

Arbor Realty Trust Reports Third Quarter 2012 Results and Declares Third Quarter 2012 Dividend

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Third Quarter Highlights:

- Declares a common dividend of \$0.11 per share
- FFO of \$3.7 million, or \$0.13 per diluted common share¹
- Net income attributable to Arbor Realty Trust, Inc. of \$2.1 million, or \$0.07 per diluted common share
- Closed a \$125.0 million collateralized loan obligation
- Raised \$19.2 million of capital issuing 3.5 million common shares in October
- Originated 12 new loans totaling \$86.3 million
- Purchased five residential mortgage-backed securities totaling \$30.1 million
- Generated gains of \$4.1 million from the retirement of CDO debt
- Adjusted book value per share \$11.16, GAAP book value per share \$7.581
- Recorded \$4.9 million in loan loss reserves

UNIONDALE, N.Y., Nov. 2, 2012 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Arbor Realty Trust, Inc. (NYSE:ABR), a real estate investment trust focused on the business of investing in real estate related bridge and mezzanine loans, preferred and direct equity investments, mortgage-related securities and other real estate related assets, today announced financial results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2012. Arbor reported net income attributable to Arbor Realty Trust, Inc. for the quarter of \$2.1 million, or \$0.07 per diluted common share, compared to net loss attributable to Arbor Realty Trust, Inc. for the quarter ended September 30, 2011 of \$2.4 million, or \$0.10 per diluted common share. Net income attributable to Arbor Realty Trust, Inc. for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 was \$21.8 million, or \$0.84 per diluted common share, compared to a net loss attributable to Arbor Realty Trust, Inc. for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 of \$12.5 million, or \$0.50 per diluted common share. Funds from operations ("FFO") for the quarter ended September 30, 2012 was \$3.7 million, or \$0.13 per diluted common share, compared to a loss of \$0.6 million, or \$0.87 per diluted common share, compared to a loss of \$7.6 million, or \$0.30 per diluted common share for the nine months ended September 30, 2011.

The balance of the Company's loan and investment portfolio, excluding loan loss reserves, at September 30, 2012 remained relatively unchanged compared to June 30, 2012 at approximately \$1.6 billion. The average balance of the Company's loan and investment portfolio during the third quarter of 2012, excluding loan loss reserves, was \$1.6 billion and the average yield on these assets for the quarter was 5.03%, compared to \$1.6 billion and 4.91% for the second quarter of 2012.

The balance of debt that finances the Company's loan and investment portfolio at September 30, 2012 remained relatively unchanged compared to June 30, 2012 at approximately \$1.2 billion. The average balance of debt that finances the Company's loan and investment portfolio was approximately \$1.2 billion for the third quarter of 2012, compared to \$1.3 billion for the second quarter of 2012. The average cost of borrowings for the third quarter was 3.11%, compared to 3.10% for the second quarter of 2012. In addition, the third quarter of 2012 included a \$0.4 million increase in interest expense for a change in the market value of certain interest rate swaps, compared to a \$0.3 million increase in interest expense in the second quarter of 2012. Excluding the effect of these swaps, the average cost of borrowings for the third quarter was 2.97%, compared to 2.99% for the second quarter of 2012.

Financing Activity

As of September 30, 2012, Arbor's outstanding borrowings for its loan and investment portfolio totaled approximately \$1.2 billion.

In September 2012, Arbor completed its first collateralized loan obligation ("CLO") totaling approximately \$125.1 million of real estate related assets and cash. An aggregate of \$87.5 million of investment grade-rated debt was issued, and Arbor retained an equity interest in the portfolio with a notional amount of \$37.6 million. The notes have an initial weighted average spread of approximately 339 basis points over one-month LIBOR, excluding fees and transaction costs. The facility has a two-year replenishment period that allows the principal proceeds from repayments of the collateral assets to be reinvested in qualifying replacement assets, subject to certain conditions. The closing of this transaction provides Arbor with approximately \$32 million of liquidity and approximately \$42 million of capacity in short term credit facilities, due to the transfer of certain assets into the CLO. Arbor accounts for this transaction on its balance sheet as a financing.

The Company is subject to various financial covenants and restrictions under the terms of the Company's CDO vehicles, CLO, credit facilities, and repurchase agreements. The Company believes that it was in compliance with all financial covenants and restrictions as of September 30, 2012.

