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### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

## AMENDMENT NO. 6 TO FORM S-1 REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

### Walker & Dunlop, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its charter)

Maryland

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

6199 (Primary Standard Industrial Classification Code Number) 7501 Wisconsin Avenue Suite 1200 Bethesda, MD 20814 (301) 215-5500 **80-0629925** (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

(Address, Including Zip Code, and Telephone Number, Including Area Code, of Registrant's Principal Executive Offices)

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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, as amended, or until this registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to Section 8(a), may determine.

The information in this preliminary prospectus is not complete and may be changed. Neither we nor the selling stockholders may 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 these securities and it is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale of the securities is not permitted.

Subject to Completion dated December 13, 2010

PROSPECTUS

### 10,000,000 Shares

### **Common Stock**

We are one of the leading providers of commercial real estate financial services in the United States, with a primary focus on multifamily lending. We originate, sell and service a range of multifamily and other commercial real estate financing products.

This is our initial public offering and no public market currently exists for our common stock. We are offering 6,666,667 shares of our common stock, and the selling stockholders named in this prospectus are selling 3,333,333 shares of our common stock. We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of the shares of our common stock by the selling stockholders. We expect the initial public offering price of our common stock to be between \$14.00 and \$16.00 per share. Our common stock has been approved for listing on the New York Stock Exchange, or the NYSE, subject to official notice of issuance, under the symbol "WD."

Investing in our common stock involves risks. See "Risk Factors" beginning on page 13 of this prospectus for a discussion of the risks that you should consider before making a decision to invest in our common stock.

	Per Share	Total
Public offering price	\$	\$
Underwriting discounts and commissions	\$	\$
Proceeds, before expenses, to us	\$	\$
Proceeds, before expenses, to the selling stockholders	\$	\$

We have granted the underwriters the right to purchase up to 1,500,000 additional shares of our common stock at the initial public offering price, less the underwriting discounts and commissions, within 30 days after the date of this prospectus to cover overallotments, if any.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any jurisdiction or other securities commission 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 shares of common stock sold in this offering are expected to be ready for delivery on or about



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You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus or in any free writing prospectus prepared by us. We have not, and the selling stockholders and the underwriters have not, authorized any other person to provide you with different or additional information. If anyone provides you with different or additional information, you should not rely on it. We are not, and the selling stockholders and the underwriters are not, making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus and any free writing prospectus prepared by us is accurate only as of their respective dates or on the date or dates which are specified in those documents. Our business, financial condition, liquidity, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

Until , (25 days after the date of this prospectus), all dealers that effect transactions in our common stock, whether or not participating in this offering, may be required to deliver a prospectus. This is in addition to the dealers' obligation to deliver a prospectus when acting as underwriters and with respect to their unsold allotments or subscriptions.

This prospectus contains registered trademarks that are the exclusive property of their respective owners, which are companies other than us, including Fannie Mae, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, the Federal Housing Administration, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Government National Mortgage Association. None of the owners of the trademarks appearing in this prospectus, their parents, subsidiaries or affiliates or any of their respective officers, directors, members, managers, stockholders, owners, agents or employees, which we refer to collectively as the "trademark owners," are issuers or underwriters of the shares of common stock being offered hereby, play (or will play) any role in the offer or sale of the shares of common stock, or have any responsibility for the creation or contents of this prospectus. In addition, none of the trademark owners have or will have any liability or responsibility for any financial statements, projections or other financial information or other information contained in this prospectus or otherwise disseminated in connection with the offer or sale

of the shares of common stock offered hereby. You must understand that, if you purchase our common stock in this offering, your sole recourse for any alleged or actual impropriety relating to the offer and sale of the common stock and the operation of our business will be against us (and/or, as may be applicable, any selling stockholder of such shares of common stock) and in no event may you seek to impose liability arising from or related to such activity, directly or indirectly, upon any of the trademark owners.

We use market data and industry forecasts and projections throughout this prospectus, including data from publicly available information and industry publications. These sources generally state that the information they provide has been obtained from sources believed to be reliable, but that the accuracy and completeness of the information are not guaranteed. The forecasts and projections are based on industry surveys and the preparers' experience in the industry and there can be no assurance that any of the forecasts or projections will be achieved. We believe that the surveys and market research others have performed are reliable, but we have not, and the selling stockholders and the underwriters have not, independently verified this information.

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#### SUMMARY

This summary highlights some of the information in this prospectus. It does not contain all of the information that you should consider before making a decision to invest in our common stock. You should read carefully the more detailed information set forth under "Risk Factors" and the historical financial statements, including the related notes, and the other information included in this prospectus. Except where the context suggests otherwise, the terms "company," "we," "us" and "our" refer to Walker & Dunlop, Inc., a Maryland corporation, together with its consolidated subsidiaries, after giving effect to the formation transactions described in this prospectus.

Unless indicated otherwise, the information in this prospectus assumes (i) the formation transactions described in this prospectus have been completed, (ii) the common stock to be sold in this offering is sold at \$15.00 per share, which is the midpoint of the initial public offering price range shown on the cover page of this prospectus, (iii) the grant of 481,684 shares of restricted stock under our Equity Incentive Plan to certain of our employees, including our executive officers, and non-employee directors, vesting over time and (iv) no exercise by the underwriters of their overallotment option to purchase up to an additional 1,500,000 shares of our common stock.

#### **Our Company**

We are one of the leading providers of commercial real estate financial services in the United States, with a primary focus on multifamily lending. We originate, sell and service a range of multifamily and other commercial real estate financing products. Our clients are owners and developers of commercial real estate across the country. We originate and sell loans through the programs of Fannie Mae and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("Freddie Mac," and together with Fannie Mae, the government-sponsored enterprises, or the "GSEs"), the Government National Mortgage Association ("Ginnie Mae") and the Federal Housing Administration, a division of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (together with Ginnie Mae, "HUD"), with which we have long-established relationships. We retain servicing rights and asset management responsibilities on nearly all loans that we originate for GSE and HUD programs. We are approved as a Fannie Mae Delegated Underwriting and Servicing ("DUS") lender nationally, a Freddie Mac Program Plus lender in seven states, the District of Columbia and the metropolitan New York area, a HUD Multifamily Accelerated Processing ("MAP") lender nationally, and a Ginnie Mae issuer. We also originate and service loans for a number of life insurance companies, commercial banks and other institutional investors, in which cases we do not fund the loan but rather act as a loan broker.

In 2009, we originated more than \$2.2 billion in commercial real estate loans, of which approximately \$1.9 billion were sold through GSE or HUD programs and approximately \$343 million were placed with institutional investors. As of September 30, 2010, we serviced approximately \$14.2 billion in commercial real estate loans covering approximately 1,630 properties in 46 states and the District of Columbia. We also provide investment consulting and related services for two commercial real estate funds that invest in commercial real estate securities and loans for a number of institutional investors.

For the year ended December 31, 2009, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association, by principal amount of loans directly funded or serviced by us, we were:

the 9<sup>th</sup> largest lender of commercial real estate loans in the United States;

the 5<sup>th</sup> largest originator of multifamily commercial real estate loans for Fannie Mae;

one of only three institutions that was a top 10 originator for each of Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and HUD; and

the 7th largest servicer of commercial real estate loans for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, collectively.

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We have not historically originated loans for our balance sheet. The sale of each loan through GSE and HUD programs is negotiated prior to closing on the loan with the borrower. For loans originated pursuant to the Fannie Mae DUS program, we generally are required to share the risk of loss, with our maximum loss capped at 20% of the unpaid principal balance of a loan. In addition to our risk-sharing obligations, we may be obligated to repurchase loans that are originated for GSE and HUD programs if certain representations and warranties that we provide in connection with such originations are breached. We have never been required to repurchase a loan. We have established a strong credit culture over decades of originating loans and are committed to disciplined risk management from the initial underwriting stage through loan payoff. From January 1, 2000 through September 30, 2010, we settled risk-sharing obligations of \$4.5 million, or an average 1 basis point annually of the average at risk Fannie Mae portfolio balance.

Our total revenues were \$85.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and \$88.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2009. Our income from operations was \$29.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and \$28.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2009.

We have been in business for 73 years. Since becoming a Fannie Mae DUS lender in 1988, we have had major institutions as investors in our business. In January 2009, we acquired from Column Guaranteed LLC ("Column"), an affiliate of Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, its \$5.0 billion servicing portfolio, together with its Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and HUD operations, which significantly expanded our GSE and HUD loan origination capabilities. Our extensive borrower and lender relationships, knowledge of the commercial real estate capital markets, expertise in commercial real estate financing, and strong credit culture have enabled us to establish a significant market presence and grow rapidly and profitably in recent years. We believe our business model and expertise, combined with the additional capital from this offering, will enable us to continue to grow and enhance our position as a leading provider of commercial real estate financial services in the United States.

#### **Industry and Market Opportunity**

We believe that sizeable demand for commercial real estate loans, principally driven by impending debt maturities and an anticipated rebound in commercial real estate investment activity, presents significant growth opportunities for companies that have an established market presence, demonstrated origination experience, deep relationships with active investors and a disciplined risk management strategy.

Historically, multifamily and other commercial real estate loans have been funded by a large number of investors, including commercial banks, insurance companies and other institutional investors, as well as GSEs and HUD. Since reaching their highs in 2007, commercial real estate values have declined substantially as a result of the global recession and the related significant contraction in capital available to the commercial real estate market. This contraction in capital has been exacerbated by the near shut down in investor demand for commercial mortgage-backed securities ("CMBS") and by financial institutions significantly reducing their commercial real estate portfolios and lending activity in an effort to retain capital, reduce leverage, mitigate risk and meet regulatory capital requirements.

A substantial amount of commercial real estate loans is scheduled to mature in the coming years. According to the Federal Reserve Flow of Funds Accounts of the United States, approximately \$3.2 trillion of commercial real estate loans were outstanding as of June 30, 2010, of which approximately \$843 billion were multifamily loans. It is estimated that \$28 billion to \$40 billion of multifamily loans held by investors other than commercial banks will mature each year from 2011 to 2014, according to the Survey of Loan Maturity Volumes, Mortgage Bankers Association. This amount would be considerably higher if it included multifamily loans held by commercial banks. As this debt matures, real estate owners will be required to repay or restructure their loans. In these scenarios, new debt will almost always be required, which we believe will provide significant opportunities for us. We



further believe that demand for multifamily and other commercial real estate loans will increase as the overall economy improves, which should have a positive impact on our origination volume.

#### **Our Competitive Strengths**

We distinguish ourselves from other commercial mortgage originators and servicers through five core strengths developed over decades of experience:

*Strong Client Relationships and Demonstrated Loan Origination Experience.* Throughout our history, we have established and maintained deep client relationships with major owners and operators of commercial real estate across the country. We understand the financial needs of our borrowers, the geographic markets in which they operate, the market conditions for different types of commercial properties, and how to structure commercial real estate loans to meet those needs. Many of our clients are repeat customers, and some have worked with us for multiple generations. We also have decades of origination experience and were one of only three institutions in 2009 that was a top 10 originator for each of Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and HUD.

*Disciplined Credit Culture.* We maintain a strong credit culture and disciplined risk management underpins everything we do. From January 1, 2000 through September 30, 2010, we settled risk-sharing obligations of \$4.5 million, or an average 1 basis point annually of the average at risk Fannie Mae portfolio balance. We have received numerous awards from Fannie Mae for excellence in asset and risk management, including, in 2009, the Excellence in Asset Management Award and the Excellence in Loss Mitigation Award. We believe underwriting and active asset management are key components of our business model.

*Deep Investor Relationships.* We have relationships with Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and HUD that are backed by decades of experience. We understand GSE and HUD program requirements and standards for originating, underwriting and servicing large volumes of loans. We also have extensive relationships with other institutional sources of commercial real estate capital. We were one of the first companies to obtain a Fannie Mae DUS license and have been a top 10 originator during 19 of the past 20 years. Currently, 25 companies are approved as Fannie Mae DUS lenders, 26 companies are approved as Freddie Mac Program Plus lenders, and 49 companies are approved as both HUD MAP lenders and Ginnie Mae issuers. We believe that obtaining new lender licenses from the GSEs is difficult, creating a significant barrier to entry.

*Servicing and Asset Management Expertise.* As of September 30, 2010, we serviced and provided asset management for approximately \$14.2 billion in commercial real estate loans representing approximately 1,630 properties in 46 states and the District of Columbia. Our asset managers monitor individual investments with special emphasis on financial performance and risk management to anticipate potential property, borrower and market issues. Because of our active servicing and asset management, we believe that we provide a more full-service, hands-on experience to our customers and award-winning risk management to our investors.

*Experienced Management Team with Substantial Ownership.* Our named executive officers have an average of more than 20 years of experience in the commercial real estate finance industry. We have a senior management team that has time-tested, hands-on experience with a high degree of market knowledge and a thorough understanding of a broad range of commercial real estate asset classes. This team led our company during the credit crisis over the last few years with consistent quarterly growth in both revenues and profits. Our named executive officers will own approximately 18.2% of our outstanding shares of common stock on a fully diluted basis following the completion of the formation transactions and this offering, closely aligning their interests with those of our stockholders.

#### **Our Growth Strategy**

We believe we are well positioned to grow our business by taking advantage of opportunities in the commercial real estate finance market. During the recent credit crisis, we not only maintained our position in the market, but also expanded our business through the Column transaction in 2009, which added licenses to originate and service loans for Freddie Mac and HUD. We also significantly expanded our capabilities in the healthcare lending business through the Column transaction. As a result, while commercial real estate originations dropped nationwide by 46% from 2008 to 2009 and multifamily originations dropped nationwide by 35% from 2008 to 2009, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association's 2009 Annual Origination Volume Summation, our originations grew by 12% to approximately \$2.2 billion in 2009 from approximately \$2.0 billion in 2008. While some of our competitors suffered extensive loan losses and negative earnings, we sustained limited credit losses and remained profitable during the same period. We believe that our performance during this period of significant market dislocation has given us access to new clients and talented professionals and enhanced our brand awareness across the commercial real estate finance industry.

We seek to use this momentum and market position to profitably grow our business by focusing on the following areas:

*Capitalize on Refinancing Needs and Commercial Real Estate Recovery.* According to the Survey of Loan Maturity Volumes, Mortgage Bankers Association, \$420 billion in non-bank commercial real estate debt is expected to mature between 2011 and 2014, of which \$130 billion is non-bank multifamily debt. We believe that these figures would be considerably higher if multifamily loans held by commercial banks were included. While some of this debt may be extended or restructured by existing lenders, we believe much of it will need to be refinanced, creating a significant market opportunity. With our strong market position and borrower relationships in multifamily debt financing, we believe that we are well positioned to benefit from an increase in lending activity for multifamily properties. Furthermore, we believe the commercial real estate recovery will generate opportunities for us to expand our originations of commercial real estate loans outside of the multifamily sector.

*Add to Our Origination Capabilities.* We intend to expand our business by adding to our origination capabilities. We currently have approximately 30 originators located in eight offices nationwide, supplemented by 23 independently owned mortgage banking companies with whom we have correspondent relationships. We originate loans nationally and believe that we will have significant opportunities to continue broadening our origination network. This expansion may include organic growth, recruitment of talented origination professionals and potentially acquisitions of competitors with strong origination capabilities.

*Increase Originations in Healthcare Finance.* Through the Column transaction, we significantly increased our ability to compete in the healthcare real estate lending space, which includes skilled nursing facilities, senior housing facilities and hospitals. The most active sources of capital in this space today are HUD and Fannie Mae. From January 2009 through September 30, 2010, we have originated over \$420 million in hospital and skilled nursing facility loans. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, average annual health spending growth is anticipated to outpace average annual growth in the overall economy from 2009-2019, reaching approximately \$4.5 trillion and representing 19.3% of GDP in 2019. Health spending growth is primarily attributable to the increasing average age of the U.S. population, as the 65 and over population is expected to grow 36.2% from 2010 to 2020, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Given the significant and growing size of this market, along with our demonstrated origination capabilities, we believe that healthcare lending will represent a growing portion of our future business.

Acquire Complementary Businesses. Dislocation in the commercial real estate market has left many competitors weakened. While we have no present intention or agreement, we may choose to broaden the services we provide by acquiring complementary businesses that have deep client relationships and expertise in areas such as investment sales and special asset management. Through the Column transaction, we have demonstrated our ability to successfully acquire and integrate a significant business and believe that we have the ability to do so in the future should opportunities arise.

*Expand Our Commercial Real Estate Loan Product Offerings.* We anticipate offering additional commercial real estate loan products to our clients as their financial needs evolve. For example, we have experienced strong demand for interim financing for multifamily properties that would feed into our permanent GSE multifamily loan programs. While we have the structuring, underwriting, credit and asset management expertise to offer this type of product, we do not currently have the balance sheet to provide the necessary short-term financing for these loans. We believe proceeds from this offering, together with third-party financing sources, will allow us to meet client demand for additional products that are within our expertise.

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

You should carefully consider the matters discussed in the "Risk Factors" section beginning on page 13 of this prospectus prior to deciding whether to invest in our common stock. Some of these risks include:

The loss of or changes in our relationships with GSEs, HUD and institutional investors would adversely affect our ability to originate commercial real estate loans through GSE and HUD programs, which would materially and adversely affect us.

A change to the conservatorship of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and related actions, along with any changes in laws and regulations affecting the relationship between Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and the U.S. federal government, could materially and adversely affect our business.

We are subject to risk of loss in connection with defaults on loans sold under the Fannie Mae DUS program that could materially and adversely affect our results of operations and liquidity.

If we fail to act proactively with delinquent borrowers in an effort to avoid a default, the number of delinquent loans could increase, which could have a material adverse effect on us.

A significant portion of our revenue is derived from loan servicing fees, and declines in or terminations of servicing engagements or breaches of servicing agreements, including as a result of non-performance by third parties that we engage for back-office loan servicing functions, could have a material adverse effect on us.

If one or more of our warehouse facilities, on which we are highly dependent, are terminated, we may be unable to find replacement financing on favorable terms, or at all, which would have a material adverse effect on us.

We are subject to the risk of failed loan deliveries, and even after a successful closing and delivery, may be required to repurchase the loan or to indemnify the investor if we breach a representation or warranty made by us in connection with the sale of the loan through a GSE or HUD program, any of which could have a material adverse effect on us.

We expect to offer new loan products to meet evolving borrower demands, including loans that we originate for our balance sheet. Balance sheet lending would increase our risk of loss, and because we are not as experienced with such loan products, we may not be successful or profitable in offering such products.

Our business is significantly affected by general business, economic and market conditions and cycles, particularly in the multifamily and commercial real estate industry, including changes in government fiscal and monetary policies, and, accordingly, we could be materially harmed in the event of a continued market downturn or changes in government policies.

For most loans that we service under the Fannie Mae and HUD programs, we are required to advance payments due to investors if the borrower is delinquent in making such payments, which requirements could adversely impact our liquidity and harm our results of operations.

The loss of our key management or an inability to hire and retain qualified loan originators and maintain relationships with key correspondents could result in a material adverse effect on our business.

There is currently no public market for our common stock, an active trading market for our common stock may never develop or continue following this offering and the trading and market price of our common stock may be volatile and could decline substantially following this offering.

#### **Our History and the Formation Transactions**

Walker & Dunlop was founded in 1937 and has been under three generations of Walker family leadership. We became one of the first Fannie Mae DUS lenders in 1988 and have been a top 10 originator under the Fannie Mae DUS Program for 19 of the past 20 years. We are headquartered in Bethesda, Maryland and have seven additional offices across the country.

In January 2009, W&D, Inc., its affiliate Green Park Financial Limited Partnership ("Green Park"), and Column contributed their assets to a newly formed entity, Walker & Dunlop, LLC. The transaction brought together Walker & Dunlop's competencies in debt origination, loan servicing, asset management, investment consulting and related services, Green Park's Fannie Mae DUS origination capabilities and Column's Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and HUD operations, including its healthcare real estate lending business, to form one of the leading providers of commercial real estate financial services in the United States. Substantially all of the assets and liabilities of W&D, Inc. and Green Park, including its wholly owned subsidiary Green Park Express, LLC, were transferred to Walker & Dunlop, LLC in exchange for 5% and 60% interests, respectively, in Walker & Dunlop, LLC, and certain assets and liabilities of Column were transferred to Walker & Dunlop, LLC for a 35% interest in Walker & Dunlop, LLC.

Concurrently with the closing of this offering, we will complete certain formation transactions through which Walker & Dunlop, LLC will become a wholly owned subsidiary of Walker & Dunlop, Inc., a newly formed Maryland corporation. In connection with the formation transactions, members of the Walker family, certain of our directors and executive officers and certain other individuals and entities who currently own direct and indirect equity interests in Walker & Dunlop, LLC will contribute their respective interests in such entities to Walker & Dunlop, Inc. in exchange for shares of our common stock.



The following chart shows the anticipated structure and ownership of our company, including operating subsidiaries, after giving effect to the formation transactions and this offering on a fully diluted basis (assuming no exercise by the underwriters of their overallotment option):

#### **Material Benefits to Related Parties**

Upon completion of the formation transactions and this offering, former direct and indirect equity holders of Walker & Dunlop, LLC, including certain of our executive officers and directors and Column, will receive the material financial and other benefits described below:

In connection with the formation transactions, certain of our directors and executive officers and other individuals or entities, including Column, will receive shares of our common stock in consideration for their direct and indirect interests in Walker & Dunlop, LLC.

Mallory Walker and Taylor Walker, two of our stockholders, are selling an aggregate of 3,333,333 shares of our common stock in this offering.

We will enter into a registration rights agreement with respect to shares of our common stock issued to former direct and indirect equity holders of Walker & Dunlop, LLC, including certain of our executive officers and directors and Column. The registration rights agreement will provide certain demand and tag along registration rights, subject to limitations.

We will assume from certain entities that were former direct and indirect equity holders of Walker & Dunlop, LLC (i) an outstanding loan that was incurred in connection with the acquisition of partnership interests in Green Park from a third party (the "GPFA loan"), (ii) an outstanding loan that was incurred in connection with the acquisition of shares in Walker & Dunlop Multifamily, Inc. from a former executive (the "Multifamily loan"), (iii) outstanding notes that were incurred in connection with the acquisition of subsidiary equity from certain exiting employees in 2008 (the "GPFA notes") and (iv) certain indemnification obligations incurred in connection with the Column transaction. As of September 30, 2010, the GPFA loan, Multifamily loan and GPFA notes balances were \$27.9 million, \$0.6 million and \$0.5 million, respectively.

Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, an affiliate of Column, is an underwriter for this offering. We have agreed to nominate one Column designee, currently Edmund Taylor, for election as director at our 2011 annual meeting of stockholders. In addition, William Walker, our

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Mallory Walker, the father of William Walker and the former Chairman of the company, have agreed to vote the shares of common stock owned by them for the Column designee at the 2011 annual meeting of stockholders.

In addition, members of our board of directors and our executive officers, William M. Walker, our Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, Howard W. Smith, our Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Deborah A. Wilson, our Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Treasurer, Richard C. Warner, our Executive Vice President and Chief Credit Officer, and Richard M. Lucas, our Executive Vice President and General Counsel, will receive the material financial and other benefits described below.

Concurrently with the closing of this offering, an aggregate of 195,335 shares of our restricted stock will be granted under our Equity Incentive Plan to our executive officers and our non-employee directors, which shares vest over three years (or in one year in the case of our non-employee directors).

We will enter into employment agreements with each of our executive officers that will provide for salary, bonus and other benefits, including severance benefits in the event of a termination of employment in certain circumstances.

We will enter into indemnification agreements with each of our executive officers and directors that will provide for indemnification by us for certain liabilities and expenses incurred as a result of actions brought, or threatened to be brought, against them as an officer and/or director of our company.

For a more detailed discussion of these benefits, see "Management" and "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions."

#### **Corporate Information**

We were formed as a Maryland corporation on July 29, 2010. Our principal executive office is located at 7501 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 1200, Bethesda, Maryland 20814. Our telephone number is (301) 215-5500. Our web address is *www.walkerdunlop.com*. The information on, or otherwise accessible through, our website does not constitute a part of this prospectus.

#### The Offering

Common stock offered by us	6,666,667 shares (plus up to an additional 1,500,000 shares of our common stock that are issuable by us upon the exercise of the underwriters' overallotment option).
Common stock offered by the selling	
stockholders	3,333,333 shares
Common stock to be outstanding after this	
offering	21,889,855 shares (1)(2)
Use of proceeds	We estimate that the net proceeds we will receive from this offering will be approximately \$89.5 million after deducting the underwriting discounts and commissions of \$7.0 million and estimated offering expenses of approximately \$3.5 million payable by us at closing (or, if the underwriters exercise their overallotment option in full, approximately \$110.4 million, after deducting the underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses). We currently intend to use these net proceeds to execute our growth strategy and fund working capital and for other general corporate purposes. We will not receive any of the net proceeds from the sale of shares of our common stock in this offering by the selling stockholders. See "Use of Proceeds" on page 33.
Risk factors	Investing in our common stock involves risks. You should carefully read and consider the information set forth under the heading "Risk Factors" beginning on page 13 and other information included in this prospectus before making a decision to invest in our common stock.
Proposed NYSE symbol	"WD"
Conflicts of interest	An affiliate of Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC will own approximately 24.0% of our common stock on a fully diluted basis upon completion of this offering (assuming no exercise of the underwriters' overallotment option) and one member of our board of directors is affiliated with Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC. Because of this relationship, this offering is being conducted in accordance with NASD Rule 2720. This rule requires, among other things, that a qualified independent underwriter has participated in the preparation of, and has exercised the usual standards of "due diligence" with respect to, this prospectus and the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc. is acting as the qualified independent underwriter. See "Underwriting (Conflicts of Interest) Conflicts of Interest."

(1)

Excludes (i) 1,500,000 shares of our common stock issuable upon the exercise of the underwriters' overallotment option and (ii) 1,658,316 additional shares of our common stock issuable under our Equity Incentive Plan after this offering.

(2)

Includes an aggregate amount of up to 481,684 shares of restricted stock expected to be granted under our Equity Incentive Plan, which includes up to 469,684 shares of restricted stock to certain of our employees, including our executive officers, vesting ratably on each anniversary date of grant over the next three years, and 12,000 shares of restricted stock to our non-employee directors, vesting on the one-year anniversary date of grant.

#### **Summary Selected Financial Data**

The following table sets forth summary selected financial and operating data on a consolidated and combined historical basis for our predecessor. We have not presented historical financial information for Walker & Dunlop, Inc. because we have not had any corporate activity since our formation other than the issuance of shares of common stock in connection with the initial nominal capitalization of our company and because we believe that a presentation of the results of Walker & Dunlop, Inc. would not be meaningful. The term "predecessor" refers to, collectively, Walker & Dunlop, LLC, Walker & Dunlop Multifamily, Inc., Walker & Dunlop GP, LLC, GPF Acquisition, LLC, W&D, Inc., Green Park Financial Limited Partnership, Walker & Dunlop II, LLC, Green Park Express, LLC and W&D Balanced Real Estate Fund I GP, LLC.

You should read the following summary selected financial and operating data in conjunction with "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and the consolidated and combined financial statements and related notes of our predecessor included elsewhere in this prospectus.

The unaudited summary selected historical financial information at September 30, 2010, and for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, have been derived from the unaudited condensed consolidated and combined financial statements of our predecessor included elsewhere in this prospectus and, in the opinion of management, includes all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, necessary for a fair presentation of such data. The interim results for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 are not necessarily indicative of the results for 2010. Furthermore, historical results are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected in future periods.

The summary selected historical financial information at December 31, 2009 and 2008, and for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, have been derived from the consolidated and combined financial statements of our predecessor audited by KPMG LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, whose report thereon is included elsewhere in this prospectus.

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	Nine Months Ended September 30,				Year Ended December 31,					
\$ in thousands, except per share data		2010		2009		2009		2008		2007
	(u	inaudited)	(1	unaudited)						
Statement of Income Data(1)(2)		,		· · · · ·						
Revenues										
Gains from mortgage banking activities	\$	58,545	\$	40,149	\$	57,946	\$	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	\$	21,930
Servicing fees		19,769		15,350		20,981		12,257		12,327
Net warehouse interest income		2,944		3,122		4,186		1,787		17
Escrow earnings and other interest income		1,632		1,289		1,769		3,428		8,993
Other		2,889		2,355		3,879		2,272		7,005
Total Revenue	\$	85,779	\$	62,265	\$	88,761	\$	49,172	\$	50,272
Expenses										
Personnel	\$	28,877	\$	24,515	\$	32,177	\$	17,008	\$	16,779
Amortization and depreciation		12,394		9,137		12,917		7,804		9,067
Provision for risk-sharing obligations, net		4,397		(34)		2,265		1,101		
Interest expense on corporate debt		1,039		1,312		1,684		2,679		3,853
Other operating expenses		9,546		9,538		11,114		6,548		4,240
Total Expenses	\$	56,253	\$	44,468	\$	60,157	\$	35,140	\$	33,939
Income from Operations	\$	29,526	\$	17,797	\$	28,604	\$	14,032	\$	16,333
Gain on Bargain Purchase(3)				10,922		10,922				
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Net Income	\$	29,526	\$	28,719	\$	39,526	\$	14,032	\$	16,333
Pro forma income tax expense (unaudited)(1)(4)		11,220		6,763		10,869		5,332		6,207
Pro forma net income (unaudited)(1)(4)	\$	18,306	\$	21,956	\$	28,657	\$	8,700	\$	10,126
Pre-offering pro forma basic and diluted earnings per share (unaudited)(1)(4)	\$	1.24	\$	1.55	\$	2.00	\$	0.90	\$	1.00
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Pre-offering pro forma weighted average basic and diluted number of										
shares (unaudited)(1)(4)		14,741,504		14,124,492		14,306,873		9,710,521		10,156,385
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Balance Sheet Data(1)										
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	20,058(5)	\$	10,706	\$	10,390	\$	6,812	\$	17,437
Restricted cash and pledged securities	Ψ	16,818	Ψ	19,498	Ψ	19,159	φ	12,031	Ψ	10,250
Mortgage servicing rights		99,682		74,720		81,427		38,943		32,956
Loans held for sale		122,922		65,363		101,939		111,711		22,543
Total Assets		284,093		197,736		243,732		183,347		89,463
Warehouse notes payable		119,108		63,454		96,612		107,005		22,300
Notes payable		28,968		34,276		32,961		38,176		45,508
Total Liabilities		191,370		135,906		173,921		169,497		81,354
Total Equity		92,723		61,830		69,811		13,850		8,114
Supplemental Data(2)										
Income from operations, as a % of total revenue		34%		29%		329		29%		32%
Total originations	\$	2,101,967	\$	1,682,077	\$	2,229,772		1,983,056		2,064,361
Servicing portfolio	\$	14,165,850	\$	12,844,826	\$	13,203,317	\$	6,976,208	\$	6,054,186

(1)

We have historically operated as pass-through tax entities (partnerships, LLCs and S-corporations). Accordingly, our historical earnings have resulted in only nominal federal and state corporate level expense. The tax liability has been the obligation of our owners. Upon consummation of the formation transactions, our income will be subject to both federal and state corporate tax. The change in tax status is expected to result in the recognition of an estimated \$30 million to \$40 million of net deferred tax liabilities and a corresponding tax expense in the quarter in which the formation transactions are consummated. We used a combined effective federal and state tax rate of 38% to estimate our pro forma tax expense and estimated net deferred tax liability.

The estimated net deferred tax liability includes the following (\$ in thousands):

Loans held for sale	\$ (1,400)
Derivatives, net	(1, 300)
Mortgage servicing rights	(37,900)
Accounts payable	1,200
Guaranty obligation	3,300
Allowance for risk-sharing obligations	2,800
Servicing fees receivable	(1,100)

Estimated net deferred tax liability \$ (34,400)

To provide a more meaningful presentation of recurring operations, the initial recognition of the income tax expense corresponding to the net deferred tax liability, which will be established as a result of the termination of the entities' pass-through status, is not included in our pro forma presentations.

#### (2)

Statement of Income Data for the year ended December 31, 2009 and the nine months ended September 30, 2009 includes the results for 11 of the 12 months and 8 of the 9 months of the operations acquired in the Column transaction. The results of these operations in January 2009 were not significant.

#### (3)

We recognized a one time gain on bargain purchase of \$10.9 million in connection with the Column transaction in January 2009. The gain on bargain purchase represents the difference between the fair value of the assets acquired and the purchase price paid.

(4)

Concurrent with the closing of this offering, we will complete certain formation transactions through which certain individuals and entities who currently own direct and indirect equity interests in Walker & Dunlop, LLC will contribute their respective interests in such entities to Walker & Dunlop, Inc. in exchange for shares of our common stock. For purposes of calculating pre-offering pro forma basic and diluted earnings per share, we have estimated 14.7 million shares will be issued in this exchange. The pre-offering pro forma basic and diluted weighted average shares outstanding reflect the respective changes, issuance and repurchase of members' ownership interests that occurred within the periods presented. We have excluded from our computations the 6.7 million shares expected to be issued and 0.5 million restricted shares to be granted in connection with this offering.

(5)

On October 27, 2010, we declared our quarterly distribution in the normal course of business with respect to the third quarter 2010 in the amount of \$5 million, which will be paid to indirect equity owners of Walker & Dunlop, LLC prior to the closing of this offering.

#### **RISK FACTORS**

Investing in our common stock involves risks. You should carefully consider the following risk factors, together with all the other information contained in this prospectus, before making an investment decision to purchase our common stock. The realization of any of the following risks could materially and adversely affect our business, prospects, financial condition, results of operations and the market price and liquidity of our common stock, which could cause you to lose all or a significant part of your investment in our common stock. Some statements in this prospectus, including statements in the following risk factors, constitute forward-looking statements. Please refer to the section entitled "Forward-Looking Statements."

#### **Risks Relating to Our Business**

## The loss of or changes in our relationships with GSEs, HUD and institutional investors would adversely affect our ability to originate commercial real estate loans through GSE and HUD programs, which would materially and adversely affect us.

Currently, we originate substantially all of our loans for sale through GSE or HUD programs. We are approved as a Fannie Mae DUS lender nationwide, a Freddie Mac Program Plus lender in seven states, the District of Columbia and the metropolitan New York area, a HUD MAP lender nationwide, and a Ginnie Mae issuer. Our status as an approved lender affords us a number of advantages and may be terminated by the applicable GSE or HUD at any time. The loss of such status would, or changes in our relationships could, prevent us from being able to originate commercial real estate loans for sale through the particular GSE or HUD, which would materially and adversely affect us. It could also result in a loss of similar approvals from other GSEs or HUD.

We also originate loans on behalf of certain life insurance companies, investment banks, commercial banks, pension funds and other institutional investors that directly underwrite and provide funding for the loans at closing. In cases where we do not fund the loan, we act as a loan broker. If these investors discontinue their relationship with us and replacement investors cannot be found on a timely basis, we could be adversely affected.

# A change to the conservatorship of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and related actions, along with any changes in laws and regulations affecting the relationship between Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and the U.S. federal government, could materially and adversely affect our business.

There continues to be substantial uncertainty regarding the future of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, including whether they both will continue to exist in their current form.

Due to increased market concerns about the ability of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to withstand future credit losses associated with securities on which they provide guarantees and loans held in their investment portfolios without the direct support of the U.S. federal government, in September 2008, the Federal Housing Finance Agency (the "FHFA") placed Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac into conservatorship and, together with the U.S. Treasury, established a program designed to boost investor confidence in Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac by supporting the availability of mortgage financing and protecting taxpayers. The U.S. government program includes contracts between the U.S. Treasury and each of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac that seek to ensure that each GSE maintains a positive net worth by providing for the provision of cash by the U.S. Treasury to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac if FHFA determines that its liabilities exceed its assets. Although the U.S. government has described some specific steps that it intends to take as part of the conservatorship process, efforts to stabilize these entities may not be successful and the outcome and impact of these events remain highly uncertain.

The problems faced by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac resulting in their placement into conservatorship and their delistings from the New York Stock Exchange have stirred debate among some U.S. federal policymakers regarding the continued role of the U.S. government in providing



liquidity for mortgage loans. Future legislation could further change the relationship between Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and the U.S. government, could change their business charters or structure, or could nationalize or eliminate such entities entirely. We cannot predict whether, or when any such legislation may be enacted.

In June 2009, as part of the Obama administration's financial industry recovery proposal, the U.S. Treasury announced that it and HUD, in consultation with other government agencies, plan to engage in a wide-ranging initiative to develop recommendations on the future of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and the Federal Home Loan Bank system. The U.S. Treasury noted that there are a number of options for the reform of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, including: (i) returning them to their previous status as government-sponsored enterprises with the paired interests of maximizing returns for private shareholders and pursuing public policy home ownership goals; (ii) gradual wind-down of their operations and liquidation of their assets; (iii) incorporating each of Fannie Mae's and Freddie Mac's function into a federal agency; (iv) creating a public utility model where the government regulates Fannie Mae's and Freddie Mac's profit margin, sets guarantee fees and provides explicit backing for guarantee commitments; (v) a conversion to providing insurance for covered bonds; and (vi) the dissolution of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac into many smaller companies. Treasury Secretary Geithner testified in March 2010 that the administration expects to present its proposals for housing finance reform to Congress "next year." On April 14, 2010, the Obama administration released seven broad questions for public comment on the future of the housing finance reform. On August 17, 2010, the U.S. Treasury and HUD hosted the Obama Administration's "Conference on the Future of Housing Finance" to bring together academic experts, consumer and community organizations, industry groups, market participants and other stakeholders for an open discussion about housing finance reform. No definitive decisions were made at the conference.

It is widely anticipated that the U.S. Congress will address GSEs as part of its next major legislative undertaking, although it is not known when, or if, that will occur. In Section 1491 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the "Dodd-Frank Act"), signed into law on July 21, 2010, Congress stated that the "hybrid public-private status of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac is untenable and must be resolved" and, further, "[i]t is the sense of the Congress that efforts to enhance by [sic] the protection, limitation, and regulation of the terms of residential mortgage credit and the practices related to such credit would be incomplete without enactment of meaningful structural reforms of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac."

Currently, we originate a substantial majority of our loans for sale through Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac programs. Furthermore, a substantial majority of our servicing rights derive from loans we sell through Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac programs. Changes in the business charters, structure or existence of Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac could eliminate or substantially reduce the number of loans we originate, which would have a material adverse effect on us.

## We are subject to risk of loss in connection with defaults on loans sold under the Fannie Mae DUS program that could materially and adversely affect our results of operations and liquidity.

Under the Fannie Mae DUS program, we originate and service multifamily loans for Fannie Mae without having to obtain Fannie Mae's prior approval for certain loans, as long as the loans meet the underwriting guidelines set forth by Fannie Mae. In return for the delegated authority to make loans and the commitment to purchase loans by Fannie Mae, we must maintain minimum collateral and generally are required to share risk of loss on loans sold through Fannie Mae. Under the full risk-sharing formula, we are required to absorb the first 5% of any losses on the unpaid principal balance of a loan, and above 5% we are required to share the loss with Fannie Mae, with our maximum loss capped at 20% of the unpaid principal balance of a loan. Our risk-sharing obligations have been modified and reduced on some Fannie Mae DUS loans. In addition, Fannie Mae can double

or triple our risk-sharing obligations if the loan does not meet specific underwriting criteria or if the loan defaults within 12 months of its sale to Fannie Mae. In September 2010, we received notice from Fannie Mae that our risk-sharing obligation has been increased on a \$4.6 million loan that defaulted within 12 months of the sale to Fannie Mae. We have recommended that Fannie Mae initiate foreclosure on the defaulted loan. We are currently evaluating our collateral level on the Fannie Mae loan, but do not currently expect to incur a loss from this default. As of September 30, 2010, we had pledged securities of \$13.6 million as collateral against future losses under \$6.5 billion of Fannie Mae DUS loans outstanding that are subject to risk-sharing obligations, as more fully described under "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Liquidity and Capital Resources Credit Quality and Allowance for Risk-Sharing Obligations," which we refer to as our "at risk balance." As of September 30, 2010, our allowance for risk-sharing as a percentage of the at risk balance was 0.12%, or \$7.8 million, and reflects our current estimate of our future payouts under our risk-sharing obligations. We cannot assure you that our estimate will be sufficient to cover future write offs. While we originate loans that meet the underwriting guidelines defined by Fannie Mae, in addition to our own internal underwriting guidelines, underwriting criteria may not always protect against loan defaults. In addition, commercial real estate values have generally declined in recent years, in some cases to levels below the current outstanding principal balance of the loan. Also, underwriting standards, including loan-to-value ratios, have become stricter. These factors create a risk that some older loans may not be able to be refinanced at maturity and thus may experience maturity defaults. Other factors may also affect a borrower's decision to default on a loan, such as property, cash flow, occupancy, maintenance needs, and other financing obligations. As of September 30, 2010, our 60 or more days delinquency rate was 0.83% of the Fannie Mae DUS at risk portfolio. If loan defaults continue to increase, actual risk-sharing obligation payments under the Fannie Mae DUS program may increase, and such defaults and payments could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and liquidity. In addition, any failure to pay our share of losses under the Fannie Mae DUS program could result in the revocation of our license from Fannie Mae and the exercise of various remedies available to Fannie Mae under the Fannie Mae DUS program.

