*] (ii) that except with respect to the original principal balance thereof and the calculation of DTJ. conforms to the requirements for securitization or cash purchase by an Agency. (iii) that satisfies Buyer's underwriting guidelines for jumbo mortgage loans, (iv) that has a FICO score of at least [\*\*\*], (v) with a Loan-to-Value Ratio of not greater than [\*\*\*], (vi) a Modified OTT not to exceed [\*\*\*], and (vii) that is subject to a Takeout Commitment from a Takeout Investor.

"Jumbo Mortgage Loans (Specialty)" is a collective reference to Jumbo Mortgage Loans (High DTI). Jumbo Mortgage Loans (IO), Jumbo Mortgage Loans (High LTV), Jumbo Mortgage Loans (Ultra LTV), Jumbo Mortgage Loans (High Limit) and Jumbo Mortgage Loans (Modified DTI).

"Jumbo Mortgage Loans (Standard Limit)" shall mean a Mortgage Loan, with or without a Takeout Commitment, (i) with a principal balance of not more than [\*\*\*], (ii) that except with respect to the original principal balance thereof, conforms to the requirements for securitization or cash purchase by an Agency, (iii) that satisfies Buyer's underwriting guidelines for jumbo mortgage loans, (iv) that has a FICO score of at least [\*\*\*], and (v) with a Loan-to-Value Ratio of not greater than [\*\*\*].

"LIBOR Floor" shall mean [\*\*\*].

"Low FICO Government Mortgage Loan" shall mean an Eligible Government Mortgage Loan which has a FICO score equal to or greater than [\*\*\*] but less than [\*\*\*].

"Litigation Threshold" shall mean [\*\*\*] of the Seller's Adjusted Tangible Net Worth.

"Manufactured Housing Mortgage Loan" shall mean any first-lien Mortgage Loan (a) with a Fico score not below [\*\*\*] and (b) with respect to which the Mortgaged Property is a manufactured dwelling and (i) such Mortgage Loan conforms with the applicable Agency requirements regarding mortgage loans related to manufactured dwellings, (ii) the related manufactured dwelling is permanently affixed to the land, (iii) the related manufactured dwelling and land are subject to a Mortgage properly filed in the appropriate public recording office and naming Seller as mortgagee, (iv) the applicable laws of the jurisdiction in which the related Mortgaged Property is located will deem the manufactured dwelling located on such Mortgaged Property to be a part of the real property on

which such dwelling is located, and (v) such Manufactured Home Mortgage Loan is (1) a qualified mortgage under Section 860G(a)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and (2) secured by manufactured housing treated as a single family residence under Section 25(e)(10) of the Code.

"Maximum Purchase Amount" shall mean [\*\*\*] minus the then outstanding principal balance of the Loan (as defined in the Servicing Rights Facility).

"Modified DTI" shall mean the Debt-to-Income Ratio of the Mortgagor that includes income of the Mortgagor that is either (i) passive, or (ii) imputed to the Mortgagor based on the value of Mortgagor's assets.

"Monthly Financial Statement Date" shall mean June 30, 2015.

"Post-Default Rate" shall mean a rate per annum equal to the sum of (a) the LIBOR Rate, plus (b) [\*\*\*].

"Pricing Spreads" shall mean:

Type of Mortgage Loan	Percentage
Conforming Mortgage Loans and Eligible Government	[***]
Mortgage Loans (excluding Manufactured Housing	
Mortgage Loans, FHA 203(k) Loans, Low FICO	
Government Mortgage Loans and State Agency	
Program Loans)	
Jumbo Mortgage Loans (Standard Limit)	[***]
Manufactured Housing Mortgage Loans	[***]
State Agency Program Loans	[***]
HECMs	[***]
Condo Loans	[***]
Jumbo Mortgage Loans (Specialty)	[***]
Aged Mortgage Loans	[***]
Low FICO Government Mortgage Loans	[***]
Second Lien Mortgage Loans	[***]
FHA 203(k) Loans	[***]
Fannie Mae Renovation Loans	[***]
Mortgage Loans exceeding the applicable Transaction	[***]
Term Limitation	

When a Purchased Mortgage Loan may qualify for two or more Pricing Spreads hereunder, unless otherwise expressly agreed to by the Buyer in writing, such Purchased Mortgage Loan shall be assigned the higher Pricing Spread, as applicable.

"Purchase Price" shall mean the price at which each Purchased Mortgage Loan is transferred by Seller buyer, which shall equal:

- (a) on the Purchase Date, the applicable Purchase Price Percentage multiplied by the least of: (i) the Market Value of such Purchased Mortgage Loan, or (ii) the outstanding principal amount thereof as set forth on the related Mortgage Loan Schedule, or (iii) the price set forth in the related Takeout Commitment; and
- (b) on any day after the Purchase Date, except where Buyer and the Seller agree otherwise, the amount determined under the immediately preceding clause (a) decreased by the amount of any cash transferred by the Seller to Buyer pursuant to Section 4 or 5 of the Agreement or applied to reduce the Seller's obligations under Section 9 of the Agreement.

