UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 10, 2019 (May 10, 2019)

Arbor Realty Trust, Inc.

(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

MARYLAND (STATE OF INCORPORATION)

001-32136 (COMMISSION FILE NUMBER)

20-0057959 (IRS EMPLOYER ID. NUMBER)

333 Earle Ovington Boulevard, Suite 900
Uniondale, New York
(ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES)

11553 (ZIP CODE)

(516) 506-4200 (REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company o

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. o

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading symbols	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	ABR	New York Stock Exchange
Preferred Stock, 8.25% Series A Cumulative Redeemable, par	ABR-PA	New York Stock Exchange
value \$0.01 per share		
Preferred Stock, 7.75% Series B Cumulative Redeemable, par	ABR-PB	New York Stock Exchange
value \$0.01 per share		
Preferred Stock, 8.50% Series C Cumulative Redeemable, par	ABR-PC	New York Stock Exchange
value \$0.01 per share		

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On May 10, 2019, Arbor Realty Trust, Inc. issued a press release announcing its earnings for the quarter ended March 31, 2019, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number 99.1

Exhibit

Press Release, dated May 10, 2019.

Exhibit Number

99.1 <u>Press Release, dated May 10, 2019.</u>

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ARBOR REALTY TRUST, INC.

By: Name: /s/ Paul Elenio

Paul Elenio

Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 10, 2019



Arbor Realty Trust Reports First Quarter Results and Increases Quarterly Dividend to \$0.28 per Share

Company Highlights:

- · GAAP net income of \$0.26 and AFFO of \$0.33 per diluted common share¹
- Declares a cash dividend on common stock of \$0.28 per share, a 4% increase in our dividend from last quarter and 12% higher than a year ago
- · Issued \$90.0 million of 5.75% senior unsecured notes due in 2024

Agency Business

- · Segment income of \$13.1 million
- · Loan originations of \$845.9 million
- · Servicing portfolio of \$18.88 billion, up 2% from 4Q18 and 13% from a year ago

Structured Business

- · Segment income of \$15.0 million
- · Portfolio growth of 4% on \$416.3 million of loan originations

Uniondale, NY, May 10, 2019 — Arbor Realty Trust, Inc. (NYSE: ABR), today announced financial results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2019. Arbor reported net income for the quarter of \$22.7 million, or \$0.26 per diluted common share, compared to \$26.2 million, or \$0.42 per diluted common share for the quarter ended March 31, 2018. Adjusted funds from operations ("AFFO") for the quarter was \$35.5 million, or \$0.33 per diluted common share, compared to \$21.4 million, or \$0.25 per diluted common share for the quarter ended March 31, 2018.

Agency Business

Loan Origination Platform

Agency Loan	n Volume (in thousands)				
	,	Quarte	r Ended	,	
		March 31, 2019	Ε	December 31, 2018	
Originations:					
Fannie Mae	\$	546,886	\$	1,067,230	
Freddie Mac		192,492		527,502	
FHA		1,110		15,549	
CMBS/Conduit		105,425		14,025	
Total Originations	\$	845,913	\$	1,624,306	
Total Loan Sales	\$	1,101,766	\$	1,653,421	
Total Loan Commitments	\$	846,963	\$	1,604,502	

For the quarter ended March 31, 2019, the Agency Business generated revenues of \$47.2 million, compared to \$84.4 million for the fourth quarter of 2018. Gain on sales, including fee-based services, net was \$16.4 million for the quarter, reflecting a margin of 1.49% on loan sales, compared to \$18.7 million and 1.13% for the fourth quarter of 2018. Income from mortgage servicing rights was \$14.2 million for the quarter, reflecting a rate of 1.68% as a percentage of loan commitments, compared to \$36.1 million and 2.25% for the fourth quarter of 2018.

At March 31, 2019, loans held-for-sale was \$225.9 million which was primarily comprised of unpaid principal balances totaling \$222.9 million, with financing associated with these loans totaling \$222.7 million.

