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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

x QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2017

or

o TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from to

Commission File Number: 1-13991

MFA FINANCIAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland 13-3974868

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

350 Park Avenue, 20th Floor, New York, New York
(Address of principal executive offices)
(Zip Code)

(212) 207-6400

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last period)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes x No o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate website, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes x No o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer x

Accelerated filer o

Non-accelerated filer o (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company o

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. Yes o No x

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes o No x

396,326,125 shares of the registrant's common stock, \$0.01 par value, were outstanding as of July 27, 2017.

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#### MFA FINANCIAL, INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

(In Thousands Except Per Share Amounts)  Assets:	June 30, 2017 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2016
Mortgage-backed securities ("MBS") and credit risk transfer ("CRT") securities:		
Agency MBS, at fair value (\$3,125,864 and \$3,540,401 pledged as collateral, respectively)	\$3,248,007	\$3,738,497
Non-Agency MBS, at fair value (\$3,548,633 and \$4,892,399 pledged as collateral, respectively) (1)	4,592,275	5,825,816
CRT securities, at fair value (\$517,067 and \$357,488 pledged as collateral, respectively) Securities obtained and pledged as collateral, at fair value	636,315 370,837	404,850 510,767
Residential whole loans, at carrying value (\$270,553 and \$427,880 pledged as collateral, respectively) (2)	661,319	590,540
Residential whole loans, at fair value (\$671,106 and \$734,331 pledged as collateral, respectively) (2)	983,270	814,682
Cash and cash equivalents Restricted cash Other assets Total Assets	745,480 11,843 287,470 \$11,536,816	260,112 58,463 280,295 \$12,484,022
Liabilities: Repurchase agreements and other advances Obligation to return securities obtained as collateral, at fair value 8% Senior Notes due 2042 ("Senior Notes") Payable for unsettled MBS and residential whole loans purchases Other liabilities Total Liabilities	\$7,040,844 510,237 96,753 364,389 249,949 \$8,262,172	\$8,687,268 510,767 96,733 — 155,352 \$9,450,120
Commitments and contingencies (See Note 11)		
Stockholders' Equity: Preferred stock, \$.01 par value; 7.50% Series B cumulative redeemable; 8,050 shares authorized; 8,000 shares issued and outstanding (\$200,000 aggregate liquidation preference) Common stock, \$.01 par value; 886,950 shares authorized; 396,311 and 371,854 shares	\$80	\$80
issued and outstanding, respectively	3,963	3,719
Additional paid-in capital, in excess of par Accumulated deficit Accumulated other comprehensive income Total Stockholders' Equity	3,214,701 (576,482 ) 632,382 \$3,274,644	3,029,062 (572,641 ) 573,682 \$3,033,902

Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity

\$11,536,816 \$12,484,022

- (1) Includes approximately \$174.4 million of Non-Agency MBS transferred to consolidated VIEs at December 31, 2016. Such assets can be used only to settle the obligations of each respective VIE.

  Includes approximately \$134.1 million of Residential whole loans, at carrying value and \$42.2 million of
- (2) Residential whole loans, at fair value transferred to a consolidated VIE at June 30, 2017. Such assets can be used only to settle the obligations of the VIE.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

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MFA FINANCIAL, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (UNAUDITED)

	Three Months		Six Months	
	Ended		Ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
(In Thousands, Except Per Share Amounts)	2017	2016	2017	2016
Interest Income:				
Agency MBS	\$16,587	\$21,592	\$34,481	\$45,589
Non-Agency MBS	74,217	83,765	156,460	169,917
CRT securities	7,846	3,222	14,222	5,914
Residential whole loans held at carrying value				