

Arbor Realty Trust Reports Third Quarter 2018 Results and Increases Quarterly Dividend to \$0.27 per Share

November 2, 2018

Company Highlights:

- GAAP net income of \$0.36 per diluted common share; AFFO of \$0.37, or \$0.42 per diluted common share excluding a one-time loss from the early repayment of debt¹
- Declares a cash dividend on common stock of \$0.27 per share, a 42% increase in our dividend from a year ago and 8% higher than last quarter
- Issued \$264.5 million of 5.25% convertible senior notes due in 2021 primarily to exchange our 6.50% and 5.375% convertible senior notes

Agency Business

- Segment income of \$19.3 million
- Loan originations of \$1.41 billion, a 36% increase from 2Q18
- Servicing portfolio of \$17.79 billion, up 4% from 2Q18

Structured Business

- Segment income of \$16.2 million
- Loan originations of \$287.5 million
- Recognized a \$10 million gain from the settlement of a litigation

UNIONDALE, N.Y., Nov. 02, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Arbor Realty Trust, Inc. (NYSE: ABR), today announced financial results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2018. Arbor reported net income for the quarter of \$27.7 million, or \$0.36 per diluted common share, compared to \$16.4 million, or \$0.26 per diluted common share for the quarter ended September 30, 2017. Adjusted funds from operations ("AFFO") for the quarter was \$36.4 million, or \$0.37 per diluted common share, compared to \$21.0 million, or \$0.25 per diluted common share for the quarter ended September 30, 2017. ¹

Agency Business

Loan Origination Platform

Agency Loan Volume (in thousands)

	Quarter Ended	
	September 30,	June 30,
	2018	2018
Fannie Mae	\$ 995,662	\$ 606,287
Freddie Mac	317,516	434,789
FHA	77,236	-
CMBS/Conduit	20,650	-
Total Originations	\$ 1,411,064	\$ 1,041,076
Total Loan Sales	\$ 1,190,004	\$ 1,018,283
Total Loan Commitments	\$ 1,376,376	\$ 1,079,478

For the quarter ended September 30, 2018, the Agency Business generated revenues of \$58.8 million, compared to \$49.0 million for the second quarter of 2018. Gain on sales, including fee-based services, net was \$17.5 million for the quarter, reflecting a margin of 1.47% on loan sales, compared to \$15.6 million and 1.53% for the second quarter of 2018. Income from mortgage servicing rights was \$25.2 million for the quarter, reflecting a rate of 1.83% as a percentage of loan commitments, compared to \$17.9 million and 1.66% for the second quarter of 2018.

At September 30, 2018, loans held-for-sale was \$500.3 million which was primarily comprised of unpaid principal balances totaling \$493.0 million, with financing associated with these loans totaling \$492.6 million.

Fee-Based Servicing Portfolio

Our fee-based servicing portfolio totaled \$17.79 billion at September 30, 2018, an increase of 4% from June 30, 2018, primarily a result of \$1.41 billion of new loan originations, net of \$706.0 million in portfolio runoff during the quarter. Servicing revenue, net was \$14.2 million for the quarter and

consists of servicing revenue of \$26.1 million, net of amortization of mortgage servicing rights totaling \$11.9 million.

	Fee-Based Serv	vicing Portfolio	(\$ in thousands)					
	As of Septembe	r 30, 2018		As of June 30, 20	As of June 30, 2018			
	UPB	Wtd. Avg. Fee	Wtd. Avg. Life (in years)	UPB	Wtd. Avg. Wtd. Avg. Fee Life (in years)			
Fannie Mae	\$13,195,643	0.523 %	7.7	\$ 12,794,277	0.530 % 7.3			
Freddie Mac	3,977,619	0.308 %	11.0	3,730,980	0.308 % 11.0			
FHA	621,419	0.157 %	20.1	585,017	0.159 % 20.1			
Total	\$17,794,681	0.462 %	8.8	\$17,110,274	0.469 % 8.6			

Loans sold under the Fannie Mae program contain an obligation to partially guarantee the performance of the loan ("loss-sharing obligations"). At September 30, 2018, the Company's allowance for loss-sharing obligations was \$33.4 million, representing 0.25% of the Fannie Mae servicing portfolio.