Fee-Based Servicing Portfolio

Our fee-based servicing portfolio totaled \$18.88 billion at March 31, 2019, an increase of 2% from December 31, 2018, primarily a result of \$845.9 million of new loan originations, net of \$458.4 million in portfolio runoff during the quarter. Servicing revenue, net was \$13.5 million for the quarter and consists of servicing revenue of \$25.8 million, net of amortization of mortgage servicing rights totaling \$12.3 million.

	Fee-Based Servicing Portfolio (\$ in thousands) As of March 31, 2019 As of December 31, 2018										
		As	of March 31, 2019								
		UPB	Wtd. Avg. Fee	Wtd. Avg. Life (in years)		Wtd. Avg UPB Fee		Wtd. Avg. Life (in years)			
Fannie Mae	\$	13,719,351	0.507%	7.6	\$	13,562,667	0.513%	7.4			
Freddie Mac		4,515,829	0.303%	10.8		4,394,287	0.308%	10.8			
FHA		648,583	0.155%	19.6		644,687	0.155%	19.6			
Total	\$	18,883,763	0.446%	8.7	\$	18,601,641	0.452%	8.6			

Loans sold under the Fannie Mae program contain an obligation to partially guarantee the performance of the loan ("loss-sharing obligations"). At March 31, 2019, the Company's allowance for loss-sharing obligations was \$34.5 million, representing 0.25% of the Fannie Mae servicing portfolio.

Structured Business

Portfolio and Investment Activity

- · Originated 28 loans totaling \$416.3 million, of which 23 were bridge loans for \$357.3 million
- · Payoffs and pay downs on 26 loans totaling \$279.5 million

At March 31, 2019, the loan and investment portfolio's unpaid principal balance, excluding loan loss reserves, was \$3.41 billion, with a weighted average current interest pay rate of 7.05%, compared to \$3.28 billion and 7.02% at December 31, 2018. Including certain fees earned and costs associated with the loan and investment portfolio, the weighted average current interest pay rate was 7.71% at March 31, 2019, compared to 7.66% at December 31, 2018.

The average balance of the Company's loan and investment portfolio during the first quarter of 2019, excluding loan loss reserves, was \$3.34 billion with a weighted average yield of 7.84%, compared to \$3.23 billion and 7.76% for the fourth quarter of 2018. The increase in average yield was primarily due to an increase in LIBOR.

At March 31, 2019, the Company's total loan loss reserves were \$71.1 million on five loans with an aggregate carrying value before loan loss reserves of \$131.3 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.

Financing Activity

The balance of debt that finances the Company's loan and investment portfolio at March 31, 2019 was \$3.13 billion with a weighted average interest rate including fees of 5.22% as compared to \$2.89 billion and a rate of 5.24% at December 31, 2018. The average balance of debt that finances the Company's loan and investment portfolio for the first quarter of 2019 was \$2.96 billion, as compared to \$2.90 billion for the fourth quarter of 2018. The average cost of borrowings for the first quarter was 5.24%, compared to 5.12% for the fourth quarter of 2018. The increase in average costs was primarily due to an increase in LIBOR.

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 March 31, 2019 and as of the most recent collateralized securitization vehicle determination dates in April 2019.

Capital Markets

The Company issued \$90.0 million in aggregate principal amount of 5.75% senior unsecured notes in a private placement, generating net proceeds of \$88.2 million after deducting offering expenses. The notes are due in April 2024 and the proceeds were used to make investments and for general corporate purposes.

Dividends

The Company announced today that its Board of Directors has declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.28 per share of common stock for the quarter ended March 31, 2019, representing an increase of 4% over the prior quarter dividend of \$0.27 per share and 12% from a year ago. The dividend is payable on May 31, 2019 to common stockholders of record on May 23, 2019. The ex-dividend date is May 22, 2019.

As previously announced, the 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 March 1, 2019 through May 31, 2019. The dividends are payable on May 31, 2019 to preferred stockholders of record on May 15, 2019. 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 www.arbor.com 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 6079039.