"Purchase Price Percentage" shall mean:

Type of Mortgage Loan	Percentage
Conforming Mortgage Loans and Eligible Government Mortgage Loans (excluding Manufactured Housing Mortgage Loans, Low FICO Government Mortgage Loans, FHA 203(k) Loans and State Agency Program Loans)	[***]
Jumbo Mortgage Loans (Standard Limit)	[***]
Jumbo Mortgage Loans (Specialty)	[***]
State Agency Program Loans	[***]
Manufactured Housing Mortgage Loans	[***]
Condo Loans	[***]
HECMs	[***]
Low FICO Government Mortgage Loans	[***]
Second Lien Mortgage Loans	[***]
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Aged Mortgage Loans	[***]

When a Purchased Mortgage Loan may qualify for two or more Purchase Price Percentages hereunder, unless otherwise expressly agreed to by Buyer in writing, such Purchased Mortgage Loan shall be assigned the lower Purchase Price Percentage, as applicable.

"<u>Relative</u>" shall mean a spouse, domestic partner, cohabitant, child, stepchild, grandchild, parent. stepparent, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandparent, great grandparent, brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister, stepsibling, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, aunt, great aunt, uncle, great uncle, niece, nephew, or first cousin (that is, a child of an aunt or uncle).

"Reporting Date" shall mean the 15th day of each month, or if such day is not a Business Day, the next succeeding Business Day.

"Second Lien Mortgage Loan" shall mean (a)(i) a second lien mortgage loan that is originated by Seller contemporaneously with a first lien mortgage loan on the identical Mortgaged Property, and (ii) the first lien mortgage loan related to the Mortgage Property is (x) a Purchased Mortgage Loan and (y) a Qualified Mortgage, as defined in 12 CFR 1026.43, et seq.; and (b) that except with respect to the lien position thereof, (i) conforms to the requirements for securitization or cash purchase by an Agency, (ii) that satisfies Seller's Underwriting Guidelines for second lien mortgage loans, (iii) that has a FICO score of at least [\*\*\*], (iv) has a principal balance no greater than [\*\*\*], (v) has a combined loan to value no greater than [\*\*\*], and (vi) that is subject to a Takeout Commitment.

"Servicing Rights Facility" shall mean that certain Loan and Security Agreement, dated as of July 26, 2017, by and between Seller, as borrower, and Buyer, as bank, as the same may be amended or revised from time to time.

"State Agency Program Loan" shall mean a mortgage loan originated by Seller in accordance with the applicable guidelines of, and in anticipation of sale to, state housing authorities, as approved by Buyer in writing in its sole discretion.

"Surplus Amount" shall mean [\*\*\*].

"<u>Termination Date</u>" shall mean July 16, 2020 or such earlier date as determined by Buyer pursuant to its rights and remedies under the Agreement.

"Test Date" shall mean the last day of each calendar month with respect to Sections 3(a), 3(b) and 3(c) below and the last day of each fiscal quarter with respect to Section 3(d) below.

"<u>Transaction Term Limitation</u>" shall mean for each Transaction, the number of days such Transaction remains outstanding, which shall not exceed (a) with respect to any Mortgage Loan other than an Aged Mortgage Loan, [\*\*\*] and (b) with respect to an Aged Mortgage Loan, [\*\*\*].

"Warehouse Fees" shall mean those fees listed on Schedule 1 [Omitted pursuant to Item 601(a)(5) of Regulation S-K] hereto.

"Wet Delivery Deadline" shall mean, with respect to each Wet Mortgage Loan, the date that is [\*\*\*] following the related Purchase Date for such Wet Mortgage Loan.

Section 2. No Commitment. The Agreement does not constitute a commitment by Buyer to enter into Transactions under the Agreement. The parties acknowledge that Buyer will enter into Transactions with Seller in Buyer's sole discretion and subject to satisfaction of a terms and conditions of the Agreement.

Section 3. Certain Financial Condition Covenants. Without limiting any provision set forth in the Agreement, Seller shall comply with the following covenants, each to be tested on each Test Date occurring prior to the Termination Date:

- (a) Maintenance of Adjusted Tangible Net Worth. Seller shall maintain an Adjusted Tangible Net Worth of not less than [\*\*\*].
- (b) Maintenance of Ratio of Adjusted Indebtedness to Adjusted Tangible Net Worth. Seller shall maintain the ratio of Adjusted indebtedness to Adjusted Tangible Net Worth of no greater than [\*\*\*].