Structured Business

Portfolio and Investment Activity

- 18 new loan originations totaling \$287.5 million, of which 17 were bridge loans for \$283.5 million
- Payoffs and pay downs on 14 loans totaling \$255.6 million

At September 30, 2018, the loan and investment portfolio's unpaid principal balance, excluding loan loss reserves, was \$3.17 billion, with a weighted average current interest pay rate of 6.88%, compared to \$3.14 billion and 6.76% at June 30, 2018. Including certain fees earned and costs associated with the loan and investment portfolio, the weighted average current interest pay rate was 7.52% at September 30, 2018, compared to 7.40% at June 30, 2018. The increase in average costs was primarily due to an increase in LIBOR.

The average balance of the Company's loan and investment portfolio during the third quarter of 2018, excluding loan loss reserves, was \$3.26 billion with a weighted average yield on these assets of 7.37%, compared to \$2.91 billion and 7.40% for the second quarter of 2018.

At September 30, 2018, the Company's total loan loss reserves were \$61.0 million on five loans with an aggregate carrying value before loan loss reserves of \$131.9 million. The Company also had two non-performing loans with a carrying value of \$2.5 million, net of related loan loss reserves of \$1.7 million.

The Company recognized a net gain of approximately \$10 million from the settlement of a litigation related to a prior investment.

Financing Activity

The balance of debt that finances the Company's loan and investment portfolio at September 30, 2018 was \$2.92 billion with a weighted average interest rate including fees of 5.03% as compared to \$2.81 billion and a rate of 4.93% at June 30, 2018. The average balance of debt that finances the Company's loan and investment portfolio for the third quarter of 2018 was \$2.86 billion, as compared to \$2.54 billion for the second quarter of 2018. The average cost of borrowings for the third quarter was 4.93%, compared to 5.46% for the second quarter of 2018. The decrease in average costs was primarily due to the acceleration of \$2.9 million in fees related to the early repayment of debt in the second quarter of 2018.

The Company is subject to various financial covenants and restrictions under the terms of its collateralized securitization vehicles and financing facilities. The Company believes it was in compliance with all financial covenants and restrictions as of September 30, 2018 and as of the most recent collateralized securitization vehicle determination dates in October 2018.

Capital Markets

The Company issued \$264.5 million in aggregate principal amount of 5.25% convertible senior notes due 2021 (the "Notes") through two private placements, including \$34.5 million of the initial purchaser's over-allotment options. The Company received proceeds totaling \$256.1 million, net of the underwriter's discount and fees from these offerings. The Company used the net proceeds to exchange \$99.8 million in aggregate principal amount of its 6.50% convertible senior notes due 2019 and \$127.6 million in aggregate principal amount of its 5.375% convertible senior notes due 2020 for a combination of \$219.8 million in cash and 6.8 million shares of the Company's common stock to settle such exchanges. The remaining net proceeds were used for general corporate purposes. As a result of these exchanges, the Company recorded a \$5.0 million loss on extinguishment of debt.

Dividends

The Company announced today that its Board of Directors has declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.27 per share of common stock for the quarter ended September 30, 2018, representing an increase of 42% from a year ago and 8% over the prior quarter dividend of \$0.25 per share. The dividend is payable on November 30, 2018 to common stockholders of record on November 15, 2018. The ex-dividend date is November 14, 2018.

The Company also announced today that its Board of Directors has declared cash dividends on the Company's Series A, Series B and Series C cumulative redeemable preferred stock reflecting accrued dividends from September 1, 2018 through November 30, 2018. The dividends are payable on November 30, 2018 to preferred stockholders of record on November 15, 2018. The Company will pay total dividends of \$0.515625, \$0.484375 and \$0.53125 per share on the Series A, Series B and Series C preferred stock, respectively.

Earnings Conference Call

The Company will host a conference call today at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time. A live webcast of the conference call will be available at <u>www.arbor.com</u> in the investor relations area of the website. Those without web access should access the call telephonically at least ten minutes prior to the conference call. The dial-in numbers are (866) 516-5034 for domestic callers and (678) 509-7613 for international callers. Please use participant passcode

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After the live webcast, the call will remain available on the Company's website through November 30, 2018. In addition, a telephonic replay of the call will be available until November 9, 2018. The replay dial-in numbers are (855) 859-2056 for domestic callers and (404) 537-3406 for international callers. Please use passcode 8190269.

About Arbor Realty Trust, Inc.