After the live webcast, the call will remain available on the Company's website through May 31, 2019. In addition, a telephonic replay of the call will be available until May 17, 2019. The replay dial-in numbers are (855) 859-2056 for domestic callers and (404) 537-3406 for international callers. Please use passcode 6079039.

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 New York, Arbor manages a multibillion-dollar servicing portfolio, specializing in government-sponsored enterprise products. Arbor is a Fannie Mae DUS® lender and Freddie Mac Optigo Seller/Servicer. Arbor's product platform also includes 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 customized solutions with an unparalleled dedication 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, 2018 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 Ended March 31,			
		2019		2018
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Interest income Total and a second s	\$	71,277	\$	51,612
Interest expense		41,865		33,387
Net interest income		29,412		18,225
Other revenue:				
Gain on sales, including fee-based services, net		16,389		18,193
Mortgage servicing rights		14,232		19,634
Servicing revenue, net		13,552		9,547
Property operating income		2,803		2,910
Other income, net		(2,128)		2,878
Total other revenue		44.848		53,162
		11,010		33,102
Other expenses:				
Employee compensation and benefits		31,764		29,494
Selling and administrative		9,761		8,915
Property operating expenses		2,396		2,796
Depreciation and amortization		1,912		1,846
Provision for loss sharing (net of recoveries)		454		473
Provision for loan losses (net of recoveries)		_		325
Total other expenses		46,287	-	43,849
Income before extinguishment of debt, income from equity affiliates and income taxes		27,973		27,538
Loss on extinguishment of debt		(128)		_
Income from equity affiliates		2,151		746
Benefit from income taxes		10		8,784
		,		
Net income		30,006		37,068
Preferred stock dividends		1,888		1,888
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest		5,468		8,991
Net income attributable to common stockholders	\$	22,650	\$	26,189
	Φ.	0.27	Φ	0.42
Basic earnings per common share	\$	0.27	\$	0.42
Diluted earnings per common share	\$	0.26	\$	0.42
Weighted average shares outstanding:				
Basic		85,151,878		61,842,336
			_	
Diluted	_	107,869,511	_	84,699,735
Dividends declared per common share	\$	0.27	\$	0.21
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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

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

		March 31, 2019		December 31, 2018	
		(Unaudited)			
Assets:	ф	104 505	Ф	160.062	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	124,505	\$	160,063	
Restricted cash		291,865		180,606	
Loans and investments, net		3,323,778		3,200,145	
Loans held-for-sale, net		225,878		481,664	
Capitalized mortgage servicing rights, net		277,639		273,770	
Securities held to maturity, net		86,036		76,363	
Investments in equity affiliates		28,444		21,580	
Real estate owned, net		14,473		14,446	
Due from related party		1,975		1,287	
Goodwill and other intangible assets		114,764		116,165	
Other assets		108,368		86,086	
Total assets	\$	4,597,725	\$	4,612,175	
Liabilities and Equity:					
Credit facilities and repurchase agreements		1,032,495		1,135,627	
Collateralized loan obligations		1,594,970		1,593,548	
Debt fund		68,304		68,183	
Senior unsecured notes		211,001		122,484	
Convertible senior unsecured notes, net		252,229		254,768	
Junior subordinated notes to subsidiary trust issuing preferred securities		140,434		140,259	
Due to related party		261		140,237	
Due to borrowers		76,396		78,662	
Allowance for loss-sharing obligations		34,518		34,298	
Other liabilities		109,734		118,780	
Total liabilities					
Total liabilities		3,520,342		3,546,609	
Equity:					
Arbor Realty Trust, Inc. stockholders' equity:					
Preferred stock, cumulative, redeemable, \$0.01 par value: 100,000,000 shares authorized; special voting preferred shares; 20,487,544 and 20,653,584 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		20.501		00.502	
outstanding		89,501		89,502	
Common stock, \$0.01 par value: 500,000,000 shares authorized; 85,955,995 and 83,987,707 shares issued and outstanding, respectively		860		840	
Additional paid-in capital		893,471		879,029	
Accumulated deficit		(74,589)		(74,133)	
Total Arbor Realty Trust, Inc. stockholders' equity		909,243	_	895,238	
Noncontrolling interest		168,140		170,328	
Total equity		1,077,383		1,065,566	
Total liabilities and equity	\$	1 507 725	•	1 612 175	
Total Habilities and equity	\$	4,597,725	\$	4,612,175	