- (c) Maintenance of Liquidity. Seller shall ensure that it has cash and Cash Equivalents (excluding Restricted Cash or cash pledged to Persons other than Buyer), in an amount not less than [\*\*\*], which shall be comprised of a minimum of [\*\*\*] in cash. In determining Cash Equivalents and Seller's compliance with the foregoing liquidity maintenance requirement, up to [\*\*\*] may be comprised of voluntary buy-downs by Seller of its existing warehouse facilities, as approved by Buyer for purposes of such determination. Seller shall include, together with its monthly submission of the Compliance Certificate attached hereto as Exhibit A [Omitted pursuant to Item 601(a)(5) of Regulation S-K], evidence satisfactory to Buyer to demonstrate such buy-downs amount.
- (d) Maintenance of Profitability. Seller shall not permit (i) for any [\*\*\*] consecutive fiscal quarters (on an individual fiscal quarter, and not aggregate, basis), Seller's Net Income, excluding non-cash write-ups or write-downs to the valuation of mortgage servicing rights, for such fiscal quarter to be less than [\*\*\*]; or (ii) for any fiscal quarter, Seller's Net Income, excluding non-cash write-ups or write-downs to the valuation of mortgage servicing rights, to be a loss of more than [\*\*\*].
- **SECTION 2.** <u>Defined Terms.</u> Any terms capitalized but not otherwise defined herein should have the respective meanings set forth in the Agreement.
- **SECTION 3.** Fees. in addition to the fees contemplated by the Agreement, the Seller shall pay the Warehouse Fees as and when required hereunder. There are no fees due and owing in connection with this Amendment.
- **SECTION 4.** <u>Limited Effect.</u> Except as amended hereby, the Agreement shall continue in full force and effect in accordance with its terms. Reference to this Eighth Amendment need not be made in the Agreement or any other instrument or document executed in connection therewith, or in any certificate, letter or communication issued or made pursuant to, or with respect to, the Agreement, any reference in any of such items to the Agreement being sufficient to refer to the Agreement as amended hereby.
- **SECTION 5.** Representations. In order to induce Buyer to execute and deliver this Eighth Amendment, each Seller hereby represents to Buyer that as of the date hereof, except as otherwise expressly waived by Buyer in writing, such Seller is in full compliance with all of the terms and conditions of the Agreement including without limitation, all of the representations and warranties and all of the affirmative and negative covenants, and no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing under the Agreement.
- **SECTION 6.** Severability. Each provision and agreement herein shall be treated as separate and independent from any other provision or agreement herein and shall be enforceable notwithstanding the unenforceability of any such other provision or agreement.
- SECTION 7. GOVERNING LAW. THIS PRICING LETTER SHALL BE CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, AND THE OBLIGATIONS, RIGHTS AND REMEDIES OF THE PARTIES HEREUNDER SHALL BE DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUCH LAWS.
- **SECTION 8.** Counterparts. This Eighth Amendment may be executed in two (2) or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original but all of which together shall

constitute but one and the same agreement. This Eighth Amendment, to the extent signed and delivered by facsimile or other electronic means, shall be treated in all manner and respects as an original agreement and shall be considered to have the same binding legal effect as if it were the original signed version thereof delivered in person. No signatory to this Eighth Amendment shall raise the use of a facsimile machine or other electronic means to deliver a signature or the fact that any signature or agreement was transmitted or communicated through the use of a facsimile machine or other electronic means as a defense to the formation or enforceability of a contract and each such Person forever waives any such defense.

[Signatures Appear on Following Pages]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Seller and Buyer have caused their names to be signed hereto by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized, as of the date first above written.

TIAA, FSB, as Buyer

By: /s/ Katherine M. Walton

Katherine M. Walton Vice President

GUILD MORTGAGE COMPANY, a California corporation, as Seller

By: /s/ Terry L. Schmidt

Terry L. Schmidt President

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## Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors Guild Holdings Company:

We consent to the use of our report included herein and to the reference to our firm under the heading "Experts" in the prospectus.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Irvine, California October 9, 2020

#### **Consent of Director Nominee**

Guild Holdings Company is filing a Registration Statement on Form S-1 (SEC File No. 333-249225) with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), in connection with the initial public offering of its Class A Common Stock. In connection therewith, I hereby consent, pursuant to Rule 438 of the Securities Act, to being named as a person who will be appointed to the board of directors of Guild Holdings Company in the Registration Statement and in any registration statement for the same securities offering filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act and any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) thereto (collectively, the "Registration Statement"). I also consent to the filing of this consent as an exhibit to the Registration Statement.

/s/ Martha E. Marcon

Name: Martha E. Marcon

Dated: October 9, 2020

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/s/ Edward Bryant, Jr. Name: Edward Bryant, Jr.

Dated: October 9, 2020