## If we fail to act proactively with delinquent borrowers in an effort to avoid a default, the number of delinquent loans could increase, which could have a material adverse effect on us.

As a loan servicer, we maintain the primary contact with the borrower throughout the life of the loan and are responsible, pursuant to our servicing agreements with GSEs, HUD and institutional investors, for asset management. We are also responsible, together with the applicable GSE, HUD or institutional investor, for taking actions to mitigate losses. We believe we have developed an extensive asset management process for tracking each loan that we service. However, we may be unsuccessful in identifying loans that are in danger of underperforming or defaulting or in taking appropriate action once those loans are identified. While we can recommend a loss mitigation strategy for GSEs and HUD, decisions regarding loss mitigation are within the control of GSEs and HUD. Recent turmoil in the real estate, credit and capital markets have made this process even more difficult and unpredictable. When loans become delinquent, we incur additional expenses in servicing and asset managing the loan, we are typically required to advance principal and interest payments and tax and insurance escrow amounts, we could be subject to a loss of our contractual servicing fee and we could suffer losses of up to 20% (or more for loans that do not meet specific underwriting criteria or default within 12 months) of the unpaid principal balance of a Fannie Mae DUS loan with full risk-sharing, as well as potential losses on Fannie Mae DUS loans with modified risk-sharing. These items could have a negative impact on our cash flows and a negative effect on the net carrying value of the MSR on our balance sheet and could result in a charge to our earnings. As a result of the foregoing, a continuing rise in delinquencies could have a material adverse effect on us.

# A reduction in the prices paid for our loans and services or an increase in loan or security interest rates by investors could materially and adversely affect our results of operations and liquidity.

Our results of operations and liquidity could be materially and adversely affected if GSEs, HUD or institutional investors lower the price they are willing to pay to us for our loans or services or adversely change the material terms of their loan purchases or service arrangements with us. A number of factors determine the price we receive for our loans. With respect to Fannie Mae related originations, our loans are generally sold as Fannie Mae-insured securities to third-party investors. With respect to HUD related originations, our loans are generally sold as Ginnie Mae securities to third-party investors. In both cases, the price paid to us reflects, in part, the competitive market bidding process for these securities.

We sell loans directly to Freddie Mac. Freddie Mac may choose to hold, sell or later securitize such loans. We believe terms set by Freddie Mac are influenced by similar market factors as those that impact the price of Fannie Mae insured or Ginnie Mae securities, although the pricing process differs. With respect to loans that are placed with institutional investors, the origination fees that we receive from borrowers are determined through negotiations, competition and other market conditions.

Loan servicing fees are based, in part, on the risk-sharing obligations associated with the loan and the market pricing of credit risk. The credit risk premium offered by Fannie Mae for new loans can change periodically but remains fixed once we enter into a commitment to sell the loan. Over the past several years, Fannie Mae loan servicing fees have been higher due to the market pricing of credit risk. There can be no assurance that such fees will continue to remain at such levels or that such levels will be sufficient if delinquencies occur.

Servicing fees for loans placed with institutional investors are negotiated with each institutional investor pursuant to agreements that we have with them. These fees for new loans vary over time and may be materially and adversely affected by a number of factors, including competitors that may be willing to provide similar services at better rates.

# We originate mostly multifamily and other commercial real estate loans that are eligible for sale through GSE or HUD programs, which focus may expose us to greater risk if the CMBS market recovers or alternative sources of liquidity become more readily available to the commercial real estate finance market.

We originate mostly multifamily and other commercial real estate loans that are eligible for sale through GSE or HUD programs. Over the past few years, the number of multifamily loans financed by GSE and HUD programs has represented a significantly greater percentage of overall multifamily loan origination volume than in prior years. We believe that this increase is the result, in part, of market dislocation and illiquidity in the secondary markets for non-GSE or HUD loans. To the extent the CMBS market recovers or liquidity in the commercial real estate finance market significantly increases, there may be less demand for loans that are eligible for sale through GSE or HUD programs, and our loan origination volume may be adversely impacted, which could materially and adversely affect us.

# A significant portion of our revenue is derived from loan servicing fees, and declines in or terminations of servicing engagements or breaches of servicing agreements, including as a result of non-performance by third parties that we engage for back-office loan servicing functions, could have a material adverse effect on us.

For the year ended December 31, 2009, 24% of our revenues were from loan servicing fees. We expect that loan servicing fees will continue to constitute a significant portion of our revenues for the foreseeable future. Nearly all of these fees are derived from loans that we originate and sell through GSE and HUD programs or place with institutional investors. A decline in the number or value of loans that we originate for these investors or terminations of our servicing engagements will decrease these fees. HUD has the right to terminate our current servicing engagements for cause. In addition to termination for cause, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac may terminate our servicing engagements without



cause by paying a termination fee. Our institutional investors typically may terminate our servicing engagements at any time with or without cause, without paying a termination fee. We are also subject to losses that may arise as a result of servicing errors, such as a failure to maintain insurance, pay taxes or provide notices. In addition, we have contracted with a third party to perform certain routine back-office aspects of loan servicing. If we or this third party fails to perform, or we breach or the third-party causes us to breach our servicing obligations to GSEs, HUD and institutional investors, our servicing engagements may be terminated. Declines or terminations of servicing engagements or breaches of such obligations could materially and adversely affect us.

## If one or more of our warehouse facilities, on which we are highly dependent, are terminated, we may be unable to find replacement financing on favorable terms, or at all, which would have a material adverse effect on us.

We require a significant amount of funding capacity on an interim basis for loans we originate. As of September 30, 2010, we had \$300 million of committed loan funding available through two commercial banks, \$250 million of uncommitted funding available through Fannie Mae As Soon As Pooled ("ASAP") program, and an unlimited amount of uncommitted funding available for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac loans through Kemps Landing Capital Company, LLC, an affiliate of Guggenheim Partners. Consistent with industry practice, three of our existing warehouse facilities are short-term, requiring annual renewal. If any of our committed facilities are terminated or are not renewed or our uncommitted facilities are not honored, we may be unable to find replacement financing on favorable terms, or at all, and we might not be able to originate loans, which would have a material adverse effect on us.

If we fail to meet or satisfy any of the financial or other covenants included in our warehouse facilities, we would be in default under one or more of these facilities and our lenders could elect to declare all amounts outstanding under the facilities to be immediately due and payable, enforce their interests against loans pledged under such facilities and restrict our ability to make additional borrowings. These facilities also contain cross-default provisions, such that if a default occurs under any of our debt agreements, generally the lenders under our other debt agreements could also declare a default. These restrictions may interfere with our ability to obtain financing or to engage in other business activities, which could materially and adversely affect us. As of June 30, 2010, we were in breach of a covenant in one of our warehouse facilities that required the delinquency rate of the Fannie Mae loans on which we have risk-sharing to not increase more than 0.5% from quarter-end to quarter-end. Our delinquency rate increased 0.71% from March 31, 2010 to June 30, 2010. The delinquency rate is calculated based on the unpaid principal amount of Fannie Mae DUS loans on which we have risk-sharing that are sixty or more days delinquent. The lenders under this warehouse line waived the breach, and all related cross-defaults were waived. The covenant was subsequently amended to increase the maximum delinquency rate increase to 1% from quarter-end to quarter-end. While we were in compliance with all financial and other covenants included in our warehouse facilities as of September 30, 2010, there can be no assurance that we will not experience another default of this nature in the future.

#### We are subject to the risk of failed loan deliveries, and even after a successful closing and delivery, may be required to repurchase the loan or to indemnify the investor if we breach a representation or warranty made by us in connection with the sale of the loan through a GSE or HUD program, any of which could have a material adverse effect on us.

We bear the risk that a borrower will choose not to close on a loan that has been pre-sold to an investor or that the investor will choose not to close on the loan, including because a catastrophic change in the condition of a property occurs after we fund the loan and prior to the investor purchase date. We also have the risk of serious errors in loan documentation which prevent timely delivery of



the loan prior to the investor purchase date. A complete failure to deliver a loan could be a default under the warehouse line used to finance the loan. Although we have experienced only one failed delivery in our history, we can provide no assurance that we will not experience additional failed deliveries in the future or that any losses will not be material or will be mitigated through property insurance or payment protections.

We must make certain representations and warranties concerning each loan originated by us for GSE or HUD programs. The representations and warranties relate to our practices in the origination and servicing of the loans and the accuracy of the information being provided by us. For example, we are generally required to provide the following, among other, representations and warranties: we are authorized to do business and to sell or assign the loan; the loan conforms to the requirements of the GSE or HUD and certain laws and regulations; the underlying mortgage represents a valid lien on the property and there are no other liens on the property; the loan documents are valid and enforceable; taxes, assessments, insurance premiums, rents and similar other payments have been paid or escrowed; the property is insured, conforms to zoning laws and remains intact; and we do not know of any issues regarding the loan that are reasonably expected to cause the loan to be delinquent or unacceptable for investment or adversely affect its value. We are permitted to satisfy certain of these representations and warranties by furnishing a title insurance policy.

In the event of a breach of any representation or warranty, investors could, among other things, increase the level of risk-sharing on the Fannie Mae DUS loan or require us to repurchase the full amount of the loan and seek indemnification for losses from us. Our obligation to repurchase the loan is independent of our risk-sharing obligations. The GSE or HUD could require us to repurchase the loan if representations and warranties are breached, even if the loan is not in default. Because the accuracy of many such representations and warranties generally is based on our actions or on third-party reports, such as title reports and environmental reports, we may not receive similar representations and warranties from other parties that would serve as a claim against them. Even if we receive representations and warranties from third parties and have a claim against them in the event of a breach, our ability to recover on any such claim may be limited. Our ability to recover against a borrower that breaches its representations and warranties to us may be similarly limited. Our ability to recover on a claim against any party would also be dependent, in part, upon the financial condition and liquidity of such party. Although we believe that we have capable personnel at all levels, use qualified third parties and have established controls to ensure that all loans are originated pursuant to requirements established by the GSEs and HUD, in addition to our own internal requirements, there can be no assurance that we, our employees or third parties will not make mistakes. Although we have never been required to repurchase any loan, there can be no assurance that we will not be required to do so in the future. Any significant repurchase or indemnification obligations imposed on us could have a material adverse effect on us.

# We expect to offer new loan products to meet evolving borrower demands, including loans that we originate for our balance sheet. Balance sheet lending would increase our risk of loss, and because we are not as experienced with such loan products, we may not be successful or profitable in offering such products.

Currently, we do not originate loans for our balance sheet, and all loans are pre-sold or placed with an investor before we close on the loan with the borrower. In the future, we expect to offer new loan products to meet evolving borrower demands, including loans that we originate for our balance sheet. Carrying loans for longer periods of time on our balance sheet would expose us to greater risks of loss than we currently face for loans that are pre-sold or placed with investors, including, without limitation, 100% exposure for defaults, impairment charges and interest rate movements. We may initiate new loan product and service offerings or acquire them through acquisitions of operating businesses. Because we may not be as experienced with new loan products or services, we may require



additional time and resources for offering and managing such products and services effectively or may be unsuccessful in offering such new products and services at a profit.

# Our business is significantly affected by general business, economic and market conditions and cycles, particularly in the multifamily and commercial real estate industry, including changes in government fiscal and monetary policies, and, accordingly, we could be materially harmed in the event of a continued market downturn or changes in government policies.

We are sensitive to general business, economic and market conditions and cycles, particularly in the multifamily and commercial real estate industry. These conditions include changes in short-term and long-term interest rates, inflation and deflation, fluctuations in the real estate and debt capital markets and developments in national and local economies, unemployment rates, commercial property vacancy and rental rates. Any sustained period of weakness or weakening business or economic conditions in the markets in which we do business or in related markets could result in a decrease in the demand for our loans and services, which could materially harm us. In addition, the number of borrowers who become delinquent, become subject to bankruptcy laws or default on their loans could increase, resulting in a decrease in the value of our MSRs and servicer advances and higher levels of loss on our Fannie Mae loans for which we share risk of loss, and could materially and adversely affect us.

We also are significantly affected by the fiscal and monetary policies of the U.S. government and its agencies. We are particularly affected by the policies of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the "Federal Reserve"), which regulates the supply of money and credit in the United States. The Federal Reserve's policies affect interest rates, which have a significant impact on the demand for commercial real estate loans. Significant fluctuations in interest rates as well as protracted periods of increases or decreases in interest rates could adversely affect the operation and income of multifamily and other commercial real estate properties, as well as the demand from investors for commercial real estate debt in the secondary market. In particular, higher interest rates tend to decrease the number of loans originated. An increase in interest rates could cause refinancing of existing loans to become less attractive and qualifying for a loan to become more difficult. Changes in fiscal and monetary policies are beyond our control, are difficult to predict and could materially and adversely affect us.

## We are dependent upon the success of the multifamily real estate sector and conditions that negatively impact the multifamily sector may reduce demand for our products and services and materially and adversely affect us.

We provide commercial real estate financial products and services primarily to developers and owners of multifamily properties. Accordingly, the success of our business is closely tied to the overall success of the multifamily real estate market. Various changes in real estate conditions may impact the multifamily sector. Any negative trends in such real estate conditions may reduce demand for our products and services and, as a result, adversely affect our results of operations. These conditions include:

oversupply of, or a reduction in demand for, multifamily housing;

a favorable interest rate environment that may result in a significant number of potential residents of multifamily properties deciding to purchase homes instead of renting;

rent control or stabilization laws, or other laws regulating multifamily housing, which could affect the profitability of multifamily developments;

the inability of residents and tenants to pay rent;

increased competition in the multifamily sector based on considerations such as the attractiveness, location, rental rates, amenities and safety record of various properties; and

increased operating costs, including increased real property taxes, maintenance, insurance and utilities costs.

Moreover, other factors may adversely affect the multifamily sector, including changes in government regulations and other laws, rules and regulations governing real estate, zoning or taxes, changes in interest rate levels, the potential liability under environmental and other laws and other unforeseen events. Any or all of these factors could negatively impact the multifamily sector and, as a result, reduce the demand for our products and services. Any such reduction could materially and adversely affect us.

# For most loans that we service under the Fannie Mae and HUD programs, we are required to advance payments due to investors if the borrower is delinquent in making such payments, which requirement could adversely impact our liquidity and harm our results of operations.

For most loans we service under the Fannie Mae DUS program, we are currently required to advance the principal and interest payments and tax and insurance escrow amounts up to 5% of the unpaid principal balance if the borrower is delinquent in making loan payments. Once the 5% threshold is met, we can apply to Fannie Mae to have the advance rate reduced to 25% of any additional principal and interest payments and tax and insurance escrow amounts, which Fannie Mae may approve at its discretion. We are reimbursed by Fannie Mae for these advances.

Under the HUD program, we are obligated to continue to advance principal and interest payments and tax and insurance escrow amounts on Ginnie Mae securities until the HUD mortgage insurance claim and the Ginnie Mae security have been fully paid. In the event of a default on a HUD insured loan, HUD will reimburse approximately 99% of any losses of principal and interest on the loan and Ginnie Mae will reimburse the remaining losses of principal and interest. Ginnie Mae is currently considering a change to its programs that would eliminate the Ginnie Mae obligation to reimburse us for any losses not paid by HUD in return for our receiving an increased servicing fee. It is uncertain whether these changes will be implemented. An elimination of Ginnie Mae's reimbursement obligation could adversely impact us.

Although we have funded all required advances from operating cash flow in the past, there can be no assurance that we will be able to do so in the future. If we do not have sufficient operating cash flows to fund such advances, we would need to finance such amounts. Such financing could be costly and could prevent us from pursuing our business and growth strategies.

#### If we securitize our loans in the future, we will be subject to additional risks that we do not currently face.

Although some of our loans back Fannie Mae-insured or Ginnie Mae securities, we currently do not directly securitize the loans that we originate. Securitizing our loans would subject us to numerous additional risks, including:

delayed operating cash flows;

conditions in the general securities and securitization markets;

the need to obtain satisfactory credit enhancements;

retention of credit enhancing residual interests;

increased potential for earnings fluctuations; and

risk of mismatch between securitization yields and borrowing rates on our warehouse and other loan funding debt.

If we were to securitize our loans, we would have to adequately address these and other related risks. Our failure to do so could have a material adverse effect on us.

## The requirements associated with being a public company, which will require us to implement significant control systems and procedures, require significant company resources and management attention.

As a public company, we will be subject to the reporting requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (the "Sarbanes-Oxley Act"). The Exchange Act requires that we file annual, quarterly and current reports with respect to our business and financial condition and performance within specified time periods and maintain effective disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting within specified deadlines. Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act requires that our management evaluate, and our independent registered public accountant report on, our internal control over financial reporting on an annual basis. We expect that we will be required to complete our initial internal controls assessment by the time of the filing of our Form 10-K for our fiscal year ending December 31, 2011. As a result, we will incur significant legal, accounting and other expenses that we did not incur prior to the time we became subject to the requirements of the Exchange Act and the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. We have made, and will continue to make, changes to our corporate governance standards, disclosure controls, internal control over financial reporting and accounting systems designed to meet our reporting obligations on a timely basis, including the timely filing of Exchange Act reports. However, if the measures we take are not sufficient to satisfy our obligations, we may incur further costs and experience continued diversion of management attention, adverse reputational effects and possible regulatory sanctions or civil litigation.

#### The loss of our key management could result in a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

Our future success depends to a significant extent on the continued services of our senior management, particularly Mr. Walker, our Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Smith, our Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, and Mr. Warner, our Executive Vice President and Chief Credit Officer. The loss of the services of any of these individuals could have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations. We only maintain "key person" life insurance on Mr. Walker.

## We may not be able to hire and retain qualified loan originators or grow and maintain our relationships with key loan correspondents, and if we are unable to do so, our ability to implement our business and growth strategies could be limited.

We depend on our loan originators to generate borrower clients by, among other things, developing relationships with commercial property owners, real estate agents and brokers, developers and others, which we believe leads to repeat and referral business. Accordingly, we must be able to attract, motivate and retain skilled loan originators. We currently employ approximately 30 loan originators throughout our eight offices. The market for loan originators is highly competitive and may lead to increased costs to hire and retain them. We cannot guarantee that we will be able to attract or retain qualified loan originators. If we cannot attract, motivate or retain a sufficient number of skilled loan originators, or even if we can motivate or retain them but at higher costs, we could be materially and adversely affected.



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We also depend on our network of loan correspondents, who generate a significant portion of our loan originations. During the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and the year ended December 31, 2009, correspondents generated 39% and 40%, respectively, of the loans that we originated during those periods. Unlike our loan originators, correspondents are not directly employed by us but are paid a percentage of the origination fee and the ongoing servicing fee for each loan that they help originate. In addition, although we have an exclusive relationship with our correspondents with respect to GSE and HUD loan products, we do not have an exclusive arrangement for any other loan products. While we strive to cultivate long-standing relationships that generate repeat business for us by making available co-marketing materials and educational resources to them, correspondents are free to transact business with other lenders and have done so in the past and will do so in the future. Our competitors also have relationships with some of our correspondents was particularly acute when the CMBS market was more robust. Although recent difficulties in the CMBS market have increased demand for GSE and HUD loans, we cannot guarantee that correspondents will continue to provide a strong source of originations for us if and when the CMBS market recovers. We also cannot guarantee that we will be able to maintain or develop new relationships with additional correspondents. If we cannot maintain and enhance our existing relationships and develop new relationships, particularly hampered and we would be materially and adversely affected.

## We have numerous significant competitors and potential future competitors, many of which may have greater resources and access to capital than we do, and we may not be able to compete effectively in the future.

We face significant competition across our business, including, but not limited to, commercial banks, commercial real estate service providers and life insurance companies, some of which are also investors in loans we originate. Many of these competitors enjoy competitive advantages over us, including:

greater name recognition;

a stronger, more established network of correspondents and loan originators;

established relationships with institutional investors;

an established market presence in markets where we do not yet have a presence or where we have a smaller presence;

ability to diversify and grow by providing a greater variety of commercial real estate loan products on more attractive terms, some of which require greater access to capital and the ability to retain loans on the balance sheet; and

greater financial resources and access to capital to develop branch offices and compensate key employees.

Commercial banks may have an advantage over us in originating loans if borrowers already have a line of credit with the bank. Commercial real estate service providers may have an advantage over us to the extent they also offer an investment sales platform. We compete on the basis of quality of service, relationships, loan structure, terms, pricing and industry depth. Industry depth includes the knowledge of local and national real estate market conditions, commercial real estate, loan product expertise and the ability to analyze and manage credit risk. Our competitors seek to compete aggressively on the basis of these factors and our success depends on our ability to offer attractive loan products, provide superior service, demonstrate industry depth, maintain and capitalize on relationships with investors, borrowers and key loan correspondents and remain competitive in pricing. In addition, future changes in laws, regulations and GSE and HUD program requirements and consolidation in the commercial

real estate finance market could lead to the entry of more competitors. We cannot guarantee that we will be able to compete effectively in the future, and our failure to do so would materially and adversely affect us.

#### The continuation of certain indemnification obligations of certain of our predecessors could have a material adverse effect on us.

In connection with the Column transaction, certain predecessor entities that will become our wholly owned subsidiaries through the formation transactions agreed to indemnify Walker & Dunlop, LLC and its members (including Column) for certain matters, including (i) breaches of representations, warranties and covenants, (ii) any repurchase requirements with respect to loans originated by those subsidiaries, and (iii) liabilities in connection with excluded assets and excluded liabilities. Those indemnification obligations of our subsidiaries will continue following the formation transactions. The survival of those obligations will permit the indemnified parties, including Column, to the extent that they sustain damages resulting from any indemnified matter, to assert claims for indemnification against our subsidiaries for the survival period of those obligations. While we are unaware of any potential claims for indemnification against our subsidiaries, any such claims could have a material adverse effect on us. See "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions" for additional information.

## We have experienced significant growth over the past several years, which may be difficult to sustain and which may place significant demands on our administrative, operational and financial resources.

Our recent significant growth may not reflect our future growth potential, and we may not be able to maintain similarly high levels of growth in the future. Our recent growth reflects, in part, the acquisition of certain mortgage banking operations from Column in January 2009, which contributed \$5.0 billion to our servicing portfolio and expanded our product lines as well as origination capacity. Much of our growth has also occurred since the onset of the 2008 credit crisis and the resulting tightening of credit standards, as many traditional lenders decreased or ceased their investments in commercial real estate debt. As a result, borrowers looked instead to GSEs, HUD and other sources of lending for multifamily loans. We intend to pursue continued growth by adding more loan originators, expanding our loan product offerings and acquiring complementary businesses, as appropriate, but we cannot guarantee such efforts will be successful. We do not know whether the favorable conditions that enabled our recent growth will continue. Because our recent significant growth is not likely to accurately reflect our future growth or our ability to grow in the future, there can be no assurance that we will continue to grow at the same pace or achieve the same financial results as we have in the past.

In addition, if our growth continues, it could increase our expenses and place additional demands on our management, personnel, information systems and other resources. Sustaining our growth will require us to commit additional management, operational and financial resources to maintain appropriate operational and financial systems to adequately support expansion. There can be no assurance that we will be able to manage any growth effectively and any failure to do so could adversely affect our ability to generate revenue and control our expenses, which could materially and adversely affect us.

## If we acquire companies in the future, we may experience high transaction and integration costs, the integration process may be disruptive to our business and the acquired businesses may not perform as we expect.

Our future success will depend, in part, on our ability to expand or modify our business in response to changing borrower demands and competitive pressures. In some circumstances, we may determine to do so through the acquisition of complementary businesses rather than through internal growth. The identification of suitable acquisition candidates can be difficult, time consuming and costly,



and we may not be able to successfully complete identified acquisitions on favorable terms, or at all. Furthermore, even if we successfully complete an acquisition, we may not be able to successfully integrate newly acquired businesses into our operations, and the process of integration could be expensive and time consuming and may strain our resources. Acquisitions also typically involve significant costs related to integrating information technology, accounting, reporting and management services and rationalizing personnel levels and may require significant time to obtain new or updated regulatory approvals from GSEs, HUD and other authorities. Acquisitions could divert management's attention from the regular operations of our business and result in the potential loss of our key personnel, and we may not achieve the anticipated benefits of the acquisitions, any of which could materially and adversely affect us. In addition, future acquisitions could result in significantly dilutive issuances of equity securities or the incurrence of substantial debt, contingent liabilities or expenses or other charges, which could also materially and adversely affect us.

#### **Risks Relating to Regulatory Matters**

If we fail to comply with the numerous government regulations and program requirements of GSEs and HUD, we may lose our approved lender status with these entities and fail to gain additional approvals or licenses for our business. We are also subject to changes in laws, regulations and existing GSE and HUD program requirements, including potential increases in reserve and risk retention requirements that could increase our costs and affect the way we conduct our business, which could materially and adversely affect us.

Our operations are subject to regulation by federal, state and local government authorities, various laws and judicial and administrative decisions, and regulations and policies of GSEs and HUD. These laws, regulations, rules and policies impose, among other things, minimum net worth, operational liquidity and collateral requirements. Fannie Mae requires us to maintain operational liquidity based on a formula that considers the balance of the loan and the level of credit loss exposure (level of risk-sharing). Fannie Mae requires Fannie Mae DUS lenders to maintain collateral, which may include pledged securities, for our risk-sharing obligations. The amount of collateral required under the Fannie Mae DUS program is calculated at the loan level and is based on the balance of the loan, the level of risk-sharing, the seasoning of the loans and the rating of the Fannie Mae DUS lender.

Regulatory authorities also require us to submit financial reports and to maintain a quality control plan for the underwriting, origination and servicing of loans. Numerous laws and regulations also impose qualification and licensing obligations on us and impose requirements and restrictions affecting, among other things: our loan originations; maximum interest rates, finance charges and other fees that we may charge; disclosures to consumers; the terms of secured transactions; collection, repossession and claims handling procedures; personnel qualifications; and other trade practices. We also are subject to inspection by GSEs, HUD and regulatory authorities. Our failure to comply with these requirements could lead to, among other things, the loss of a license as an approved GSE or HUD lender, the inability to gain additional approvals or licenses, the termination of contractual rights without compensation, demands for indemnification or loan repurchases, class action lawsuits and administrative enforcement actions.

Regulatory and legal requirements are subject to change. For example, Fannie Mae has recently increased its collateral requirements from 35 basis points to 60 basis points, effective as of January 1, 2011. The incremental collateral required for existing and new loans will be funded over approximately the next three years in accordance with Fannie Mae requirements. Fannie Mae also has indicated that it intends to reassess the adequacy of its collateral requirements on an annual basis, starting as of October 2011. Ginnie Mae has indicated that it is currently considering a change to its programs that would eliminate the Ginnie Mae obligation to reimburse us for any losses not paid by HUD in return for our receiving an increased servicing fee, although it is uncertain whether these changes will be implemented. In addition, Congress has also been considering proposals requiring lenders to retain a portion of all loans sold to GSEs and HUD. The Dodd-Frank Act imposes a requirement that lenders

retain "not less than 5 percent of the credit risk" of certain securitized loans, particularly those that are not "qualified residential mortgages." It is currently unclear whether and how the Dodd-Frank Act will apply to commercial real estate lenders. The Dodd-Frank Act requires the federal banking agencies, the Federal Trade Commission (the "FTC"), HUD, and FHFA to issue rules implementing this requirement no later than 270 days after Dodd-Frank's enactment. It also requires the federal banking agencies, the FTC, HUD, and FHFA to issue a joint rule defining a "qualified residential mortgage." Therefore, the applicability of this provision to us and its effect upon our business will not be fully known until these agencies issue the joint rule. It is also impossible to predict any future legislation that Congress may enact regarding the selling of loans to GSEs or any other matter relating to GSEs or loan securitizations. GSEs, HUD and other investors may also change underwriting criteria, which could affect the volume and value of loans that we originate. Changes to regulatory and legal requirements could be difficult and expensive with which to comply and could affect the way we conduct our business, which could materially and adversely affect us.

## If we do not obtain and maintain the appropriate state licenses, we will not be allowed to originate or service commercial real estate loans in some states, which could materially and adversely affect us.

State mortgage loan finance licensing laws vary considerably. Most states and the District of Columbia impose a licensing obligation to originate, broker or purchase commercial real estate loans. Many of those mortgage loan licensing laws also impose a licensing obligation to service commercial real estate loans. If we are unable to obtain the appropriate state licenses or do not qualify for an exemption, we could be materially and adversely affected.

If these licenses are obtained, state regulators impose additional ongoing obligations on licensees, such as maintaining certain minimum net worth or line of credit requirements. The minimum net worth requirement varies from state to state. Further, in limited instances, the net worth calculation may not include recourse on any contingent liabilities. If we do not meet these minimum net worth or line of credit requirements or satisfy other criteria, regulators may revoke or suspend our licenses and prevent us from continuing to originate, broker or service commercial real estate loans, which would materially and adversely affect us.

## If we fail to comply with laws, regulations and market standards regarding the privacy, use and security of customer information, we may be subject to legal and regulatory actions and our reputation would be harmed.

We receive, maintain and store the non-public personal information of our loan applicants. The technology and other controls and processes designed to secure our customer information and to prevent, detect and remedy any unauthorized access to that information were designed to obtain reasonable, not absolute, assurance that such information is secure and that any unauthorized access is identified and addressed appropriately. Accordingly, such controls may not have detected, and may in the future fail to prevent or detect, unauthorized access to our borrower information. If this information is inappropriately accessed and used by a third party or an employee for illegal purposes, such as identity theft, we may be responsible to the affected applicant or borrower for any losses he or she may have incurred as a result of misappropriation. In such an instance, we may be liable to a governmental authority for fines or penalties associated with a lapse in the integrity and security of our customers' information.

#### **Risks Related to Our Common Stock**

# There is currently no public market for our common stock, an active trading market for our common stock may never develop or continue following this offering and the trading and market price of our common stock may be volatile and could decline substantially following this offering.

Prior to this offering, there has not been a public market for our common stock. An active trading market for our common stock may never develop or be sustained and securities analysts may choose not to cover us, which may affect the liquidity of our common stock and your ability to sell your common stock when desired, or at all, and could depress the market price of our common stock and the price at which you may be able to sell your common stock. In addition, the initial public offering price will be determined through negotiations among us, the selling stockholders and the representatives of the underwriters and may bear no relationship to the price at which the common stock will trade upon completion of this offering.

The stock markets, including the NYSE (on which our common stock has been approved for listing, subject to official notice of issuance), have experienced significant price and volume fluctuations. As a result, the trading and market price of our common stock is likely to be similarly volatile and subject to wide fluctuations, and investors in our common stock may experience a decrease in the value of their shares, including decreases unrelated to our operating performance or prospects. The market price of our common stock could decline substantially following the offering in response to a number of factors, including those listed in this "Risk Factors" section of this prospectus and others such as:

our actual or anticipated financial condition, liquidity and operating performance;

actual or anticipated changes in our business and growth strategies or the success of their implementation;

failure to meet, or changes in, our earnings estimates or those of stock analysts;

publication of research reports about us, the commercial real estate finance market or the real estate industry;

equity issuances by us, or stock resales by our stockholders, or the perception that such issuances or resales could occur;

the passage of adverse legislation or other regulatory developments, including those from or affecting GSEs or HUD;

general business, economic and market conditions and cycles;

changes in market valuations of similar companies;

additions to or departures of our key personnel;

actions by our stockholders;

actual, potential or perceived accounting problems or changes in accounting principles;

failure to satisfy the listing requirements of the New York Stock Exchange;

failure to comply with the requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act;

speculation in the press or investment community;

the realization of any of the other risk factors presented in this prospectus; and

general market and economic conditions.

In the past, securities class action litigation has often been instituted against companies following periods of volatility in the market price of their common stock. This type of litigation could result in

substantial costs and divert our management's attention and resources, which could have a material adverse effect on our ability to execute our business and growth strategies.

#### Common stock eligible for future sale may have adverse effects on the market price of our common stock.

We are offering 6,666,667 shares of our common stock and our selling stockholders are offering 3,333,333 shares of our common stock, as described in this prospectus. Concurrently with the closing of this offering, we expect to grant an aggregate of up to 481,684 shares of restricted stock under our Equity Incentive Plan to certain of our employees, including our executive officers, and our non-employee directors. Our executive officers, directors, employees and Walker family members, together with Column, will collectively beneficially own approximately 54.3% of our outstanding common stock on a fully diluted basis (or approximately 50.8% if the underwriters exercise their overallotment option in full) upon completion of this offering and the formation transactions. These persons may sell the shares of our common stock that they own at any time following the expiration of the lock-up period for such shares, which expires 365 days after the date of this prospectus (or earlier with the prior written consent of the representatives of the underwriters).

Upon completion of this offering, we will enter into a registration rights agreement with regard to an aggregate of 11,408,171 shares of our common stock issued in connection with our formation transactions to former direct and indirect equity holders of Walker & Dunlop, LLC, including certain of our executive officers and directors and Column.

We cannot predict the effect, if any, of future issuances or resales of our common stock, or the perception that such issuances or resales may occur, on the market price of our common stock. Accordingly, the market price of our common stock may decline significantly in response to such issuances, resales or perceptions, especially when the lock-up restrictions described above lapse.

# Future issuances of debt securities, which would rank senior to our common stock upon our liquidation, and future issuances of equity securities, which would dilute the holdings of our existing common stockholders and may be senior to our common stock for the purposes of paying dividends, periodically or upon liquidation, may negatively affect the market price of our common stock.

In the future, we may issue debt or equity securities or incur other borrowings. Upon liquidation, holders of our debt securities and other loans and preferred stock will receive a distribution of our available assets before common stockholders. We are not required to offer any such additional debt or equity securities to existing common stockholders on a preemptive basis. Therefore, additional common stock issuances, directly or through convertible or exchangeable securities, warrants or options, will dilute our existing common stockholders' ownership in us and such issuances, or the perception that such issuances may occur, may reduce the market price of our common stock. Our preferred stock, if issued, would likely have a preference on dividend payments, periodically or upon liquidation, which could eliminate or otherwise limit our ability to pay dividends to common stockholders. Because our decision to issue debt or equity securities or otherwise incur debt in the future will depend on market conditions and other factors beyond our control, we cannot predict or estimate the amount, timing, nature or success of our future capital raising efforts. Thus, common stockholders bear the risk that our future issuances of debt or equity securities or our other borrowing will negatively affect the market price of our common stock and dilute their ownership in us.

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

We currently intend to retain all future earnings for the operation and expansion of our business and, therefore, do not anticipate declaring or paying cash dividends in the foreseeable future. The payment of any dividends in the future will be at the sole discretion of our board of directors and will depend on our results of operations, liquidity, financial condition, prospects, capital requirements and

contractual arrangements, any limitations on payments of dividends present in any of our future financing documentation, applicable law and other factors our board of directors may deem relevant. If we do not pay dividends, a return on your investment will only occur if our stock price appreciates.

#### New investors in our common stock will experience immediate and substantial dilution after this offering.

If you purchase shares of our common stock in this offering, you will experience immediate dilution of \$8.31 per share because the price that you pay will be substantially greater than the adjusted net tangible book value per share of common stock that you acquire. This dilution is due in large part to the fact that our earlier investors paid substantially less than the price of the shares of our common stock being sold in this offering when they purchased their shares of our common stock, as well as the equity awards issued concurrently with the closing of this offering. See the section entitled "Dilution" in this prospectus for a more detailed description of this dilution.

# We have broad discretion in the use of the net proceeds from our sale of common stock in this offering, and we may not use these proceeds effectively.

All of the net proceeds from our sale of common stock in this offering will be used, as determined by management in its discretion, for working capital and other general corporate purposes. Our management will have broad discretion in the application of the net proceeds from our sale of common stock in this offering and could spend these proceeds in ways that do not necessarily improve our results of operations and cash flows or enhance the value of our common stock. The failure by our management to apply these proceeds effectively could result in financial losses, cause the market price of our common stock to decline or cause us to be unable to execute our business and growth strategies in a timely manner or at all.

#### **Risks Related to Our Organization and Structure**

#### Certain provisions of Maryland law could inhibit changes in control.

Certain provisions of the Maryland General Corporation Law (the "MGCL") may have the effect of deterring a third party from making a proposal to acquire us or of impeding a change in control under circumstances that otherwise could provide the holders of our common stock with the opportunity to realize a premium over the then-prevailing market price of our common stock. We will be subject to the "business combination" provisions of the MGCL that, subject to limitations, prohibit certain business combinations (including a merger, consolidation, share exchange, or, in circumstances specified in the statute, an asset transfer or issuance or reclassification of equity securities) between us and an "interested stockholder" (defined generally as any person who beneficially owns 10% or more of our then outstanding voting capital stock or an affiliate or associate of ours who, at any time within the two-year period prior to the date in question, was the beneficial owner of 10% or more of our then outstanding voting capital stock) or an affiliate thereof for five years after the most recent date on which the stockholder becomes an interested stockholder. After the five-year prohibition, any business combination between us and an interested stockholder generally must be recommended by our board of directors and approved by the affirmative vote of at least (i) 80% of the votes entitled to be cast by holders of outstanding shares of our voting capital stock; and (ii) two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast by holders of voting capital stock of the corporation other than shares held by the interested stockholder with whom or with whose affiliate the business combination is to be effected or held by an affiliate or associate of the interested stockholder. These super-majority vote requirements do not apply if our common stockholders receive a minimum price, as defined under Maryland law, for their shares in the form of cash or other consideration in the same form as previously paid by the interested stockholder for its shares. These provisions of the MGCL do not apply, however, to business combinations that are approved or exempted by a board of directors prior to the time that the interested stockholder becomes an interested stockholder.

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The "control share" provisions of the MGCL provide that "control shares" of a Maryland corporation (defined as shares which, when aggregated with other shares controlled by the stockholder (except solely by virtue of a revocable proxy) entitle the stockholder to exercise one of three increasing ranges of voting power in electing directors) acquired in a "control share acquisition" (defined as the direct and indirect acquisition of ownership or control of issued and outstanding "control shares") have no voting rights except to the extent approved by our stockholders by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of all the votes entitled to be cast on the matter, excluding votes entitled to be cast by the acquirer of control shares, our officers and our personnel who are also our directors.

Certain provisions of the MGCL permit our board of directors, without stockholder approval and regardless of what is currently provided in our charter or bylaws, to adopt certain mechanisms, some of which (for example, a classified board) we do not yet have. These provisions may have the effect of limiting or precluding a third party from making an acquisition proposal for us or of delaying, deferring or preventing a transaction or a change in control of our company under circumstances that otherwise could provide the holders of shares of our common stock with the opportunity to realize a premium over the then current market price. Our charter contains a provision whereby we elect, at such time as we become eligible to do so, to be subject to the provisions of Title 3, Subtitle 8 of the MGCL relating to the filling of vacancies on our board of directors. See "Certain Provisions of Maryland Law and Our Charter and Bylaws."

#### Our authorized but unissued shares of common and preferred stock may prevent a change in our control.

Our charter authorizes us to issue additional authorized but unissued shares of common or preferred stock. In addition, our board of directors may, without stockholder approval, amend our charter to increase the aggregate number of shares of our common stock or the number of shares of stock of any class or series that we have authority to issue and classify or reclassify any unissued shares of common or preferred stock and set the preferences, rights and other terms of the classified or reclassified shares. As a result, our board of directors may establish a class or series of common or preferred stock that could delay, defer, or prevent a transaction or a change in control of our company that might involve a premium price for shares of our common stock or otherwise be in the best interests of our stockholders.

# Our rights and the rights of our stockholders to take action against our directors and officers are limited, which could limit your recourse in the event actions are taken that are not in your best interests.