ARBOR REALTY TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

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

		Quarter Ended March 31, 2019						
		Structured Agency Business Business			Other / Eliminations (1)		Con	solidated
Interest income	\$	65,809	\$	5,468	\$	_	\$	71,277
Interest expense		38,257		3,608		_		41,865
Net interest income		27,552		1,860		_		29,412
Other revenue:								
Gain on sales, including fee-based services, net		_		16,389		_		16,389
Mortgage servicing rights		_		14,232		_		14,232
Servicing revenue		_		25,834		_		25,834
Amortization of MSRs		_		(12,282)		_		(12,282)
Property operating income		2,803		_		_		2,803
Other income, net		337		(2,465)		_		(2,128)
Total other revenue		3,140		41,708				44,848
Other expenses:								
Employee compensation and benefits		8,464		23,300				31,764
Selling and administrative		4,421		5,340		_		9,761
Property operating expenses		2,396		J,J40 —		_		2,396
Depreciation and amortization		512		1,400		_		1,912
Provision for loss sharing (net of recoveries)				454		_		454
Total other expenses		15,793		30,494				46,287
Tour other expenses		15,775		30,171			_	10,207
Income before extinguishment of debt, income								
from equity affiliates and income taxes		14,899		13,074		_		27,973
Loss on extinguishment of debt		(128)		_		_		(128)
Income from equity affiliates		2,151		_		_		2,151
Benefit from income taxes				10	_			10
Net income	\$	16,922	\$	13,084	\$	_	\$	30,006
	*	10,222	*	-2,001	<u> </u>		*	20,000
Preferred stock dividends		1,888		_		_		1,888
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest		_		_		5,468		5,468
Net income attributable to common stockholders	\$	15,034	\$	13,084	\$	(5,468)	\$	22,650

⁽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)

	March 31, 2019					
		Structured Business		Agency Business		Consolidated
Assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	53,006	\$	71,499	\$	124,505
Restricted cash		291,865		_		291,865
Loans and investments, net		3,323,778		_		3,323,778
Loans held-for-sale, net		_		225,878		225,878
Capitalized mortgage servicing rights, net		_		277,639		277,639
Securities held to maturity, net		10,000		76,036		86,036
Investments in equity affiliates		28,444		_		28,444
Goodwill and other intangible assets		12,500		102,264		114,764
Other assets		96,436		28,380		124,816
Total assets	\$	3,816,029	\$	781,696	\$	4,597,725
Liabilities:						
Debt obligations		3,076,716		222,717		3,299,433
Allowance for loss-sharing obligations		_		34,518		34,518
Other liabilities		143,022		43,369		186,391
Total liabilities	\$	3,219,738	\$	300,604	\$	3,520,342

ARBOR REALTY TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

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 March 31,			
		2019		2018	
Net income attributable to common stockholders	\$	22,650	\$	26,189	
Adjustments:					
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest		5,468		8,991	
Depreciation - real estate owned		175		178	
Depreciation - investments in equity affiliates		126		125	
Funds from operations (1)	\$	28,419	\$	35,483	
Adjustments:					
Income from mortgage servicing rights		(14,232)		(19,634)	
Deferred tax benefit		(4,168)		(13,320)	
Amortization and write-offs of MSRs		16,739		16,676	
Depreciation and amortization		2,564		2,255	
Net loss (gain) on changes in fair value of derivatives		2,465		(2,645)	
Stock-based compensation		3,756		2,545	
Adjusted funds from operations (1)	<u>\$</u>	35,543	\$	21,360	
Diluted FFO per share (1)	<u>\$</u>	0.26	\$	0.42	
Diluted AFFO per share (1)	<u>\$</u>	0.33	\$	0.25	
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding (1)		107,869,511		84,699,735	

(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.

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.