Arbor Realty Trust. Inc. (NYSE:ABR) is a nationwide real estate investment trust and direct lender, providing loan origination and servicing for multifamily, seniors housing, healthcare, and other diverse commercial real estate assets. Headquartered in Uniondale, New York, Arbor manages a multibillion-dollar servicing portfolio, specializing in Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and other government-sponsored enterprises, as well as CMBS, bridge, mezzanine, and preferred equity lending. Rated by Standard and Poor's and Fitch Ratings, Arbor is committed to building on its reputation for service, quality, and flexibility, and dedicated to providing our clients excellence over the entire life of a loan.

Safe Harbor Statement

Certain items in this press release may constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements are based on management's current expectations and beliefs and are subject to a number of trends and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements. Arbor can give no assurance that its expectations will be attained. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from Arbor's expectations include, but are not limited to, continued ability to source new investments, changes in interest rates and/or credit spreads, changes in the real estate markets, and other risks detailed in Arbor's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 and its other reports filed with the SEC. Such forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this press release. Arbor expressly disclaims any obligation or undertaking to release publicly any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statements contained herein to reflect any change in Arbor's expectations with regard thereto or change in events, conditions, or circumstances on which any such statement is based.

1. Non-GAAP Financial Measures

During the quarterly earnings conference call, the Company may discuss non-GAAP financial measures as defined by SEC Regulation G. In addition, the Company has used non-GAAP financial measures in this press release. A supplemental schedule of non-GAAP financial measures and the comparable GAAP financial measure can be found on page 11 of this release.

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ARBOR REALTY TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME - (Unaudited) (\$ in thousands—except share and per share data)

	Quarter Endeo	Ł	Nine Months Ended			
	September 30	,	September 30,			
	2018	2017	2018	2017		
Interest income	\$ 67,500	\$ 42,140	\$178,408	\$ 110,133		
Interest expense	39,548	23,850	110,819	63,698		
Net interest income	27,952	18,290	67,589	46,435		
Other revenue:						
Gain on sales, including fee-based services, net	17,451	17,126	51,266	55,127		
Mortgage servicing rights	25,216	18,897	62,787	56,182		
Servicing revenue, net	14,244	8,520	34,662	19,923		
Property operating income	2,651	2,668	8,525	8,755		
Other income, net	(3,982) 778	(1,574) (931		
Total other revenue	55,580	47,989	155,666	139,056		
Other expenses:						
Employee compensation and benefits	27,775	25,194	84,084	66,861		
Selling and administrative	9,994	7,607	27,783	23,136		
Property operating expenses	2,437	2,583	8,089	7,843		

Depreciation and amortization Impairment loss on real estate owned Provision for loss sharing (net of recoveries) Provision for loan losses (net of recoveries) Litigation settlement gain Management fee - related party Total other expenses	1,848 - 2,019 836 (10,170 - 34,739	1,829 - (2,617 2,000) - - 36,596	5,539 2,000) 2,840 (967 (10,170 - 119,198	5,542 2,700 (405)) (457)) - 6,673 111,893
Income before extinguishment of debt, (loss) income from equity affiliates and income taxes (Loss) gain on extinguishment of debt (Loss) income from equity affiliates Provision for income taxes	48,793 (4,960 (1,028 (5,381	29,683) -) 996) (6,708	104,057 (4,960 1,104) (1,096	73,598) 7,116 1,756) (16,244)
Net income	37,424	23,971	99,105	66,226
Preferred stock dividends Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest Net income attributable to common stockholders	1,888 7,799 \$27,737	1,888 5,662 \$ 16,421	5,665 22,347 \$71,093	5,665 16,597 \$43,964
Basic earnings per common share Diluted earnings per common share	\$ 0.37 \$ 0.36	\$ 0.27 \$ 0.26	\$ 1.05 \$ 1.03	\$0.78 \$0.77
Weighted average shares outstanding: Basic Diluted	74,802,582 98,435,964	61,582,796 83,918,117	67,490,132 91,133,607	56,602,504 78,942,919
Dividends declared per common share	\$ 0.25	\$0.18	\$0.71	\$0.53

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(\$ in thousands-except share and per share data)