Under Maryland law generally, a director is required to perform his or her duties in good faith, in a manner he or she reasonably believes to be in the best interests of the company and with the care that an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would use under similar circumstances. Under Maryland law, directors are presumed to have acted with this standard of care. In addition, our charter limits the liability of our directors and officers to us and our stockholders for money damages, except for liability resulting from:

actual receipt of an improper benefit or profit in money, property or services; or

active and deliberate dishonesty by the director or officer that was established by a final judgment as being material to the cause of action adjudicated.

Our charter and bylaws obligate us to indemnify our directors and officers for actions taken by them in those capacities to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law. In addition, we are obligated to advance the defense costs incurred by our directors and officers. As a result, we and our stockholders may have more limited rights against our directors and officers than might otherwise exist absent the current provisions in our charter and bylaws or that might exist with companies domiciled in jurisdictions other than Maryland.

# Our charter contains provisions that make removal of our directors difficult, which could make it difficult for our stockholders to effect changes to our management.

Our charter provides that a director may only be removed for cause upon the affirmative vote of holders of two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast in the election of directors. Vacancies may be filled only by a majority of the remaining directors in office, even if less than a quorum. These requirements make it more difficult to change our management by removing and replacing directors and may delay, defer or prevent a change in control of our company that is in the best interests of our stockholders.

#### We are a holding company with no direct operations and will rely on funds received from our subsidiaries for our cash requirements.

We are a holding company and will conduct all of our operations through Walker & Dunlop, LLC, our operating company. We do not have, apart from our ownership of this operating company, any independent operations. As a result, we will rely on distributions from our operating company to pay any dividends we might declare on shares of our common stock. We will also rely on distributions from this operating company to meet any of our cash requirements, including tax liability on taxable income allocated to us.

In addition, because we are a holding company, your claims as common stockholders will be structurally subordinated to all existing and future liabilities (whether or not for borrowed money) and any preferred equity of our operating company. Therefore, in the event of our bankruptcy, liquidation or reorganization, our assets and those of our operating company will be able to satisfy the claims of our common stockholders only after all of our and our operating company's liabilities and any preferred equity have been paid in full.

# Our principal stockholders, directors and executive officers will continue to own a large percentage of our common stock after this offering, which will allow them to exercise significant influence over matters subject to stockholder approval.

Our executive officers, directors and stockholders holding 5% or more of our outstanding common stock will beneficially own or control approximately 50.6% of the outstanding shares of our common stock on a fully diluted basis, after giving effect to the formation transactions and the completion of this offering. Accordingly, these executive officers, directors and principal stockholders, collectively, will have substantial influence over the outcome of corporate actions requiring stockholder approval, including the election of directors, any merger, consolidation or sale of all or substantially all of our assets or any other significant corporate transaction. These stockholders may also delay or prevent a change of control or otherwise discourage a potential acquirer from attempting to obtain control of us, even if such a change of control would benefit our other stockholders. Furthermore, we have agreed to nominate one Column designee, currently Edmund Taylor, for election as director at our 2011 annual meeting of stockholders. William Walker, our Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Mallory Walker, the father of William Walker and our former Chairman, have agreed to vote the shares of common stock owned by them for the Column designee at the 2011 annual meeting of stockholders. This significant concentration of stock ownership may adversely affect the market price and liquidity of our common stock due to investors' perception that conflicts of interest may exist or arise.



#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Some of the statements contained in this prospectus constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. Forward-looking statements relate to expectations, projections, plans and strategies, anticipated events or trends and similar expressions concerning matters that are not historical facts. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "may," "will," "should," "expects," "intends," "plans," "anticipates," "believes," "estimates," "predicts," or "potential" or the negative of these words and phrases or similar words or phrases which are predictions of or indicate future events or trends and which do not relate solely to historical matters. You can also identify forward-looking statements by discussions of strategy, plans or intentions.

The forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus reflect our current views about future events and are subject to numerous known and unknown risks, uncertainties, assumptions and changes in circumstances that may cause actual results to differ significantly from those expressed or contemplated in any forward-looking statement. Statements regarding the following subjects, among others, may be forward-looking:

the future of GSEs and their impact on our business;

our growth strategy;

our projected financial condition, liquidity and results of operations;

our ability to obtain and maintain warehouse and other loan funding arrangements;

availability of and our ability to retain qualified personnel and our ability to develop relationships with key borrowers and lenders;

degree and nature of our competition;

the outcome of pending litigation;

changes in governmental regulations and policies, tax law and rates, and similar matters and the impact of such regulations, policies and actions;

our ability to comply with the laws, rules and regulations applicable to us;

trends in the commercial real estate finance market, interest rates, commercial real estate values, the credit and capital markets or the general economy; and

general volatility of the capital markets and the market price of our common stock.

While forward-looking statements reflect our good faith projections, assumptions and expectations, they are not guarantees of future results. Furthermore, we disclaim any obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement to reflect changes in underlying assumptions or factors, new information, data or methods, future events or other changes, except as required by applicable law. For a further discussion of these and other factors that could cause future results to differ materially from those expressed or contemplated in any forward-looking statements, see the section above entitled "Risk Factors."

#### **USE OF PROCEEDS**

We are offering 6,666,667 shares of our common stock at the anticipated public offering price of \$15.00 per share, which is the midpoint of the initial public offering price range shown on the cover page of this prospectus. We estimate that the net proceeds we will receive from this offering will be approximately \$89.5 million after deducting the underwriting discounts and commissions of \$7.0 million and estimated offering expenses of approximately \$3.5 million payable by us at closing (or, if the underwriters exercise their overallotment option in full, approximately \$110.4 million, after deducting the underwriting discounts and estimated offering expenses).

We currently intend to use the net proceeds we will receive from this offering to execute our growth strategy and fund working capital and for other general corporate purposes. We also may use a portion of these net proceeds for acquisitions of businesses or products that are complementary to our business, although we have no current understandings, commitments or agreements to do so. We cannot specify with certainty all of the particular uses for the net proceeds to be received upon the completion of this offering. The expected use of net proceeds of this offering represents our current intentions based upon our present plans and business conditions.

Accordingly, our management will have broad discretion in the application of the net proceeds, and investors will be relying on the judgment of our management regarding the application of the proceeds of this offering. Pending their uses, we plan to invest the net proceeds of this offering in U.S. government securities and other short-term, investment-grade, interest-bearing instruments or high-grade corporate notes.

We will not receive any of the net proceeds from the sale of shares of our common stock in this offering by the selling stockholders.

#### **DIVIDEND POLICY**

We currently intend to retain all future earnings for the operation and expansion of our business and, therefore, do not anticipate declaring or paying cash dividends in the foreseeable future. The payment of any dividends in the future will be at the sole discretion of our board of directors and will depend on our results of operations, liquidity, financial condition, prospects, capital requirements and contractual arrangements, any limitations on payments of dividends present in any of our future financing arrangements, applicable law, and other factors our board of directors may deem relevant. If we do not pay dividends, a return on your investment will only occur if our stock price appreciates.

#### CAPITALIZATION

The following table presents capitalization information as of September 30, 2010:

on a historical basis for our predecessor;

on a pro forma basis for our formation transactions; and

on a pro forma as adjusted basis for our company taking into account (i) the formation transactions, (ii) this offering and the application of the net proceeds as described in "Use of Proceeds" and (iii) the grant of an aggregate amount of up to 481,684 shares of our restricted stock to certain of our employees, including our executive officers, and our non-employee directors, as if they had occurred on September 30, 2010.

You should read the following capitalization table in conjunction with "Use of Proceeds," "Selected Financial Data," "Management Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," and the more detailed information contained in our predecessor's consolidated and combined financial statements and notes thereto included elsewhere in this prospectus.

	As of September 30, 2					010		
\$ in thousands, except per share data	Walk Dun (Histo Predec			ro Forma Valker & Inlop, Inc.	As W	o Forma Adjusted Valker & nlop, Inc.		
Notes payable (1)	\$	28,968	\$	\$ 28,968		28,968		
Stockholders' equity/members' capital:								
Members' capital and non-controlling interests		38,856						
Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 100,000 shares authorized, 100 shares issued and outstanding, historical; 200 million shares authorized, 14,741,504 shares issued and outstanding, pro forma; 200 million shares authorized, 21,889,855 shares issued and outstanding, pro forma, as adjusted (2) Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value, no shares authorized, issued and outstanding, historical; 50 million shares authorized, no shares issued and outstanding, pro forma; 50 million shares				147		219		
authorized, no shares issued and outstanding, pro forma, as adjusted						100 105		
Additional paid-in capital		52.967		38,709		128,137		
Retained earnings (3)		53,867		19,467		19,467		
Total stockholders' equity/members' capital	\$	92,723	\$	58,323	\$	147,823		
Total capitalization	\$	121,691	\$	87,291	\$	176,791		

<sup>(1)</sup> 

Does not include amounts outstanding or available under warehouse financing facilities.

(2)

Includes an aggregate amount of up to 481,684 shares of restricted stock to be granted to certain of our employees, including our executive officers, and non-employee directors concurrently with the closing of this offering as if such grants had occurred on September 30, 2010. Excludes (i) up to 1,500,000 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the underwriters' overallotment option and (ii) an additional 1,658,316 shares issuable under our Equity Incentive Plan after this offering.

(3)

Pro forma and pro forma as adjusted amounts include \$34.4 million of estimated net deferred tax liabilities expected to be recognized as a result of the termination of our predecessor's pass through tax reporting status, as if the formation transactions occurred on September 30, 2010.

#### DILUTION

If you invest in our common stock in this offering, your ownership interest will be diluted to the extent of the difference between the initial public offering price per share and the pro forma net tangible book value per share of our common stock after this offering. Net tangible book value per share is determined by dividing the number of outstanding shares of our common stock into our total tangible assets (total assets less intangible assets) less total liabilities and any outstanding preferred stock. The pro forma net tangible book value of our common stock was approximately \$57.0 million, or approximately \$3.87 per share, based on the number of shares of our common stock outstanding as of September 30, 2010, giving effect to the formation transactions as if they had occurred on that date.

Investors participating in this offering will incur immediate and substantial dilution. After giving effect to the sale of common stock offered in this offering at an assumed initial public offering price of \$15.00 per share (which is the midpoint of the price range shown on the cover page of this prospectus), after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us, our pro forma as adjusted net tangible book value as of September 30, 2010 would have been approximately \$146.5 million, or approximately \$6.69 per share of common stock. This represents an immediate increase in pro forma as adjusted net tangible book value of \$2.82 per share to existing common stockholders, and an immediate dilution of \$8.31 per share to investors participating in this offering. The following table illustrates this per share dilution:

Assumed initial public offering price per share	\$	15.00						
Pro forma net tangible book value per share as of September 30, 2010, after giving effect to the formation transactions as if they								
had occurred on September 30, 2010	\$	3.87						
Pro forma increase in net tangible book value per share attributable to existing common stockholders	\$	2.82						
Pro forma as adjusted net tangible book value per share after this offering	\$	6.69						
Pro forma dilution per share to investors participating in this offering	\$	8.31						
If the underwriters exercise their overallotment option in full to purchase additional shares of common stock from us, the pro-								

adjusted net tangible book value per share after this offering would be \$7.16, the increase in the pro forma net tangible book value per share after this offering would be \$3.29 and the pro forma dilution per share to investors participating in this offering would be \$7.84.

The pro forma as adjusted net tangible book value per share of our common stock after this offering includes the dilution from up to 481,684 shares of restricted stock expected to be granted concurrently with the closing of this offering.

#### Differences Between New and Existing Investors in Number of Shares and Amount Paid

The following table summarizes, on a pro forma basis as of September 30, 2010, the differences between the number of shares of common stock purchased from or granted by us, the total consideration and the weighted average price per share paid by existing common stockholders, after giving effect to the formation transactions, and by investors participating in this offering at an assumed initial public offering price of \$15.00 per share (which is the midpoint of the price range shown on the

cover page of this prospectus), before deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses:

	Shares Purchas	sed/Granted	Total Consid	deration	Weighted Average Price
	Number Percentage		Amount	Percentage	Per Share
	(in thousands)		(in thousands)		
Existing common stockholders before this offering, after giving					
effect to the formation transactions	14,741	67%	\$ 58,323	37% 3	\$ 3.96
Restricted shares of common stock expected to be issued					
concurrently with the closing of this offering	482	2%			
Investors participating in this offering	6,667	31%	\$ 100,000	63%	\$ 15.00
Total	21,890	100%	\$ 158,323	100% \$	5 7.23

The number of shares of common stock outstanding in the table above is based on the pro forma number of shares outstanding as of September 30, 2010 and assumes no exercise of the underwriters' over-allotment option. Sales by the selling stockholders in this offering will cause the number of shares owned by existing common stockholders to be reduced to approximately 52% of the total number of shares of our common stock outstanding after this offering. If the underwriters exercise their over-allotment option in full, our existing common stockholders would own 49% of our shares of common stock outstanding after this offering.

#### SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The following table sets forth selected financial and operating data on a consolidated and combined historical basis for our predecessor. We have not presented historical financial information for Walker & Dunlop, Inc. because we have not had any corporate activity since our formation other than the issuance of shares of common stock in connection with the initial nominal capitalization of our company and because we believe that a presentation of the results of Walker & Dunlop, Inc. would not be meaningful. The term "predecessor" refers to, collectively, Walker & Dunlop, LLC, Walker & Dunlop Multifamily, Inc., Walker & Dunlop GP, LLC, GPF Acquisition, LLC, W&D, Inc., Green Park Financial Limited Partnership, Walker & Dunlop II, LLC, Green Park Express, LLC and W&D Balanced Real Estate Fund I GP, LLC.

You should read the following selected financial and operating data in conjunction with "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and the consolidated and combined financial statements and related notes of our predecessor included elsewhere in this prospectus.

The unaudited selected historical financial information at September 30, 2010, and for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, have been derived from the unaudited condensed consolidated and combined financial statements of our predecessor included elsewhere in this prospectus and, in the opinion of management, includes all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, necessary for a fair presentation of such data. The interim results for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 are not necessarily indicative of the results for 2010. Furthermore, historical results are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected in future periods.

The selected historical financial information at December 31, 2009 and 2008, and for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, have been derived from the consolidated and combined financial statements of our predecessor audited by KPMG LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, whose report thereon is included elsewhere in this prospectus.

The selected historical financial information at December 31, 2007, has been derived from the consolidated and combined financial statements audited by KPMG LLP.

The selected historical financial information at December 31, 2006 and 2005, and for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005, have been derived from the unaudited financial statements of our predecessor.



\$ in thousands,		Nine Mont Septem			Year Ended December 31,										
except per share															
data		2010		2009		2009		2008		2007		2006		2005	
<b>2</b>	(un	audited)	(u	naudited)							(un	audited)	(un	audited)	
Statement of Income Data(1)(2)															
Revenues															
Gains from mortgage															
banking activities	\$	58,545	\$	40,149	\$	57,946	\$	29,428	\$	21,930	\$	21,568	\$	23,871	
Servicing fees	, i	19,769		15,350		20,981		12,257		12,327		13,732		15,527	
Net warehouse															
interest income		2,944		3,122		4,186		1,787		17		88		275	
Escrow earnings and															
other interest income		1,632		1,289		1,769		3,428		8,993		6,889		6,057	
Other		2,889		2,355		3,879		2,272		7,005		1,145		2,406	
Total Revenue	\$	85,779	\$	62,265	\$	88,761	\$	49,172	\$	50,272	\$	43,422	\$	48,136	
Expenses	<i>.</i>		<i>.</i>		<i>•</i>		<b>.</b>	1= 000	<i>•</i>	14	<i>.</i>	15 0 50	<i>•</i>	45.005	
Personnel	\$	28,877	\$	24,515	\$	32,177	\$	17,008	\$	16,779	\$	17,952	\$	17,387	
Amortization and		12,394		9,137		12,917		7,804		9,067		7 764		0 121	
depreciation Provision for		12,394		9,157		12,917		7,804		9,007		7,264		8,434	
risk-sharing obligations, net		4,397		(34)		2,265		1,101						255	
Interest expense on		,		(- )		,		, -							
corporate debt		1,039		1,312		1,684		2,679		3,853		1,059		42	
Other operating expenses		9,546		9,538		11,114		6,548		4,240		5,446		6,244	
expenses		9,540		9,550		11,114		0,548		4,240		3,440		0,244	
Total Expenses	\$	56,253	\$	44,468	\$	60,157	\$	35,140	\$	33,939	\$	31,721	\$	32,362	
Income from Operations	\$	29,526	\$	17,797	\$	28,604	\$	14,032	\$	16,333	\$	11,701	\$	15,774	
Gain on Bargain				10.022		10.022									
Purchase(3)				10,922		10,922									
Net Income	\$	29,526	\$	28,719	\$	39,526	\$	14,032	\$	16,333	\$	11,701	\$	15,774	
Pro forma income tax															
expense															
(unaudited)(1)(4)		11,220		6,763		10,869		5,332		6,207					
Pro forma net income (unaudited)(1)(4)	\$	18,306	\$	21,956	\$	28,657	\$	8,700	\$	10,126					
Pre-offering pro forma basic and diluted earnings per share															
(unaudited)(1)(4)	\$	1.24	\$	1.55	\$	2.00	\$	0.90	\$	1.00					
Pre-offering pro forma weighted average basic and diluted number of shares (unaudited)(1)(4)	14	4,741,504	1	4,124,492		14,306,873		9,710,521	1	0,156,385					
(unaudited)(1)(4)	14	4,741,504	1	4,124,492		14,306,873	9	9,710,521	1	0,156,385					

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Balance Sheet															
Data(1)															
Cash and cash															
equivalents	\$	20,058(5)	\$	10,706	\$	10,39	90	\$	6,812	\$	17,437	\$	13,878	\$	12,215
Restricted cash and															
pledged securities		16,818		19,498		19,15	59		12,031		10,250		10,594		11,149
Mortgage servicing															
rights		99,682		74,720		81,42	27		38,943		32,956		28,344		31,176
Loans held for sale		122,922		65,363		101,93	39		111,711		22,543		300,123		113,082
Total Assets		284,093		197,736		243,73	32		183,347		89,468		361,216		172,276
Warehouse notes															
payable		119,108		63,454		96,61	12		107,005		22,300		302,100		111,067
Notes payable		28,968		34,276		32,96	51		38,176		45,508		48,903		534
Total Liabilities		191,370		135,906		173,92	21		169,497		81,354		362,316		123,064
Total Equity		92,723		61,830		69,81	1		13,850		8,114		(1,100)		49,212
Supplemental															
Data(2)															
Income from															
operations, as a % of															
total revenue		34%		29%	6	3	32%		29%	6	32%	,	27%	6	33%
Total originations	\$	2,101,967	\$ 1,	682,077	\$	2,229,77	72	\$ 1	,983,056	\$	2,064,361				
Servicing portfolio	\$ 1	4,165,850	\$ 12,	844,826	\$	13,203,31	17	\$ 6	5,976,208	\$	6,054,186				

(1)

We have historically operated as pass-through tax entities (partnerships, LLCs and S-corporations). Accordingly, our historical earnings have resulted in only nominal federal and state corporate level expense. The tax liability has been the obligation of our owners. Upon consummation of the formation transactions, our income will be subject to both federal and state corporate tax. The change in tax status is expected to result in the recognition of an estimated \$30 million to \$40 million of net deferred tax liabilities and a corresponding tax expense in the quarter in which the formation transactions

are consummated. We used a combined effective federal and state tax rate of 38% to estimate our pro forma tax expense and estimated net deferred tax liability.

The estimated net deferred tax liability includes the following (\$ in thousands):

Loans held for sale	\$	(1,400)
	ф	( )
Derivatives, net		(1,300)
Mortgage servicing rights		(37,900)
Accounts payable		1,200
Guaranty obligation		3,300
Allowance for risk-sharing obligations		2,800
Servicing fees receivable		(1,100)
Estimated net deferred tax liability	\$	(34,400)

To provide a more meaningful presentation of recurring operations, the initial recognition of the income tax expense corresponding to the net deferred tax liability and the corresponding tax expense, which will be established as a result of the termination of the entities' pass-through status, is not included in our pro forma presentations.

(2)

Statement of Income Data for the year ended December 31, 2009 and the nine months ended September 30, 2009 includes the results for 11 of the 12 months and 8 of the 9 months of the operations acquired in the Column transaction. The results of these operations in January 2009 were not significant.

(3)

We recognized a one time gain on bargain purchase of \$10.9 million in connection with the Column transaction in January 2009. The gain on bargain purchase represents the difference between the fair value of the assets acquired and the purchase price paid.

(4)

Concurrently with the closing of this offering, we will complete certain formation transactions through which certain individuals and entities who currently own direct and indirect equity interests in Walker & Dunlop, LLC will contribute their respective interests in such entities to Walker & Dunlop, Inc. in exchange for shares of our common stock. For purposes of calculating pre-offering pro forma basic and diluted earnings per share, we have estimated 14.7 million shares will be issued in this exchange. The pre-offering pro forma basic and diluted weighted average shares outstanding reflect the respective changes, issuance and repurchase of members' ownership interests that occurred within the periods presented. We have excluded from our computations the 6.7 million shares expected to be issued and 0.5 million restricted shares to be granted in connection with this offering.

(5)

On October 27, 2010, we declared our quarterly distribution in the normal course of business with respect to the third quarter 2010 in the amount of \$5 million, which will be paid to indirect equity owners of Walker & Dunlop, LLC prior to the closing of this offering.

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

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with "Selected Financial Data" and the historical financial statements and the related notes thereto included elsewhere in this prospectus. The following discussion contains, in addition to historical information, forward-looking statements that include risks and uncertainties. Our actual results may differ materially from those expressed or contemplated in those forward-looking statements as a result of certain factors, including those set forth under the headings "Forward-Looking Statements," "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in this prospectus.

#### Overview

We are one of the leading providers of commercial real estate financial services in the United States, with a primary focus on multifamily loans. We originate, sell and service a range of multifamily and other commercial real estate financing products.

We currently do not originate loans for our balance sheet. We fund loans for GSE and HUD programs through warehouse facility financings and sell them to investors in accordance with the related loan sale commitment, which we obtain prior to loan closing. Proceeds from the sale of the loan are used to pay off the warehouse facility. The sale of the loan is typically completed 2 to 45 days after the loan is closed. In cases where we do not fund the loan, we act as a loan broker and often service the loans. Our originators who focus on loan brokerage are engaged by borrowers to work with a variety of institutional lenders to find the most appropriate loan instrument for the borrowers' needs. These loans are then funded directly by the institutional lender and we receive an origination fee for placing the loan and a servicing fee for any loans we service.

We recognize gains from mortgage banking activities when we commit to both make a loan to a borrower and sell that loan to an investor. The gains from mortgage banking activities reflect the fair value attributable to loan origination fees, premiums or losses on the sale of loans, net of any co-broker fees, and the fair value of the expected net future cash flows associated with the servicing of loans, net of any guaranty obligations retained. We also generate revenue from net warehouse interest income we earn while the loan is held for sale in one of our warehouse facilities.

We retain servicing rights on substantially all of the loans we originate, and generate revenues from the fees we receive for servicing the loans, interest income from escrow deposits held on behalf of borrowers, late charges and other ancillary fees. Servicing fees are set at the time an investor agrees to purchase the loan and are paid monthly for the duration of the loan. Our Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac servicing engagements provide for make-whole payments in the event of a voluntary prepayment. Loans serviced outside of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac do not typically require such payments.

We are currently not exposed to interest rate risk during the loan commitment, closing and delivery process. The sale or placement of each loan to an investor is negotiated prior to establishing the coupon rate for the loan. We also seek to mitigate the risk of a loan not closing. We have agreements in place with the GSEs and HUD that specify the cost of a failed loan delivery, also known as a pair off fee, in the event we fail to deliver the loan to the investor. The pair off fee is typically less than the deposit we collect from the borrower. Any potential loss from a catastrophic change in the property condition while the loan is held for sale using warehouse facility financing is mitigated through property insurance equal to replacement cost. We are also protected contractually from any failure to close by an investor. We have experienced only one failed delivery.

We have risk-sharing obligations on most loans we originate under the Fannie Mae DUS program. When a Fannie Mae DUS loan is subject to full risk-sharing, we absorb the first 5% of any losses on the unpaid principal balance of a loan, and above 5% we share a percentage of the loss with Fannie Mae, with our maximum loss capped at 20% of the unpaid principal balance of a loan (subject to

doubling or tripling if the loan does not meet specific underwriting criteria or if the loan defaults within 12 months of its sale to Fannie Mae). We may, however, request modified risk-sharing at the time of origination, which reduces our potential risk-sharing losses from the levels described above. We regularly request modified risk-sharing based on such factors as the size of the loan, market conditions and loan pricing. We may also request modified risk-sharing on large transactions if we do not believe that we are being fully compensated for the risks of the transactions or to manage overall risk levels. Except for the Fannie Mae DUS loans acquired in the Column transaction, which were acquired subject to their existing Fannie Mae DUS risk-sharing levels, our current credit management policy is to cap each loan balance subject to full risk-sharing at \$25 million. Accordingly, we currently elect to use modified risk-sharing for loans of more than \$25 million in order to limit our maximum loss on any loan to \$5 million.

Our servicing fees for risk-sharing loans include compensation for the risk-sharing obligations and are larger than the servicing fees we receive from Fannie Mae for loans with no risk-sharing obligations. We receive a lower servicing fee for modified risk-sharing than for full risk-sharing.

#### Formation of Walker & Dunlop, LLC

In January 2009, W&D, Inc., its affiliate Green Park, and Column contributed their assets to a newly formed entity, Walker & Dunlop, LLC. The transaction brought together Walker & Dunlop's competencies in debt origination, loan servicing, asset management, investment consulting and related services, Green Park's Fannie Mae DUS origination capabilities and Column's Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and HUD operations, including its healthcare real estate lending business, to form one of the leading providers of commercial real estate financial services in the United States. Substantially all of the assets and liabilities of W&D, Inc. and Green Park, including its wholly owned subsidiary Green Park Express, LLC, were transferred to Walker & Dunlop, LLC in exchange for 5% and 60% interests, respectively, in Walker & Dunlop, LLC, and certain assets and liabilities of Column were transferred to Walker & Dunlop, LLC for a 35% interest in Walker & Dunlop, LLC.

#### **Basis of Presentation**

Concurrently with the closing of this offering, we will complete certain formation transactions through which Walker & Dunlop, LLC will become a wholly owned subsidiary of Walker & Dunlop, Inc., a newly formed Maryland corporation. In connection with the formation transactions, members of the Walker family, certain of our directors and executive officers and certain other individuals and entities who currently own direct and indirect equity interests in Walker & Dunlop, LLC will contribute their respective interests in such entities to Walker & Dunlop, Inc. in exchange for shares of our common stock. See "Business Our History and Formation Transactions."

The selected financial data included in this prospectus represents the consolidated and combined statements for the entities that will become our wholly owned subsidiaries as of the completion of this offering.

#### **Outlook and Trends**

We believe demand for commercial real estate loans will increase as substantial levels of existing debt mature and commercial real estate investment activity rebounds. We also believe multifamily lending will continue to be characterized by the strong market presence of GSEs and HUD, given the continued weakness of commercial banks and the secondary market for securitized loans.

Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and the real estate and finance industries, however, have come under intense scrutiny as a result of the recent economic crisis and that scrutiny is likely to continue for the next several years. Although we cannot predict what actions Congress or other governmental authorities may take affecting GSEs, HUD and companies operating in the commercial real estate and finance

sectors, we expect some degree of regulatory change is likely. Congress and other governmental authorities have also suggested that lenders should be required to retain on their balance sheet a portion of the loans that they originate, although no regulation has yet been implemented. We may be subject to additional liquidity and capital requirements. Separately, Fannie Mae has recently increased its collateral requirements under the Fannie Mae DUS program from 35 basis points to 60 basis points, effective January 1, 2011. The incremental collateral required for existing and new loans will be funded over approximately the next three years, in accordance with Fannie Mae requirements. Fannie Mae also has indicated that it intends to reassess the adequacy of its collateral requirements on an annual basis, starting as of October 2011.

#### Factors That May Impact Our Operating Results

We believe that our results are affected by a number of factors, including the items discussed below.

*Performance of Multifamily and Other Commercial Real Estate Related Markets.* Our business is dependent on the general demand for, and value of, commercial real estate and related services, which are sensitive to economic conditions. Demand for multifamily and other commercial real estate generally increases during stronger economic environments, resulting in increased property values, transaction volumes and loan origination volumes. During weaker economic environments, multifamily and other commercial real estate may experience higher property vacancies, lower demand and reduced values. These conditions can result in lower property transaction volumes and loan originations, as well as an increased level of servicer advances and losses from our Fannie Mae DUS risk-sharing obligations.

*The Level of Losses from Fannie Mae Risk-Sharing Obligations*. Under the Fannie Mae DUS program, we share risk of loss on most loans we sell. In the majority of cases, we absorb the first 5% of any losses on the unpaid principal balance of a loan, and above 5% we share a percentage of the loss with Fannie Mae, with our maximum loss capped at 20% of the unpaid principal balance of a loan (subject to doubling or tripling if the loan does not meet specific underwriting criteria or if the loan defaults within 12 months of its sale to Fannie Mae). As a result, a continuing rise in delinquencies could have a material adverse effect on us.

*The Price of Loans in the Secondary Market.* Our profitability is determined in part by the price we are paid for the loans we originate. A component of our origination related revenues is the premium we recognize on the sale of a loan. Stronger investor demand typically results in larger premiums while weaker demand results in little to no premium.

*Market for Servicing Commercial Real Estate Loans.* Service fee rates for new loans are set at the time we enter into a loan sale commitment based on origination volumes, competition, prepayment rates and any risk-sharing obligations we undertake. Changes in future service fee rates impact the value of our future MSRs and future servicing revenues, which could impact our profit margins and operating results over time.

#### Revenues

*Gains From Mortgage Banking Activities* Mortgage banking activity income is recognized when we record a derivative asset upon the commitment to both originate a loan with a borrower and sell to an investor (ASC 815). The commitment asset is recognized at fair value, which reflects the fair value of the contractual loan origination related fees and sale premiums, net of co-broker fees, the estimated fair value of the expected net future cash flows associated with the servicing of the loan and the estimated fair value of guaranty obligations to be retained. Also included in gains from mortgage banking activities are changes to the fair value of loan commitments, forward sale commitments, and loans held for sale that occur during their respective holding periods. Upon sale of the loans, no gains

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or losses are recognized as such loans are recorded at fair value during their holding periods. Mortgage servicing rights and guaranty obligations are recognized as assets or liabilities, respectively, upon the sale of the loans.

Loans originated in a brokerage capacity tend to have lower origination fees because they often require less time to execute, there is more competition for brokerage assignments and because the borrower will also have to pay an origination fee to the ultimate institutional lender.

Premiums received on the sale of a loan result when a loan is sold to an investor for more than its face value. There are various reasons investors may pay a premium when purchasing a loan. For example, the fixed rate on the loan may be higher than the rate of return required by an investor or the characteristics of a particular loan may be desirable to an investor.

MSRs are recorded at fair value the day we sell a loan. The fair value is based on estimates of future net cash flows associated with the servicing rights. The estimated net cash flows are discounted at a rate that reflects the credit and liquidity risk of the MSR over the estimated life of the loan.

*Servicing Fees.* We service nearly all loans we originate. We earn servicing fees for performing certain loan servicing functions, such as processing loans, tax and insurance payments and managing escrow balances. Servicing also includes asset management functions, such as monitoring the physical condition of the property, analyzing the financial condition and liquidity of the borrower and performing loss mitigation activities as directed by the GSEs and HUD.

Our servicing fees provide a stable revenue stream. They are based on contractual terms, are earned over the life of the loan and are generally not subject to prepayment risk. Our Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac servicing engagements provide for make-whole payments in the event of a voluntary prepayment. Accordingly, we currently do not hedge our servicing portfolio for prepayment risk. Any make-whole payments received are included in "Revenues" Other."

HUD has the right to terminate our current servicing engagements for cause. In addition to termination for cause, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac may terminate our servicing engagements without cause by paying a termination fee. Our institutional investors typically may terminate our servicing engagements at any time with or without cause, without paying a termination fee.

*Net Warehouse Interest Income.* We earn net interest income on loans funded through borrowings from our warehouse facilities from the time the loan is closed until the loan is sold pursuant to the loan purchase agreement. Each borrowing on a warehouse line relates to a specific loan for which we have already secured a loan sale commitment with an investor. Because of this "matched funding," we do not incur warehouse interest expense without earning warehouse interest income. Related interest expense from the warehouse loan funding is netted against interest income. Net warehouse interest income varies based on the period of time between the loan closing and the sale of the loan to the investor, the size of the average balance of the loans held for sale, and the net interest spread between the loan coupon rate and the cost of warehouse financing. Loans typically remain in the warehouse facility for 2 to 45 days. Loans that we broker for institutional investors and other investors are funded directly by them.

*Escrow Earnings and Other Interest Income.* We earn interest income on property level escrow deposits in our servicing portfolio, generally based on an average 30-day LIBOR. Escrow earnings reflect interest income net of interest paid to the borrower, which generally equals a money market rate.

*Other*. Other income is comprised of investment consulting and related services fees, make-whole payments and other miscellaneous non-recurring revenues.

#### Costs and Expenses

*Personnel.* Personnel expense includes the cost of employee compensation and benefits, which include fixed and discretionary amounts tied to company and individual performance.

Amortization and Depreciation. Amortization and depreciation is principally comprised of amortization of our MSRs. The MSRs are amortized in proportion to, and over the period that, net servicing income is expected to be received. We amortize the guaranty obligations evenly over the same period as the associated MSRs. We depreciate property, plant and equipment ratably over their estimated useful lives.

*Provision for Risk-Sharing Obligations.* The provision for risk-sharing obligations is established at the loan level for Fannie Mae DUS risk-sharing loans when the borrower has defaulted on the loan or we believe it is probable the borrower will default on the loan and a loss has been incurred. This provision is in addition to the guaranty obligation that is recognized when the loan is sold. Our estimates of value are based on appraisals, broker opinions of value or net operating income and market capitalization rates, whichever we believe is a better estimate of the net disposition value.

*Other Operating Expenses.* Other operating expenses include sub-servicing costs, facilities costs, travel and entertainment, marketing costs, professional fees, licenses, dues and subscriptions, corporate insurance and other administrative expenses. As a result of this offering, we will become a public company and our costs for items such as legal services, insurance, accounting services and investor relations will increase relative to our historical costs for such services as a private company. We expect to incur additional costs to maintain compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the New York Stock Exchange.

*Income Tax Expense.* We have historically operated as pass-through tax entities (partnerships, LLCs and S-corporations). Accordingly, our historical earnings have resulted in only nominal federal and state corporate level expense. The tax liability has been the obligation of our owners. Upon consummation of the formation transactions, our income will be subject to both federal and state corporate tax. The change in tax status is expected to result in the recognition of approximately \$30 million to \$40 million of net deferred tax liabilities and a corresponding tax expense in the quarter in which the formation transactions are consummated.

#### **Critical Accounting Policies**

Our consolidated and combined financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, which require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect reported amounts. The estimates and assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors management believes to be reasonable. Actual results may differ from those estimates and assumptions. We believe the following critical accounting policies represent the areas where more significant judgments and estimates are used in the preparation of our consolidated and combined financial statements.

*Mortgage Servicing Rights and Guaranty Obligations.* MSRs are recorded at fair value the day we sell a loan. The fair value is based on estimates of future net cash flows associated with the servicing rights. The estimated net cash flows are discounted at a rate that reflects the credit and liquidity risk of the MSR over the estimated life of the loan.

In addition to the MSR, for all Fannie Mae DUS loans with risk-sharing obligations, upon sale we record the fair value of the obligation to stand ready to perform over the term of the guaranty (non-contingent obligation), and the fair value of the expected loss from the risk-sharing obligations in the event of a borrower default (contingent obligation). In determining the fair value of the guaranty obligation, we consider the risk profile of the collateral, historical loss experience, and various market

indicators. Generally, the estimated fair value of the guaranty obligation is based on the present value of the future cash flows expected to be paid under the guaranty over the life of the loan (historically three to five basis points annually), discounted using a 12-15 percent discount rate. Historically, the contingent obligation recognized has been de minimis. The estimated life and discount rate used to calculate the guaranty obligation are consistent with those used to calculate the corresponding MSR.

The MSR and associated guaranty obligation are amortized into expense over the estimated life of the loan. The MSR is amortized in proportion to, and over the period, that net servicing income is expected to be received. The guaranty obligation is amortized evenly over the same period. If a loan defaults and is not expected to become current or pays off prior to the estimated life, the net MSR and associated guaranty obligation balances are expensed.

We carry the MSRs at the lower of amortized value or fair market value and evaluate the carrying value quarterly. We engage a third party to value our MSRs on an annual basis.

*The Provision for Risk-Sharing Obligations.* The amount of the provision considers our assessment of the likelihood of payment by the borrower, the estimated disposition value of the underlying collateral and the level of risk-sharing. Historically, the loss recognition occurs at or before the loan becoming 60 days delinquent.

#### **Results of Operations**

Following is a discussion of our results of operation for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, and 2009, and each of the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008, and 2007. The financial results are not necessarily indicative of future results. Our business is not typically subject to seasonal trends. However, our quarterly results have fluctuated in the past and are expected to fluctuate in the future,

reflecting the interest rate environment, the volume of refinancings and general economic conditions. The table below provides supplemental data regarding our financial performance.

		Nine Mon Septem				Year Ended December 31,					
Dollars in thousands		2010		2009		2009		2008		2007	
Origination Data:											
Origination volumes by investor											
Fannie Mae	\$	1,077,755	\$	1,014,833	\$	1,413,144	\$	1,234,273	\$	1,215,760	
Freddie Mac		415,283		205,060		255,997		, ,		, ,	
Ginnie Mae-HUD		445,216		162,599		217,186					
Other		163,713		299,585		343,445		748,783		848,601	
Total	\$	2,101,967	\$	1,682,077	\$	2,229,772	\$	1,983,056	\$	2,064,361	
Key Origination Metrics (as a percentage of origination volume):											
Origination related fees		1.429	6	1.18%	, D	1.24%	,	0.71%	, 2	0.629	
Fair value of MSRs											
created, net		1.369	6	1.21%	5	1.35%	0	0.77%	0	0.449	
Servicing Portfolio by Type:	<i>•</i>	0.150.000	<i>•</i>	0.000	•	0 (05 000	<i>•</i>	5 100 00 1	<i>•</i>	4 200 072	
Fannie Mae	\$	9,172,093	\$	8,368,897	\$	8,695,229	\$	5,182,824	\$	4,309,073	
Freddie Mac		2,119,877		2,143,160		2,055,821					
HUD/Ginnie Mae		683,241		263,667		350,676					
Other		2,190,639		2,069,102		2,101,591		1,793,384		1,745,113	
Total servicing portfolio	\$	14,165,850	\$	12,844,826	\$	13,203,317	\$	6,976,208	\$	6,054,186	
Key Servicing Metrics (end of period):											
Weighted-average servicing fee rate		0.20%	6	0.17%	, D	0.18%	, 0	0.18%	, D	0.179	
Key Expense Metrics (as a percentage of total revenues):											
Personnel expenses Other operating		349	6	39%	, 2	36%	6	35%	5	339	
expenses		119	6	15%	, 2	13%	, 0	13%	, 2	89	
Total expenses ad Sentember 30, 201	00	66% ompared to N		71% Months End		68% Sentember 30		71%	,	689	

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010 Compared to Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009

Overview

Our income from operations was \$29.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, compared to \$17.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, a 66% increase. Our total revenues were \$85.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, compared to \$62.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, a 38% increase. Our total expenses were \$56.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, compared to \$44.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, a 27% increase. Our operating margins, calculated by dividing income from operations by total revenues, were 34% and 29% for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. The increases in revenues and earnings were primarily attributable to higher origination volumes resulting from the additional capabilities acquired in the Column transaction and higher origination fees per comparable transaction.

#### Revenues

*Gains From Mortgage Banking Activities.* Gains from mortgage banking activities were \$58.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, compared to \$40.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, a 46% increase. Gains reflect the fair value of loan origination fees, premiums or losses on the sale of loans, net of any co-broker fees, and the fair value of the expected net future cash flows associated with the servicing of the loan, net of any guaranty obligations retained.

Loan origination related fees were \$29.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, compared to \$19.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, a 51% increase. This increase was primarily attributable to higher origination volumes from our Freddie Mac and HUD product offerings and higher origination fees per comparable transaction. Origination volumes increased to \$2.1 billion for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, compared to \$1.7 billion for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, a 25% increase. Our origination fees as a percentage of origination volumes were 142 basis points for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, compared to 118 basis points for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, a 20% increase.