The Company's CDO vehicles contain interest coverage and asset over collateralization covenants that must be met as of the waterfall distribution date in order for the Company to receive such payments. If the Company fails these covenants in any of its CDOs, all cash flows from the applicable CDO would be diverted to repay principal and interest on the outstanding CDO bonds and the Company would not receive any residual payments until that CDO regained compliance with such covenants. As of the most recent determination dates in October 2012, the Company was in compliance with all CDO covenants. In the event of a breach of the CDO covenants that could not be cured in the near-term, the Company would be required to fund its non-CDO expenses, including management fees and employee costs, distributions required to maintain REIT status, debt costs, and other expenses with (i) cash on hand, (ii) income from any CDO not in breach of a CDO covenant test, (iii) income from real property and loan assets, (iv) sale of assets, (v) or accessing the equity or debt capital markets, if available.

The chart below is a summary of the Company's CDO compliance tests as of the most recent determination dates in October 2012:

Cash Flow Triggers	CDO I ⁽³⁾	CDO II ⁽³⁾	CDO III ⁽³⁾
Overcollateralization (1)			
Current	223.81%	186.18%	105.64%
Limit	184.00%	169.50%	105.60%
Pass / Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass
Interest Coverage (2)			
Current	428.27%	460.60%	533.00%
Limit	160.00%	147.30%	105.60%
Pass / Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass

- (1) The overcollateralization ratio divides the total principal balance of all collateral in the CDO by the total principal balance of the bonds associated with the applicable ratio. To the extent an asset is considered a defaulted security, the asset's principal balance for purposes of the overcollateralization test is the lesser of the asset's market value or the principal balance of the defaulted asset multiplied by the asset's recovery rate which is determined by the rating agencies.
- (2) The interest coverage ratio divides interest income by interest expense for the classes senior to those retained by the Company.
- (3) CDO I, CDO II, and CDO III have reached the end of their replenishment periods. As such, investor capital is repaid quarterly from proceeds received from loan repayments held as collateral in accordance with the terms of the respective CDO.

Portfolio Activity

During the third quarter of 2012, Arbor purchased five residential mortgage-backed securities with a total face value of \$30.1 million, of which three residential mortgage-backed securities totaling \$25.4 million were accounted for as derivatives net of financings of \$23.7 million in other assets on the Consolidated Balance Sheets. These securities had paydowns totaling \$1.1 million during the quarter, reducing their combined face value to \$29.0 million as of September 30, 2012. Including this \$1.1 million of paydowns, the securities portfolio had total paydowns of approximately \$20.3 million during the quarter.

During the third quarter of 2012, Arbor originated nine bridge loans totaling approximately \$67.9 million, two mezzanine loans totaling approximately \$15.4 million, and one preferred equity investment totaling \$3.0 million. In addition, eight loans paid off with an unpaid principal balance of \$43.8 million during the quarter, of which \$3.8 million was charged off against loan loss reserves related to two of these loans. Furthermore, two loans had paydowns totaling \$5.5 million and another five loans totaling \$118.2 million were modified, of which none were scheduled to repay during the quarter.

Additionally, seven loans totaling approximately \$42.9 million were extended during the quarter, of which four loans totaling \$10.9 million were in accordance with their existing extension options.

At September 30, 2012, the loan and investment portfolio's unpaid principal balance, excluding loan loss reserves, was approximately \$1.6 billion, with a weighted average current interest pay rate of 4.62%. Including certain fees earned and costs associated with the loan and investment portfolio, the weighted average current interest rate was 4.91% at September 30, 2012. At the same date, advances on financing facilities pertaining to the loan and investment portfolio totaled approximately \$1.2 billion, with a weighted average interest rate of 3.14% excluding changes in the market value of certain interest rate swaps.

As of September 30, 2012, Arbor's loan portfolio consisted of 33% fixed-rate and 67% variable-rate loans.

During the third quarter of 2012, the Company recorded \$4.9 million in loan loss reserves related to two loans with a carrying value of approximately \$35.0 million, before loan loss reserves. The loan loss reserves were the result of the Company's regular quarterly risk rating review process, which is based on several factors including current market conditions, real estate values and the operating status of each property. The Company recorded \$0.1 million of net recoveries of previously recorded loan loss reserves related to one of the Company's assets during the third quarter of 2012. This recovery was recorded in provision for loan losses on the Consolidated Statement of Operations. The Company charged off \$3.8 million of previously recorded loan loss reserves related to two loans during the third quarter. At September 30, 2012, the Company's total loan loss reserves were

approximately \$189.3 million relating to 19 loans with an aggregate carrying value before loan loss reserves of approximately \$266.8 million. The Company recognizes income on impaired loans on a cash basis to the extent it is received.