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Assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	92,598	\$ 104,374
Restricted cash		202,736	139,398
Loans and investments, net		3,097,689	2,579,127
Loans held-for-sale, net		500,281	297,443
Capitalized mortgage servicing rights, net		259,401	252,608
Securities held to maturity, net		50,520	27,837
Investments in equity affiliates		22,101	23,653
Real estate owned, net		14,563	16,787
Due from related party		97,505	688
Goodwill and other intangible assets		117,565	121,766
Other assets		79,301	62,264
Total assets	\$	4,534,260	\$ 3,625,945
Liabilities and Equity:			
Credit facilities and repurchase agreements		1,169,586	528,573
Collateralized loan obligations		1,592,089	1,418,422
Debt fund		68,099	68,084
Senior unsecured notes		122,358	95,280
Convertible senior unsecured notes, net		263,653	231,287
Junior subordinated notes to subsidiary trust issuing preferred securities		140,084	139,590
Related party financing		-	50,000

Due to related party Due to borrowers Allowance for loss-sharing obligations Other liabilities Total liabilities	33 10	38 7,006 3,405 00,970 567,788		- 99,829 30,511 99,813 2,761,389	
Equity:					
Arbor Realty Trust, Inc. stockholders' equity:					
Preferred stock, cumulative, redeemable, \$0.01 par value: 100,000,000					
shares authorized; special voting preferred shares; 20,653,584 and 21,230,769 shares					
issued and outstanding, respectively; 8.25% Series A, \$38,787,500 aggregate					
liquidation preference; 1,551,500 shares issued and outstanding;					
7.75% Series B, \$31,500,000 aggregate liquidation preference;					
1,260,000 shares issued and outstanding; 8.50% Series C, \$22,500,000					
aggregate liquidation preference; 900,000 shares issued and outstanding	89	9,508		89,508	
Common stock, \$0.01 par value: 500,000,000 shares authorized; 75,684,964					
and 61,723,387 shares issued and outstanding, respectively	75			617	
Additional paid-in capital		35,364		707,450	,
Accumulated deficit	(78	8,316)	(101,926)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	-	7.040		176	
Total Arbor Realty Trust, Inc. stockholders' equity	79	97,313		695,825	
Noncontrolling interest	16	69,159		168,731	
Total equity		66,472		864,556	
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Total liabilities and equity	\$ 4,5	534,260	\$	3,625,945	

ARBOR REALTY TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

STATEMENT OF INCOME SEGMENT INFORMATION - (Unaudited) (in thousands)

Quarter Ended September 30, 2018

	Structured Business	Agency Business	Other / Eliminations ⁽¹⁾	Consolidated
Interest income	\$ 61,232	\$ 6,268	\$ -	\$ 67,500
Interest expense	35,508	4,040	-	39,548
Net interest income	25,724	2,228	-	27,952
Other revenue:				
Gain on sales, including fee-based services, net	-	17,451	-	17,451
Mortgage servicing rights	-	25,216	-	25,216
Servicing revenue	-	26,082	-	26,082
Amortization of MSRs	-	(11,838) -	(11,838)
Property operating income	2,651	-	-	2,651
Other income, net	406	(4,388) -	(3,982)
Total other revenue	3,057	52,523	-	55,580
Other expenses:				
Employee compensation and benefits	6,683	21,092	-	27,775
Selling and administrative	4,465	5,529	-	9,994
Property operating expenses	2,437	-	-	2,437
Depreciation and amortization	447	1,401	-	1,848
Provision for loss sharing (net of recoveries)	-	2,019	-	2,019
Provision for loan losses (net of recoveries)	836	-	-	836
Litigation settlement gain	(10,170) -	-	(10,170)
Total other expenses	4,698	30,041	-	34,739

Income before extinguishment of debt, loss from									
equity affiliates and income taxes	24	1,083		24,710		-		48,793	
Loss on extinguishment of debt	(4	,960)	-		-		(4,960)
Loss from equity affiliates	(1	,028)	-		-		(1,028)
Provision for income taxes	-			(5,381)	-		(5,381)
Net income	\$18	3,095	\$	19,329	\$	-		\$ 37,424	
Preferred stock dividends	1,8	888		-		-		1,888	
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	-			-		7,799		7,799	
Net income attributable to common stockholders	\$ 16	6,207	\$	19,329	\$	(7,799)	\$ 27,737	

⁽¹⁾ Includes certain income or expenses not allocated to the two reportable segments. Amount reflects income attributable to the noncontrolling interest holders.