The fair value of the expected net future cash flows associated with the servicing of the loan was \$28.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, compared to \$20.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, a 41% increase. This increase was primarily attributable to a 25% increase in origination volumes, and an increase in the servicing fee rate for new Fannie Mae loans and an increased percentage of HUD originations, which generate higher escrow earnings. The fair value of the expected net future cash flows associated with the servicing of the loan, as a percentage of origination volumes, was 136 basis points for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, compared to 121 basis points for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, a 12% increase.

*Servicing Fees.* Servicing fees were \$19.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, compared to \$15.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, a 29% increase. This increase was primarily attributable to growth in the servicing portfolio to \$14.2 billion at September 30, 2010 from \$12.8 billion in 2009, a 10% increase, plus an 18% increase in the weighted-average servicing fee rate to 20 basis points at September 30, 2010 from 17 basis points at September 30, 2009.

*Net Warehouse Interest Income.* Net warehouse interest income was \$2.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, compared to \$3.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, a 6% decrease. This decrease was primarily attributable to a 155 basis point decrease in the average net interest spread between the loan coupon rate and the average cost of warehouse financing, offset by a 77% increase in the average outstanding warehouse balance. The components of net warehouse interest income are (\$ in thousands):

	2010	2009
Warehouse interest income	\$ 6,380	\$ 4,649
Warehouse interest expense	\$ 3,436	\$ 1,527
Warehouse interest income, net	\$ 2,944	\$ 3,122

*Escrow Earnings and Other Interest Income.* Escrow earnings and other interest income was \$1.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, compared to \$1.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, a 27% increase. This increase was primarily attributable to the growth of the servicing portfolio.

*Other.* Other income was \$2.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, compared to \$2.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, a 23% increase. This increase was primarily attributable to a one-time performance fee received during the third quarter of 2010.

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*Gain on Bargain Purchase.* In 2009, we recognized a one time gain on bargain purchase of \$10.9 million in connection with the Column transaction. The gain on bargain purchase represents the difference between the fair market value of the net assets acquired and the purchase price paid.

#### Expenses

*Personnel.* Personnel expense was \$28.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, compared to \$24.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, an 18% increase. This increase was primarily attributable to the additional commissions associated with increased loan origination related fees.

*Amortization and Depreciation.* Amortization and depreciation expense was \$12.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, compared to \$9.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, a 36% increase. This increase was primarily attributable to the growth of the servicing portfolio.

*Provision for Risk-Sharing Obligations.* The provision for risk-sharing obligations was \$4.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, compared to approximately zero for the nine months ended September 30, 2009. For the nine month periods ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, the provisions for risk-sharing obligations were seven and approximately zero basis points of the Fannie Mae at risk portfolios, respectively. These provisions reflect the increase in 60-day delinquencies to 0.83% of the at risk portfolio at September 30, 2010 from 0.24% of the at risk portfolio at September 30, 2009. These provisions also included certain loans that were not delinquent, but for which we believed default was probable. The net write-offs for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 were \$2.1 million, or three basis points of the at risk portfolio, which is included in the \$2.7 million amount assumed from the Column transaction which were provisioned for at acquisition.

*Interest Expense on Corporate Debt.* Interest expense on corporate debt was \$1.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, compared to \$1.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, a 21% decrease. This decrease was primarily attributable to a 15% decrease in the average corporate debt balance outstanding and an 11 basis point decline in the average 30-day LIBOR.

*Other Operating Expenses.* Other operating expenses were \$9.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, representing no change relative to the nine months ended September 30, 2009.

#### Year Ended December 31, 2009 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2008

#### **Overview**

Our income from operations was \$28.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2009, compared to \$14.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2008, a 104% increase. Our total revenues were \$88.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2009, compared to \$49.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2008, an 81% increase. Our total expenses were \$60.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2009, compared to \$35.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2008, a 71% increase. Our operating margins were 32% for the year ended December 31, 2009, compared to 29% for the year ended December 31, 2008. The increases in revenues and earnings were primarily attributable to higher origination volumes resulting from the additional capabilities acquired in the Column transaction and higher origination fees per comparable transaction.

#### Revenues

*Gains From Mortgage Banking Activities.* Gains from mortgage banking activities were \$57.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2009, compared to \$29.4 million for the year ended



December 31, 2008, a 97% increase. Gains reflect the fair value of loan origination fees, premiums or losses on the sale of loans, net of any co-broker fees, and the fair value of the expected net future cash flows associated with the servicing of the loan, net of any guaranty obligations retained.

Loan origination related fees were \$27.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2009, compared to \$14.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2008, a 97% increase. This increase was primarily attributable to larger origination volumes and higher origination fees per comparable transaction associated with a shift toward GSE and HUD origination and away from institutional investors. Origination volumes increased to \$2.2 billion in 2009, compared to \$2.0 billion in 2008, a 12% increase. The 2009 volumes reflect the more challenging credit markets, the smaller appetite of institutional investors and increased reliance on GSEs and HUD for the secondary market. The GSEs and HUD comprised 85% and 62% of originations in 2009 and 2008, respectively. Our origination fees as a percentage of origination volumes increased to 124 basis points in 2009, from 71 basis points in 2008, a 75% increase.

The fair value of the expected net future cash flows associated with the servicing of the loan was \$30.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2009, compared to \$15.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2008, a 97% increase. This increase was primarily attributable to a 12% increase in origination volumes, and an increase in MSR per comparable transaction. The fair value of the expected net future cash flows associated with the servicing of the loan as a percentage of origination volumes, was 135 basis points in 2009, compared to 77 basis points in 2008, a 75% increase. This increase results from an increased concentration in GSE and HUD originations and an increase in the servicing fee rate for new Fannie Mae loans.

*Servicing Fees.* Servicing fees were \$21.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2009, compared to \$12.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2008, a 71% increase. This increase was primarily attributable to an increase in the servicing portfolio to \$13.2 billion at December 31, 2009 from \$7.0 billion at December 31, 2008, an 89% increase, which was primarily due to the servicing acquired in the Column transaction, offset by a decrease in the weighted-average servicing fee rate to 18 basis points at December 31, 2009 from 18 basis points at December 31, 2008, a 1% decrease. The lower weighted-average servicing fee reflects the addition of Freddie Mac and HUD loans to the servicing portfolio.

*Net Warehouse Interest Income.* Net warehouse interest income was \$4.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2009, compared to \$1.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2008, a 134% increase. This increase was primarily attributable to an 18% increase in the average outstanding warehouse balance, together with a 198 basis point increase in the average net spread between the loan coupon rate and the cost of warehouse financing. The components of net warehouse interest income are (\$ in thousands):

	2009	2008
Warehouse interest income	\$ 6,532	\$ 4,221
Warehouse interest expense	\$ 2,346	\$ 2,434
Warehouse interest income, net	\$ 4,186	\$ 1,787

*Escrow Earnings and Other Interest Income.* Escrow earnings and other interest income was \$1.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2009, compared to \$3.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2008, a 48% decrease. This decrease was primarily attributable to a 255 basis point decline in the average 30-day LIBOR, offset by the growth of the servicing portfolio.

*Other*. Other income was \$3.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2009, compared to \$2.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2008, a 71% increase. This increase was primarily

attributable to an increase in application fees from the higher origination activity, a \$0.6 million gain on the sale of certain MSRs and a \$1.1 million increase in investment consulting and related services fees in 2009.

*Gain on Bargain Purchase.* In 2009, we recognized a one time gain on bargain purchase of \$10.9 million in connection with the Column transaction. The gain on bargain purchase represents the difference between the fair market value of the net assets acquired and the purchase price paid.

#### Expenses

*Personnel.* Personnel expense was \$32.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2009, compared to \$17.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2008, an 89% increase. This increase was primarily attributable to the additional commissions associated with the increases in loan origination related fees and the personnel expense associated with employees added from the Column transaction in 2009.

*Amortization and Depreciation.* Amortization and depreciation expense was \$12.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2009, compared to \$7.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2008, a 66% increase. This increase was primarily attributable to growth of the servicing portfolio resulting from the Column transaction.

*Provision for Risk-Sharing Obligations.* The provision for risk-sharing obligations was \$2.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2009, compared to \$1.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2008, a \$1.2 million increase. The provision for risk-sharing obligations was four and three basis points of the Fannie Mae at risk portfolio balances as of December 31, 2009, and 2008, respectively. While the 60-day delinquency rate declined to 0.31% of the at risk portfolio at December 31, 2009 from 0.56% of the at risk portfolio at December 31, 2008, the increase in the provision included certain loans that were not delinquent, but for which we believed default was probable. The 2009 net write-offs were \$0.5 million or one basis point of the at risk portfolio. There were no write-offs in 2008.

*Interest Expense on Corporate Debt.* The interest expense on corporate debt was \$1.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2009, compared to \$2.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2008, a 37% decrease. This decrease was primarily attributable to a 15% decrease in the average corporate debt outstanding and a 255 basis point decline in the average 30-day LIBOR.

*Other Operating Expenses.* Other operating expenses were \$11.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2009, compared to \$6.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2008, a 70% increase. This increase was primarily attributable to the costs of adding seven offices and 38 employees in connection with the Column transaction in 2009.

#### Year Ended December 31, 2008 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2007

#### Overview

Our income from operations was \$14.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2008, compared to \$16.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2007, a 14% decrease. Our total revenues were \$49.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2008 compared to \$50.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2007, a 2% decrease. Our total expenses were \$35.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2008 compared to \$33.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2007, a 4% increase. Our operating margins were 29% for the year ended December 31, 2008 compared to \$32% for the year ended December 31, 2007. The 2008 results primarily reflect a decrease in escrow earnings from a 239 basis point decline in the average 30-day LIBOR coupled with a decline in prepayment penalties collected by us as the credit markets tightened. These decreases were partially offset by an increase in gains from mortgage banking activities resulting from an increase in the estimated fair value of the expected net future cash flows associated with servicing the loans.



#### Revenues

*Gains From Mortgage Banking Activities.* Gains from mortgage banking activities were \$29.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2008, compared to \$21.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2007, a 34% increase. Gains reflect the fair value of loan origination fees, premiums or losses on the sale of loans, net of any co-broker fees, and the fair value of the expected net future cash flows associated with the servicing of the loan, net of any guaranty obligations retained.

Loan origination related fees were \$14.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2008, compared to \$12.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2007, a 10% increase. This increase was primarily attributable to an increase in origination fees per comparable transaction associated with the shift toward GSE lending, offset by a decline in originations. Our origination fees as a percentage of origination volumes was 71 basis points in 2008, compared to 62 basis points in 2007, a 15% increase, and our origination volumes were \$2.0 billion in 2008, compared to \$2.1 billion in 2007, a 4% decrease. Origination volumes for loans placed with institutional investors fell 12% in 2008 compared to 2007.

The fair value of the expected net future cash flows associated with the servicing of the loan was \$15.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2008, compared to \$9.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2007, a 68% increase. This increase was primarily attributable to an increase in our MSR per comparable transaction. The fair value of the expected net future cash flows associated with the servicing of the loan, as a percentage of origination volumes, was 77 basis points in 2008, compared to 44 basis points in 2007. This increase reflects the higher concentration of GSE originations and the higher servicing fee rate for new Fannie Mae loans.

*Servicing Fees.* Servicing fees were \$12.3 million for each of the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. The servicing portfolio grew to \$7.0 billion at December 31, 2008, compared to \$6.1 billion at December 31, 2007, a 15% increase. While the ratio of weighted-average servicing fee rate remained relatively constant, our servicing revenues benefitted from other higher fees of \$1.0 million in 2007.

*Net Warehouse Interest Income.* Net warehouse interest income was \$1.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2008, compared to \$0.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2007. This increase was primarily attributable to a 104% increase in the average outstanding warehouse balance, together with a 197 basis point increase in the average net spread between the loan coupon rate and the cost of warehouse financing. The components of net warehouse interest income are (\$ in thousands):

2008	2	2007
4,221	\$	2,659
2,434	\$	2,642
1,787	\$	17
	4,221	4,221 \$ 2,434 \$

*Escrow Earnings and Other Interest Income.* Escrow earnings and other interest income was \$3.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2008, compared to \$9.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2007, a 62% decrease. This decrease was primarily attributable to a 239 basis point decline in the average 30-day LIBOR, offset by the growth of the servicing portfolio.

*Other.* Other income was \$2.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2008, compared to \$7.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2007, a 68% decrease. This decrease was primarily attributable to a \$1.1 million decline in investment consulting and related services fees and a \$1.8 million decline in make-whole payments. Make-whole payments were \$0.7 million and \$2.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. As the credit markets tightened in 2008, fewer prepayments occurred, resulting in lower make-whole payments.

#### Expenses

*Personnel.* Personnel expenses were \$17.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2008, compared to \$16.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2007, a 1% increase. This increase was primarily attributable to the additional commissions associated with the higher origination related fees.

*Amortization and Depreciation.* Amortization and depreciation expense was \$7.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2008, compared to \$9.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2007, a 14% decrease. This decrease was primarily attributable to fewer prepayments and associated MSR write-offs in 2008.

*Provision for Risk-Sharing Obligations.* The provision for risk-sharing obligations was \$1.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2008. We recognized no provision for the year ended December 31, 2007. The provision for risk-sharing obligations was three basis points of the Fannie Mae at risk portfolio as of December 31, 2008. These provisions reflect the increase in 60-day delinquencies to 0.56% of the at risk portfolio at December 31, 2008 from 0.19% of the at risk portfolio at December 31, 2007. These provisions also include certain loans that were not delinquent, but for which we believed default was probable. There were no-write offs for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

*Interest Expense on Corporate Debt.* Interest expense on corporate debt was \$2.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2008, compared to \$3.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2007, a 30% decrease. This decrease was primarily attributable to a 13% decrease in the average corporate debt balance outstanding and a 239 basis point decrease in the average 30-day LIBOR.

*Other Operating Expenses.* Other operating expenses were \$6.5 million for the years ended December 31, 2008, compared to \$4.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2007, a 54% increase. This increase was primarily attributable to \$1.0 million of Column transaction expenses included in 2008.

#### **Financial Condition**

#### **Cash Flows from Operating Activities**

Our cash flows from operations are generated from loan sales, servicing fees, escrow earnings, net warehouse interest income and other income, net of loan purchases and operating costs. Our cash flows from operations are impacted by the timing of loan closings and the period of time loans are held for sale in the warehouse.

#### Cash Flow from Investing Activities

We usually lease facilities and equipment for our operations. However, when necessary and cost effective, we invest immaterial amounts of cash in property, plant and equipment.

#### **Cash Flow from Financing Activities**

We use our warehouse facilities to fund loan closings. We believe that our current warehouse facilities are adequate to meet our increasing loan origination needs. Historically we have used long-term debt to fund acquisitions.

Although historically our excess cash flows from operations has been distributed to owners, we currently have no intention to pay dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future.

#### Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010 Compared to Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009

Our unrestricted cash balance was \$20.1 million and \$10.7 million as of September 30, 2010, and September 30, 2009, respectively, a \$9.4 million increase.

Changes in cash flows from operations were driven primarily by loans acquired and sold. Such loans are held for short periods of time, generally less than 45 days, and impact cash flows presented as of a point in time. We used cash of \$1.8 million and generated cash of \$50.0 million from operations during the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively, which included net cash outflows of \$22.4 million and net cash inflows of \$43.6 million from the sale of loans held for sale during the respective periods. Excluding cash flows from loan sales, our operating cash flows were \$20.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, compared to \$6.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, compared to \$6.4 million fees in 2010 compared to the same period in 2009.

We invested \$0.5 million and \$0.4 million of cash in equipment and furniture for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. These amounts represent immaterial investments in property, plant and equipment.

We received \$11.9 million and used \$45.7 million of cash in financing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively, a \$57.6 million increase. This increase was primarily attributable to a \$66.0 million increase in the use of warehouse notes payable, offset by a cash contribution from the Column transaction.

#### Year Ended December 31, 2009 compared to Year Ended December 31, 2008

Our unrestricted cash balance was \$10.4 million and \$6.8 million as of December 31, 2009, and December 31, 2008, respectively, a \$3.6 million increase.

Changes in cash flows from operations were driven primarily by loans acquired and sold. Such loans are held for short periods of time, generally less than 45 days, and impact cash flows presented as of a point in time. We generated \$20.4 million cash flows from operations for the year ended December 31, 2009 compared to using \$79.5 million of cash for the year ended December 31, 2008. The 2009 cash flows include proceeds of \$10.4 million from the sale of loans held for sale, while the 2008 cash flows include \$84.7 million of cash used for the purchase of loans held for sale. Excluding cash provided by and used for the sale and purchase of loans, cash flows from operations were \$10.0 million and \$5.2 million for 2009 and 2008, respectively. The increase in this component of cash flows from operations was primarily attributable to an increase in net income, less fair value of MSRs created and gain on bargain purchase, plus amortization and depreciation.

We invested \$0.1 million and \$0.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2009, and 2008, respectively, a \$0.1 million increase. These amounts represent immaterial investments in property, plant and equipment.

We used \$16.7 million of cash from financing activities for the year ended December 31, 2009, compared to \$69.1 million of cash generated from financing activities for the year ended December 31, 2008, an \$85.7 million decrease. This decrease was attributable to a \$95.1 million decrease in

warehouse facilities outstanding, and a \$2.5 million increase in distributions to owners, offset by a cash contribution from the Column transaction.

#### Year Ended December 31, 2008 compared to Year Ended December 31, 2007

Our unrestricted cash balance was \$6.8 million and \$17.4 million as of December 31, 2008, and December 31, 2007, respectively, a \$10.6 million decrease.

Changes in cash flows from operations were driven primarily by loans acquired and sold. Such loans are held for short periods of time, generally less than 45 days, and impact cash flows presented as of a point in time. We used \$79.5 million of cash flows from operations for the year ended December 31, 2008 compared to cash flows from operations of \$293.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2007. The 2008 cash flows include \$84.7 million of cash used for the purchase of loans held for sale, while the 2007 cash flows include \$279.8 million cash from the sale of loans held for sale. Excluding cash provided by and used for the sale and purchase of loans, cash flows from operations was \$5.2 million and \$14.1 million for 2008 and 2007, respectively. The decrease in this component of cash flows from operations were primarily attributable to a decrease in net income, less fair value of MSRs created, plus amortization and depreciation.

We invested \$0.2 million and \$0 for the year ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively, a \$0.2 million increase. These amounts represent immaterial investments in property, plant and equipment.

We generated \$69.1 million of cash from financing activities for the year ended December 31, 2008, a \$359.4 million increase over the \$290.3 million of cash used in financing activities for the year ended December 31, 2007. This increase was attributable to a \$364.5 million increase in cash generated from warehouse facilities outstanding, offset by a \$3.9 million increase in the amount of debt principal payments, and other net changes in assets and liabilities.

#### Liquidity and Capital Resources

#### Uses of Liquidity, Cash and Cash Equivalents

Our cash flow requirements consist of (i) short-term liquidity necessary to fund mortgage loans, (ii) working capital to support our day-to-day operations, including debt service payments, servicer advances consisting of principal and interest advances for Fannie Mae or HUD loans that become delinquent and advances on insurance and taxes payments if the escrow funds are insufficient, and (iii) liquidity necessary to pay down our debt obligations of approximately \$0.6 million maturing on January 28, 2011 and \$27.9 million maturing on October 31, 2011. We have an option to extend the \$27.9 million debt to October 31, 2013, subject to certain conditions.

We also require working capital to satisfy collateral requirements for our Fannie Mae DUS risk-sharing obligations and to meet the operational liquidity requirements of Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, HUD, Ginnie Mae and our warehouse facility lenders. Fannie Mae has indicated that it will be increasing its collateral requirements for certain loans. Congress and other governmental authorities have also suggested that lenders will be required to retain on their balance sheet a portion of the loans that they originate, although no regulation has yet been implemented. In either scenario, we would require additional liquidity to support the increased collateral requirements.

As of September 30, 2010, December 31, 2009, and December 31, 2008, we were required to maintain at least \$8.1 million, \$7.3 million and \$6.0 million, respectively, of liquid assets to meet our operational liquidity requirements for Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, HUD, Ginnie Mae and our warehouse facility lenders. As of September 30, 2010, December 31, 2009, and December 31, 2008, we had operational liquidity of \$20.1 million, \$10.4 million, and \$6.8 million, respectively.



On October 27, 2010, we declared our quarterly distribution in the normal course of business with respect to the third quarter 2010 in the amount of \$5 million, which will be paid to indirect equity owners of Walker & Dunlop, LLC prior to the closing of this offering. Following the completion of this offering, we currently intend to retain all future earnings for the operation and expansion of our business and, therefore, do not anticipate declaring or paying cash dividends in the foreseeable future.

Historically, our cash flows from operations have been sufficient to enable us to meet our short-term liquidity needs and other funding requirements. Similarly, we believe that cash flows from operations should be sufficient for us to meet our current obligations for the next 12 months.

#### **Restricted Cash and Pledged Securities**

Restricted cash and pledged securities consist primarily of collateral for our risk-sharing obligations and good faith deposits held on behalf of borrowers between the time we enter into a loan commitment with the borrower and the investor purchases the loan. The amount of collateral required by Fannie Mae is a formulaic calculation at the loan level and considers the balance of the loan, the risk level of the loan, the age of the loan and the level of risk-sharing. As of September 30, 2010, December 31, 2009, and December 31, 2008 we pledged securities to collateralize our Fannie Mae DUS risk-sharing obligations of \$13.6 million, \$11.6 million and \$7.2 million, respectively, all of which were in excess of current requirements.

We fund any growth in our Fannie Mae required operational liquidity and collateral requirements from our working capital. Fannie Mae has recently increased its collateral requirements for certain segments of the Fannie Mae risk-sharing portfolio by approximately 25 basis points effective January 1, 2011. The incremental collateral required for existing and new loans will be funded over approximately the next three years, in accordance with Fannie Mae requirements. Based on our Fannie Mae portfolio as of September 30, 2010, the additional proposed collateral required by the end of the three year period is expected to be approximately \$12 million. Fannie Mae also has indicated that it intends to reassess the adequacy of its collateral requirements on an annual basis, starting as of October 2011.

#### Sources of Liquidity: Warehouse Facilities

We have four warehouse facilities that we use to fund our loan originations. Consistent with industry practice, two of these facilities are revolving commitments we expect to renew annually, one is an uncommitted facility we expect to renew annually, and the last facility is provided on an uncommitted basis without a specific maturity date. Our ability to originate mortgage loans depends upon our ability to secure and maintain these types of short-term financings on acceptable terms. The amounts we have outstanding on our warehouse lines as of any quarter-end are generally a function of the timing of the execution of loan sales. Our warehouse facilities are as follows:

We have a \$150 million committed warehouse line with Bank of America, N.A. and TD Bank, N.A. that matures on November 28, 2011. The agreement provides us with the ability to fund our Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and HUD loans. Advances are made at 100% of the loan balance and borrowings under this line bear interest at the average 30-day LIBOR plus 250 basis points. As of September 30, 2010, we had \$9.7 million of borrowings outstanding under this line and corresponding loans held for sale. This line has been renewed successfully every year since we originally entered into the warehouse facility in 2005.

This warehouse line includes various operating and financial covenants at the Walker & Dunlop, LLC entity level, including requirements for a minimum tangible net worth of \$75 million, a debt to tangible net worth ratio of no more than 6 to 1, minimum liquid assets of at least \$7 million, a maximum delinquency rate of no more than 2% (based on the unpaid principal amount of Fannie Mae DUS loans that are sixty or more days delinquent), and a maximum delinquency rate increase of no more than 1% (based on the unpaid principal



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amount of the Fannie Mae DUS loans on which we have risk-sharing that are sixty or more days delinquent) from quarter-end to quarter-end. Prior to July 30, 2010, the quarter over quarter maximum delinquency rate increase was 0.5%. We were in breach of this delinquency rate covenant as of June 30, 2010, based on our delinquency rate increase of 0.71% from March 31, 2010 to June 30, 2010. The lenders under this warehouse line waived the breach, any related cross-defaults were waived and the covenant was amended to increase the maximum delinquency rate percentage change to 1% from quarter-end to quarter-end. We were in compliance with all covenants at September 30, 2010 and we do not expect that the June 30, 2010 breach of the delinquency rate covenant will have any adverse effect on our ability to borrow under our existing warehouse facilities in the future.

We have a \$150 million committed warehouse line with PNC Bank N.A. that matures on June 29, 2011. The agreement provides us with the ability to fund our Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and HUD loan closings. Advances are made at 100% of the loan balance and borrowings under this line bear interest at the average 30-day LIBOR plus 250 basis points. As of September 30, 2010, we had \$43.9 million of borrowings outstanding under this line and corresponding loans held for sale. This line has been renewed successfully every year since we originally entered into the warehouse facility in 2000. This warehouse line includes various operating and financial covenants at the Walker & Dunlop, LLC entity level, including requirements for a minimum adjusted tangible net worth of \$85 million, an adjusted debt to adjusted tangible net worth ratio of no more than 3 to 1, minimum cash and cash equivalents of at least \$7 million, a maximum delinquency rate of no more than 2% (based on the unpaid principal amount of loans that are sixty or more days delinquent) and a maximum delinquency rate increase of no more than 2% (based on the aggregate amount of unpaid principal amount of the Fannie Mae DUS loans on which we have risk-sharing that are sixty or more days delinquent) from quarter-end to quarter-end.

We have a \$250 million uncommitted facility with Fannie Mae under its As Soon As Pooled funding program. After approval of certain loan documents, Fannie Mae will fund loans after closing and the advances are used to repay the primary warehouse line. Fannie Mae will advance 99% of the loan balance and borrowings under this program bear interest at the average 30-day LIBOR plus 100 basis points. As of September 30, 2010, we had \$33.6 million of borrowings outstanding under this program. There is no expiration date for this facility.

We have an unlimited uncommitted warehouse line and repurchase facility with Kemps Landing Capital Company, LLC, an affiliate of Guggenheim Partners, that matures March 31, 2011. The line provides us with the ability to fund Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac loans. Advances are made at the lesser of 100% of the loan balance or the purchase price of the loan. Borrowings under this line bear interest at the average 30-day LIBOR plus 275 basis points. As of September 30, 2010, we had \$31.8 million of borrowings outstanding under this line. This warehouse line includes various operating and financial covenants at the Walker & Dunlop, LLC entity level, including requirements for a minimum net worth of \$2 million and minimum liquid assets of \$200,000.

These agreements also contain cross-default provisions, such that if a default occurs under any of our debt agreements, generally the lenders under our other debt agreements could also declare a default. We are in compliance with all of our warehouse line covenants.

#### **Debt** Obligations

On October 31, 2006, we entered into a \$42.5 million credit agreement with Bank of America that funded the purchase of a 49% interest in Green Park. Ownership interests in Green Park, GPF Acquisition, LLC, Walker & Dunlop Multifamily, Inc., Walker & Dunlop GP, LLC, W&D, Inc. and

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certain cash flows from the servicing portfolio were pledged as collateral for the note. On January 30, 2009, the loan was amended to reflect the formation of Walker & Dunlop, LLC and added pledges of all of the ownership interests in Walker & Dunlop, LLC as collateral for the note. The loan matures on October 31, 2011 and we have an option to extend the agreement to October 31, 2013, subject to certain conditions. The loan bears interest at the average 30-day LIBOR plus 350 basis points and has annual principal reductions of \$3.6 million. As of September 30, 2010, the outstanding note balance was \$27.9 million.

We are subject to the same financial covenants, including the delinquency rate covenant, under this loan as we have under the Bank of America warehouse line. As with the warehouse line, we were in breach of the delinquency rate covenant as of June 30, 2010. The lender waived the breach, any related cross-defaults were waived and the covenant was amended to increase the maximum delinquency rate percentage to change to 1% from quarter-end to quarter-end. In addition, the term loan includes the following requirements: (i) EBITDA must be at least \$12 million; (ii) the ratio of EBITDA to the principal and interest payments required to be paid under the loan for the applicable year must be at least 2.25 to 1; (iii) the aggregate unpaid principal amount of the servicing portfolio must be at least \$8 billion and the Fannie Mae portfolio must be at least \$5 billion; and (iv) the ratio of the outstanding loan amount to the fair market value of servicing contracts must be no greater than 50%. We were in compliance with all covenants as of September 30, 2010.

In connection with the formation transactions and this offering, we will enter into an amendment and consent agreement with Bank of America. This agreement is expected to provide, among other things, that the company will become the pledgor of the collateral described above and will provide a payment guaranty on the loan.

On January 16, 2006, we entered into a \$7.6 million note with United Bank to purchase certain ownership interests in Walker & Dunlop Multifamily, Inc. The note requires monthly principal and interest payments, bears an annual interest rate of 7.275% and matures on January 28, 2011. As of September 30, 2010, the outstanding balance of the note was \$0.6 million.

During 2008, we purchased small amounts of subsidiary equity from certain exiting employees and issued notes that are subordinated to the Bank of America credit agreement. The notes bear interest at the 90-day LIBOR plus 200 basis points and will be repaid in five annual installments after the Bank of America debt has been repaid. As of September 30, 2010, the aggregate outstanding balance of the notes was \$0.5 million.

# Credit Quality and Allowance for Risk-Sharing Obligations

The following table sets forth certain information useful in evaluating our credit performance.

		Nine Mon Septem		30,		Years ended December 31,						
Dollars in thousands		2010		2009		2009		2008		2007		
Key Credit												
Metrics												
Unpaid principal balance:												
Total servicing												
portfolio	\$	14,165,850	\$	12,844,826	\$	13,203,317	\$	6,976,208	\$	6,054,186		
Fannie Mae		,,		,- ,		-,,-		-,,		-,,		
servicing portfolio:												
Fannie Mae Full												
Risk	\$	5,736,752	\$	5,091,039	\$	5,476,467	\$	3,202,044	\$	2,369,743		
Fannie Mae	Ψ	5,150,152	Ψ	5,071,057	Ψ	5,170,107	Ψ	3,202,011	Ψ	2,509,715		
Modified Risk		2,001,830		1,630,809		1,226,669		717,472		726,153		
Fannie Mae No		2,001,050		1,050,007		1,220,007		/1/,4/2		720,155		
Risk		1,433,511		1,647,049		1,992,093		1,263,308		1 212 177		
K15K		1,455,511		1,047,049		1,992,093		1,205,508		1,213,177		
Total Fannie												
Mae	\$	0 172 002	\$	0 260 007	¢	8,695,229	¢	5 102 024	¢	4 200 072		
Wide	φ	9,172,093	φ	8,368,897	\$	8,095,229	φ	5,182,824	φ	4,309,073		
Fannie Mae at risk												
servicing portfolio(1)	\$	6526721	\$	5 620 769	\$	5 970 262	¢	2 560 005	¢	2 761 722		
-	Ф	6,536,724	Ф	5,630,768	Э	5,870,363	\$	3,560,095	\$	2,761,733		
60 day	¢	54.000	¢	12,422	٩	17.024	¢	10.014	¢	4 5 5 7		
delinquencies	\$	54,006	\$	13,433	\$	17,934	\$	19,814	\$	4,557		
At risk loan												
balances												
associated with												
allowance for												
risk-sharing												
obligations	\$	98,450	\$	33,696	\$	47,829	\$	22,727	\$			
Allowance for												
risk-sharing												
obligations:												
Beginning balance	\$	5,552	\$	1,101	\$	1,101	\$		\$	888		
Provision for												
risk-sharing												
obligations		4,397		(34)		2,265		1,101				
Net write-offs		(2,148)				(498)				(888)		
Contribution from												
Column				2,684		2,684						
Ending balance	\$	7,801	\$	3,751	\$	5,552	\$	1,101	\$			
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60 day												
60 day												
delinquencies as % of at risk												
		0.020	,	0.040	,	0.210		0.560	,	0 170		
portfolio		0.83%	0	0.24%	0	0.31%	)	0.56%	0	0.17%		
Provision for												
risk-sharing as %												
of at risk												
portfolio(2)		0.07%		0.00%		0.04%		0.03%		0.03%		
Allowance for		0.12%	b	0.07%	6	0.09%	2	0.03%	b	0.00%		
risk-sharing as a												

risk-sharing as a

% of the at risk portfolio					
Net write-offs as					
% of the at risk					
portfolio(2)	0.03%	0.00%	0.01%	0.00%	0.00%
Allowance for risk-sharing as % of the specifically identified at risk					
balances	7.92%	11.13%	11.61%	4.84%	n/a

(1)

At risk servicing portfolio is defined as the balance of Fannie Mae DUS loans subject to the risk-sharing formula described below. Use of the at risk portfolio provides for comparability of the full risk-sharing and modified risk-sharing loans because the provision and allowance for risk-sharing obligations are based on the at risk balances of the associated loans. Accordingly, we have presented the key statistics as a percentage of the at risk portfolio.

For example, a \$15 million loan with 50% DUS risk-sharing has the same potential risk exposure as a \$7.5 million loan with full DUS risk-sharing. Accordingly, if the \$15 million loan with 50% DUS risk-sharing was to default, the company would view the overall loss as a percentage of the at risk balance, or \$7.5 million, to ensure comparability between all risk-sharing obligations. To date, all of the company's risk-sharing obligations that we have settled have been from full risk-sharing loans.

#### (2)

The presentation of the provision for risk-sharing as a percentage of at risk portfolio and net write-offs as a percentage of the at risk portfolio for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 have not been annualized. The company has experienced a limited number of defaults and losses that do not result in a discernable annual trend.

Fannie Mae DUS risk-sharing obligations are based on a tiered formula. The risk-sharing tiers and amount of the risk-sharing obligations we absorb under full risk-sharing are provided below. Except as described in the following paragraph, the maximum amount of risk-sharing obligations we absorb is 20% of the unpaid principal balance of the loan at the time of default.

Risk-Sharing Tier	Percentage Absorbed by Us				
First 5% of unpaid principal balance	100%				
Next 20% of unpaid principal balance	25%				
Losses Above 25% of unpaid principal balance	10%				
Maximum lender loss	20% of unpaid principal balance				

20% of unpaid principal balance

Fannie Mae can double or triple our risk-sharing obligation if the loan does not meet specific underwriting criteria or if a loan defaults within 12 months of its sale to Fannie Mae. We may request modified risk-sharing at the time of origination, which reduces our potential risk-sharing obligation from the levels described above.

We use several tools to manage our risk exposure under the Fannie Mae DUS risk-sharing program. These tools include maintaining a strong underwriting and approval process, evaluating and modifying our underwriting criteria given the underlying multifamily housing market fundamentals, limiting our market and borrower exposures and electing the modified risk-sharing option under the Fannie Mae DUS program.

The Company monitors its underwriting criteria in light of changing economic and market conditions. In 2006 when we believed the CMBS issuers relaxed their underwriting criteria, we did not mirror those changes. Furthermore, in 2008 we strengthened our underwriting criteria in response to deteriorating market conditions. We believe these actions reduced our risk exposure under the Fannie Mae DUS risk sharing program; however, these actions also restricted growth in our origination volumes.

We regularly request modified risk-sharing based on such factors as the size of the loan, market conditions and loan pricing. Except for the Fannie Mae DUS loans acquired in the Column transaction, which were acquired subject to their existing Fannie Mae DUS risk-sharing levels, our current credit management policy is to cap the loan balance subject to full risk-sharing at \$25 million. Accordingly, we currently elect to use modified risk-sharing for loans of more than \$25 million in order to limit our maximum loss on any loan to \$5 million.

A provision for risk-sharing obligations is recorded, and the allowance for risk-sharing obligations is increased, when it is probable that we have incurred risk-sharing obligations. The provisions historically have been for Fannie Mae loans with full risk-sharing. The amount of the provision considers our assessment of the likelihood of payment by the borrower, the value of the underlying collateral and the level of risk-sharing. Historically, the loss recognition occurs at or before the loan becoming 60 days delinquent. Our estimates of value are determined considering broker opinions and other sources of market value information relevant to underlying property and collateral. Risk-sharing obligations are written off against the allowance at final settlement with Fannie Mae.

In September 2010, we received notice from Fannie Mae that our risk-sharing obligation was increased on a \$4.6 million loan that defaulted within 12 months of the sale to Fannie Mae. We have recommended that Fannie Mae initiate foreclosure on the defaulted loan. We are currently evaluating



our collateral levels on the Fannie Mae loan but do not currently expect to incur a loss from this default.

As of September 30, 2010 and 2009, \$54.0 million and \$13.4 million, respectively, of our Fannie Mae at risk balances were more than 60 days delinquent. For the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009, our provisions for risk-sharing obligations were \$4.4 million and approximately zero, respectively, or seven basis points and approximately zero basis points of the Fannie Mae at risk balance, respectively. For the years ended December 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008, our provisions were \$2.3 million and \$1.1 million, respectively, or four basis points and three basis points of the Fannie Mae at risk balance, respectively.

As of September 30, 2010, December 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008, our allowance for risk-sharing obligations was \$7.8 million, \$5.6 million and \$1.1 million, respectively, or 12 basis points, nine basis points and three basis points of the Fannie Mae at risk balance, respectively. We had no provision for risk-sharing obligations nor an allowance for risk-sharing obligations in 2007. From January 1, 2000 through September 30, 2010, we settled risk-sharing obligations of \$4.5 million, or an average 1 basis point annually of the average at risk Fannie Mae portfolio balance.

#### **Off-Balance Sheet Risk**

We do not have any off-balance sheet arrangements.

#### **Contractual Obligations**

We have contractual obligations to make future payments on debt and lease agreements. Additionally, in the normal course of business, we enter into contractual arrangements whereby we commit to future purchases of products or services from unaffiliated parties. We also have a deferred compensation agreement with certain senior management officers.

Warehouse facility obligations, long-term debt and other obligations at December 31, 2009 are as follows:

			Dı	ue after 1	ue after 3 Years				
Dollars in thousands	-	ue in 1 ir or Less		ar through 3 Years		through 5 Years	Due a 5 Ye		Total
Long-term debt(1)	\$	6,690	\$	28,464	\$		\$		\$ 35,154
Warehouse facilities(2)		96,612							96,612
Operating leases		1,469		2,691		406		7	4,573
Deferred compensation liability		800		1,154					1,954
Total	\$	105,571	\$	32,309	\$	406	\$	7	\$ 138,293

(1)

Includes interest at contractual interest rate for fixed rate loans and effective interest rate for variable rate loans.

(2)

To be repaid from proceeds of loan sales.

#### **New/Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In January 2009, the FASB issued FAS No. 167 (ASC 810) to amend requirements for consolidating variable interest entities. This amendment changes the determination of the primary beneficiary in a variable interest entity. In January 2010, the FASB voted to finalize Accounting Standards Update (ASU) amendments to Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 810 for *Certain Investment Funds*. The ASU will defer the effective date for a reporting enterprise's interest in certain entities. It addresses concerns that the joint consolidation model under development by the

FASB and IASB may result in a different conclusion for asset managers and that an asset manager consolidating certain funds would not provide useful information to investors. The adoption of these standards did not have a material effect on our financial statements.

In June 2009, the FASB issued FAS No. 166, *Accounting for Transfers of Financial Assets* an amendment of FASB Statement 140 (as codified in ASC Topic 860, *Transfers and Servicing* (ASC 860)). ASU No. 2009-16 issued in December 2009 removes the concept of a qualifying special purpose entity from Topic 860 and removes the exception from applying Topic 810, Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities, for qualifying special purpose entities. This ASU modifies the financial components approach used in Topic 860 and limits the circumstances in which a financial asset, or portion of a financial asset, should be derecognized. Additionally, enhanced disclosures are required to provide financial statement users with greater transparency about transfers of financial assets and a transferor's continuing involvement with transferred financial assets. We adopted ASC 860 on January 1, 2010. The adoption of the revised guidance did not have a material impact on our financial statements.

#### Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

We are not currently exposed to interest rate risk during the loan commitment, closing and delivery process. The sale or placement of each loan to an investor is negotiated prior to closing on the loan with the borrower, and the sale or placement is effectuated within 2 to 45 days of closing. The coupon rate for the loan is set after we have established the interest rate with the investor.