The Company had nine non-performing loans with a carrying value of approximately \$9.8 million, net of related loan loss reserves of \$75.1 million as of September 30, 2012, compared to eight non-performing loans with a carrying value of approximately \$15.2 million, net of related loan loss reserves of \$31.1 million as of June 30, 2012. Income recognition on non-performing loans has been suspended and will resume if and when the loans become contractually current and performance has recommenced.

Equity Offering

In October 2012, Arbor issued 3.5 million shares of common stock in a public offering receiving net proceeds of approximately \$19.2 million. The Company also granted the underwriters a 30-day option to purchase up to an additional 525,000 shares of its common stock to cover over-allotments. The Company intends to use the net proceeds from the offering to make investments, to repurchase or pay liabilities and for general corporate purposes.

Dividend

The Company announced today that its Board of Directors has declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.11 per share of common stock for the third quarter ended September 30, 2012. The dividend is payable on November 28, 2012 to common shareholders of record on November 20, 2012. The ex-dividend date is November 16, 2012.

Earnings Conference Call

Management will host a conference call today at 10:00 a.m. ET. A live webcast of the conference call will be available online at http://www.arborrealtytrust.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 (800) 573-4840 for domestic callers and (617) 224-4326 for international callers. Please use participant passcode 99370485.

After the live webcast, the call will remain available on the Company's Website, www.arborrealtytrust.com, through December 2, 2012. In addition, a telephonic replay of the call will be available until November 9, 2012. The replay dial-in number is (888) 286-8010 for domestic callers and (617) 801-6888 for international callers. Please use passcode 84706089.

About Arbor Realty Trust, Inc.

Arbor Realty Trust, Inc. is a real estate investment trust, which invests in a diversified portfolio of multi-family and commercial real estate related bridge and mezzanine loans, preferred equity investments, mortgage related securities and other real estate related assets. Arbor commenced operations in July 2003 and conducts substantially all of its operations through its operating partnership, Arbor Realty Limited Partnership and its subsidiaries. Arbor is externally managed and advised by Arbor Commercial Mortgage, LLC, a national commercial real estate finance company operating through 14 offices in the US that specializes in debt and equity financing for multi-family and commercial real estate.

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, 2011 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.

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 each non-GAAP financial measure and the comparable GAAP financial measure can be found at the end of this release.

1. See attached supplemental schedule of non-GAAP financial measures.

ARBOR REALTY TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

Quarter Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,		
2012	2011	2012	2011	
(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
\$ 20,030,595	\$ 18,524,388	\$ 59,139,715	\$ 55,104,727	
9,510,083	11,407,229	31,042,290	40,240,929	