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BALANCE SHEET SEGMENT INFORMATION - (Unaudited) (in thousands)

	September 30, 2018 Structured Business	B Agency Business	Consolidated
Assets:	¢ 45.004	¢ 47.07	¢ 00 500
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 45,001	\$ 47,597	\$ 92,598
Restricted cash	202,736	-	202,736
Loans and investments, net	3,097,689	-	3,097,689
Loans held-for-sale, net	-	500,281	500,281
Capitalized mortgage servicing rights, net	-	259,401	259,401
Securities held to maturity, net	-	50,520	50,520
Investments in equity affiliates	22,101	-	22,101
Goodwill and other intangible assets	12,500	105,065	117,565
Other assets	172,078	19,291	191,369
Total assets	\$ 3,552,105	\$ 982,155	\$ 4,534,260
Liabilities:			
Debt obligations	2,863,267	492,603	3,355,870
Allowance for loss-sharing obligations	-	33,405	33,405
Other liabilities	140,661	37,852	178,513
Total liabilities	\$ 3,003,928	\$ 563,860	\$ 3,567,788
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Supplemental Schedule of Non-GAAP Financial Measures - (Unaudited) Funds from Operations ("FFO") and Adjusted Funds from Operations ("AFFO") (\$ in thousands—except share and per share data)

	Quarter Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,		
	2018	2017	2018	2017	
Net income attributable to common stockholders	\$ 27,737	\$16,421	\$71,093	\$43,964	
Adjustments:					
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	7,799	5,661	22,347	16,596	
Impairment loss on real estate owned	-	-	2,000	2,700	

Depreciation - real estate owned Depreciation - investments in equity affiliates	177 125	173 101	533 374	592 305
Funds from operations (1)	\$ 35,838	\$22,356	\$96,347	\$64,157
Adjustments:				
Income from mortgage servicing rights	(25,216) (18,897) (62,787) (56,182)
Impairment loss on real estate owned	-	-	(2,000) (2,700)
Deferred tax (benefit) provision	(1,319) (922) (14,454) 15
Amortization and write-offs of MSRs	18,989	15,927	52,868	46,140
Depreciation and amortization	2,525	1,883	7,035	5,623
Net loss (gain) on changes in fair value of derivatives	4,388	(237) 2,331	2,313
Stock-based compensation	1,192	847	4,838	3,833
Adjusted funds from operations (1) (2)	\$ 36,397	\$20,957	\$84,178	\$63,199
Diluted FFO per share (1)	\$ 0.36	\$0.27	\$1.06	\$0.81
Diluted AFFO per share (1) (2)	\$ 0.37	\$0.25	\$0.92	\$0.80
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding (1)	98,435,964	83,918,117	91,133,607	78,942,919

(1) Amounts are attributable to common stockholders and OP Unit holders. The OP Units are redeemable for cash, or at the Company's option for shares of the Company's common stock on a one-for-one basis.

(2) Excluding the impact of a \$5.0 million loss on extinguishment of debt related to the exchange of our 6.50% and 5.375% convertible senior notes, AFFO for the third quarter of 2018 was \$41.4 million, or \$0.42 per diluted common share.

The Company is presenting FFO and AFFO because management believes they are important supplemental measures of the Company's operating performance in that they are frequently used by analysts, investors and other parties in the evaluation of REITs. The National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts, or NAREIT, defines FFO as net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders (computed in accordance with GAAP), excluding gains (losses) from sales of depreciated real properties, plus impairments of depreciated real properties and real estate related depreciation and amortization, and after adjustments for unconsolidated ventures.

The Company defines AFFO as funds from operations adjusted for accounting items such as non-cash stock-based compensation expense, income from mortgage servicing rights ("MSRs"), changes in fair value of certain derivatives that temporarily flow through earnings, amortization and write-offs of MSRs, deferred tax (benefit) provision and the amortization of the convertible senior notes conversion option. The Company also adds back one-time charges such as acquisition costs and impairment losses on real estate and gains (losses) on sales of real estate. The Company is generally not in the business of operating real estate property and has obtained real estate by foreclosure or through partial or full settlement of mortgage debt related to the Company's loans to maximize the value of the collateral and minimize the Company's exposure. Therefore, the Company deems such impairment and gains (losses) on real estate as an extension of the asset management of its loans, thus a recovery of principal or additional loss on the Company's initial investment.

FFO and AFFO are not intended to be an indication of the Company's cash flow from operating activities (determined in accordance with GAAP) or a measure of its liquidity, nor is it entirely indicative of funding the Company's cash needs, including its ability to make cash distributions. The Company's calculation of FFO and AFFO may be different from the calculations used by other companies and, therefore, comparability may be limited.



Source: Arbor Realty Trust