Some of our assets and liabilities are subject to changes in interest rates. Earnings from escrows are generally based on LIBOR. A 100 basis point increase or decrease in the average 30-day LIBOR would increase or decrease, respectively, our annual earnings by approximately \$1.9 million based on our escrow balance as of September 30, 2010. The borrowing cost of our warehouse facilities are based on a LIBOR. A 100 basis point increase or decrease in the average 30-day LIBOR would decrease or increase, respectively, our annual net warehouse interest income by approximately \$1.0 million based on our outstanding warehouse balance as of September 30, 2010. Approximately \$27.9 million of our corporate debt is based on the average 30-day LIBOR. A 100 basis point increase or decrease in the average 30-day LIBOR. A 100 basis point increase or decrease in the average 30-day LIBOR. A 100 basis point increase or decrease in the average 30-day LIBOR. A 100 basis point increase or decrease in the average 30-day LIBOR. A 100 basis point increase or decrease in the average 30-day LIBOR. A 100 basis point increase or decrease in the average 30-day LIBOR. A 100 basis point increase or decrease in the average 30-day LIBOR would decrease or increase, respectively, our annual earnings by approximately \$0.3 million based on our outstanding corporate debt as of September 30, 2010.

The fair value of our MSRs is subject to market risk. A 100 basis point increase or decrease in the weighted average discount rate would decrease or increase, respectively, the fair value of our MSRs by approximately \$2.4 million or \$2.5 million as of December 31, 2009. Our Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac servicing engagements provide for make-whole payments in the event of a voluntary prepayment prior to the expiration of the prepayment protection period. Our servicing contracts with institutional investors and HUD do not require payment of a make-whole amount. As of September 30, 2010, 94% of the service fees are protected from the risk of prepayment through make-whole requirements; hence, we do not hedge our servicing portfolio for prepayment risk.

#### BUSINESS

#### **Our Company**

We are one of the leading providers of commercial real estate financial services in the United States, with a primary focus on multifamily lending. We originate, sell and service a range of multifamily and other commercial real estate financing products. Our clients are owners and developers of commercial real estate across the country. We originate and sell loans through the programs of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and HUD, with which we have long-established relationships. We retain servicing rights and asset management responsibilities on nearly all loans that we originate for GSE and HUD programs. We are approved as a Fannie Mae DUS lender nationally, a Freddie Mac Program Plus lender in seven states, the District of Columbia and the metropolitan New York area, a HUD MAP lender nationally, and a Ginnie Mae issuer. We also originate and service loans for a number of life insurance companies, commercial banks and other institutional investors, in which cases we do not fund the loan but rather act as a loan broker.

In 2009, we originated more than \$2.2 billion in commercial real estate loans, of which approximately \$1.9 billion were sold through GSE or HUD programs and approximately \$343 million were placed with institutional investors. As of September 30, 2010, we serviced approximately \$14.2 billion in commercial real estate loans covering approximately 1,630 properties in 46 states and the District of Columbia. We also provide investment and consulting and related services for two commercial real estate funds that invest in commercial real estate securities and loans for a number of institutional investors.

For the year ended December 31, 2009, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association, by principal amount of loans directly funded or serviced by us, we were:

the 9<sup>th</sup> largest lender of commercial real estate loans in the United States;

the 5<sup>th</sup> largest originator of multifamily commercial real estate loans for Fannie Mae;

one of only three institutions that was a top 10 originator for each of Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and HUD; and

the 7th largest servicer of commercial real estate loans for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac collectively.

We have not historically originated loans for our balance sheet. The sale of each loan through GSEs and HUD is negotiated prior to closing on the loan with the borrower. For loans originated pursuant to the Fannie Mae DUS program, we generally are required to share the risk of loss, with our maximum loss capped at 20% of the unpaid principal balance of a loan. We have established a strong credit culture over decades of originating loans and are committed to disciplined risk management from the initial underwriting stage through loan payoff. From January 1, 2000 through September 30, 2010, we settled risk-sharing obligations of \$4.5 million, or an average 1 basis point annually of the average at risk Fannie Mae portfolio balance.

Our total revenues were \$85.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and \$88.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2009. Our income from operations was \$29.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and \$28.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2009.

We have been in business for 73 years. Since becoming a Fannie Mae DUS lender in 1988, we have had major institutions as investors in our business. In January 2009, we acquired from Column, an affiliate of Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, its \$5.0 billion servicing portfolio, together with its Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and HUD operations, which significantly expanded our GSE and HUD loan origination capabilities. Our extensive borrower and lender relationships, knowledge of the commercial real estate capital markets, expertise in commercial real estate financing, and strong credit culture have enabled us to establish a significant market presence and grow rapidly and profitably in recent years. We believe our business model and expertise, combined with the additional capital from this offering,

will enable us to continue to grow and enhance our position as a leading provider of commercial real estate financial services in the United States.

#### **Our History and the Formation Transactions**

Walker & Dunlop was founded in 1937 and has been under three generations of Walker family leadership. We became one of the first Fannie Mae DUS lenders in 1988 and have been a top 10 originator under the Fannie Mae DUS program for 19 of the past 20 years. We are headquartered in Bethesda, Maryland and have seven additional offices across the country.

In January 2009, W&D, Inc., its affiliate Green Park, and Column contributed their assets to a newly formed entity, Walker & Dunlop, LLC. The transaction brought together Walker & Dunlop's competencies in debt origination, loan servicing, asset management, investment consulting and related services, Green Park's Fannie Mae DUS origination capabilities and Column's Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and HUD operations, including its healthcare real estate lending business, to form one of the leading providers of commercial real estate financial services in the United States. Substantially all of the assets and liabilities of W&D, Inc. and Green Park, including its wholly owned subsidiary Green Park Express, LLC, were transferred to Walker & Dunlop, LLC in exchange for 5% and 60% interests, respectively, in Walker & Dunlop, LLC, and certain assets and liabilities of Column were transferred to Walker & Dunlop, LLC for a 35% interest in Walker & Dunlop, LLC.

Concurrently with the closing of this offering, we will complete certain formation transactions through which Walker & Dunlop, LLC will become a wholly owned subsidiary of Walker & Dunlop, Inc., a newly formed Maryland corporation. In connection with the formation transactions, members of the Walker family, certain of our directors and executive officers and certain other individuals and entities who currently own direct and indirect equity interests in Walker & Dunlop, LLC will contribute their respective interests in such entities to Walker & Dunlop, Inc. in exchange for shares of our common stock. As a result of the contributions, we will become responsible for approximately \$29.0 million of existing debt as of September 30, 2010. See footnotes to the "Principal and Selling Stockholders Table" for the number of shares received by each director and executive officer in connection with the formation transactions.

The following chart shows the anticipated structure and ownership of our company, including operating subsidiaries, after giving effect to the formation transactions and this offering on a fully diluted basis (assuming no exercise by the underwriters of their overallotment option):

#### **Industry and Market Opportunity**

We believe that sizeable demand for commercial real estate loans, principally driven by impending debt maturities and an anticipated rebound in commercial real estate investment activity, presents significant growth opportunities for companies that have an established market presence, demonstrated origination experience, deep relationships with active investors and a disciplined risk management strategy.

#### Commercial Real Estate Loan Industry

We believe the following represent the key sources of capital for the commercial real estate finance market:

*Commercial Banks.* Commercial banks comprise the largest pool of capital for commercial real estate debt. With the recent recession and credit crisis, and the resulting stress on banks, many have sought to reduce their overall exposure to commercial real estate and are focusing their attention on addressing non-performing commercial real estate loans. While the banking industry still faces a number of challenges that may limit loan capacity, we expect banks to remain a key source of funding for the commercial real estate industry.

*CMBS*. With the onset of the credit crisis, the CMBS and broader securitization market collapsed. As such, CMBS is not currently a major source of capital for the commercial real estate sector. We expect volumes in the securitization market to return slowly over the next couple of years.

*GSEs and HUD.* GSEs' and HUD's role in the commercial real estate finance market is focused on multifamily and certain healthcare related sectors. Fannie Mae is focused on multifamily and senior housing; Freddie Mac is focused on multifamily; and HUD is generally focused on affordable multifamily and the healthcare sector, including hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and senior living facilities. During the credit crisis, GSEs and HUD increased their participation in the multifamily real estate market and became a major source of debt financing in the multifamily sector, accounting for over 85% of the multifamily real estate debt originated during 2009, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association's 2009 Annual Origination Volume Summation. During the credit crisis, commercial mortgage origination volume declined sharply by 46% from 2008 to 2009, while multifamily origination volume declined 35%, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association. The smaller relative decline in the multifamily sector was largely due to the role of GSEs and HUD. When the market recovers, we believe GSEs and HUD will continue to be a major source of debt financing in the multifamily sector.

*Life Insurance Companies.* Life insurance companies have remained an important source of debt financing for the commercial real estate finance market. While life insurance companies faced some of the same issues on loan delinquencies as commercial banks during the credit crisis, with loan originations declining significantly in 2008 and 2009, we expect life insurance companies will remain a meaningful provider of capital to the commercial real estate finance market as they use investments in real estate to match their long-term insurance liabilities.

*Other.* There are a number of other parties providing commercial real estate financing, including state and local governments and mortgage real estate investment trusts, as well as private entities and funds backed by domestic and foreign investors, pension funds and endowments.

Our current origination volume is concentrated with GSEs, as they are the dominant lender in the markets in which we operate. We expect to diversify our lending sources over time as other lenders become more attractive sources of commercial real estate financing for our clients.

# **Constrained Lending Environment**

Issuance of CMBS in the United States grew dramatically from \$47 billion in 2000 to \$230 billion in 2007, according to Commercial Mortgage Alert. This growth was fueled, in part, by rising

commercial real estate property values, a strong economy and an abundance of debt and equity capital. CMBS were particularly attractive to borrowers because of their larger loan amounts and lower interest rates.

Since reaching their highs in 2007, commercial real estate values have declined substantially as a result of the global recession and the related significant contraction in capital available to the commercial real estate market. This contraction in capital has been exacerbated by the near shut down in investor demand for CMBS and by financial institutions significantly reducing their commercial real estate portfolios and lending activity in an effort to retain capital, reduce leverage, mitigate risk and meet regulatory capital requirements. Similarly, the CMBS and broader securitization market collapsed. Only \$3 billion of CMBS were issued in 2009, compared to a low of \$47 billion and a high of \$230 billion in any year from 2000 through 2007, according to Commercial Mortgage Alert. Conditions in the CMBS and broader securitization market remain extremely challenging.

A comparison of loan delinquency rates for GSEs, CMBS, commercial banks and life insurance companies, as set forth below, shows that CMBS and commercial banks have had significantly higher delinquency rates than GSEs.

## Commercial/Multifamily Mortgage Delinquency Rates by Investor Group

Source: Q2 2010 Quarterly Data Book, Mortgage Bankers Association

Note: CMBS represents 30+ days and real estate owned; Life Companies, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac represent 60+ days; Commercial Banks represent 90+ days.

# Demand for Commercial Real Estate Loans

A substantial amount of commercial real estate loans is scheduled to mature in the coming years. According to the Federal Reserve Flow of Funds Accounts of the United States, approximately \$3.2 trillion of commercial real estate loans were outstanding as of June 30, 2010, of which approximately \$843 billion were multifamily loans. It is estimated that \$28 billion to \$40 billion of multifamily loans held by investors other than commercial banks will mature each year from 2011 to 2014, according to the Survey of Loan Maturity Volumes, Mortgage Bankers Association. This amount would be considerably higher if it included multifamily loans held by commercial banks. As this debt matures, real estate owners will be required to repay or restructure their loans. In these scenarios, new debt will almost always be required, which we believe will provide significant opportunities for us. We further believe that demand for multifamily and other commercial real estate loans will increase as the overall economy improves, which should have a positive impact on our origination volume.

Non-Bank Multifamily Loan Maturities by Investor Type (\$ in billions)

Source:

Survey of Loan Maturity Volumes, Mortgage Bankers Association

We believe that demand for commercial real estate loans will also increase as the overall economy improves, particularly job growth. We further believe stronger employment fundamentals will likely result in lower delinquency rates, stronger cash flows and higher occupancy rates for multifamily and other commercial properties, which correlate with higher property values and an increase in real estate transaction activity.

#### **Our Competitive Strengths**

We distinguish ourselves from other commercial mortgage originators and servicers through five core strengths developed over decades of experience:

Strong Client Relationships and Demonstrated Loan Origination Experience. Throughout our history, we have established and maintained deep client relationships with major owners and operators of commercial real estate across the country. We understand the financial needs of our borrowers, the geographic markets in which they operate, the market conditions for different types of commercial properties, and how to structure commercial real estate loans to meet those needs. Many of our clients are repeat customers, and some have worked with us for multiple generations. We also have decades of origination experience and were one of only three institutions in 2009 that was a top 10 originator for each of Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and HUD. We believe that our relationships and expertise have helped us become one of the leading providers of commercial real estate financial services in the country.

*Disciplined Credit Culture.* We maintain a strong credit culture and disciplined risk management underpins everything we do. From January 1, 2000 through September 30, 2010, we settled risk-sharing obligations of \$4.5 million, or an average of one basis point annually of the average at risk Fannie Mae portfolio balance. We have received numerous awards from Fannie Mae for excellence in asset and risk management, including, in 2009, the Excellence in Asset Management Award and the Excellence in Loss Mitigation Award. We believe underwriting and active asset management are key components of our business model.

*Deep Investor Relationships.* We have relationships with Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and HUD that are backed by decades of experience. We view ourselves as a business partner of the GSEs and HUD, working to achieve common goals. We understand GSE and HUD program requirements and standards for originating, underwriting and servicing large volumes of loans. We also have extensive relationships

with other institutional sources of commercial real estate capital such as life insurance companies, investment banks, pension funds, commercial banks and other institutional investors. We were one of the first companies to obtain a Fannie Mae DUS license and have been a top 10 originator during 19 of the past 20 years. Currently, 25 companies are approved as Fannie Mae DUS lenders, 26 companies are approved as Freddie Mac Program Plus lenders, and 49 companies are approved as both HUD MAP lenders and Ginnie Mae issuers. We believe that obtaining new lender licenses from the GSEs is difficult, creating a significant barrier to entry.

*Servicing and Asset Management Expertise.* As of September 30, 2010, we serviced and provided asset management for approximately \$14.2 billion in commercial real estate loans representing approximately 1,630 properties in 46 states and the District of Columbia. Our asset managers monitor individual investments with special emphasis on financial performance and risk management to anticipate potential property, borrower and market issues. Because of our active servicing and asset management, we believe that we provide a more full-service, hands-on experience to our customers and award-winning risk management to our investors.

*Experienced Management Team with Substantial Ownership.* Our named executive officers have an average of more than 20 years of experience in the commercial real estate finance industry. We have a senior management team that has time-tested, hands-on experience with a high degree of market knowledge and a thorough understanding of a broad range of commercial real estate asset classes. This team led our company during the credit crisis over the last few years with consistent quarterly growth in both revenues and profits. Our named executive officers will own approximately 18.2% of our outstanding shares of common stock on a fully diluted basis following the completion of the formation transactions and this offering, closely aligning their interests with those of our stockholders.

#### **Our Growth Strategy**

We believe we are well positioned to grow our business by taking advantage of opportunities in the commercial real estate finance market. During the recent credit crisis, we not only maintained our position in the market, but also expanded our business through the Column transaction in 2009, which added licenses to originate and service loans for Freddie Mac and HUD. We also significantly expanded our capabilities in the healthcare lending business through the Column transaction. As a result, while commercial real estate originations dropped nationwide by 46% from 2008 to 2009 and multifamily originations dropped nationwide by 35% from 2008 to 2009, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association's 2009 Annual Origination Volume Summation, our originations grew by 12% to approximately \$2.2 billion in 2009 from approximately \$2.0 billion in 2008. While some of our competitors suffered extensive loan losses and negative earnings, we sustained limited credit losses and remained profitable during the same period. We believe that our performance during this period of significant market dislocation has given us access to new clients and talented professionals and enhanced our brand awareness across the commercial real estate finance industry.

We seek to use this momentum and market position to profitably grow our business by focusing on the following areas:

*Capitalize on Refinancing Needs and Commercial Real Estate Recovery.* According to the Survey of Loan Maturity Volumes, Mortgage Bankers Association, \$420 billion in non-bank commercial real estate debt is expected to mature between 2011 and 2014, of which \$130 billion is non-bank multifamily debt. We believe that these figures would be considerably higher if multifamily loans held by commercial banks were included. While some of this debt may be extended or restructured by existing lenders, we believe much of it will need to be refinanced, creating a significant market opportunity. In addition, we believe commercial real estate valuations will increase over time, which should produce increased transaction activity and new lending opportunities. With our strong market position and borrower relationships in multifamily debt financing, we believe that we are well positioned to benefit from an increase in lending activity for multifamily properties. Furthermore, we believe the commercial

real estate recovery will generate opportunities for us to expand our originations of commercial real estate loans outside of the multifamily sector.

*Add to Our Origination Capabilities.* We intend to expand our business by adding to our origination capabilities. We currently have approximately 30 originators located in eight offices nationwide, supplemented by 23 independently owned mortgage banking companies with whom we have correspondent relationships. We originate loans nationally and believe that we will have significant opportunities to continue broadening our origination network. This expansion may include organic growth, recruitment of talented origination professionals and potentially acquisitions of competitors with strong origination capabilities.

*Increase Originations in Healthcare Finance.* Through the Column transaction, we significantly increased our ability to compete in the healthcare real estate lending space, which includes skilled nursing facilities, senior housing facilities and hospitals. The most active sources of capital in this space today are HUD and Fannie Mae. From January 2009 through September 30, 2010, we have originated over \$420 million in hospital and skilled nursing facility loans. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, average annual health spending growth is anticipated to outpace average annual growth in the overall economy from 2009-2019, reaching approximately \$4.5 trillion and representing 19.3% of GDP in 2019. Health spending growth is primarily attributable to the increasing average age of the U.S. population as the 65 and over population is expected to grow 36.2% from 2010 to 2020, according to the U.S Census Bureau. Given the significant and growing size of this market, along with our demonstrated origination capabilities, we believe that healthcare lending will represent a growing portion of our future business.

Acquire Complementary Businesses. Dislocation in the commercial real estate market has left many competitors weakened. While we have no present intention or agreement, we may choose to broaden the services we provide by acquiring complementary businesses that have deep client relationships and expertise in areas such as investment sales and special asset management. Through the Column transaction, we have demonstrated our ability to successfully acquire and integrate a significant business and believe that we have the ability to do so in the future should opportunities arise.

*Expand Our Commercial Real Estate Loan Product Offerings.* We anticipate offering additional commercial real estate loan products to our clients as their financial needs evolve. For example, we have experienced strong demand for interim financing for multifamily properties that would feed into our permanent GSE multifamily loan programs. While we have the structuring, underwriting, credit and asset management expertise to offer this type of product, we do not currently have the balance sheet to provide the necessary short-term financing for these loans. We believe proceeds from this offering, together with third-party financing sources, will allow us to meet client demand for additional products that are within our expertise.

# **Our Product Offerings**

We originate, sell and service a range of multifamily and other commercial real estate financing products. Our clients are developers and owners of real estate across the United States. We focus primarily on multifamily properties and offer a range of commercial real estate finance products to our customers, including first mortgage loans, second trust loans, supplemental financings, construction loans, mezzanine loans and equity investments. We originate and sell loans under the programs of GSEs and HUD. We retain servicing rights and asset management responsibilities on nearly all loans made under GSE and HUD programs and most of the loans that we place with institutional investors. Our long-established relationships with Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, HUD and institutional investors enable us to offer this broad range of loan products and services.

We structure our internal working groups around the various services we provide: Multifamily Finance, FHA Finance, Healthcare Finance, Capital Markets and Investment Services. Each of our offerings are designed to maximize our ability to meet client needs, source capital and grow our commercial real estate financing business.

#### Multifamily Finance

We are one of 25 approved lenders who participate in Fannie Mae's DUS program for multifamily, manufactured housing communities, student housing and certain healthcare properties. Under the Fannie Mae DUS program, Fannie Mae has delegated to us responsibility for ensuring that the loans we originate under the Fannie Mae DUS program satisfy the underwriting and other eligibility requirements established from time to time by Fannie Mae. In exchange for this delegation of authority, we share risk for a portion of the losses that may result from a borrower's default. For more information regarding our risk-sharing agreements with Fannie Mae, see "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Liquidity and Capital Resources Credit Quality and Allowance for Risk-Sharing Obligations." Most of the Fannie Mae loans that we originate are sold in the form of a Fannie Mae DUS program. We originate \$1.4 billion, \$1.2 billion and \$1.2 billion in principal amount of multifamily loans for Fannie Mae under the Fannie Mae DUS program for 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively, making us the fifth largest, eighth largest and sixth largest originator of multifamily loans for those periods. We have been a top 10 originator under the Fannie Mae DUS program for 2009 program for 19 of the last 20 years.

We are one of 26 lenders approved as a Freddie Mac Program Plus lender under which we originate and sell to Freddie Mac multifamily and healthcare loans that satisfy Freddie Mac's

underwriting and other eligibility requirements. Under the program, we submit our completed loan underwriting package to Freddie Mac and obtain Freddie Mac's commitment to purchase the loan at a specified price after closing. Freddie Mac ultimately performs its own underwriting of loans that we sell to it. Freddie Mac may choose to hold, sell or later securitize such loans. We do not have any risk-sharing arrangements on loans we sell to Freddie Mac under Program Plus. We also are contracted by Freddie Mac to service all loans that we originate under its program. We originated \$256 million in principal amount of loans for Freddie Mac during 2009, making us the tenth largest originator of loans as a Freddie Mac Program Plus lender for the period.

#### FHA Finance

As an approved HUD MAP lender and Ginnie Mae issuer, we provide construction and permanent loans to developers and owners of multifamily housing, senior housing and healthcare facilities. We submit our completed loan underwriting package to HUD and obtain HUD's approval to originate the loan.

HUD insured loans are typically placed in single loan pools which back Ginnie Mae securities. Ginnie Mae is a United States government corporation in The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. Ginnie Mae securities are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, and we do not bear any risk of loss on Ginnie Mae securities. In the event of a default on a HUD insured loan, HUD will reimburse approximately 99% of any losses of principal and interest on the loan and Ginnie Mae will reimburse the remaining losses of principal and interest payments and tax and insurance escrow amounts on Ginnie Mae securities until the HUD mortgage insurance claim has been paid and the Ginnie Mae security fully paid. Ginnie Mae is currently considering a change to its programs that would eliminate the Ginnie Mae obligation to reimburse us for any losses not paid by HUD in return for our receiving an increased servicing fee. It is uncertain whether these changes will be implemented. As of September 30, 2010, we were servicing HUD loans with an unpaid principal balance of \$683 million, of which \$660 million were in Ginnie Mae securities.

#### Healthcare Finance

Through the Column transaction, we significantly increased our ability to compete in the healthcare real estate lending space, which includes skilled nursing facilities and hospitals. The most active sources of capital in this space today are HUD and Fannie Mae. The process for originating healthcare real estate loans is similar to the process for originating multifamily loans with HUD or Fannie Mae, as applicable. We do not have any risk-sharing arrangements on loans originated through HUD, but do share risk of loss on loans originated under the Fannie Mae DUS program. We are also contracted by HUD and Fannie Mae to service all loans we originate under their programs. Since the Column transaction in January 2009 through September 30, 2010, we have originated over \$420 million in hospital and skilled nursing facility loans. Given the significant size of this addressable market and an aging population in the United States, along with our demonstrated origination capabilities, we believe that healthcare lending will represent a growing portion of our future business.

#### **Capital Markets**

We serve as an intermediary in the placement of commercial real estate debt between institutional sources of capital, such as life insurance companies, investment banks, commercial banks, pension funds and other institutional investors, and owners of all types of commercial real estate. A client seeking to finance or refinance a property will seek our assistance in developing different alternatives and soliciting interest from various sources of capital. We often advise on capital structure, develop the financing package, facilitate negotiations between our client and institutional sources of capital, coordinate due diligence and assist in closing the transaction. In these instances, we do not underwrite



or fund the loan and do not retain any interest in these loans. In cases where we do not fund the loan, we act as a loan broker and often service the loan. We placed approximately \$343 million in loans with institutional investors in 2009, approximately \$749 million in 2008 and approximately \$849 million in 2007. As of September 30, 2010, we serviced approximately \$2.2 billion in loans for institutional investors.

# **Investment Services**

We provide investment consulting and related services for two commercial real estate funds, W&D Balanced Real Estate Fund I LP and Walker & Dunlop Apartment Fund I, LLC.

W&D Balanced Real Estate Fund I LP is a commercial real estate fund that has invested approximately \$50 million in commercial real estate securities and loans, such as first mortgages, B-notes, mezzanine debt and equity securities, and has no further commitments to invest. Third-party pension funds hold limited partnership interests in this fund and are entitled to all regular distributions. Through our subsidiary, we hold a general partnership interest in this fund and are entitled to incentive distributions only if returns exceed certain pre-established thresholds. To date, the general partner has never received an incentive fee. Pursuant to contractual arrangements, we provide investment consulting and related services to a third-party entity controlled by William Walker, our Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, which serves as the investment advisor to the fund. In return, we are entitled to all investment advisory payments earned by this third party entity.

Walker & Dunlop Apartment Fund I, LLC is a commercial real estate fund that has invested \$45 million in multifamily real estate properties and mezzanine loans, and has no further commitments to invest. An institutional investor owns a 99% non-managing member interest in the fund and a third-party entity controlled by members of the Walker family and other individuals own a 1% managing member interest therein. Pursuant to the fund's operating agreement, distribution of net cash flows is first distributed to an institutional investor based on an investment yield, next to the managing member and the balance of the net cash flows of the fund is then distributed 99% to an institutional investor and 1% to the managing member. Pursuant to contractual arrangements, we provide investment consulting and related services to the managing member, which serves as the investment advisor to the fund. In return, we are entitled to all investment advisory payments earned by the managing member.

We do not intend to make any further investments on behalf of these funds or perform any further services, other than managing the existing fund investments.

In the future, we may raise additional funds in an effort to provide clients with a broader selection of commercial real estate finance products. We believe the financing alternatives provided by future funds would complement our existing product offerings and do not intend to create funds that would compete with our existing products. We expect that third-party investors would likely provide the great majority of capital for these funds. Such funds would allow us to effectively leverage our cash without borrowing additional capital, strengthen and create relationships with institutional investors, create an ongoing, stable stream of asset management fees and potentially realize substantial returns on equity depending on fund performance.

We intend to form a wholly owned subsidiary of our company to provide investment management services directly to any new funds we may create.

#### **Direct Loan Originators and Correspondent Network**

We originate loans directly through approximately 30 originators operating out of eight offices nationwide. These individuals have deep knowledge of the commercial real estate lending business and bring with them extensive relationships with some of the largest property owners in the country. They have a thorough understanding of the financial needs and objectives of borrowers, the geographic

markets in which they operate, market conditions specific to different types of commercial properties and how to structure a loan product to meet those needs. These originators collect and analyze financial and property information, assist the borrower in submitting information required to complete a loan application and, ultimately, help the borrower close the loan. Our originators are paid a salary and commissions based on the volume of approved loans that they originate.

In addition to our group of talented originators, we have correspondent agreements with 23 independently owned mortgage banking companies across the country with whom we have exclusive relationships for GSE and HUD loan originations. This network of correspondents helps us extend our geographic reach into new and/or smaller markets on a cost effective basis. In addition to identifying potential borrowers, our correspondents assist us in evaluating loans, including pre-screening borrowers and properties for program eligibility, coordinating due diligence and generally providing market intelligence. In exchange for providing these services, the correspondent earns an origination fee based on a percentage of the principal amount of the financing arranged and a fee paid out over time based on the servicing revenue stream over the life of the loan.

During the year ended December 31, 2009, our direct originators and correspondents originated approximately 60% and 40% of our loans, respectively.

#### **Underwriting and Risk Management**

We have suffered minimal credit losses over the past ten years and believe our success is due in large part to our thorough and disciplined underwriting process and our conservative risk management practices. Our success in these areas allows us to attract lenders and related capital to support our origination growth. We generally follow, or will follow, the same underwriting and risk management procedures irrespective of whether we retain risk or do not retain risk on the loans sold to third parties or originate loans for our balance sheet.

We use several tools to manage our risk exposure through the Fannie Mae DUS risk-sharing program. Those tools include a strong underwriting process and approval process, evaluating and modifying our underwriting criteria given the underlying multifamily housing market fundamentals, limiting our market and borrower exposures and using modified risk-sharing under the Fannie Mae DUS program.

Our underwriting process begins with a review of suitability for our lending partners and a detailed review of the borrower and the borrower's property. We review a borrower's financial statements for minimum net worth and liquidity requirements, as well as credit and criminal background checks. We also review a borrower's operating track record, including evaluating the performance of other properties owned by the applicable borrower. We also consider the borrower's bankruptcy and foreclosure history. We believe that lending to a borrower with a proven track record as an operator mitigates our credit risk.

We review the fundamental value and credit profile of the underlying property, including an analysis of regional economic trends, appraisals of the property, and reviews of historical and prospective financials. Third-party vendors are engaged for appraisals, engineering reports, environmental reports, flood certification reports, zoning reports and credit reports. We utilize a list of approved third-party vendors for these reports. Each report is reviewed by our underwriting team for quality and comprehensiveness. All third party vendors are reviewed periodically for the quality of their work and are removed from our list of approved vendors if the quality or timeliness of the reports is below our standards. This is particularly true for engineering and environmental reports on which we rely to make decisions regarding ongoing replacement reserves and environmental matters.

Our quality control is covered by our experienced system of checks and balances. First, underwriters and analysts work as a team to check one another's work as they complete an initial loan

narrative. The narrative consists of in-depth borrower and key principal financial analysis, property financial and appraisal analysis, market analysis, and analyses for each loan, including analyses provided by third parties. The financial analysis must include an exit strategy for an unpaid loan at maturity. This narrative is then reviewed by one or two Deputy Chief Underwriters prior to submission to our Chief Credit Officer for approval. This three-level system is designed to ensure thorough underwriting and to maintain quality in all of our loan narratives.

As required by our current internal policies and procedures, any contemplated loan over \$25 million is first presented to our standing loan committee prior to being approved. This committee is currently comprised of our Chief Executive Officer, our Chief Credit Officer and our Chief Operating Officer, in addition to two directors of our board. At the completion of this offering, our standing loan committee will be comprised of our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Credit Officer, Chief Operating Officer and Senior Vice President of Asset Management.

Once the loan is approved by our standing loan committee and closed, the loan becomes the responsibility of our asset management group, which also reports to our Chief Credit Officer. Our asset management group monitors geographic trends at a high level, leveraging off of knowledge from a large servicing portfolio, receives and reviews property-level financial statements quarterly, monitors and evaluates escrow balances and property maintenance and routinely visits each property, in addition to monitoring payment patterns of the borrower. We believe that providing asset management services is an important advantage in minimizing credit losses. As the primary contact for the borrower, we gain insight in dealing with problem loans often before the borrower defaults. This insight, combined with our commercial real estate expertise, enables us to actively work to mitigate losses on any problem loans.

While our underwriting procedures are generally the same for all loans, we have a stringent focus on managing our risk on loans where we participate in risk-sharing with the lender. We carefully evaluate such lending partners and their underwriting standards in assessing our willingness to share credit risk. We currently share a portion of losses that may result from a borrower's default on most of the loans we originate under the Fannie Mae DUS program. Currently, we do not retain similar risk on other loans we originate. We have a long relationship with Fannie Mae and maintain a thorough understanding of their underwriting and other eligibility requirements, as well as their loss mitigation and property work-out procedures. While we can recommend a loss mitigation strategy, however, final decisions are within the control of Fannie Mae. During the foreclosure process, we decide whether we will calculate our share of losses based on the appraised value of the property or the final sale amount. We believe that our experience and in-depth knowledge of market conditions and property-level fundamentals enable us to the make sound choices in this regard. We believe Fannie Mae has a strong track record underwriting multifamily real estate loans. For example, according to the Quarterly Data Book, Mortgage Bankers Association, as of June 30, 2010, Fannie Mae's 60+ day delinquency rate was 8.0%, while the CMBS 30+ day and real estate owned delinquency rate was 8.22% and the Bank and Thrifts 90+ day delinquency rate was 4.26%.

In addition, we maintain concentration limits with respect to our Fannie Mae loans. We limit geographic concentration, focusing on regional employment concentration and trends. We minimize individual loan concentrations under our current credit management policy to cap the loan balance subject to full risk-sharing at \$25 million. Accordingly, we currently elect to use modified risk-sharing for loans of more than \$25 million in order to limit our maximum loss on any loan to \$5 million.

The Company monitors its underwriting criteria in light of changing economic and market conditions. In 2006 when we believed the CMBS issuers relaxed their underwriting criteria we did not mirror those changes. Furthermore, in 2008 we strengthened our underwriting criteria in response to deteriorating market conditions. We believe these actions reduced our risk exposure under the Fannie



Mae DUS risk sharing program; however, these actions also restricted growth in our origination volumes.

While we believe we continue to manage credit well, the multifamily sector has experienced declining fundamentals in certain markets due to the slow economy and job losses. The declining fundamentals have resulted in increased delinquencies and defaults for us and the multifamily industry. Many items can affect a borrower's decision to default on a loan, including the property, cash flow, occupancy and maintenance needs and tax considerations, along with non-property specific issues such as general market conditions and other financing obligations of the borrower.

We experienced, in 2009, an increase in delinquencies, defaults, and provisions for risk-sharing obligations. Including the increase in recent defaults, we continue to demonstrate a strong credit history. On our at risk Fannie Mae servicing portfolio of \$5.9 billion, \$3.6 billion and \$2.8 billion at December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively, we had provisions for risk-sharing obligations of \$2.3 million, \$1.1 million and \$0 million, respectively. These provisions represent four basis points, three basis points and 0 basis points of our Fannie Mae DUS at risk portfolio for the years 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively. Our net write-offs were \$0.5 million in 2009, and we had no net write-offs in 2008 and 2007. For 2009, the net write-off represented one basis point of our at risk servicing portfolio of \$5.9 billion.

The provision for risk-sharing obligations was \$4.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, compared to approximately zero for the nine months ended September 30, 2009. For the nine month periods ended September 30, 2010, and 2009, the provisions for risk-sharing obligations were seven and approximately zero basis points of the Fannie Mae at risk portfolios, respectively. These provisions reflect the increase in 60-day delinquencies to 0.83% of the at risk portfolio at September 30, 2010 from 0.24% of the at risk portfolio at September 30, 2009. The amount of the provision considers our assessment of the likelihood of payment by the borrower, the estimated disposition value of the underlying collateral and the level of risk-sharing. Historically, the loss recognition occurs at or before the loan becoming 60 days delinquent. The net write-offs for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 were \$2.1 million or three basis points of the at risk portfolio and included the write-off of the risk-sharing obligations loans from the Column transaction which were provisioned for at acquisition.

Our allowance for risk-sharing obligations was \$7.8 million at September 30, 2010, which represents 12 basis points of the Fannie Mae DUS at risk portfolio. Measured on the specifically identified at risk balances of \$98.5 million, this allowance for risk-sharing obligations is 7.92%, which is consistent with historical experience. Our experience reflects the seasoning in the at risk portfolio and conservative underwriting. The level of the allowance is dependent upon the level of estimated losses that have been incurred and the timing of the settlement of the respective losses. If the loans with risk-sharing obligations are in states that take months for a foreclosure to occur, the allowance will remain outstanding until the foreclosure process is complete and the final risk-sharing loss has been settled.

Finally, in addition to our risk-sharing obligations, we may be obligated to repurchase loans that are originated for GSE or HUD programs if certain representations and warranties that we provide in connection with such origination are breached. We have never been required to repurchase any loan.

# Servicing and Asset Management

We provide servicing for nearly all loans originated for GSEs and HUD and for most of our loans originated for institutional investors, primarily life insurance companies. We are an approved servicer of loans for Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and HUD and were the seventh largest GSE servicer in 2009, with \$10.7 billion in loans being serviced at December 31, 2009. At September 30, 2010, we had a total servicing portfolio of approximately \$14.2 billion, including \$12.0 billion of loans under GSE and HUD programs.



#### **Servicing Portfolio**

	As of			А			
Dollars in thousands	Septe	mber 30, 2010		2009	2008		2007
Fannie Mae	\$	9,172,093	\$	8,695,229	\$ 5,182,824	\$	4,309,073
Freddie Mac		2,119,877		2,055,821			
HUD/Ginnie Mae		683,241		350,676			
Other		2,190,639		2,101,591	1,793,384		1,745,113
Total	\$	14,165,850	\$	13,203,317	\$ 6,976,208	\$	6,054,186

Our servicing function includes both loan servicing and asset management activities. We have a dedicated team of professionals who have significant experience in performing or overseeing the following servicing and asset management activities:

carrying out all cash management functions relating to the loan, including providing monthly billing statements to the borrower and collecting and applying payments on the loan;

administering reserve and escrow funds for repairs, tenant improvements, taxes and insurance;

obtaining and analyzing financial statements of the borrower and performing periodic property inspections;

preparing and providing periodic reports and remittances to the master servicer or other designated persons;

administering lien filings; and

performing other tasks and obligations that are delegated to us.

Although we are the primary contact for the borrower at all times, certain routine back-office aspects of loan servicing, such as preparing statements, collecting payments and managing escrow accounts for taxes and insurance, are performed by a third-party provider under the supervision of our in-house servicing team. We directly handle any questions or issues that the borrower may have and make any non-routine decisions regarding collection of payment, application of funds and related matters. We believe that we enjoy significant cost savings as a result of this arrangement, without compromising the quality of the overall servicing process or diminishing the value we bring to the servicing function. All asset management activities are performed by us directly.

Our servicing function provides us with recurring fees that are generally equal to a specified percentage of the outstanding principal balance of the loans being serviced and are paid by investors over the term of the loan. These servicing fees are contractual in nature and are agreed to upon loan origination. We may also be entitled to other forms of servicing compensation, such as late fees and fees for additional services that we are requested to perform, including loan modifications, lease reviews and defeasance. We generally retain the right to act as primary servicer for loans that we originate and sell.

For most loans we service under the Fannie Mae DUS program, we are currently required to advance the principal and interest payments and tax and insurance escrow amounts up to 5% of the unpaid principal balance of a loan if the borrower is delinquent in making loan payments. Once the 5% threshold is met, we can apply to Fannie Mae to have the advance rate reduced to 25% of any additional principal and interest payments and tax and insurance escrow amounts, which Fannie Mae may approve at its discretion. We are reimbursed by Fannie Mae for these advances.

Under the HUD program, we are obligated to continue to advance principal and interest payments and tax and insurance escrow amounts on Ginnie Mae securities until the HUD mortgage insurance

claim has been paid and the Ginnie Mae security fully paid. In the event of a default on a HUD-insured loan, HUD will reimburse approximately 99% of any losses of principal and interest on the loan and Ginnie Mae will reimburse the remaining losses of principal and interest. Ginnie Mae is currently considering a change to its programs that would eliminate its obligation to reimburse us for any losses not paid by HUD in return for our receiving an increased servicing fee. It is uncertain whether these changes will be implemented.

#### Competition

We face significant competition across our business, including, but not limited to, commercial banks, commercial real estate service providers and insurance companies, some of which are also investors in loans we originate. Many of these competitors enjoy competitive advantages over us, including greater name recognition, financial resources and access to capital. Commercial banks may have an advantage over us in originating commercial loans if borrowers already have a line of credit with the bank. Commercial real estate service providers may have an advantage over us to the extent they also offer an investment sales platform.

We compete on the basis of quality of service, relationships, loan structure, terms, pricing and industry depth. Industry depth includes the knowledge of local and national real estate market conditions, commercial real estate, loan product expertise and the ability to analyze and manage credit risk. Our competitors seek to compete aggressively on the basis of these factors and our success depends on our ability to offer attractive loan products, provide superior service, demonstrate industry depth, maintain and capitalize on relationships with investors, borrowers and key loan correspondents and remain competitive in pricing. In addition, future changes in laws, regulations and GSE and HUD program requirements and consolidation in the commercial real estate finance market could lead to the entry of more competitors.

#### **Regulatory Requirements**

Our business is subject to regulation and supervision in a number of jurisdictions. The level of regulation and supervision to which we are subject varies from jurisdiction to jurisdiction and is based on the type of business activities involved. The regulatory requirements that apply to our activities are subject to change from time to time and may become more restrictive, making our compliance with applicable requirements more difficult or expensive or otherwise restricting our ability to conduct our businesses in the manner that they are now conducted. Changes in applicable regulatory requirements, including changes in their enforcement, could materially and adversely affect us.