Interest income
Interest expense

Net interest income	10,520,512	7,117,159	28,097,425	14,863,798
Other revenues:				
Property operating income	7,884,029	7,202,260	25,219,984	19,410,215
Other income	334,415	27,003	736,054	90,435
Total other revenues	8,218,444	7,229,263	25,956,038	19,500,650
Other expenses:				
Employee compensation and benefits	2,301,442	2,323,734	7,168,037	6,697,221
Selling and administrative	1,870,759	2,292,628	5,722,761	5,074,246
Property operating expenses	7,172,803	6,681,562	22,072,532	15,829,574
Depreciation and amortization	1,574,512	1,607,361	4,291,484	3,552,176
Provision for loan losses (net of recoveries)	4,849,330	10,223,403	20,584,191	18,318,801
Loss on sale and restructuring of loans				1,000,000
Management fee - related party	2,500,000	2,050,000	7,500,000	6,050,000
Total other expenses	20,268,846	25,178,688	67,339,005	56,522,018
Loss from continuing operations before gain on extinguishment of debt, (loss) income from equity affiliates and (provision) benefit for income taxes	(1,529,890)	(10,832,266)	(13,285,542)	(22,157,570)
Gain on extinguishment of debt	4,144,688	5,100,462	30,459,023	7,919,662
(Loss) income from equity affiliates	(225,493)	3,717,323	(700,203)	3,766,134
Income (loss) before (provision) benefit for income taxes	2,389,305	(2,014,481)	16,473,278	(10,471,774)
(Provision) benefit for income taxes	(275,000)		526,558	
Income (loss) from continuing operations	2,114,305	(2,014,481)	16,999,836	(10,471,774)
Loss on impairment of real estate held-for-sale				(750,000)
Gain on sale of real estate held-for-sale		-	3,487,145	(730,000)
		(373,703)		(1,146,422)
Income (loss) from operations of real estate held-for-sale		(373,703)	1,442,744 4,929,889	· · · · /
Income (loss) from discontinued operations		(373,703)	4,929,009	(1,896,422)
Net income (loss)	2,114,305	(2,388,184)	21,929,725	(12,368,196)
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	53,976	54,045	161,598	161,619
Net income (loss) attributable to Arbor Realty Trust, Inc.	\$ 2,060,329	\$ (2,442,229)	\$ 21,768,127	\$ (12,529,815)
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Basic earnings (loss) per common share:	¢ 0 07	¢ (0,00)	¢ 0 66	¢ (0.40)
Income (loss) from continuing operations, net of noncontrolling interest	\$ 0.07	\$ (0.09)	\$ 0.66	\$ (0.42)
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	 ¢ 0 07	(0.01)	0.19	(0.08) (0.50)
Net income (loss) attributable to Arbor Realty Trust, Inc.	\$ 0.07	\$ (0.10)	\$ 0.85	\$ (0.50)
Diluted earnings (loss) per common share:				
Income (loss) from continuing operations, net of noncontrolling interest	\$ 0.07	\$ (0.09)	\$ 0.65	\$ (0.42)
Income (loss) from discontinued operations		(0.01)	0.19	(0.08)
Net income (loss) attributable to Arbor Realty Trust, Inc.	\$ 0.07	\$ (0.10)	\$ 0.84	\$ (0.50)
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Dividends declared per common share	\$ 0.100	\$	\$ 0.175	\$
Weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding:				
Basic	27,749,225	25,239,590	25,643,470	25,214,832
Diluted	28,038,044	25,239,590	25,891,083	25,214,832

ARBOR REALTY TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	September 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
	(Unaudited)	
Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 40,848,637	\$ 55,236,479
Restricted cash (includes \$45,657,164 and \$65,357,993 from consolidated VIEs, respectively)	47,756,889	67,326,530
Loans and investments, net (includes \$1,131,180,388 and \$1,093,893,014 from consolidated VIEs, respectively)	1,261,444,465	1,302,440,660
Available-for-sale securities, at fair value (includes \$1,100,000 and \$2,000,000 from consolidated VIEs, respectively)	3,552,736	4,276,368
Securities held-to-maturity, net (includes \$730,480 and \$742,602 from consolidated VIEs, respectively)	51,359,925	29,942,108
Investment in equity affiliates	59,881,490	60,450,064
Real estate owned, net (includes \$83,099,540 and \$83,099,540 from consolidated VIEs, respectively)	126,460,580	128,397,612
Real estate held-for-sale, net (includes \$0 and \$2,550,000 from consolidated VIEs, respectively)		62,084,412
Due from related party (includes \$267,158 and \$1,217 from consolidated VIEs, respectively)	3,916,544	656,290
Prepaid management fee - related party	19,047,949	19,047,949
Other assets (includes \$12,643,180 and \$11,696,071 from consolidated VIEs, respectively)	52,708,967	46,855,858
Total assets	\$ 1,666,978,182	\$ 1,776,714,330
Liabilities and Equity:		
Repurchase agreements and credit facilities	\$ 80,915,500	\$ 76,105,000
Collateralized debt obligations (includes \$841,460,154 and \$1,002,615,393 from consolidated VIEs, respectively)	841,460,154	1,002,615,393
Collateralized loan obligations (includes \$87,500,000 and \$0 from consolidated VIEs, respectively)	87,500,000	
Junior subordinated notes to subsidiary trust issuing preferred securities	158,637,793	158,261,468
Notes payable	51,457,708	85,457,708
Mortgage notes payable – real estate owned	53,751,004	53,751,004
Mortgage note payable – held-for-sale		62,190,000
Due to related party	2,473,624	2,728,819
Due to borrowers (includes \$700,642 and \$740,809 from consolidated VIEs, respectively)	23,608,708	2,825,636
Deferred revenue	77,123,133	77,123,133
Other liabilities (includes \$24,314,438 and \$27,839,757 from consolidated VIEs, respectively)	77,726,425	82,595,636
Total liabilities	1,454,654,049	1,603,653,797