#### Federal and State Regulation of Commercial Real Estate Lending Activities

Our multifamily and commercial real estate lending, servicing and asset management businesses are subject, in certain instances, to supervision and regulation by federal and state governmental authorities in the United States. In addition, these businesses may be subject to various laws and judicial and administrative decisions imposing various requirements and restrictions, which, among other things, regulate lending activities, regulate conduct with borrowers, establish maximum interest rates, finance charges and other charges and require disclosures to borrowers. Although most states do not regulate commercial finance, certain states impose limitations on interest rates and other charges and on certain collection practices and creditor remedies, and require licensing of lenders and adequate disclosure of certain contract terms. We also are required to comply with certain provisions of, among other statutes and regulations, the USA PATRIOT Act, regulations promulgated by the Office of Foreign Asset Control, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, which we refer to as "ERISA," and federal and state securities laws and regulations.



# **Requirements of GSEs and HUD**

To maintain our status as an approved lender for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and as a HUD-approved mortgagee and issuer of Ginnie Mae securities, we are required to meet and maintain various eligibility criteria from time to time established by each GSE and HUD, such as minimum net worth, operational liquidity and collateral requirements and compliance with reporting requirements. We also are required to originate our loans and perform our loan servicing functions in accordance with the applicable program requirements and guidelines from time to time established by the respective GSE and HUD. If we fail to comply with the requirements of any of these programs, the relevant GSE or HUD may terminate or withdraw our approval. In addition, the GSEs and HUD have the authority under their guidelines to terminate a lender's authority to sell loans to it and service their loans. The loss of one or more of these approvals would have a material adverse impact on us and could result in further disqualification with other counterparties, and we may be required to obtain additional state lender or mortgage banker licensing to originate loans if that status is revoked.

#### **Regulation as an Investment Adviser**

In the future, one or more of our subsidiaries may be required to register as an investment adviser with the SEC under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 a result of investment management services that it may provide. A registered investment adviser is subject to federal and state laws and regulations primarily intended to benefit the investor or client of the adviser. These laws and regulations include requirements relating to, among other things, fiduciary duties to clients, maintaining an effective compliance program, solicitation agreements, conflicts of interest, record keeping and reporting requirements, disclosure requirements, limitations on agency cross and principal transactions between an investment adviser and its advisory clients and general anti-fraud prohibitions. In addition, these laws and regulations generally grant supervisory agencies and bodies broad administrative powers, including the power to limit or restrict us from conducting our advisory activities in the event we fail to comply with those laws and regulations. Sanctions that may be imposed for a failure to comply with applicable legal requirements include the suspension of individual employees, limitations on our engaging in various advisory activities for specified periods of time, the revocation of registrations, other censures and fines.

#### Employees

As of September 30, 2010, we had more than 150 employees nationwide. None of our employees are represented by a union or covered by a collective bargaining agreement. We believe that our relations with our employees are good.

# Legal Proceedings

On February 17, 2010, Capital Funding Group, Inc. ("Capital Funding") filed a lawsuit in the state Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Maryland against Walker & Dunlop, LLC for alleged breach of contract, unjust enrichment and unfair competition arising out of an alleged agreement that Capital Funding had with Column to refinance a large portfolio of senior healthcare facilities located throughout the United States (the "Golden Living Facilities"). Capital Funding alleges, among other things, that a contract existed between it and Column (and its affiliates) whereby Capital Funding allegedly had the right to perform the HUD refinancing for the Golden Living Facilities and according to which Capital Funding provided certain alleged proprietary information to Column and its affiliates relating to the refinancing of the Golden Living Facilities on a confidential basis. Capital Funding further alleges, among other things (including certain claims made against Walker & Dunlop, LLC as a result of its alleged actions), that Walker & Dunlop, LLC, as the alleged successor by merger to Column, is bound by Column's alleged agreement with Capital Funding, and breached the agreement by taking for itself the opportunity to perform the HUD refinancing for the Golden Living Facilities.

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Capital Funding demands alleged damages of approximately \$30 million on its claim for breach of contract or unjust enrichment and \$30 million or more for its unfair competition claim as well as injunctive relief. On May 3, 2010, we answered the complaint, denying liability for all three claims, and are defending ourselves against the allegations. The court denied Walker & Dunlop, LLC's motion to dismiss the unfair competition claim. A trial date for the matter is scheduled for Spring 2011.

We are not aware of any contract between the plaintiff and Column or its affiliates regarding the right to refinance the Golden Living Facilities. Moreover, we believe that Walker & Dunlop, LLC did not assume any of the rights or liabilities related to the original Golden Living Facilities financing, which was provided in part by Column's parent company, Column Financial, Inc. Pursuant to an agreement, dated January 30, 2009 (the "Column Transaction Agreement"), among Column, Walker & Dunlop, LLC, W&D, Inc. and Green Park, Column generally agreed to indemnify Walker & Dunlop, LLC against liability arising from Column's conduct prior to Column's transfer of the assets to Walker & Dunlop, LLC. However, pursuant to the Column Transaction Agreement, Column's indemnification obligation arises only after Column receives a claim notice following the resolution of the litigation that specifies the amount of Walker & Dunlop, LLC's claim.

To provide for greater certainty regarding Column's indemnification obligations before the resolution of this litigation and to cap our total loss exposure, we secured a further agreement from Column in November 2010 confirming that it will indemnify us for any liabilities that arise as a result of this litigation. As part of this further indemnification agreement, in the event Column is required to pay us for any liabilities under the Capital Funding litigation that it otherwise would not have been obligated to pay under the Column Transaction Agreement, we will indemnify Column for an amount up to \$3.0 million. Also as part of this further indemnification agreement, William Walker, our Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Mallory Walker, in their individual capacities, agreed that if Column is required to indemnify us under this agreement and otherwise would not have been obligated to pay such amounts under the Column Transaction Agreement, Messrs. William Walker and Mallory Walker will pay any such amounts in excess of \$3.0 million but equal to or less than \$6.0 million. As a result of this agreement, we will have no liability or other obligation for any damage amounts in excess of \$3.0 million arising out of this litigation. As a result of the indemnification claim procedures described above, we may be required to bear the significant costs of the litigation and any adverse judgment unless and until we are able to prevail on our indemnification claim. We believe that we will fully prevail on our indemnification claims against Column, and that we ultimately will incur no material loss as a result of this litigation, although there can be no assurance that this will be the case.

We may be subject to liability under various other legal actions that are pending or that may be asserted against us in our ordinary course of business.

We cannot predict the outcome of any pending litigation and may be subject to consequences that could include fines, penalties and other costs, and our reputation and business may be impacted. Our management believes that any liability that could be imposed on us in connection with the disposition of any pending lawsuits would not have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, liquidity or financial condition.

#### Facilities

Our principal headquarters are located in Bethesda, Maryland. As of September 30, 2010, we maintained an additional seven offices across the country, including in: Atlanta, Georgia; Chicago, Illinois; Dallas, Texas; New Orleans, Louisiana; New York, New York; Orange County, California; and Walnut Creek, California. We believe that our facilities are adequate for us to conduct our present business activities.

All of our office space is leased. The most significant terms of the lease arrangements for our office space are the length of the lease and the amount of the rent. Our leases have terms varying in



duration and rent as a result of differences in prevailing market conditions in different geographic locations. We do not believe that any single office lease is material to us. In addition, we believe there is adequate alternative office space available at acceptable rental rates to meet our needs, although adverse movements in rental rates in some markets may negatively affect our results of operations and cash flows when we enter into new leases.

# **Other Information**

We were formed as a Maryland corporation on July 29, 2010. Our principal executive office is located at 7501 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 1200, Bethesda, Maryland 20814. Our telephone number is (301) 215-5500. Our web address is *www.walkerdunlop.com*. The information on, or otherwise accessible through, our website does not constitute a part of this prospectus.

# OUR MANAGEMENT

## **Our Directors, Director Nominees and Executive Officers**

Currently, we have five directors. Upon completion of this offering, our board of directors will consist of eight members. Pursuant to our organizational documents, each of our directors is elected by our stockholders to serve until the next annual meeting of our stockholders and until his or her successor is duly elected and qualifies. Our bylaws provide that a majority of the entire board of directors may at any time increase or decrease the number of directors. However, unless our charter and bylaws are amended, the number of directors may never be less than the minimum number required by the Maryland General Corporation Law (the "MGCL") nor more than 15.

The following table sets forth certain information concerning the individuals who will be our executive officers and directors upon completion of this offering:

Name	Age	Position
William M. Walker	43	Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer
Howard W. Smith, III	52	Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer and Director
Deborah A. Wilson	54	Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Treasurer
Richard C. Warner	55	Executive Vice President and Chief Credit Officer
Richard M. Lucas	45	Executive Vice President and General Counsel
Mitchell M. Gaynor	51	Director(1)
John Rice	44	Director(1)
Edmund F. Taylor	50	Director(2)
Alan J. Bowers	55	Director Nominee(1)(3)
Cynthia A. Hallenbeck	53	Director Nominee(1)(3)
Dana L. Schmaltz	43	Director Nominee(1)(3)

(1)

Independent within the meaning of the NYSE listing standards.

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We have agreed to nominate one Column designee, currently Edmund Taylor, for election as director at our 2011 annual meeting of stockholders. In addition, William Walker, our Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Mallory Walker, the father of William Walker and our former Chairman, have agreed to vote the shares of common stock owned by them for the Column designee at the 2011 annual meeting of stockholders and at any special meeting of stockholders at which directors are to be elected that occurs within six months after the expiration of Column's lock-up agreement.

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It is expected that this individual will become a director immediately upon completion of this offering.

Set forth below is biographical information for our directors, director nominees and executive officers.

William M. Walker will serve as our Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Walker has been a member of our board since July 2010 and a board member of Walker & Dunlop, LLC or its predecessors since February 2000. In September 2003, Mr. Walker became the

executive vice president and chief operating officer of Walker & Dunlop and has been serving as the president of Walker & Dunlop since January 2005 and as the chief executive officer since January 2007. Prior to joining Walker & Dunlop, Mr. Walker was on the management team at TeleTech, a global business process outsourcing company, from 1998 to 2003. At TeleTech, he held several senior management positions, including president of the company's European and Latin American divisions. Prior to TeleTech, Mr. Walker was a consultant at Newbridge Latin America where he was responsible for private equity transactions in the aviation, water, and apparel industries. Prior to Newbridge Latin America, Mr. Walker was the general manager of ALTA, a regional airline based in Argentina, from August 1995 to October 1996. Mr. Walker currently serves as chairman of the board of directors of Transcom Worldwide S.A., a publicly traded European outsourcing company, as well as chairman of the board of directors of the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority. Mr. Walker is also a member of the board of directors of Sustainable Technologies Fund, a Swedish clean-tech venture capital firm. He is a member of the Young Presidents Organization, the Mortgage Bankers Association and the Urban Land Institute. Mr. Walker received his Bachelor of Arts in Government from St. Lawrence University and his Masters in Business Administration from Harvard University.

Mr. Walker brings to our board more than 20 years of leadership experience. Mr. Walker possesses in-depth knowledge of our industry, offers valuable insight into our business and provides the leadership, general management and vision that help us compete successfully.

**Howard W. Smith** will serve as our Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer and one of our directors. Mr. Smith has been a member of our board since July 2010. Mr. Smith joined Walker & Dunlop in November 1980 and has been a member of the management team since 1988. Mr. Smith has been serving as the executive vice president, chief operating officer and a board member of Walker & Dunlop, LLC or its predecessors since 2004. As Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Mr. Smith is responsible for our Multifamily, FHA Finance, Healthcare Finance, Underwriting and Asset Management groups. Mr. Smith is a member of the board of directors of the Tudor Place Foundation, the Commercial Real Estate/Multifamily Finance Board of Governors of the Mortgage Bankers Association and the National Multi Housing Council. He is also an advisory council member of the Fannie Mae DUS Peer Group, a group he chaired from 2007 to 2008 and again from 2009 to 2010. Mr. Smith received his Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Washington & Lee University.

Mr. Smith brings to our board nearly 30 years of experience in the commercial real estate finance industry. He has extensive knowledge of our operations, having spent his entire career at Walker & Dunlop. In his capacity as Chief Operating Officer, Mr. Smith also provides our board with management's perspective on our business operations and conditions, which is crucial to our board's performance of its oversight function.

**Deborah A. Wilson** will serve as our Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Treasurer. Ms. Wilson has been serving as the senior vice president and chief financial officer of Walker & Dunlop, LLC or its predecessors since July 2008 and as secretary and treasurer since July 2010, and will serve as executive vice president upon consummation of this offering. As Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Treasurer, Ms. Wilson is responsible for financial reporting, budgeting and accounting, servicing, loan sales, closing and delivery, and, together with the other members of our senior management team, the overall strategic financial direction of our company. Prior to joining Walker & Dunlop, she served as vice president of counterparty risk at Fannie Mae from 2000 to 2008. From 1983 to 1989, she was a member of the financial services audit practice at KPMG LLP and she was a member of KPMG LLP's consulting practice from 1991 to 2000, where her last position was as a partner in the national mortgage banking and real estate consulting practice. At KPMG LLP, she focused on valuation, mergers & acquisitions, and productivity and profitability of commercial/multifamily mortgage banking companies. Ms. Wilson received her Bachelor of Arts in Accounting from Texas A&M University.

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**Richard C. Warner** will serve as our Executive Vice President and Chief Credit Officer. Mr. Warner has been serving as a senior vice president and chief underwriter of Walker & Dunlop, LLC or its predecessors since September 2002 and will serve as executive vice president upon consummation of this offering. As Executive Vice President and Chief Credit Officer, Mr. Warner is responsible for our portfolio management department, which includes day-to-day management of our Asset Management and Underwriting groups. Prior to joining the company, Mr. Warner held a number of leadership positions with Main America Capital and its successors, a company that originated commercial and multifamily loans nationwide. From 1994 to 1998, Mr. Warner was the president of Main America Capital; from 1998 to 2000, he was vice president of originations for RFC Commercial; and from 2000 to 2002, he was vice president and branch manager for GMAC Commercial Mortgage. In 1978, Mr. Warner started his career with Canada's Confederation Life Insurance Company, where he held a number of successive positions, ending as mortgage and real estate vice president in 1994. While with Confederation Life Insurance Company, Mr. Warner was a member of the Green Park Financial Board and Loan Committee from 1989 to 1994. Mr. Warner received his Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies from McGill University.

**Richard M. Lucas** will serve as our Executive Vice President and General Counsel. Mr. Lucas was a member of our board from July to October 2010 and served as a board member of Walker & Dunlop, LLC since January 2010. Mr. Lucas joined Hilton Worldwide, Inc., a global hospitality company, in May 2008 as executive vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary and served as a member of Hilton's executive committee until his resignation in 2010. Prior to joining Hilton, Mr. Lucas was a partner at the law firm of Arnold & Porter LLP in Washington, D.C., where he was in private practice for 18 years. At Arnold & Porter, his practice focused on real estate transactions and litigation, primarily in the hospitality and senior living areas. From 2005 to 2008, Mr. Lucas also served as an adjunct faculty member at The George Washington University Law School, where he taught a course on real estate transactions. Mr. Lucas is also a member of the board of directors of the non-profit Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Capitol Chapter. Mr. Lucas received his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business and his Juris Doctor from Yale Law School.

**Mitchell M. Gaynor** will serve as one of our directors. Mr. Gaynor has been a member of our board since July 2010. Mr. Gaynor has served as a board member of Walker & Dunlop, LLC or its predecessors since 1995. Mr. Gaynor also served in various other capacities with Walker & Dunlop since he joined the company in 1987, including as vice president and chief financial officer from 1992 to 1994, senior vice president and chief financial officer from 1994 to 2002, and as interim chief financial officer both from 2005 to 2006 and in 2008. Mr. Gaynor has also been a private consultant since 2005. Prior to joining Walker & Dunlop, Mr. Gaynor worked as a product manager for Applied Expert Systems, a financial services software firm, as an analyst for the Saddlebrook Corporation, a bank software company, and as a consultant for ICF, Incorporated, a national consulting firm. Mr. Gaynor received his Bachelor of Science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and his Masters in Business Administration from Harvard University.

Mr. Gaynor brings to our board more than 20 years of industry experience, as well as 15 years of experience as a Walker & Dunlop board member. Mr. Gaynor's in-depth knowledge of our history and his demonstrated financial expertise are assets to our board.

John Rice will serve as one of our directors. Mr. Rice has been a member of our board since July 2010 and has served as a board member of Walker & Dunlop, LLC since January 2010. Mr. Rice serves as chief executive officer of Management Leadership for Tomorrow, a national non-profit organization that he founded in 2001. Management Leadership for Tomorrow equips under-represented minorities with the skills, coaching and relationships that unlock their potential as senior business and community leaders. Prior to Management Leadership for Tomorrow, Mr. Rice was an executive with the National Basketball Association from 1996 to 2000, where he served as managing director of NBA Japan and as

director of marketing for Latin America. Before joining the National Basketball Association, Mr. Rice spent four years with the Walt Disney Company in new business development and marketing, and two years with AT&T. Mr. Rice is also a senior advisor and co-founder of CareerCore, a technology company that provides outsourced career services and mentoring solutions for colleges and corporations. He serves on the Yale University Council, the Board of Visitors of Duke University's Sanford School of Public Policy, and is a member of the Young Presidents' Organization. Mr. Rice received his Bachelor of Arts from Yale University and his Masters in Business Administration from Harvard University.

Mr. Rice's success with his various entrepreneurial ventures, as well as his many years of marketing and talent development experience, provide our board with valuable business and marketing insights. Additionally, Mr. Rice's leadership in the non-profit sector is consistent with our community service.

**Edmund F. Taylor** will serve as one of our directors. Mr. Taylor has been a member of our board since July 2010 and has served as a board member of Walker & Dunlop, LLC since January 2009. Mr. Taylor is currently a managing director at Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, where he manages all the global legacy businesses, including commercial real estate, in the fixed income department of the bank's investment banking division. Mr. Taylor is a member of the fixed income department's operating committee. Prior to assuming his current role at Credit Suisse, he was chief operating officer of the global securities business in its investment banking division. Before joining Credit Suisse in 1996, Mr. Taylor spent three years in the commercial real estate group at Daiwa Securities America, an investment banking company, where he was a senior trader and deal manager. Prior to that, he spent six years in a variety of roles in Drexel Burnham Lambert's residential mortgage-backed securities business. Mr. Taylor also spent two years at Goldman Sachs, where he developed financial models for its commodities business. Mr. Taylor is a member of the Real Estate Roundtable, the Sam Zell Real Estate Institute at the Wharton Graduate School of Business, the American Finance Association and the American Economics Association. Mr. Taylor received his Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Hamilton College and his Masters in Business Administration from the Stern School of Business at New York University.

Mr. Taylor's in depth knowledge of the real estate industry, his experience with mortgage-backed securities, his senior management experience, and his business affiliations throughout the real estate and investment banking communities provide strong leadership and support to the rest of our board, particularly on capital markets matters.

Alan J. Bowers is one of our director nominees. Mr. Bowers currently serves on the boards and as audit chair of the following privately held companies: Roadlink Inc., a trucking and logistics firm, Refrigerated Holdings, Inc., a temperature controlled logistics firm, and Fastfrate Holdings, Inc., a Canadian trucking and logistics firm. Mr. Bowers is also a board member of Quadel Consulting Corp., a privately held government contract manager and consulting firm. In addition, Mr. Bowers is a board member and audit chair of American Achievement Corp, an SEC registrant that manufactures and distributes graduation products. Prior to Mr. Bowers' retirement in 2005, Mr. Bowers was the president and chief executive officer and a board member of Cape Success, LLC, a private equity-backed staffing service and information technology solutions business, from 2001 to 2004. Mr. Bowers was also the president and chief executive officer and a board member of MarketSource Corporation, a marketing and sales support service firm, from 2000 to 2001, and of MBL Life Assurance Corporation, a life insurance firm, from 1995 to 1999. Mr. Bowers has been a certified public accountant since 1978 and served as staff auditor, audit partner and managing partner, serving a diverse client base during his tenure at Coopers & Lybrand, L.L.P. from 1978 to 1995 and a staff accountant with Laventhol & Horwath, CPAs from 1976 to 1978. Mr. Bowers received his Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Montclair State University and his Masters in Business Administration from St. John's University.



Mr. Bowers will bring to our board over 30 years of experience in accounting and executive management, including experience on the audit committees of private companies and an SEC registrant. Mr. Bowers' accounting expertise and diverse corporate management experience will be assets to our board.

**Cynthia A. Hallenbeck** is one of our director nominees. Ms. Hallenbeck currently serves as the chief executive officer of Alceryn, Inc., a private consulting firm that she founded in 2010, and is also the acting chief financial officer for the non-profit Council for Economic Education. Prior to founding Alceryn, Inc., Ms. Hallenbeck worked at Citigroup, Inc. from 2002 to 2008, where she served in a number of divisions in various capacities, including as chief financial officer of Citigroup's corporate treasury department from 2002 to 2005, an internal consultant for Citigroup's office of the chief administrative officer from 2006 to 2007 and chief operating officer of global legal support from 2007 to 2008. Prior to her service with Citigroup, Ms. Hallenbeck spent over fourteen years at Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. in a variety of finance, treasury and accounting roles including treasurer of its global futures business and chief financial officer of its securities financing group. Ms. Hallenbeck also worked with GTE Corporation (currently Verizon Communications, Inc.), a telecommunications company, from 1985 to 1987, where she served as a manager in its financial strategies division, and also with Manufacturers Hanover Trust, a banking institution, from 1979 to 1983, where she served as assistant vice president and a thrift industry specialist. Ms. Hallenbeck is treasurer of the board for the non-profit Global HIV Vaccine Enterprise, where she has been serving since 2009. Global HIV Vaccine, funded primarily by the Gates Foundation and National Institutes of Health. Ms. Hallenbeck is also a member of the non-profit Junior League of the City of New York, where she most recently served as chairperson of its audit committee from 2004 to 2008. Ms. Hallenbeck received her Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Smith College and her Masters in Business Administration from Harvard University.

Ms. Hallenbeck will bring to our board over 30 years of experience in financial management and accounting, including extensive management experience on the executive management teams of numerous private and public companies and service on the audit committees of several organizations. Ms. Hallenbeck's accounting expertise and management experience will be assets to our board.

**Dana L. Schmaltz** is one of our director nominees. Mr. Schmaltz is the co-founder, director and former chief financial officer of Blacksmith Brands, Inc., a privately owned consumer products company that was created in September 2009. As the co-founder and a senior manager of Blacksmith Brands, Mr. Schmaltz is responsible for overseeing the operations of the business with his partner, the chief executive officer, as well as for developing future acquisition opportunities for the company. Prior to founding Blacksmith Brands, Mr. Schmaltz was a managing partner of West Hill Partners, LLC, a Boston-based private equity firm from 2007 to 2009. Prior to that, Mr. Schmaltz was the president of J.W. Childs Associates, LP, a private equity fund, where he focused on investments in the consumer/specialty retail sector. Mr. Schmaltz was a general partner at J.W. Childs from 1997 to 2007. He has also been a director of numerous corporations including Mattress Firm, Inc. from January to June 2007, Fitness Quest, Inc from 2004 to 2007, Esselte, AB from 2002 to 2007 and NutraSweet from 2000 to 2007. Mr. Schmaltz began his career in the private equity industry at the NTC Group in 1991 and has held various positions at Kidder, Peabody, Inc. and Drexel Burnham Lambert. Mr. Schmaltz received his Bachelor of Arts in History from Dartmouth College and his Masters in Business Administration from Harvard University.

Mr. Schmaltz will bring to our board over 20 years of experience in private equity investments, executive management and financial advisory services. Mr. Schmaltz's investment and management experience will be an asset to our board.

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#### **Corporate Governance**

We value good corporate governance and have structured our corporate governance in a manner we believe closely aligns our interests with those of our stockholders. Notable features of our corporate governance structure include the following:

our board of directors is not staggered, with each of our directors subject to re-election annually;

of the eight persons who will serve on our board of directors upon completion of this offering, five of our directors have been determined by us to be independent for purposes of the NYSE's corporate governance listing standards and are independent for purposes of Rule 10A-3 under the Exchange Act;

at least one of our directors qualifies as an "audit committee financial expert" as defined by the SEC; and

we do not have a stockholder rights plan or other poison pill.

We expect that our directors will stay informed about our business by attending meetings of our board of directors and its committees and through supplemental reports and communications. Our independent directors will meet regularly in executive sessions without the presence of our corporate officers or non-independent directors.

#### **Board Committees**

Upon the completion of this offering, our board of directors will establish three standing committees: an audit committee, a compensation committee, and a nominating and corporate governance committee, each comprised of independent directors. Their principal functions are briefly described below. Our board of directors may from time to time establish other committees to facilitate our management.

#### Audit Committee

Upon completion of this offering, our audit committee will consist of Alan Bowers, Mitchell Gaynor and Cynthia Hallenbeck, three of our independent directors, with Ms. Hallenbeck serving as our chairperson. The chairperson of our audit committee will qualify as an "audit committee financial expert" as that term is defined by the applicable SEC regulations and NYSE corporate governance listing standards. Our board of directors has determined that each of the audit committee members is "financially literate" as that term is defined by the NYSE corporate governance listing standards. We have adopted an audit committee charter, effective upon completion of this offering, that details the principal functions of the audit committee, including oversight related to:

our accounting and financial reporting processes;

the integrity of our consolidated financial statements and financial reporting process;

our systems of disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting;

our compliance with financial, legal and regulatory requirements;

the evaluation of the qualifications, independence and performance of our independent registered public accounting firm;

the performance of our internal audit function; and

our overall risk profile.

The audit committee will also be responsible for engaging an independent registered public accounting firm, reviewing with the independent registered public accounting firm the plans and results

of the audit engagement, approving professional services provided by the independent registered public accounting firm, including all audit and non-audit services, reviewing the independence of the independent registered public accounting firm, considering the range of audit and non-audit fees and reviewing the adequacy of our internal accounting controls. The audit committee also will prepare the audit committee report required by SEC regulations to be included in our annual proxy statement.

#### **Compensation Committee**

Upon completion of this offering, our compensation committee will consist of Cynthia Hallenbeck, John Rice and Dana Schmaltz, three of our independent directors, with Mr. Rice serving as our chairperson. We have adopted a compensation committee charter, effective upon completion of this offering, that details the principal functions of the compensation committee, including:

reviewing and approving on an annual basis the corporate goals and objectives relevant to our executive officers' compensation, evaluating our executive officers' performance in light of such goals and objectives and determining and approving the remuneration of our executive officers based on such evaluation;

reviewing and approving the compensation of our executive officers, subject to the terms and conditions of any pre-existing employment agreements;

reviewing and evaluating on an annual basis, the compensation for directors, including board committee retainers, meeting fees, equity based compensation and such other forms of compensation as the compensation committee may consider appropriate and recommend to the board, as appropriate, changes to such compensation;

reviewing our executive compensation policies and plans;

implementing and administering our incentive and equity-based compensation plans;

determining the number and terms of equity awards to be granted to our directors, executive officers and other employees pursuant to these plans;

assisting management in complying with our proxy statement and annual report disclosure requirements;

producing a report on executive compensation to be included in our annual proxy statement;

reviewing, evaluating and recommending changes, if appropriate, to the remuneration for directors; and

reviewing the company's policies and procedures with respect to risk assessment and risk management for compensating all employees, including non-executive officers, and reporting its findings to the board.

#### Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

Upon completion of this offering, our nominating and corporate governance committee will consist of Alan Bowers, John Rice and Dana Schmaltz, three of our independent directors, with Mr. Bowers serving as our chairperson. We have adopted a nominating and corporate governance committee charter, effective upon completion of this offering, that details the principal functions of the nominating and corporate governance committee, including:

identifying and recommending to the full board of directors qualified candidates for election as directors and recommending nominees for election as directors at the annual meeting of stockholders;

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developing and recommending to the board of directors corporate governance guidelines and implementing and monitoring such guidelines;

overseeing the board of directors' compliance with financial, legal and regulatory requirements and its ethics program as set forth in the company's code of business conduct and ethics and the code of ethics for principal executive officer and senior financial officers;

reviewing and making recommendations on matters involving the general operation of the board of directors, including board size and composition, and committee composition and structure;

recommending to the board of directors nominees for each committee of the board of directors;

annually facilitating the assessment of the board of directors' performance as a whole and of the individual directors, as required by applicable law, regulations and the NYSE corporate governance listing standards; and

overseeing the board of directors' evaluation of management.

#### **Code of Business Conduct and Ethics**

Our board of directors has established, effective upon completion of this offering, a code of business conduct and ethics that applies to our officers, directors and employees. Among other matters, our code of business conduct and ethics will be designed to deter wrongdoing and to promote:

honest and ethical conduct, including the ethical handling of actual or apparent conflicts of interest between personal and professional relationships;

full, fair, accurate, timely and understandable disclosure in our SEC reports and other public communications;

compliance with applicable governmental laws, rules and regulations;

prompt internal reporting of violations of the code to appropriate persons identified in the code; and

accountability for adherence to the code.

Any waiver of the code of business conduct and ethics for our executive officers or directors will require approval by a majority of our independent directors, and any such waiver will require prompt disclosure as required by law or NYSE regulations.

#### **Compensation Discussion and Analysis**

#### **Compensation Philosophy**

We believe that the primary goals of executive compensation are to retain our existing executive team, provide incentives to grow the company and increase the firm's value to stockholders, and attract new executives who will further enable the company's growth through broadening our management talent.

Upon completion of this offering, our newly established compensation committee of the board of directors will be responsible for overseeing our compensation program. Although we anticipate that the compensation committee will adhere to the compensation philosophy described above, it is possible that the compensation committee could develop a compensation philosophy, adopt compensation elements or implement such philosophy or elements, in each case in a manner different than that developed, adopted or implemented by Walker & Dunlop, LLC and our current board of directors.

### Elements of Compensation

Following the completion of this offering, executive compensation will consist of the following elements, each of which satisfies one of more of our alignment, performance and retention objectives:

*Annual Base Salary*. Base salary will be designed to compensate our named executive officers at a fixed level of compensation that serves as core compensation for the industry knowledge, experience and management skills they apply every day. In determining base salaries, we expect that our compensation committee will consider each executive's role and responsibility, unique skills, future potential with our company, salary levels for similar positions at comparable firms and internal pay considerations.

*Cash Bonus.* Cash bonuses will be designed to incentivize our named executive officers at a variable level of compensation that is "at risk," based on the performance of both the company and such individual. In connection with our cash bonus program, we expect that our compensation committee will determine annual and/or long-term performance criteria that change with the needs of our business. We expect our compensation committee to also decide whether the cash bonus will be paid based on the achievement of specific, pre-established financial and operational objectives with formulaic payouts or on the basis of a subjective review of performance with discretionary payouts.

*Equity Awards.* We will provide equity awards pursuant to our Equity Incentive Plan. Equity awards will be designed to reward our named executive officers for long-term stockholder value creation. In determining equity awards, we anticipate that our compensation committee will take into account the company's overall financial performance as well as its performance versus competitor firms. The awards expected to be made under our Equity Incentive Plan in 2010 concurrent with the closing of this offering will be granted to recognize such individuals' efforts on our behalf in connection with our formation and this offering, to ensure their alignment with our stockholder's interests, and to provide a retention element to their compensation.

*Retirement Savings Opportunities.* All eligible employees will be able to participate in a 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan, or 401(k) plan. We intend to provide this plan to help our employees save some amount of their cash compensation for retirement in a tax efficient manner. Under the 401(k) plan, employees will be eligible to defer a portion of their salary, and we, at our discretion, may make a matching contribution and/or a profit sharing contribution. We currently do not intend to provide an option for our employees to invest in our stock through the 401(k) plan.

*Health and Welfare Benefits.* We intend to provide to all eligible employees a competitive benefits package, which is expected to include health and welfare benefits, such as medical, dental, disability insurance, and life insurance benefits. The plans under which these benefits will be offered are not expected to discriminate in scope, terms or operation in favor of officers and will be available to all eligible employees.

*Perquisites and Other Benefits.* As a general matter, we do not intend to provide perquisites and other benefits to our named executive officers with an aggregate value in excess of \$10,000, because we believe that we can provide better incentives for desired performance with compensation in the forms described above. We recognize, however, that from time to time, perquisites and other benefits may directly or indirectly serve our business purpose, for example, by helping to make our named executive officers more available to us and to maximize their time and attention.

#### **Compensation Policies**

We do not currently have any formal policies regarding common stock ownership or the allocation of compensation between cash and non-cash components, but encourage our named executive officers to own and hold our common stock to ensure sustained alignment of their interests with those of stockholders. We have not adopted any policies with respect to long-term versus currently-paid compensation, but feel that both elements are necessary for achieving our compensation objectives. Currently paid compensation provides financial stability for each of our named executive officers and immediate reward for superior company and individual performance, while long-term compensation rewards achievement of strategic long-term objectives and contributes towards overall stockholder value.

Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code generally limits the tax deductibility of compensation paid by a public company to its chief executive officer and certain other highly compensated executive officers to \$1 million in the year the compensation becomes taxable to the executive. There is an exception to the limit on deductibility for performance-based compensation that meets certain requirements. While we consider the impact of this and other tax rules when developing and implementing our executive compensation programs, we also believe that it is important to preserve flexibility in administering compensation programs in a manner designed to promote varying corporate goals. Accordingly, we have not adopted a policy that all compensation must qualify as deductible under Section 162(m) or any other tax rule.

#### Role of Board of Directors and Management

Once our new compensation committee is fully constituted, we anticipate that they will consult with outside compensation consultants from time to time, as necessary, to make further executive compensation decisions. We also anticipate that the Compensation Committee will consider the recommendations of Mr. Walker, our Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, regarding any company and individual performance targets, assessments of executive performance and compensation levels generally for our named executive officers. Mr. Walker may discuss his own individual performance with the Compensation Committee and make recommendations regarding his own compensation, but the Compensation Committee will make the final determination in an executive session without Mr. Walker being present, as required by our Compensation Committee charter. Senior members of the human resources, finance, tax and accounting departments may also provide input to the Compensation Committee.

#### 2010 Executive Officer Compensation Following This Offering

Based on our compensation philosophy, objectives and other considerations, the board of directors approved the following base salaries for each of our named executive officers, to be effective upon consummation of this offering:

Name	Base Salary (\$)			
William M. Walker	\$	500,000		
Howard W. Smith, III	\$	400,000		
Deborah A. Wilson	\$	300,000		
Richard C. Warner	\$	300,000		
Richard M. Lucas	\$	250,000		

Each named executive officer may also receive a cash bonus at the discretion of the compensation committee.

In addition, each named executive officer who was employed as of January 1, 2010 is eligible to participate in our 2010 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "Long-Term Incentive Plan"). Up to 15% of our



annualized base payroll as of January 2010 will be made available to a cash bonus pool for payment of bonuses to eligible employees, including our named executive officers. The bonus pool will be funded following completion of the 2010 fiscal year at (i) 100% of the available bonus amount if our adjusted gross income ("AGI") meets or exceeds our target AGI established by our compensation committee, (ii) 50% if AGI is 90% or more but less than 100% of our target AGI, and (iii) 25% if AGI is 80% or more but less than 90% of our target AGI. The bonus pool will not be funded if AGI is less than 80% of our target AGI. Each of our named executive officers will earn a bonus award equal to their target bonus amount, as set forth below, multiplied by the percentage of the bonus pool funded:

	Target Bonus			
Name	Award			
William M. Walker	\$	360,000		
Howard W. Smith, III	\$	292,500		
Deborah A. Wilson	\$	225,000		
Richard C. Warner	\$	225,000		
Richard M. Lucas		N/A(1)		

(1)

Mr. Lucas joined the company as Executive Vice President and General Counsel in November 2010. Accordingly, Mr. Lucas will not participate in the Long-Term Incentive Plan for 2010.

Amounts funded into the bonus pool will be paid out over time, subject to each participant remaining an employee in good standing and the company's achievement of additional earnings targets as follows:

Date	Payment Amount (as a % of bonus pool)	Earnings Target
6 months after end of 2010	20%	None
18 months after end of 2010	30%	2011 AGI must meet or exceed 2010 target AGI
30 months after end of 2010	50%	2012 AGI must meet or exceed 2010 target AGI

Our Long-Term Incentive Plan allows for the payment of additional discretionary bonuses of up to 10% of the amount by which our AGI exceeds the target AGI for 2010.

We believe that our Long-Term Incentive Plan creates strong incentives for our named executive officers and other employees to perform at a high level individually and contribute towards overall company performance. We also believe the plan provides appropriate incentives for long-term, and not just short-term, performance.

Concurrently with the closing of this offering, our named executive officers will be granted 183,335 shares of restricted stock, vesting ratably on each anniversary date of grant over the next three years, conditioned upon continued employment, to recognize such individuals' efforts on our behalf in connection with our formation and this offering, to ensure their alignment with our stockholder's

interests, and to provide a retention element to their compensation. The individual grants are set forth below:

Restricted Stock
50,000
40,000
33,334
33,334
26,667

These compensation packages are reflected, in part, in negotiated employment agreements that we will enter into with each of our named executive officers. The employment agreements with the named executive officers will also include severance provisions. See " Employment Agreements" and " Potential Payments Upon Termination" for a description of specific terms.

#### 2009 Executive Officer Compensation

Until consummation of the formation transactions and this offering, Messrs. Walker, Smith, Warner and Ms. Wilson have been executive officers of Walker & Dunlop, LLC. Compensation has historically consisted of a base salary, an annual discretionary bonus and a long-term incentive bonus. Because Walker & Dunlop, LLC is a private company, equity was not a component of compensation, although equity in Walker & Dunlop, LLC, or its predecessors, has been sold to the named executive officers over the past decade.

Decisions regarding base salaries and annual discretionary bonuses for executive officers of Walker & Dunlop, LLC were made by Mr. Walker, our Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, acting on behalf of the board, or a committee of the board, based on a combination of considerations, including individual past performance, company performance, market competition for executives and our long-term executive retention objectives. The board of managers, or a committee of the board, considered the recommendations of Mr. Walker, our Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, regarding company and individual performance measures to be established for the long-term incentive bonus program and assessments of executive performance. Mr. Walker discussed his own individual performance with the board, or a committee of the board, and made recommendations regarding his own compensation, but the board, or a committee of the board, made the final determination in an executive session.

Base salaries were unchanged in 2009 from 2008 for executive officers. Further, Mr. Walker's salary was unchanged between 2005 and 2009. In making discretionary bonuses, the board, or a committee of the board, recognized the company's strong performance in 2009, individual contributions to the company's performance and the need to reward such performance. The board also recognized the need to encourage long-term performance and had earlier established a 2009 long-term incentive bonus program for executives and other employees. Amounts under the long-term performance program are determined in accordance with incentive deferred bonus compensation agreements that Walker & Dunlop, LLC entered into with each of its executive officers. Pursuant to these agreements, 25% of the amount by which Walker & Dunlop, LLC's adjusted net income exceeds the targeted adjusted net income for the stated base year is available, on a delayed contingent basis, for payment of incentive bonuses to all employees who are eligible to participate. Each eligible employee, including executive officers, receives his or her allocated portion of such pool for such stated base year, but only if the aggregate adjusted net income of Walker & Dunlop, LLC for the three-year period, beginning with the base year, exceeds the aggregate targeted adjusted net income for the same three-year period. For 2009, Walker & Dunlop, LLC exceeded the \$25.2 million targeted pre-tax adjusted net income established by the company. However, the bonus amount for 2009 will not become payable until early

2012 and only if the aggregate adjusted net income for years 2009 through 2011 exceeds the aggregate targeted adjusted net income. See " 2009 Grants of Plan-Based Awards" and " 2009 Summary of Compensation Table."

#### **Executive Compensation**

The following table sets forth the compensation paid to or earned by our named executive officers, other than Mr. Lucas, who was not a named executive officer in 2009, in their capacities as executive officers of Walker & Dunlop, LLC during 2009:

## 2009 Summary Compensation Table

Name and Principal Position	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	In	Non-equity centive Plan ompensation (\$)	 ll Other npensation (\$)	Total (\$)
William M. Walker	\$ 300,000	\$ 400,000	\$	402,831(1)	\$ 4,500(2)	\$ 1,107,331
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer						
Howard W. Smith, III						
Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer, and	\$ 250,000	\$ 325,000	\$	402,831(1)	\$ 4,500(2)	\$ 982,331
Director						
Deborah A. Wilson						
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary	\$ 250,000	\$ 212,500	\$	193,359(1)	\$ 4,500(2)	\$ 660,359
and Treasurer						
Richard C. Warner						
Executive Vice President and Chief Credit Officer	\$ 205,000	\$ 250,000	\$	193,359(1)	\$ 4,500(2)	\$ 652,859

(1)

See " Narrative Disclosures to Summary Compensation and Grants and Plan-Based Awards Tables."

## (2)

Represents company's contribution to the executive's 401(k) plan.

## 2009 Grants of Plan-Based Awards

		Thursday	Estimated Possible Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards(1)	Manimum
Name	Grant Date	Threshold (\$)	Target (\$)	Maximum (\$)
William M. Walker	April 30, 2009	\$ 0	\$ 402,831	N/A
Howard W. Smith, III	April 30, 2009	\$ C	\$ 402,831	N/A
Deborah A. Wilson	April 30, 2009	\$ C	\$ 193,359	N/A
Richard C. Warner	April 30, 2009	\$ C	\$ 193,359	N/A

See " Narrative Disclosures to Summary Compensation and Grants and Plan-Based Awards Tables."

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## Narrative Disclosures to Summary Compensation and Grants of Plan-Based Awards Tables

The 2009 non-equity incentive plan compensation amount in the Summary Compensation Table represents the amount of incentive cash bonus that each named executive officer is eligible to receive for 2009, in accordance with the incentive deferred bonus compensation agreements that Walker & Dunlop, LLC entered into with each of the named executive officers in April 2009. The amounts reflected as target amounts in the Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table represent target amounts that could be earned by each named executive officer for 2009, depending on the company's 2010 and 2011 operating results. Named executive officers will receive the targeted amount only if our aggregate adjusted net income for years 2009 through 2011 exceeds targeted aggregate adjusted net income for years 2009 through 2011 exceeds targeted aggregate adjusted net income for years 2009 through 2011. Otherwise, named executive officers will receive no incentive bonus for 2009. The maximum amount is "N/A" because named executive officers cannot receive any amount other than the targeted amount.

#### **Equity Incentive Plan**

Prior to the completion of this offering, our board of directors will adopt, and our stockholder is expected to approve, our 2010 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Equity Incentive Plan") for the purpose of attracting and retaining non-employee directors, executive officers and other key employees and service providers, including officers, employees and service providers of our subsidiaries and affiliates, and to stimulate their efforts toward our continued success, long-term growth and profitability. The Equity Incentive Plan provides for the grant of stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, stock units (including deferred stock units), dividend equivalent rights, other equity-based awards and cash bonus awards. We have reserved 2,140,000 shares for issuance pursuant to the Equity Incentive Plan, subject to certain adjustments set forth in the plan. This summary is qualified in its entirety by the detailed provisions of the Equity Incentive Plan, which is filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part.

Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code limits publicly held companies to an annual deduction for U.S. federal income tax purposes of \$1,000,000 for compensation paid to each of their chief executive officer and their three highest compensated executive officers (other than the chief executive officer or the chief financial officer) determined at the end of each year, referred to as covered employees. However, performance-based compensation is excluded from this limitation. The Equity Incentive Plan is designed to permit the compensation committee to grant awards that qualify as performance-based for purposes of satisfying the conditions of Section 162(m), but it is not required under the Equity Incentive Plan that awards qualify for this exception.

Administration of the Equity Incentive Plan. The Equity Incentive Plan will be administered by our compensation committee, and the compensation committee will determine all terms of awards granted to our executive officers under the Equity Incentive Plan. Our compensation committee will also determine the type of award and its terms and conditions and the number of shares of common stock subject to the award, if the award is equity-based. To the extent permissible under law, the board of directors may delegate to our Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer or other director the authority to make grants to non-executive employees. The compensation committee will also interpret the provisions of the Equity Incentive Plan. During any period of time in which we do not have a compensation committee, the Equity Incentive Plan will be administered by our board of directors or another committee appointed by the board of directors. References below to the compensation committee include a reference to the board of directors or another committee appointed by the board of directors for those periods in which the board of directors or such other committee appointed by the board of directors is acting.

*Eligibility.* All of our employees and the employees of our subsidiaries and affiliates are eligible to receive awards under the Equity Incentive Plan. In addition, our non-employee directors and



consultants and advisors who perform services for us and our subsidiaries and affiliates may receive awards under the Equity Incentive Plan, other than incentive stock options. Each member of our compensation committee that administers the Equity Incentive Plan will be both a "non-employee director" within the meaning of Rule 16b-3 of the Exchange Act, and an "outside director" within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code.

*Share Authorization.* As stated above, we have reserved 2,140,000 shares of common stock. In connection with share splits, dividends, recapitalizations and certain other events, our board will make proportionate adjustments that it deems appropriate in the aggregate number of shares of common stock that may be issued under the Equity Incentive Plan and the terms of outstanding awards. If any options or share appreciation rights terminate, expire or are canceled, forfeited, exchanged or surrendered without having been exercised or paid or if any share awards, performance shares, performance units or other equity-based awards are forfeited or expire or otherwise terminate without the delivery of any shares of common stock or are settled in cash, the shares of common stock subject to such awards will again be available for purposes of the Equity Incentive Plan.

The maximum number of shares of common stock subject to options or share appreciation rights that can be issued under the Equity Incentive Plan to any person is 25% of the shares reserved under the Equity Incentive Plan (or 535,000 shares) in any single calendar year (or 50% of the shares reserved under the Equity Incentive Plan (or 1,070,000 shares) in the year that the person is first employed). The maximum number of shares that can be issued under the Equity Incentive Plan to any person other than pursuant to an option or share appreciation right is 12.5% of the shares reserved under the Equity Incentive Plan (or 267,500 shares) in any single calendar year (or 25% of the shares reserved under the Equity Incentive Plan (or 267,500 shares) in any single calendar year (or 25% of the shares reserved under the Equity Incentive Plan (or 267,500 shares) in any single calendar year (or 25% of the shares reserved under the Equity Incentive Plan (or 267,500 shares) in any single calendar year (or 25% of the shares reserved under the Equity Incentive Plan (or 267,500 shares) in any single calendar year (or 25% of the shares reserved under the Equity Incentive Plan (or 267,500 shares) in the year that the person is first employed). The maximum amount that may be earned as an annual incentive award or other cash award in any calendar year by any one person is two million dollars (\$2,000,000) (or five million dollars (\$5,000,000) in the year that the person is first employed) and the maximum amount that may be earned as a performance award or other cash award in respect of a performance period by any one person is five million dollars (\$5,000,000) (or seven and one-half million dollars (\$7,500,000) for a performance period beginning with or immediately after the year that the person is first employed).

The initial awards described above will become effective concurrently with the closing of this offering.

*Options.* The Equity Incentive Plan authorizes our compensation committee to grant incentive stock options (under Section 421 of the Internal Revenue Code) and options that do not qualify as incentive stock options. The exercise price of each option will be determined by the compensation committee, provided that the price will be equal to at least the fair market value of the shares of common stock on the date on which the option is granted. If we were to grant incentive stock options to any 10% stockholder, the exercise price may not be less than 110% of the fair market value of our shares of common stock on the date of grant.

The term of an option cannot exceed 10 years from the date of grant. If we were to grant incentive stock options to any 10% stockholder, the term cannot exceed five years from the date of grant. The compensation committee determines at what time or times each option may be exercised and the period of time, if any, after retirement, death, disability or termination of employment during which options may be exercised. Options may be made exercisable in installments. The exercisability of options may be accelerated by the compensation committee. The exercise price of an option may not be amended or modified after the grant of the option, and an option may not be surrendered in consideration of or exchanged for a grant of a new option having an exercise price below that of the option which was surrendered or exchanged without stockholder approval.

The exercise price for any option or the purchase price for restricted shares is generally payable (i) in cash, (ii) by certified check, (iii) to the extent the award agreement provides, by the surrender of

shares of common stock (or attestation of ownership of shares of common stock) with an aggregate fair market value on the date on which the option is exercised, of the exercise price, or (iv) to the extent the award agreement provides, by payment through a broker in accordance with procedures established by the Federal Reserve.

*Share Awards.* The Equity Incentive Plan also provides for the grant of share awards (which includes restricted shares and share units). A share award is an award of shares of common stock that may be subject to restrictions on transferability and other restrictions as our compensation committee determines in its sole discretion on the date of grant. The restrictions, if any, may lapse over a specified period of time or through the satisfaction of conditions, in installments or otherwise, as our compensation committee may determine. A participant who receives a share award will have all of the rights of a stockholder as to those shares, including, without limitation, the right to vote and the right to receive dividends or distributions on the shares, except that the board of directors may require any dividends to be reinvested in shares. During the period, if any, when share awards are non-transferable or forfeitable, a participant is prohibited from selling, transferring, assigning, pledging or otherwise encumbering or disposing of his or her award shares. We will retain custody of the certificates and a participant must deliver a stock power to us for each share award.

*Share Appreciation Rights.* The Equity Incentive Plan authorizes our compensation committee to grant share appreciation rights that provide the recipient with the right to receive, upon exercise of the share appreciation right, cash, shares of common stock or a combination of the two. The amount that the recipient will receive upon exercise of the share appreciation right generally will equal the excess of the fair market value of our common stock on the date of exercise over the shares' fair market value on the date of grant. Share appreciation rights will become exercisable in accordance with terms determined by our compensation committee. Share appreciation rights may be granted in tandem with an option grant or independently from an option grant. The term of a share appreciation right cannot exceed 10 years from the date of grant.

*Performance Units.* The Equity Incentive Plan also authorizes our compensation committee to grant performance units. Performance units represent the participant's right to receive a compensation amount, based on the value of the shares of common stock, if performance goals established by the compensation committee are met. Our compensation committee will determine the applicable performance period, the performance goals and such other conditions that apply to the performance unit. Performance goals may relate to our financial performance or the financial performance of our operating units, the participant's performance or such other criteria determined by the compensation committee. If the performance goals are met, performance units will be paid in cash, shares of common stock or a combination thereof.

*Bonuses.* Cash performance bonuses payable under the Equity Incentive Plan may be based on the attainment of performance goals that are established by the compensation committee and relate to one or more performance criteria described in the plan. Cash performance bonuses, for which there is no minimum, must be based upon objectively determinable bonus formulas established in accordance with the plan, as determined by the board.

*Dividend Equivalents.* Our compensation committee may grant dividend equivalents in connection with the grant of any equity-based award. Dividend equivalents may be paid currently or may be deemed to be reinvested in additional shares of stock, which may thereafter accrue additional equivalents, and may be payable in cash, shares of common stock or a combination of the two. Our compensation committee will determine the terms of any dividend equivalents.

*Other Equity-Based Awards.* Our compensation committee may grant other types of equity-based awards under the Equity Incentive Plan. Other equity-based awards are payable in cash, shares of common stock or other equity, or a combination thereof, and may be restricted or unrestricted, as

determined by our compensation committee. The terms and conditions that apply to other equity-based awards are determined by the compensation committee.

*Change in Control.* If we experience a change in control in which equity-based awards that are not exercised prior to the change in control will not be assumed or continued by the surviving entity, unless otherwise provided in an award: (i) all restricted shares will vest, and all share units will vest and the underlying shares will be delivered immediately before the change in control, and (ii) at the board of directors' discretion either all options and share appreciation rights will become exercisable 15 days before the change in control and terminate upon the consummation of the change in control, or all options, share appreciation rights, restricted shares and share units will be cashed out before the change in control. In the case of performance shares, if more than half of the performance period has lapsed, the performance shares will be converted into restricted shares based on actual performance to date. If less than half of the performance period has lapsed, or if actual performance is not determinable, the performance shares will be converted into restricted shares assuming target performance has been achieved.

*Amendment; Termination.* Our board of directors may amend or terminate the Equity Incentive Plan at any time; provided that no amendment may adversely impair the benefits of participants with outstanding awards. Our stockholders must approve any amendment if such approval is required under applicable law or NYSE regulations. Our stockholders also must approve any amendment that changes the no re-pricing provisions of the plan. Unless terminated sooner by our board of directors or extended with stockholder approval, the Equity Incentive Plan will terminate on the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the plan.

#### **Employment Agreements**

We intend to enter into employment agreements with each of our named executive officers. Our employment agreements will provide for the following:

For William M. Walker, it will provide for a base salary of \$500,000, a target bonus of \$500,000, with the actual bonus payment to be determined by the compensation committee, and eligibility for grants of equity.

For Howard W. Smith, it will provide for a base salary of \$400,000, a target bonus of \$400,000, with the actual bonus payment to be determined by the compensation committee, and eligibility for grants of equity.

For Deborah A. Wilson, it will provide for a base salary of \$300,000, a target bonus of \$300,000, with the actual bonus payment to be determined by the compensation committee, and eligibility for grants of equity.

For Richard C. Warner, it will provide for a base salary of \$300,000, a target bonus of \$300,000, with the actual bonus payment to be determined by the compensation committee, and eligibility for grants of equity.

For Richard M. Lucas, it will provide for a base salary of \$250,000, a target bonus of \$250,000, with the actual bonus payment to be determined by the compensation committee, and eligibility for grants of equity.

Each agreement has an initial term of three years, to be extended for an additional year on each anniversary date of the agreement, unless either party gives 60 days' prior notice that the term will not be extended.

Regardless of the reason for any termination of employment, each named executive officer is entitled to receive the following benefits upon termination: (a) payment of any unpaid portion of such executive's base salary through the effective date of termination, (b) reimbursement for any outstanding

reasonable business expense, (c) continued insurance benefits to the extent required by law, (d) payment of any vested but unpaid rights as may be required independent of the employment agreement, and (e) except in the case of termination by the company for cause, any bonus or incentive compensation that had been accrued through the effective date of termination but not paid, provided, however, that in the event of a termination without cause, a resignation for good reason or retirement, a pro rata incentive compensation will be paid only to the extent performance goals for the year are achieved.

In addition to the benefits described above in subparagraphs (a) - (e), each named executive officer will be entitled to receive a severance payment if we terminate his or her employment without cause or the executive resigns for good reason. The severance payment is equal to (i) continued payment by the company of the executive's base salary, as in effect as of the executive's last day of employment, for a period of 12 months, (ii) continued payment for life and health insurance coverage for 12 months, to the same extent the company paid for such coverage immediately prior to termination, (iii) two times the average annual bonus earned by the executive over the preceding two years (or if the executive has not been employed for two years, payments equal to two times the target bonus for the year of termination), and (iv) vesting as of the last day of employment in any unvested portion of any options and restricted stock previously issued to the executive. The foregoing benefits are conditioned upon the executive's execution of a general release of claims.

If the named executive officer's employment terminates due to death or disability, in addition to the benefits described above in subparagraphs (a) - (e), the executive's estate is entitled to receive (i) vesting as of the last day of employment in any unvested portion of any options and restricted stock previously issued to the executive and (ii) payment of the pro rata share of any performance bonus to which such executive would have been entitled for the year of death.

If the named executive officer's employment terminates due to retirement, in addition to the benefits described above in subparagraphs (a) - (e), the executive is entitled to receive vesting as of the last day of employment in any unvested portion of any options and restricted stock previously issued to the executive.

Each employment agreement contains customary non-competition and non-solicitation covenants that apply during the term and for 12 months after the term of each executive's employment with us.

### Potential Payments Upon Termination

The compensation payable to our named executive officers upon voluntary termination for good reason, involuntary termination without cause and termination in the event of permanent disability, death or retirement of the executive is described above under "Executive Compensation Employment Agreements."

The table below summarizes the potential cash payments and estimated equivalent cash value of benefits that will be generally owed to our named executive officers under the terms of their employment agreements described above upon termination of those agreements under various scenarios as of December 31, 2010. Amounts shown do not include (a) payment of any unpaid portion of such executive's base salary through the effective date of termination, (b) reimbursement for any outstanding reasonable business expense, (c) continued insurance benefits to the extent required by law, (d) payment of any vested but unpaid rights as may be required independent of the employment agreement, and (e) any bonus or incentive compensation that had been accrued through the effective date of termination but not paid. The amounts set forth in the table below take into account only obligations expected to exist as of the effective time of this offering. We may implement additional termination and/or change in control plans, programs or agreements subsequent to the effective time of this offering.



			on-Renewal by	Without Cause/ For Good				
Named Executive Officer	Benefit		ompany(1)	Reason(2)		Disability(	3) Ret	tirement(4)
William M. Walker	Cash	\$	1,400,000(5) \$	5 1,400,000(5)	N/A	N/	A	N/A
	Continued Life							
	and Health	\$	15,201(6) \$	5 15,201(6)	N/A	N/	A	N/A
	Equity							
	Acceleration	\$	750,000(7) \$	5 750,000(7) 5	\$ 750,000(7)	) \$ 750,00	0(7) \$	750,000(7)
	Total	\$	2,165,201 \$		\$ 750,000	\$ 750,00	0 \$	750,000
Howard W. Smith, III	Cash	\$	1,125,000(5) \$	, ,	N/A	N/	A	N/A
,	Continued Life			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
	and Health	\$	15,329(6) \$	5 15,329(6)	N/A	N/	A	N/A
	Equity		(- / -	- / (-/				
	Acceleration	\$	600,000(7) \$	600,000(7) 5	\$ 600.000(7)	) \$ 600,00	0(7) \$	600,000(7)
	Total	\$	1,740,329 \$		\$ 600,000	\$ 600,00	· · · ·	600,000
Deborah A. Wilson	Cash	\$	812,500(5) \$	, ,	N/A	N/		N/A
	Continued Life		- , (- , ,					
	and Health	\$	72(6) \$	5 72(6)	N/A	N/	A	N/A
	Equity	Ŧ	(*) +				-	
	Acceleration	\$	500,010(7) \$	500,010(7) 5	\$ 500.010(7)	) \$ 500,01	0(7) \$	500,010(7)
	Total	\$	1,312,582 \$	· · · · ·	\$ 500,010	\$ 500,01	· · · ·	500,010
Richard C. Warner	Cash	\$	850,000(5) \$	, ,	N/A	¢ 000,01		N/A
	Continued Life	Ŧ					-	
	and Health	\$	72(6) \$	5 72(6)	N/A	N/	A	N/A
	Equity	Ŧ	(*) +	(0)			-	
	Acceleration	\$	500,010(7) \$	500,010(7) 5	\$ 500.010(7)	) \$ 500,01	0(7) \$	500,010(7)
	Total	\$	1,350,082	· · · · ·	\$ 500,010	\$ 500,01	· · · ·	500,010
Richard M. Lucas	Cash	\$	750,000(5) \$	)	N/A	N/		N/A
	Continued Life	Ψ	, 20,000(2) 4	, ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	1.011	1.0	•	1.011
	and Health	\$	15,201(6) \$	6 15,201(6)	N/A	N/	A	N/A
	Equity	φ	10,201(0) 4	. 10,201(0)	1.071	10		10/1
	Acceleration	\$	400,005(7) \$	6 400.005(7) 5	\$ 400.005(7)	) \$ 400.00	5(7) \$	400,005(7)
	Total	\$	1,165,206	/ ( - /	\$ 400,005(7) <b>\$ 400.005</b>	<b>\$ 400,00</b>	· · · ·	400,005(7) 400,005
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(1)

This column describes the payments and benefits that become payable if the company elects not to renew the employment agreement.

(2)

The term "cause" means any of the following, subject to any applicable cure provisions: (i) the conviction of the executive of, or the entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere by the executive to, any felony; (ii) fraud, misappropriation or embezzlement by the executive; (iii) the executive's willful failure or gross negligence in the performance of his assigned duties for the company; (iv) the executive's breach of any of his fiduciary duties to the company; (v) a material violation of a material company policy; or (vi) the material breach by the executive of any material term of the employment agreement.

The term "good reason" means any of the following, subject to any applicable cure provisions, without the executive's consent: (i) the assignment to the executive of substantial duties or responsibilities inconsistent with the executive's position at the company, or any other action by the company which results in a substantial diminution of the executive's duties or responsibilities; (ii) a requirement that the executive work principally from a location that is 20 miles further from the executive's residence than the company's address on the effective date of the executive's employment agreement; (iii) a 10% or greater reduction in the executive's aggregate base salary and other compensation (including the target bonus amount and retirement plan, welfare plans and fringe benefits) taken as a whole, excluding any reductions caused by the failure to achieve performance targets; or (iv) any material breach by the company of the employment agreement.

(3)

The term "disability" means such physical or mental impairment as would render the executive unable to perform each of the essential duties of the executive's position by reason of a medically determinable physical or mental impairment which is potentially permanent in character or which can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than 12 months.

(4)

The term "retirement" means the point at which the executive has reached the age of 65 and has decided to exit the workforce completely. For purposes of the amounts disclosed in this table, we have assumed that each named executive officer has reached the retirement age of 65, regardless of their actual age.

(5)

Cash amounts represent the sum of the following: (i) the executive's expected 2010 base salary, to be paid in approximately equal installments on the company's regularly scheduled payroll dates, subject to payroll deductions and withholdings, and (ii) two times the average annual bonus earned by the

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executive for 2009 and 2010, assuming all performance targets have been met for 2010 (or in the case of Mr. Lucas, two times the target bonus for 2010), half of such amount to be paid within 60 days of the end of the fiscal year of termination and the remaining half to be paid at the end of the 12-month non-compete period.

(6)

Represents the value of life and health benefits paid by the company for 12 months.

#### (7)

The amounts represent the value of accelerated restricted stock to be granted to the executives concurrent with this offering. The fair value was calculated using the midpoint of the initial public offering price range shown on the cover page of this prospectus.

#### **Director Compensation**

Prior to the formation transactions and the completion of this offering, each of our directors served as a member of the board of managers of Walker & Dunlop, LLC. The following table sets forth 2009 compensation for each director who was a member of the board of managers of Walker & Dunlop, LLC in 2009 and is currently a member of our board of directors.

#### 2009 Director Compensation

	Fees Earned or Paid in	
	Cash	Total
Name and Principal Position	(\$)	(\$)
Mitchell M. Gaynor	10,000	10,000
Edmund F. Taylor	0	0

Following completion of the formation transactions and this offering, we intend to approve and implement a new compensation program for our non-employee directors, including each of the independent director nominees, that consists of annual retainer fees and equity awards. In the future, each non-employee director will receive an annual base fee for his or her services of \$30,000, and an annual award of \$30,000 of shares of restricted stock, which will vest on the one-year anniversary of the date of grant, subject to the director's continued service on our board of directors. In addition, each non-employee director who serves on the audit, compensation and nominating and corporate governance committees will receive an annual cash retainer of \$2,500 for each committee on which he or she serves, and the chairs of the audit, compensation and nominating and corporate governance committees will receive an additional annual cash retainer of \$10,000, \$5,000 and \$5,000, respectively. We will also reimburse each of our directors for their travel expenses incurred in connection with their attendance at full board of directors and committee meetings.

Concurrently with the closing of this offering, we will grant 2,000 shares of restricted stock to each of our non-employee directors, pursuant to our Equity Incentive Plan. See " Equity Incentive Plan." These awards of restricted stock will vest on the one-year anniversary of the date of grant.

Any director compensation payable to Mr. Taylor shall be paid to Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, or an affiliate thereof, for so long as each remains an employee thereof.

#### **Indemnification Agreements**

We intend to enter into indemnification agreements with each of our executive officers and directors that will obligate us to indemnify them to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law. The form of indemnification agreement provides that if a director or executive officer is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any proceeding by reason of such director's or executive officer's status as our director, officer or employee, we must indemnify such director or executive officer for all expenses and liabilities actually and reasonably incurred by him or her, or on his or her behalf, unless it has been established that:

the act or omission of the director or executive officer was material to the matter giving rise to the proceeding and was committed in bad faith or was the result of active and deliberate dishonesty;

the director or executive officer actually received an improper personal benefit in money, property or services; or

in the case of any criminal proceeding, the director or executive officer had reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful;

provided, however, that we will have no obligation to (i) indemnify such director or executive officer for a proceeding by or in the right of our company for expenses and liabilities actually and reasonably incurred by him or her, or on his or her behalf, if it has been adjudged that such director or executive officer is liable to us with respect to such proceeding or (ii) indemnify or advance expenses of such director or executive officer for a proceeding brought by such director or executive officer against our company, except for a proceeding brought to enforce indemnification under Section 2-418 of the MGCL or as otherwise provided by our bylaws, our charter, a resolution of the board of directors or an agreement approved by the board of directors. Under the MGCL, a Maryland corporation may not indemnify a director or officer in a suit by or in the right of the corporation in which the director or officer was adjudged liable on the basis that a personal benefit was improperly received.

Upon application by one of our directors or executive officers to a court of appropriate jurisdiction, the court may order indemnification of such director or executive officer if:

the court determines that such director or executive officer is entitled to indemnification under Section 2-418(d)(1) of the MGCL, in which case the director or executive officer shall be entitled to recover from us the expenses of securing such indemnification; or

the court determines that such director or executive officer is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnification in view of all the relevant circumstances, whether or not the director or executive officer has met the standards of conduct set forth in Section 2-418(b) of the MGCL or has been adjudged liable for receipt of an "improper personal benefit" under Section 2-418(c) of the MGCL; provided, however, that our indemnification obligations to such director or executive officer will be limited to all reasonable expenses actually incurred by him or her, or on his or her behalf, in connection with any proceeding by us or in our right or in which the director or executive officer shall have been adjudged liable for receipt of an improper personal benefit under Section 2-418(c) of the MGCL.

Notwithstanding, and without limiting, any other provisions of the indemnification agreements, if a director or executive officer is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any proceeding by reason of such director's or executive officer's status as our director, officer or employee, and such director or executive officer is successful, on the merits or otherwise, as to one or more but less than all claims, issues or matters in such proceeding, we must indemnify such director or executive officer for all reasonable expenses actually incurred by him or her, or on his or her behalf, in connection with each successfully resolved claim, issue or matter, including any claim, issue or matter in such a proceeding that is terminated by dismissal, with or without prejudice.

We must pay all indemnifiable expenses in advance of the final disposition of any proceeding if the director or executive officer furnishes us with a written affirmation of the director's or executive officer's good faith belief that the standard of conduct necessary for indemnification by us has been met and a written undertaking to repay the amounts advanced if it should be ultimately determined that the standard of conduct has not been met.

Our charter and bylaws obligate us, to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law, to indemnify and to pay or reimburse reasonable expenses in advance of final disposition of a proceeding to (1) any of our present or former directors or officers who is made or threatened to be made a party to the proceeding by reason of his or her service in that capacity or (2) any individual who, while serving as our director or officer and at our request, serves or has served another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or any other enterprise as a director, officer, partner or trustee of such corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other

enterprise, and who is made or threatened to be made a party to the proceeding by reason of his or her service in that capacity.

#### **Rule 10b5-1 Sales Plans**

Our directors and executive officers may adopt written plans, known as Rule 10b5-1 plans, in which they will contract with a broker to buy or sell shares of our common stock on a periodic basis. Under a Rule 10b5-1 plan, a broker executes trades pursuant to parameters established by the director or executive officer when entering into the plan, without further direction from them. The director or officer may amend a Rule 10b5-1 plan in some circumstances and may terminate a plan at any time. Our directors and executive officers also may buy or sell additional shares outside of a Rule 10b5-1 plan when they are not in possession of material nonpublic information subject to compliance with the terms of our insider trading policy. Prior to the 365-day anniversary of the date of this prospectus (subject to potential extension or early termination), the sale of any shares under such plan would be subject to compliance with the lock-up agreement that the director or executive officer has entered into with the underwriters.

#### **Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation**

Upon completion of this offering, we do not anticipate that any of our executive officers will serve as a member of a board of directors or compensation committee, or other committee serving an equivalent function, of any other entity that has one or more of its executive officers serving as a member of our board of directors or compensation committee.

## PRINCIPAL AND SELLING STOCKHOLDERS

Immediately prior to the completion of this offering, excluding any grants of restricted stock under the Equity Incentive Plan, there will be 14,741,504 shares of our common stock outstanding, and 10 stockholders of record, after giving effect to the formation transactions. Immediately after this offering, including grants of restricted stock expected to be made concurrently with the closing of this offering under the Equity Incentive Plan, there will be 21,889,855 shares of our common stock outstanding (assuming no exercise of the underwriters' overallotment option). The following table sets forth certain information, prior to and after this offering, regarding the ownership of each class of our capital stock by:

each of our directors;

each of our named executive officers;

each holder of 5% or more of each class of our capital stock; and

all of our directors, director nominees and executive officers as a group.

In accordance with SEC rules, each listed person's beneficial ownership includes:

all shares of common stock such person actually owns beneficially or of record;

all shares of common stock which such person has or shares voting or dispositive control (such as in the capacity as a general partner of an investment fund); and

all additional shares of common stock such person has the right to acquire within 60 days, if any.

Unless otherwise indicated, the address of each named person is c/o Walker & Dunlop, Inc., 7501 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 1200, Bethesda, Maryland 20814. No shares of common stock beneficially owned by any named executive officer, director or director nominee have been pledged as security.

	Common Stock Outstanding				
	Immediately Prior to Immediately Af			After	
	this Offering th		this Offeri	ng(1)	
	Shares		Shares		
Beneficial Owner	Owned	Percentage	Owned	Percentage	
William M. Walker(2)	2,160,110	14.7%	2,210,110	10.1%	
Howard W. Smith, III(3)	1,427,069	9.7%	1,467,069	6.7%	
Deborah A. Wilson(4)	96,875	*	130,209	*	
Richard C. Warner(5)	116,807	*	150,141	*	
Richard M. Lucas		*	26,667(6)	*	
Mitchell M. Gaynor		*	2,000(7)	*	
John Rice		*	2,000(8)	*	
Edmund F. Taylor		*	2,000(9)	*	
Alan J. Bowers		*	2,000(10)	*	
Cynthia A. Hallenbeck		*	2,000(11)	*	
Dana L. Schmaltz		*	2,000(12)	*	
Mallory Walker(13)	4,674,274	31.7%	1,840,941	8.4%	
Taylor Walker(14)	891,301	6.0%	391,301	1.8%	
Column Guaranteed, LLC(15)	5,246,466	35.6%	5,246,466	24.0%	

All directors, director nominees and executive officers as a group (11 persons)	3,800,861	25.8%	3,996,196	18.3%

\*

Represents less than 1.0% of the common stock outstanding upon the completion of this offering.

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- Does not reflect shares of common stock reserved for issuance upon exercise of the underwriters' overallotment option.
- (2) Represents 2,160,110 shares of common stock received by Mr. Walker in connection with the formation transactions and, with respect to holdings immediately after this offering, an additional 50,000 shares of restricted stock, vesting ratably on each anniversary date of grant over the next three years, granted to Mr. Walker concurrently with the closing of this offering.
  - Represents 1,427,069 shares of common stock received by Mr. Smith in connection with the formation transactions and, with respect to holdings immediately after this offering, an additional 40,000 shares of restricted stock, vesting ratably on each anniversary date of grant over the next three years, granted to Mr. Smith concurrently with the closing of this offering.

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- Represents 96,875 shares of common stock received by Ms. Wilson in connection with the formation transactions and, with respect to holdings immediately after this offering, an additional 33,334 shares of restricted stock, vesting ratably on each anniversary date of grant over the next three years, granted to Ms. Wilson concurrently with the closing of this offering.
- Represents 116,807 shares of common stock received by Mr. Warner in connection with the formation transactions and, with respect to holdings immediately after this offering, an additional 33,334 shares of restricted stock, vesting ratably on each anniversary date of grant over the next three years, granted to Mr. Warner concurrently with the closing of this offering.
- Represents 26,667 shares of restricted stock, vesting ratably on each anniversary date of grant over the next three years, to be granted to Mr. Lucas concurrently with the closing of this offering.
- (7) Represents 2,000 shares of restricted stock, vesting on the one-year anniversary date of grant, to be granted to Mr. Gaynor concurrently with the closing of this offering.

(8)

Represents 2,000 shares of restricted stock, vesting on the one-year anniversary date of grant, to be granted to Mr. Rice concurrently with the closing of this offering.

#### (9)

Represents 2,000 shares of restricted stock, vesting on the one-year anniversary date of grant, to be granted to Mr. Taylor concurrently with the closing of this offering.

(10)

Represents 2,000 shares of restricted stock, vesting on the one-year anniversary date of grant, to be granted to Mr. Bowers concurrently with the closing of this offering.

(11)

Represents 2,000 shares of restricted stock, vesting on the one-year anniversary date of grant, to be granted to Ms. Hallenbeck concurrently with the closing of this offering.

#### (12)

Represents 2,000 shares of restricted stock, vesting on the one-year anniversary date of grant, to be granted to Mr. Schmaltz concurrently with the closing of this offering.

(13)

Represents shares of common stock received by Mr. Walker in connection with the formation transactions. Mr. Walker will sell 2,833,333 shares of common stock as a selling stockholder in this offering.

(14)

Represents shares of common stock received by Mr. Walker in connection with the formation transactions. Mr. Walker will sell 500,000 shares of common stock as a selling stockholder in this offering.

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Represents shares of common stock received by Column in connection with the formation transactions.

## CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

#### 2009 Column Transaction

In January 2009, W&D, Inc., its affiliate Green Park and Column, an affiliate of Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, contributed their assets to a newly formed entity, Walker & Dunlop, LLC. We treated the Column transaction as an acquisition of a business. The transaction brought together Walker & Dunlop's competencies in debt origination and investment consulting and related services, Green Park's Fannie Mae DUS origination capabilities and Column's Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and HUD operations, including its healthcare real estate lending business, to form one of the leading providers of commercial real estate financial services in the United States. Substantially all of the assets and liabilities of W&D, Inc. and Green Park (the "GPF Parties"), including its wholly owned subsidiary Green Park Express, LLC, were transferred to Walker & Dunlop, LLC in exchange for 5% and 60% interests, respectively, in Walker & Dunlop, LLC, and certain assets and liabilities of Column were transferred to Walker & Dunlop, LLC for a 35% interest in Walker & Dunlop, LLC. We obtained a third-party valuation of Column and the GPF Parties to assist us in determining the valuation of the consideration paid to obtain the Column operations and in determining the relative ownership of Walker & Dunlop, LLC.

Separately, the fair values of the individual assets acquired and liabilities assumed from Column were supported by a third-party valuation that used discounted cash flow techniques. Because the fair value of these net assets acquired exceeded the fair value of the consideration paid, a bargain purchase gain of \$10.9 million was recognized. We attribute this gain to the economic and credit environments at the time of the transaction. In connection with the 2009 Column transaction, Walker & Dunlop, LLC entered into a transition services agreement with Green Park and Column, which terminated according to its terms on December 31, 2009.

In connection with the Column transaction, the GPF Parties, Walker & Dunlop, LLC and Column entered into the Column Transaction Agreement, pursuant to which the GPF Parties and Column agreed to provide indemnification for certain matters. Each of the GPF Parties and Column agreed to indemnify Walker & Dunlop, LLC and its related parties against any damages or expenses that might be incurred from (i) the breach of certain representations and warranties, covenants or agreements of the indemnifying party contained in the Column Transaction Agreement or related documents, (ii) a request or requirement by a third-party that Walker & Dunlop, LLC repurchase a loan originated by Column or the GPF Parties, as applicable, and (iii) any liability with respect to assets and liabilities of Column or the GPF Parties, as applicable, that were specifically excluded by the terms of the Column Transaction Agreement. Pursuant to this provision, we are seeking indemnification from Column for the litigation filed by Capital Funding, as described in "Business Legal Proceedings." Liability is capped at \$10 million for each party, subject to certain exceptions. The cap does not apply to certain excepted warranties or to breaches based on claims not based solely on an asserted breach of a representation or warranty, including claims related to a third party request or requirement that Walker & Dunlop, LLC repurchase a loan originated by a Column or GPF Party, as applicable.

As a result of the formation transactions, the GPF Parties and Walker & Dunlop, LLC will be our wholly owned subsidiaries, and will no longer have any outside members, officers or directors. The Column indemnity to Walker & Dunlop, LLC (which includes an indemnification for any obligation to repurchase a loan originated by Column as described above) will continue in accordance with its terms. In addition, we have agreed that the GPF Parties' indemnity to Walker & Dunlop, LLC and its current members, including Column, will continue following the formation transactions. With respect to third party loan repurchase obligations, these indemnities survive through January 30, 2019. With respect to breaches of certain representations and warranties, these indemnities survive until the later of January 30, 2012, or the expiration of the applicable statute of limitations; indemnities with respect to all other representations and warranties have previously expired. The survival of the indemnity by the GPF Parties to Walker & Dunlop, LLC and its members, including Column, will permit them, to the



extent that they sustain damages resulting from any indemnified matter, to assert claims for indemnification against the GPF Parties for the survival period of the applicable indemnification obligation under the Column Transaction Agreement. As wholly owned subsidiaries of ours, we could be materially and adversely affected by any such indemnity claim made against the GPF Parties, to the extent successful. We intend to seek indemnification under the Column Transaction Agreement for claims arising out of the Golden Living Facilities refinancing. In connection with this litigation, in addition to our indemnification rights under the Column Transaction Agreement, Column has further agreed to indemnify us for liabilities in excess of \$3 million that arise as a result of this litigation, as described in more detail under "Business Legal Proceedings."

#### **Formation Transactions**

Concurrently with the closing of this offering, we will complete certain formation transactions through which Walker & Dunlop, LLC will become a wholly owned subsidiary of Walker & Dunlop, Inc., a newly formed Maryland corporation. In connection with the formation transactions, members of the Walker family, certain of our directors and executive officers and certain other individuals and entities who currently own interests in certain entities which directly or indirectly hold equity interests in Walker & Dunlop, LLC, will contribute their respective interests in such entities to Walker & Dunlop, Inc. for shares of our common stock. As a result of the contributions, we will become responsible for three loans in the aggregate outstanding amount of \$29.0 million. In connection with the formation transactions, each of our executive officers, certain directors and Column will receive the following number of shares of our common stock:

Mr. William M. Walker will receive 2,160,110 shares of common stock;

Mr. Howard W. Smith will receive 1,427,069 shares of common stock;

Ms. Deborah A. Wilson will receive 96,875 shares of common stock;

Mr. Richard C. Warner will receive 116,807 shares of common stock; and

Column will receive 5,246,466 shares of common stock.

In addition to the shares of common stock to be received in connection with the formation transactions, our executive officers and directors will also benefit from the following:

employment agreements which will provide for salary, bonus and other benefits, including severance benefits in the event of a termination of employment in certain circumstances (see "Management Executive Compensation Potential Payments Upon Termination" for more information);

grants of restricted stock pursuant to our Equity Incentive Plan (see "Management Compensation Discussion and Analysis" for more information);

indemnification by us for certain liabilities and expenses incurred as a result of actions brought, or threatened to be brought, against them as an officer and/or director of our company (see "Material Provisions of Maryland Law and of Our Charter and Bylaws" for more information); and

a registration rights agreement with regard to shares of our common stock issued in connection with our formation transactions to former direct and indirect equity holders of Walker & Dunlop, LLC, including certain of our executive officers and directors.

Our predecessor, Walker & Dunlop, LLC, provided tax advances to its members on a quarterly basis when it generated taxable income for the members. Tax advances were based on taxable income at the highest federal and local taxes for residents of the District of Columbia. For the nine months

ended September 30, 2010, and the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008, and 2007, tax advances were made to William Walker and Howard Smith as provided below:

	9/30/10	12/31/09		12/31/08	12/31/07	
William M. Walker	\$ 611,636	\$	242,346	\$ 1,275,966	\$	768,594
Howard W. Smith, III	\$ 459,546	\$	217,600	\$ 840,531	\$	542,008

Tax advances have generally been repaid from Walker & Dunlop, LLC's distributions in first or second quarter following the tax distribution. No tax advances were made to Mr. Smith and Mr. Walker during the quarter ended September 30, 2010 and all previously outstanding advances have been repaid in full. As of September 30, 2010, tax advances to non-executive shareholders totaling \$0.7 million were outstanding. The tax advances bear no interest rate.

On July 8, 2008, Ms. Wilson purchased a 3.2% interest in one of our predecessors, GPF Acquisition, LLC, in return for a \$218,946 note held by the company. The note was scheduled to mature on the earlier of December 31, 2018, at Ms. Wilson's termination of employment with the company, or a sale of GPF Acquisition, LLC. The interest rate on the note was equal to the 90-day LIBOR plus 200 basis points. All GPF Acquisition, LLC distributions, except for tax advances, were used to pay down the note. Ms. Wilson paid principal and interest amounts of \$48,814 and \$26,713 in October 2009. On August 2, 2010, Ms. Wilson repaid the balance of the note in full.