Equity:

Commitments and contingencies

Arbor Realty Trust, Inc. stockholders' equity:			
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value: 100,000,000 shares authorized; no shares issued or outstanding			
Common stock, \$0.01 par value: 500,000,000 shares authorized; 30,399,992 shares issued, 27,749,225 shares outstanding at September 30, 2012 and 26,778,737 shares issued, 24,298,140 shares outstanding at December 31, 2011	304,000	267,787	
Additional paid-in capital	474,091,222	455,994,695	
$Treasury\ stock,\ at\ cost\ -\ 2,650,767\ shares\ at\ September\ 30,\ 2012\ and\ 2,480,597\ shares\ at\ December\ 31,\ 2011$	(17,100,916)	(16,416,152)	
Accumulated deficit	(203,849,948)	(221,015,880)	
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(43,052,006)	(47,704,045)	
Total Arbor Realty Trust, Inc. stockholders' equity	210,392,352	171,126,405	
Noncontrolling interest in consolidated entity	1,931,781	1,934,128	
Total equity	212,324,133	173,060,533	
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 1,666,978,182	\$ 1,776,714,330	

ARBOR REALTY TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE OF NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES (Unaudited)

	September 30, 2012
GAAP Arbor Realty Trust, Inc. Stockholders' Equity	\$ 210,392,352
Add: 450 West 33rd Street transaction - deferred revenue	77,123,133
Unrealized loss on derivative instruments	41,081,043
Subtract: 450 West 33rd Street transaction - prepaid management fee Adjusted Arbor Realty Trust, Inc. Stockholders' Equity	(19,047,949) \$ 309,548,579
Adjusted book value per share	\$ 11.16
GAAP book value per share	\$ 7.58
Common shares outstanding	27,749,225

Given the magnitude and the deferral structure of the 450 West 33rd Street transaction combined with the change in the fair value of certain derivative instruments, Arbor has elected to report adjusted book value per share for the affected period to currently reflect the future impact of the 450 West 33rd Street transaction on the Company's financial condition as well as the evaluation of Arbor without the effects of unrealized losses from certain of the Company's derivative instruments. Management considers this non-GAAP financial measure to be an effective indicator, for both management and investors, of Arbor's financial performance. Arbor's management does not advocate that investors consider this non-GAAP financial measure in isolation from, or as a substitute for, financial measures prepared in accordance with GAAP.

GAAP book value per share and adjusted book value per share calculations do not take into account any dilution from the potential exercise of the warrants issued to Wachovia as part of the 2009 debt restructuring.

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SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE OF NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES - Continued (Unaudited)

	Quarter Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Net income (loss) attributable to Arbor Realty Trust, Inc., GAAP basis	\$ 2,060,329	\$ (2,442,229)	\$ 21,768,127	\$ (12,529,815)
Subtract:				
Gain on sale of real estate-held-for-sale Add:			(3,487,145)	
Loss on impairment of real estate-held-for-sale				750,000
Depreciation - real estate owned and held-for-sale (1)	1,574,512	1,800,461	4,291,484	4,130,960
Depreciation - investment in equity affiliate	26,936		80,807	
Funds from operations ("FFO")	\$ 3,661,777	\$ (641,768)	\$ 22,653,273	\$ (7,648,855)
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Diluted FFO per common share	\$ 0.13	\$ (0.03)	\$ 0.87	\$ (0.30)
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding	28,038,044	25,239,590	25,891,083	25,214,832

(1) Includes discontinued operations

Arbor is presenting funds from operations, or FFO, because management believes it to be an important supplemental measure of the Company's operating performance in that it is frequently used by analysts, investors and other parties in the evaluation of real estate investment trusts (REITs). The revised White Paper on FFO approved by the Board of Governors of the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts, or NAREIT, in April 2002 defines FFO as net income (loss) attributable to Arbor Realty Trust, Inc. (computed in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (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 partnerships and joint ventures. The Company considers gains and losses on the sales of undepreciated real estate investments to be a normal part of its recurring operating activities in accordance with GAAP and should not be excluded when calculating FFO. Losses from discontinued operations are not excluded when calculating FFO.

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

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