## **Commercial Real Estate Funds**

W&D Balanced Real Estate Fund I GP, LLC, our wholly owned subsidiary, is the general partner of W&D Balanced Real Estate Fund I LP (the "Balanced Fund"), a commercial real estate fund that has invested approximately \$50 million in commercial real estate securities and loans, such as first mortgages, B-notes, mezzanine debt and equity securities. The Balanced Fund has invested approximately \$50 million to date and has no further commitments to invest. It is only responsible for managing the investments. All of the limited partnership interests in the Balanced Fund are held by third-party pension funds. Pursuant to the Balanced Fund's partnership agreement, only the limited partners share in regular distributions; our subsidiary, as the general partner, is only entitled to an incentive fee if returns exceed certain pre-established thresholds. To date, the general partner has never received an incentive fee. Our subsidiary has contracted with Walker & Dunlop Fund Management, LLC (the "Advisor"), a registered investment advisor, of which Mr. Walker, our Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, is the sole member, for it to provide investment advisory services to the Balanced Fund pursuant to an investment advisory agreement. We provide consulting, overhead and other corporate services to the Advisor pursuant to a corporate services agreement for a fee. In 2009 and the nine months of 2010, the amount of such fees were approximately \$686,000 and \$514,148, respectively.

We also provide investment, consulting and related services to Walker & Dunlop Multifamily Equity I, LLC (the "Multifamily Advisor"), in which members of the Walker family, including Mr. Walker, our Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, hold 81.1% of the membership interests. The Multifamily Advisor holds a 1% managing member interest in, and serves as the investment advisor pursuant to an investment advisory agreement to, Walker & Dunlop Apartment Fund I, LLC (the "Apartment Fund"), a commercial real estate fund that has invested approximately \$45 million in multifamily real estate properties and mezzanine loans and has no further commitments to invest. An institutional investor owns a 99% non-managing member interest in the Apartment Fund. Pursuant to the Apartment Fund's operating agreement, distribution of net cash flow is first distributed to the institutional investor based on an investment yield, then to the Multifamily Advisor. In exchange for the provision of investment, consulting and related services pursuant to a corporate services agreement between the Multifamily Advisor Advisor and Walker & Dunlop, LLC, Walker & Dunlop, LLC provides corporate services to the Multifamily Advisor

in connection with Multifamily Advisor's asset management responsibilities to the Apartment Fund for a fee. In 2009 and the nine months of 2010, the amount of such fees was approximately \$329,748 and \$151,570, respectively.

#### **Related Party Transaction Policies**

Our board of directors has adopted a policy regarding the approval of any "related person transaction," which is any transaction or series of transactions in which we or any of our subsidiaries is or are to be a participant, the amount involved exceeds \$100,000, and a "related person" (as defined under SEC rules) has a direct or indirect material interest; provided, however, that approval is not required for competitive bidding and similar transactions that are not deemed to be related party transactions under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K of the Exchange Act. Under the policy, a related person would need to promptly disclose to our Compliance Officer any related person transaction and all material facts about the transaction. Our Compliance Officer would then assess and promptly communicate that information to the Audit Committee of our board of directors. Based on its consideration of all of the relevant facts and circumstances, the Audit Committee will decide whether or not to approve such transaction and will generally approve only those transactions that do not create a conflict of interest. If we become aware of an existing related person transaction that has not been pre-approved under this policy, the transaction. Our policy requires any director who may be interested in a related person transaction to recuse himself or herself from any consideration of such related person transaction.

#### **Equity-Based Awards**

Concurrently with the closing of this offering, we will grant an aggregate amount of up to 481,684 shares of restricted stock under our Equity Incentive Plan, which includes up to 469,684 shares of restricted stock to be granted to certain of our employees, including our executive officers, vesting ratably on each anniversary date of grant over the next three years, and 12,000 shares of restricted stock to be granted to our non-employee directors, vesting on the one-year anniversary date of grant.

#### **Indemnification Agreements**

We intend to enter into indemnification agreements with each of our executive officers and directors that will obligate us to indemnify them to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law. The form of indemnification agreement provides that if a director or executive officer is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any proceeding by reason of such director's or executive officer's status as our director, officer or employee, we must indemnify such director or executive officer for all expenses and liabilities actually and reasonably incurred by him or her, or on his or her behalf, unless it has been established that:

the act or omission of the director or executive officer was material to the matter giving rise to the proceeding and was committed in bad faith or was the result of active and deliberate dishonesty;

the director or executive officer actually received an improper personal benefit in money, property or services; or

with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, the director or executive officer had reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful;

provided, however, that we will have no obligation to (i) indemnify such director or executive officer for a proceeding by or in the right of our company for expenses and liabilities actually and reasonably incurred by him or her, or on his or her behalf, if it has been adjudged that such director or executive officer is liable to us with respect to such proceeding or (ii) indemnify or advance expenses of such director or executive officer for a proceeding brought by such director or executive officer against our

company, except for a proceeding brought to enforce indemnification under Section 2-418 of the MGCL or as otherwise provided by our charter or bylaws, a resolution of the board of directors or an agreement approved by the board of directors. Under the MGCL, a Maryland corporation may not indemnify a director or officer in a suit by or in the right of the corporation in which the director or officer was adjudged liable on the basis that a personal benefit was improperly received.

#### **Registration Rights Agreement**

Upon completion of this offering, we will enter into a registration rights agreement with regard to shares of our common stock issued in connection with our formation transactions to former direct and indirect equity holders of Walker & Dunlop, LLC, including certain of our executive officers and directors, which we refer to collectively as the registrable shares. Pursuant to the registration rights agreement, we will grant such holders and their direct and indirect transferees demand registration rights to have the registrable shares registered for resale, which registration statement must remain effective for the shorter of two years or until the date on which all of the registrable shares have been sold; provided, however, that these registration rights will only begin to apply one year after the completion of this offering. In addition to demand registration rights, certain holders will receive tag along rights whereby they will have the right to have their shares registered if other persons with registration rights register their shares or if the company proposes to file a registration statement in connection with an underwriting offering. The right to keep a registration statement effective shall cease to apply when registrable shares can be sold pursuant to Rule 144 without any limitations other than the requirement for current public information regarding the company.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, we will be permitted to suspend the use, from time to time, of the prospectus that is part of the registration statement (and therefore suspend sales under the registration statement) in the event of certain corporate events affecting us for certain periods, referred to as "blackout periods."

We will bear all of the costs and expenses incident to our registration requirements under the registration rights agreement, including, without limitation, all registration, filing and stock exchange or FINRA fees, all fees and expenses of complying with securities or "blue sky" laws, all printing expenses, and all fees and disbursements of counsel and independent public accountants retained by us and one counsel retained by the selling stockholders. We have also agreed to indemnify the persons receiving registration rights against specified liabilities, including certain potential liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), or to contribute the payments such persons may be required to make in respect thereof.

#### **Stockholders Agreement**

Upon completion of this offering, we will enter into a stockholders agreement with Column, William Walker, our Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Mallory Walker, the father of William Walker and our former Chairman. Pursuant to this agreement, we have agreed to nominate one Column designee, currently Edmund Taylor, for election as director at our 2011 annual meeting of stockholders, and William Walker and Mallory Walker have agreed to vote the shares of common stock owned by them for the Column designee at the 2011 annual meeting of stockholders and at any special meeting of stockholders at which directors are to be elected that occurs within six months after the expiration of Column's lock-up agreement entered into in connection with this offering. In addition, if William Walker and/or Mallory Walker propose to sell their shares of common stock in a private transaction where the number of shares proposed to be sold exceed 10% of the total outstanding shares of common stock of the Company, the Walkers have agreed to permit Column to participate as a selling stockholder in such transaction, subject to certain conditions. Similarly, Column has agreed to permit Mallory Walker to participate in such a transaction if Column is the selling party, subject to certain limitations and conditions.

## DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

The following summary of the material terms of our capital stock does not purport to be complete and is subject to and qualified in its entirety by reference to applicable Maryland law and to our charter and bylaws, copies of which are filed as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. See "Where You Can Find More Information."

#### General

Our charter provides that we may issue up to two hundred million (200,000,000) shares of common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, and fifty million (50,000,000) shares of preferred stock, \$0.01 par value per share. Our charter authorizes our board of directors to amend our charter to increase or decrease the aggregate number of authorized shares of common stock or the number of shares of stock of any class or series without stockholder approval. Upon completion of this offering and the formation transactions described in this prospectus, 21,889,855 shares of common stock will be issued and outstanding on a fully diluted basis (assuming no exercise of the underwriters' overallotment option) or 23,389,855 shares if the underwriters' overallotment option is exercised in full, and no preferred shares will be issued and outstanding.

Under Maryland law, stockholders generally are not personally liable for our debts or obligations solely as a result of their status as stockholders.

Shares of our common stock are not deposits or other obligations of any bank, an insurance policy of any insurance company or insured or guaranteed by the FDIC, any other governmental agency or any insurance company. The shares of common stock will not benefit from any insurance guarantee association coverage or any similar protection.

#### Shares of Common Stock

#### Voting Rights of Common Stock

Except as may otherwise be specified in the terms of any class or series of shares of common stock, each outstanding share of common stock entitles the holder to one vote on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders, including the election of directors, and, except as provided with respect to any other class or series of shares of capital stock, the holders of such shares of common stock will possess the exclusive voting power. There will be no cumulative voting in the election of directors. Directors are elected by a plurality of the votes cast.

Under the MGCL, a Maryland corporation generally cannot dissolve, amend its charter, merge, consolidate, sell all or substantially all of its assets, engage in a statutory share exchange or engage in similar transactions outside the ordinary course of business unless declared advisable by the board of directors and approved by the affirmative vote of stockholders holding at least two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter unless a lesser percentage (but not less than a majority of all the votes entitled to be cast on the matter) is set forth in the corporation's charter. Our charter provides that these actions (other than certain amendments to the provisions of our charter related to the removal of directors) may be taken if declared advisable by a majority of our board of directors and approved by the vote of stockholders holding a majority of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter. Maryland law also permits a corporation to transfer all or substantially all of its assets without the approval of its stockholders to an entity if all of the equity interests of which are owned, directly or indirectly, by the corporation. In addition, because operating assets may be held by a corporation's subsidiaries, as in our situation, these subsidiaries may be able to transfer all or substantially all of such assets without the approval of our stockholders.

## Dividends, Distributions, Liquidation and Other Rights

Subject to the preferential rights of any other class or series of our stock, holders of shares of our common stock are entitled to receive dividends on such shares of common stock if, as and when authorized by our board of directors, and declared by us out of assets legally available therefore. If we fail to pay dividends on any shares of our preferred stock, if any are then outstanding, generally we may not pay dividends on or repurchase shares of our common stock. Such holders are also entitled to share ratably in the assets of our company legally available for distribution to our stockholders in the event of our liquidation, dissolution or winding up after payment or establishment of reserves for all debts and liabilities of our company and the preferential amounts owing with respect to any outstanding preferred shares.

Holders of shares of common stock have no preference, conversion, exchange, sinking fund or redemption rights, have no preemptive rights to subscribe for any securities of our company and generally have no appraisal rights, unless our board of directors determines prospectively that appraisal rights will apply to one or more transactions in which holders of our common stock would otherwise be entitled to exercise appraisal rights. Holders of shares of our common stock will have equal dividend, liquidation and other rights.

### Power to Reclassify Our Unissued Shares of Stock

Our charter authorizes our board of directors to classify and reclassify any unissued shares of our common or preferred stock into other classes or series of shares of stock and to establish the number of shares in each class or series and to set the preferences, conversion and other rights, voting powers, restrictions, limitations as to dividends or other distributions, qualifications or terms or conditions of redemption for each such class or series. As a result, our board of directors could authorize the issuance of shares of preferred stock that have priority over the shares of our common stock with respect to dividends, distributions and rights upon liquidation and with other terms and conditions that could have the effect of delaying, deterring or preventing a transaction or a change in control of our company that might involve a premium price for holders of shares of our common stock or otherwise might be in their best interest. No shares of our preferred stock are presently outstanding, and we have no present plans to issue any shares of preferred stock.

## Power to Increase or Decrease Authorized Shares of Common Stock and Issue Additional Shares of Common and Preferred Stock

We believe that the power of our board of directors to amend our charter to increase or decrease the aggregate number of authorized shares of stock, to issue additional authorized but unissued shares of our common stock or preferred stock and to classify or reclassify unissued shares of our common stock or preferred stock and thereafter to cause to issue such classified or reclassified shares of stock will provide us with increased flexibility in structuring possible future financings and acquisitions and in meeting other needs that might arise. The additional classes or series of stock, as well as the additional shares of stock, will be available for issuance without further action by our stockholders, unless such action is required by applicable law or the rules of any stock exchange or automated quotation system on which our securities may be listed or traded. Although our board of directors does not currently intend to do so, it could authorize us to issue a class or series that could, depending upon the terms of the particular class or series, delay, defer or prevent a transaction or a change in control of our company that might involve a premium price for holders of our shares of stock or otherwise be in the best interest of our stockholders. See "Certain Provisions of Maryland Law and of Our Charter and Bylaws."

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## **Preferred Stock**

Our charter authorizes our board of directors to designate and issue one or more classes or series of preferred stock without stockholder approval. Our board of directors may determine the relative rights, preferences and privileges of each class or series of preferred stock so issued, which may be more beneficial than the rights, preferences and privileges attributable to our common stock with respect to dividends, distributions or rights upon liquidation. The issuance of preferred stock could have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a transaction or a change in control of our company that might involve a premium price for holders of shares of our common stock or otherwise be in the best interests of the stockholders. The rights, preferences and privileges of holders of shares of our common stock are subject to, and may be adversely affected by, the rights of the holders of preferred stock. Our board of directors has no present plans to issue preferred stock but may do so at any time in the future without stockholder approval.

#### **Transfer Agent and Registrar**

The transfer agent and registrar for our shares of common stock will be BNY Mellon Shareowner Services.

#### SHARES ELIGIBLE FOR FUTURE SALE

After giving effect to this offering and the formation transactions described in this prospectus, we will have 21,889,855 shares of common stock outstanding on a fully diluted basis (assuming no exercise of the underwriters' overallotment option) or 23,389,855 shares if the underwriters' overallotment option is exercised in full. Of these shares, the 10,000,000 shares sold in this offering (or 11,500,000 shares if the underwriters' overallotment option is exercised in full) will be freely transferable without restriction or further registration under the Securities Act, except for any shares purchased in this offering by our "affiliates," as that term is defined by Rule 144 under the Securities Act and any shares otherwise subject to lock-up agreements, as described below.

Our shares of common stock are newly issued securities for which there is no established trading market. No assurance can be given as to (i) the likelihood that an active trading market for our shares of common stock will develop or continue, (ii) the liquidity of any such market, (iii) the ability of the stockholders to sell the shares when desired, or at all, or (iv) the prices that stockholders may obtain for any of the shares. No prediction can be made as to the effect, if any, that future sales of shares or the availability of shares for future sale will have on the trading or market price of our common stock prevailing from time to time. Sales of substantial amounts of shares of common stock, or the perception that such sales could occur, may affect materially and adversely the trading and prevailing market price of our common stock. See "Risk Factors Risks Related to Our Common Stock."

#### Rule 144

After giving effect to this offering, 11,408,171 shares of our outstanding shares of common stock will be "restricted" securities under the meaning of Rule 144 under the Securities Act, and may not be sold in the absence of registration under the Securities Act unless an exemption from registration is available, including the exemption provided by Rule 144.

In general, under Rule 144 as currently in effect, beginning 180 days after the date of this prospectus, a person (or persons whose restricted securities are aggregated) who is not deemed to have been an affiliate of ours at any time during the three months preceding a sale, and who has beneficially owned restricted securities within the meaning of Rule 144 for at least six months would be entitled to freely transfer those restricted securities, subject only to the availability of current public information about us. A non-affiliated person who has beneficially owned restricted securities within the meaning of Rule 144 for at least one year would be entitled to sell those shares without regard to the provisions of Rule 144.

An affiliate of ours who has beneficially owned restricted securities for at least six months would be entitled to sell, within any three-month period, a number of restricted securities that does not exceed the greater of:

1% of the shares of our common stock then outstanding; or

the average weekly trading volume of the shares of our common stock on the NYSE during the four calendar weeks preceding the date on which notice of the sale is filed with the SEC.

Sales under Rule 144 by our affiliates or persons selling restricted securities on behalf of our affiliates are also subject to manner of sale provisions, notice requirements and the availability of current public information about us.

### Lock-Up Agreements

We have agreed that we will not, directly or indirectly, take any of the following actions with respect to our common stock or any securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for any of our common stock: (i) 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 for the sale of, or otherwise dispose of or transfer, whether now owned or hereafter acquired or with respect to which we have or hereafter acquire the power of disposition, (ii) enter into any swap, hedge or any other agreement or any transaction that transfers, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, the economic consequence of ownership of our common stock, whether any such swap, hedge or transaction is to be settled by delivery of our common stock or other securities, in cash or otherwise, (iii) establish or increase a put-equivalent position or liquidate or decrease a call-equivalent position in our common stock or securities convertible into our common stock within the meaning of Section 16 of the Exchange Act, or (iv) file any registration statement under the Securities Act with respect to our common stock or any securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for any of our common stock (except for a registration statement on Form S-8 to register shares granted pursuant to the terms of a plan in effect on the date of this prospectus), or with respect to any of the foregoing (i) through (iii), or publicly disclose the intention to take any such action, without the prior written consent of Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc. and Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated, except, in each case, (A) the securities purchased by the underwriters (including any overallotment, if exercised) to be sold pursuant to this prospectus and the securities to be issued in connection with the formation transactions; (B) grants of employee stock options or other equity pursuant to the terms of a plan in effect on the date of this prospectus and described herein, provided that such options do not vest during the 180-day Restricted Period (as defined below); or (C) the issuance of common stock or any securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for our common stock in connection with the acquisition by the company or any of its subsidiaries of the securities, businesses, property or other assets of another person or entity or pursuant to any employee benefit plan assumed by the company in connection with any such acquisition, provided that (i) no securities may be issued under this clause (C) within 60 days of the date of this prospectus and (ii) any shares of common stock issued or issuable in all instances under this clause (C) may not exceed, in aggregate amount, 10% of the number of shares of our common stock outstanding immediately following this offering and any recipient of any such shares or securities agrees in writing to be subject to the restrictions set forth in the following paragraph. We will be subject to these restrictions for a period of 180 days from the date of this prospectus (the "180-day Restricted Period").

Our executive officers, directors, including our director nominees, employees of our company that are participants in our directed share program and our existing equity holders have agreed that they will not, directly or indirectly, (i) 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 for the sale of, or otherwise dispose of or transfer any shares of our common stock or any securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for our common stock, whether now owned or hereafter acquired or with respect to which such person has or hereafter acquires the power of disposition, (ii) enter into any swap, hedge or any other agreement or any transaction that transfers, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, the economic consequence of ownership of our common stock, whether any such swap, hedge or transaction is to be settled by delivery of our common stock or other securities, in cash or otherwise, or (iii) make any demand for or exercise any right with respect to, the registration of any of our common stock or any security convertible into or exchangeable for our common stock. Our executive officers, directors, including our director nominees and our existing equity holders will be subject to these restrictions for a period of 365 days from the date of this prospectus (the "365-day Restricted Period"), and our employees who are participants in the directed share program will be subject to these restrictions for the 180-day Restricted Period. The 365-day Restricted Period and the 180-day Restricted Period are collectively referred to as the "Restricted Periods." At any time and without public notice, Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc. and Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated, may, in their sole discretion, release all or some of the securities from these lock-up agreements.

The Restricted Periods are subject to extension under limited circumstances. In the event that either (i) during the last 17 days of any Restricted Period, we release earnings results or material news or a material event relating to us occurs or (ii) prior to the expiration of any Restricted Period, we announce that we will release earnings results during the 16-day period beginning on the last day of such Restricted Period, then such Restricted Period will be extended until the expiration of the 18-day period beginning on the date of release of the earnings results or the occurrence of the material news or material event, as applicable, unless Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc. and Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated waive, in writing, such extension.

#### **Registration Rights Agreement**

Upon completion of this offering, we will enter into a registration rights agreement with regard to an aggregate of 11,408,171 shares of our common stock issued in connection with our formation transactions to former direct and indirect equity holders of Walker & Dunlop, LLC, including certain of our employees, including our executive officers, and Column. For more information on our registration rights agreement, see "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions" Registration Rights Agreement."

### **Grants Under Equity Incentive Plan**

Our Equity Incentive Plan provides for the grant of incentive awards to our employees, officers, directors and service providers. Concurrently with the closing of this offering we will grant an aggregate amount of up to 481,684 shares of restricted stock under our Equity Incentive Plan, which includes up to 469,684 shares of restricted stock to certain of our employees, including our executive officers, vesting ratably on each anniversary date of grant over the next three years, and 12,000 shares of restricted stock to our non-employee directors, vesting on the one-year anniversary date of grant, and intend to reserve an additional 1,658,316 shares of common stock for issuance under the plan after this offering.

We intend to file with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-8 covering the shares of common stock issuable under the Equity Incentive Plan. Shares of our common stock covered by such registration statement, including any shares of our restricted stock and shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of options, will be eligible for transfer or resale without restriction under the Securities Act unless held by affiliates.

## CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF MARYLAND LAW AND OUR CHARTER AND BYLAWS

The following summary of certain provisions of the MGCL and our charter and bylaws does not purport to be complete and is subject to and qualified in its entirety by reference to applicable Maryland law and to our charter and bylaws, copies of which are filed as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. See "Where You Can Find More Information."

## **Our Board of Directors**

Our charter and bylaws provide that the number of directors of our company may be established, increased or decreased only by a majority of our entire board of directors, but may not be fewer than the minimum number required under the MGCL nor more than 15. We will have eight directors upon the completion of this offering. Our charter and bylaws provide that any vacancy, including a vacancy created by an increase in the number of directors, may be filled only by a majority of the remaining directors, even if the remaining directors do not constitute a quorum. Any individual elected to fill such vacancy will serve for the remainder of the full term and until a successor is duly elected and qualifies.

Pursuant to our bylaws, each of our directors is elected by our stockholders to serve until the next annual meeting of stockholders and until his or her successor is duly elected and qualifies under the MGCL. Holders of shares of our common stock will have no right to cumulative voting in the election of directors. Directors are elected by a plurality of the votes cast.

Our bylaws provide that at least a majority of our directors will be "independent," with independence being defined in the manner established by our board of directors and in a manner consistent with listing standards established by the NYSE.

#### **Removal of Directors**

Our charter provides that, subject to the rights of holders of one or more classes or series of preferred stock to elect or remove one or more directors, a director may be removed only for cause (as defined in our charter) and only by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast generally in the election of directors and that our board of directors has the exclusive power to fill vacant directorships. These provisions may preclude stockholders from removing incumbent directors and filling the vacancies created by such removal with their own nominees.

#### **Business Combinations**

Under the MGCL, certain "business combinations" (including a merger, consolidation, share exchange or, in certain circumstances specified under the statute, an asset transfer or issuance or reclassification of equity securities) between a Maryland corporation and any interested stockholder, or an affiliate of such an interested stockholder, are prohibited for five years after the most recent date on which the interested stockholder becomes an interested stockholder. Maryland law defines an interested stockholder as:

any person who beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, 10% or more of the voting power of the corporation's voting stock; or

an affiliate or associate of the corporation who, at any time within the two-year period prior to the date in question, was the beneficial owner of 10% or more of the voting power of the then outstanding voting stock of the corporation.

A person is not an interested stockholder under the statute if the board of directors approve in advance the transaction by which the person otherwise would have become an interested stockholder. In approving a transaction, however, the board of directors may provide that its approval is subject to compliance, at or after the time of the approval, with any terms and conditions determined by it.

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After such five-year prohibition, any business combination between the company and an interested stockholder must be recommended by the board of directors and approved by the affirmative vote of at least:

80% of the votes entitled to be cast by holders of outstanding voting shares of stock of the corporation; and

two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast by holders of voting shares of stock of the corporation other than shares held by the interested stockholder with whom (or with whose affiliate) the business combination is to be effected or shares held by an affiliate or associate of the interested stockholder.

These supermajority approval requirements do not apply if, among other conditions, the corporation's common stockholders receive a minimum price (as defined in the MGCL) for their shares and the consideration is received in cash or in the same form as previously paid by the interested stockholder for its shares.

These provisions of the MGCL do not apply, however, to business combinations that are approved or exempted by a corporation's board of directors prior to the time that the interested stockholder becomes an interested stockholder.

#### **Control Share Acquisitions**

The MGCL provides that "control shares" of a Maryland corporation acquired in a "control share acquisition" have no voting rights except to the extent approved at a special meeting of stockholders by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast by stockholders entitled to exercise or direct the exercise of the voting power in the election of directors generally but excluding: (i) a person who makes or proposes to make a control share acquisition, (ii) an officer of the corporation or (iii) an employee of the corporation who is also a director of the corporation. "Control shares" are voting shares of stock that, if aggregated with all other such shares of stock previously acquired by the acquirer or in respect of which the acquirer is able to exercise or direct the exercise of voting power (except solely by virtue of a revocable proxy), would entitle the acquirer to exercise voting power in electing directors within one of the following ranges of voting power:

one-tenth or more but less than one-third;

one-third or more but less than a majority; or

a majority or more of all voting power.

Control shares do not include shares the acquiring person is then entitled to vote as a result of having previously obtained stockholder approval. A "control share acquisition" means the acquisition, directly or indirectly, of ownership of, or the power to direct the exercise of voting power with respect to, issued and outstanding control shares, subject to certain exceptions.

A person who has made or proposes to make a control share acquisition, upon satisfaction of certain conditions (including an undertaking to pay expenses and making an "acquiring person statement" as described in the MGCL), may compel our board of directors to call a special meeting of stockholders to be held within 50 days of demand to consider the voting rights of the control shares. If no request for a special meeting is made, we may present the question at any stockholders meeting.

If voting rights of control shares are not approved at the meeting or if the acquiring person does not deliver an "acquiring person statement" as required by the statute, then, subject to certain conditions and limitations, the corporation may redeem any or all of the control shares (except those for which voting rights have previously been approved) for fair value. Fair value is determined, without regard to the absence of voting rights for the control shares, as of the date of the last control share

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acquisition by the acquirer or of any meeting of stockholders at which the voting rights of such shares are considered and not approved. If voting rights for control shares are approved at a stockholders meeting and the acquirer becomes entitled to vote a majority of the shares entitled to vote, all other stockholders may exercise appraisal rights. The fair value of the shares as determined for purposes of such appraisal rights may not be less than the highest price per share paid by the acquirer in the control share acquisition.

The control share acquisition statute does not apply (i) to shares acquired in a merger, consolidation or share exchange if we are a party to the transaction or (ii) to acquisitions approved or exempted by the charter or bylaws of the corporation.

#### Subtitle 8

Subtitle 8 of Title 3 of the MGCL permits a Maryland corporation with a class of equity securities registered under the Exchange Act and at least three independent directors to elect to be subject, by provision in its charter or bylaws or a resolution of its board of directors and notwithstanding any contrary provision in the charter or bylaws, to any or all of the following five provisions:

a classified board;

a two-thirds stockholder vote requirement for removing a director;

a requirement that the number of directors be fixed only by vote of the directors;

a requirement that a vacancy on the board be filled only by the remaining directors and for the remainder of the full term of the class of directors in which the vacancy occurred; and

a majority requirement for the calling of a special meeting of stockholders.

Our charter provides that, at such time as we become eligible to make a Subtitle 8 election, we elect to be subject to the provisions of Subtitle 8 relating to the filling of vacancies on our board of directors. Through provisions in our charter and bylaws unrelated to Subtitle 8, we already (i) require the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast generally in the election of directors for the removal of any director from the board, which removal will be allowed only for cause, (ii) vest in the board the exclusive power to fix the number of directorships, subject to limitations set forth in our charter and bylaws, and fill vacancies and (iii) require, unless called by the chairman of our board of directors, our president or chief executive officer or a majority of our directors then in office, the written request of stockholders entitled to be cast at such meeting to call a special meeting to consider and vote on any matter that may properly be considered at a meeting of stockholders. We have not elected to create a classified board. In the future, our board of directors may elect, without stockholder approval, to create a classified board or adopt one or more of the other provisions of Subtitle 8.

## Amendment of Our Charter and Bylaws and Approval of Extraordinary Actions

Under the MGCL, a Maryland corporation generally cannot dissolve, amend its charter, merge, sell all or substantially all of its assets, engage in a statutory share exchange or engage in similar transactions outside the ordinary course of business unless declared advisable by the board of directors and approved by the affirmative vote of stockholders entitled to cast at least two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter unless a lesser percentage, but not less than a majority of all of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter, is set forth in the corporation's charter. Our charter provides that these actions (other than certain amendments to the provisions of our charter related to the removal of directors and officers) may be taken if declared advisable by a majority of our board of directors and approved by the vote of stockholders holding a majority of all votes entitled to be cast on the matter.

Our board of directors has the exclusive power to adopt, alter or repeal any provision of our bylaws and to make new bylaws.

## Meetings of Stockholders

Under our bylaws, annual meetings of stockholders are to be held each year at a date and time as determined by our board of directors. Special meetings of stockholders may be called only by a majority of the directors then in office, by the chairman of our board of directors, our president or our chief executive officer. Additionally, subject to the provisions of our bylaws, special meetings of the stockholders shall be called by our secretary upon the written request of stockholders holding not less than a majority of all votes entitled to be cast at such meeting. Only matters set forth in the notice of the special meeting may be considered and acted upon at such a meeting. Maryland law and our bylaws provide that any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of stockholders may be taken without a meeting by unanimous written consent, if that consent sets forth that action and is given in writing or by electronic transmission by each stockholder entitled to vote on the matter.

## Advance Notice of Director Nominations and New Business

Our bylaws provide that, with respect to an annual meeting of stockholders, nominations of persons for election to our board of directors and the proposal of business to be considered by stockholders at the annual meeting may be made only:

pursuant to our notice of the meeting;

by or at the direction of our board of directors; or

by a stockholder who was a stockholder of record both at the time of giving of the notice of the meeting and at the time of the annual meeting, who is entitled to vote at the meeting in the election of directors or on the proposal of other business, as the case may be, and who has complied with the advance notice procedures set forth in, and provided the information and certifications required by, our bylaws.

With respect to special meetings of stockholders, only the business specified in our notice of meeting may be brought before the meeting of stockholders. Nominations of persons for election to our board of directors may be made only:

pursuant to our notice of the meeting;

by or at the direction of our board of directors; or

provided that our board of directors has determined that directors shall be elected at such meeting, by a stockholder who is a stockholder of record both at the time of giving of the notice required by our bylaws and at the time of the meeting, who is entitled to vote at the meeting in the election of directors or on the proposal of other business, as the case may be, and who has complied with the advance notice provisions set forth in, and provided information and certificates required by, our bylaws.

The purpose of requiring stockholders to give advance notice of nominations and other proposals is to afford our board of directors the opportunity to consider the qualifications of the proposed nominees or the advisability of the other proposals and, to the extent considered necessary by our board of directors, to inform stockholders and make recommendations regarding the nominations or other proposals. The advance notice procedures also permit a more orderly procedure for conducting our stockholder meetings. Although our bylaws do not give our board of directors the power to disapprove timely stockholder nominations and proposals, our bylaws may have the effect of precluding a contest for the election of directors or proposals for other action if the proper procedures are not

followed and of discouraging or deterring a third party from conducting a solicitation of proxies to elect its own slate of directors to our board of directors or to approve its own proposal.

#### Anti-takeover Effect of Certain Provisions of Maryland Law and Our Charter and Bylaws

The business combination statute, control share acquisition statute, the provisions of our charter on removal of directors and the advance notice provisions of the bylaws could delay, defer or prevent a transaction or a change in control of our company that might involve a premium price for holders of our common stock or otherwise be in the best interests of our stockholders.

#### Indemnification and Limitation of Directors' and Officers' Liability

The MGCL permits a Maryland corporation to include in its charter a provision limiting the liability of its directors and officers to the corporation and its stockholders for money damages except for liability resulting from actual receipt of an improper benefit or profit in money, property or services or active and deliberate dishonesty established by a final judgment as being material to the cause of action. Our charter contains such a provision that eliminates such liability to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law.

The MGCL requires a corporation (unless its charter provides otherwise, which our charter does not) to indemnify a director or officer who has been successful, on the merits or otherwise, in the defense of any proceeding to which he or she is made or threatened to be made a party by reason of his or her service in that capacity. The MGCL permits a corporation to indemnify its present and former directors and officers, among others, against judgments, penalties, fines, settlements and reasonable expenses actually incurred by them in connection with any proceeding to which they may be made or are threatened to be made a party by reason of their service in those or other capacities unless it is established that:

the act or omission of the director or officer was material to the matter giving rise to the proceeding and (i) was committed in bad faith or (ii) was the result of active and deliberate dishonesty;

the director or officer actually received an improper personal benefit in money, property or services; or

in the case of any criminal proceeding, the director or officer had reasonable cause to believe that the act or omission was unlawful.

However, under the MGCL, a Maryland corporation may not indemnify a director or officer for an adverse judgment in a suit by or in the right of the corporation or if the director or officer was adjudged liable on the basis that personal benefit was improperly received, unless in either case a court orders indemnification and then only for expenses.

In addition, the MGCL permits a corporation to advance reasonable expenses to a director or officer upon the corporation's receipt of:

a written affirmation by the director or officer of his or her good faith belief that he or she has met the standard of conduct necessary for indemnification by the corporation; and

a written undertaking by the director or officer on his or her behalf to repay the amount paid or reimbursed by the corporation if it is ultimately determined that he or she did not meet the standard of conduct.

Our charter and bylaws obligate us, to the fullest extent permitted by Maryland law in effect from time to time, to indemnify and to pay or reimburse reasonable expenses in advance of final disposition

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of a proceeding without requiring a preliminary determination of the director's or officer's ultimate entitlement to:

any present or former director or officer who is made or threatened to be made a party to the proceeding by reason of his or her service in that capacity; or

any individual who, while a director or officer of our company and at our request, serves or has served another corporation, REIT, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or any other enterprise as a director, officer, partner, member, manager or trustee of such corporation, REIT, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise and who is made or threatened to be made a party to the proceeding by reason of his or her service in that capacity.

Our charter and bylaws also permit us, with the approval of our board of directors, to indemnify and advance expenses to any person who served a predecessor of ours in any of the capacities described above and to any employee or agent of our company or a predecessor of our company.

Upon completion of this offering, we intend to enter into indemnification agreements with each of our directors and executive officers that would provide for indemnification to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law.

Insofar as the foregoing provisions permit indemnification of directors, officers or persons controlling us for liability arising under the Securities Act, we have been informed that, in the opinion of the SEC, this indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is therefore unenforceable.

### U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The following is a discussion of certain United States federal income tax considerations relating to the holding and disposition of our common stock by a non-U.S. stockholder (as defined below). As used in this section, references to the terms "company," "we," "our," and "us" mean only Walker & Dunlop, Inc. and not its subsidiaries or other lower-tier entities, except as otherwise indicated.

This summary is based upon the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Internal Revenue Code"), U.S. Treasury Regulations, rulings and other administrative interpretations and practices of the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") (including administrative interpretations and practices expressed in private letter rulings which are binding on the IRS only with respect to the particular taxpayers who requested and received those rulings), and judicial decisions, all as currently in effect, and all of which are subject to differing interpretations or to change, possibly with retroactive effect. No assurance can be given that the IRS would not assert, or that a court would not sustain, a position contrary to any of the tax consequences described below. We have not sought and will not seek an advance ruling from the IRS regarding any matter discussed in this section. The summary is also based upon the assumption that we will operate the company and its subsidiaries and affiliated entities in accordance with their applicable organizational documents.

This summary is for general information only, and does not purport to discuss all aspects of U.S. federal income taxation that may be important to a particular investor in light of its investment or tax circumstances, or to investors subject to special tax rules, including:

broker-dealers;

financial institutions;

holders who receive our common stock through the exercise of employee stock options or otherwise as compensation;

insurance companies;

persons other than non-U.S. stockholders (as defined below);

persons holding 10% or more (by vote or value) of our outstanding common stock, except to the extent discussed below;

persons holding our stock as part of a "straddle," "hedge," "conversion transaction," "synthetic security" or other integrated investment or transaction;

persons holding our common stock on behalf of other persons as nominees;

persons holding our common stock through a partnership or similar pass-through entity;

persons subject to the alternative minimum tax provisions of the Internal Revenue Code;

REITs;

regulated investment companies, or RICS;

subchapter S corporations;

tax-exempt organizations;

trusts and estates; or

U.S. expatriates.

This summary assumes that stockholders will hold our common stock as a capital asset, which generally means as property held for investment.

You are urged to consult your tax advisor regarding the U.S. federal, state, local, and foreign income and other tax consequences to you in light of your particular investment or tax circumstances of acquiring, holding, exchanging, or otherwise disposing of our common stock.

### Taxation of Non-U.S. Stockholders

This section summarizes the taxation of non-U.S. stockholders. For these purposes, a non-U.S. stockholder is a beneficial owner of our common stock that for U.S. federal income tax purposes is other than:

a citizen or resident of the U.S.;

a corporation (including an entity treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes) created or organized in or under the laws of the U.S. or of a political subdivision thereof (including the District of Columbia);

an estate whose income is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source; or

any trust if (i) a U.S. court is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of such trust and one or more United States persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust, or (ii) it has a valid election in place to be treated as a United States person.

If an entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes holds our common stock, the U.S. federal income tax treatment of a partner generally will depend upon the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. A partner of any such partnership holding our common stock should consult its own tax advisor regarding the U.S. federal income tax consequences to the partner of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of our common stock by the partnership.

#### Distributions

If distributions are paid on shares of our common stock, the distributions will constitute dividends for U.S. federal income tax purposes to the extent paid from our current or accumulated earnings and profits, as determined under U.S. federal income tax principles. To the extent a distribution exceeds our current and accumulated earnings and profits, it will constitute a return of capital that is applied against and reduces, but not below zero, the adjusted tax basis of your shares in our common stock. Any remainder will constitute gain on the common stock. Dividends paid to a non-U.S. stockholder generally will be subject to withholding of U.S. federal income tax at the rate of 30% or such lower rate as may be specified by an applicable income tax treaty. If the dividend is effectively connected with the non-U.S. stockholder's conduct of a trade or business in the United States or, if a tax treaty requires, attributable to a U.S. permanent establishment maintained by such non-U.S. stockholder, the dividend will not be subject to any withholding tax, provided certification requirements are met, as described below, but will be subject to U.S. federal income tax imposed on net income on the same basis that applies to U.S. persons generally. A non-U.S. stockholder that is taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes may, under certain circumstances, also be subject to a branch profits tax equal to 30%, or such lower rate as may be specified by an applicable income tax treaty, on a portion of its effectively connected earnings and profits for the taxable year

To claim the benefit of a tax treaty or to claim exemption from withholding because the income is effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States, a non-U.S. stockholder must provide a properly executed IRS Form W-8BEN for treaty benefits or W-8ECI for effectively connected income, or such successor forms as the IRS designates, prior to the payment of dividends. These forms must be periodically updated. Non-U.S. stockholders generally may obtain a refund of any excess amounts withheld by timely filing an appropriate claim for refund. Non-U.S.

stockholders should consult their own tax advisors regarding the potential applicability (including their eligibility for the benefits) of any income tax treaty.

#### Disposition

A non-U.S. stockholder generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax, including by way of withholding, on gain recognized on a sale or other disposition of shares of our common stock unless any one of the following is true:

the gain is effectively connected with the non-U.S. stockholder's conduct of a trade or business in the United States and, if a tax treaty applies, attributable to a U.S. permanent establishment or fixed base maintained by such non-U.S. stockholder;

the non-U.S. stockholder is a nonresident alien individual present in the United States for 183 days or more in the taxable year of the disposition and certain other requirements are met; or

our common stock constitutes a U.S. real property interest by reason of our status as a "United States real property holding corporation," or USRPHC, for U.S. federal income tax purposes at any time during the shorter of (i) the period during which you hold our common stock or (ii) the five-year period ending on the date you dispose of our common stock.

We believe that we are not currently, and will not become, a USRPHC. However, because the determination of whether we are a USRPHC depends on the fair market value of our U.S. real property interests relative to the fair market value of our other business assets, there can be no assurance that we will not become a USRPHC in the future. As a general matter, as long as our common stock is regularly traded on an established securities market, however, it will not be treated as a U.S. real property interest with respect to any non-U.S. stockholder that holds no more than 5% of such regularly traded common stock. If we are determined to be a USRPHC and the foregoing exception does not apply, among other things, a purchaser may be required to withhold 10% of the proceeds payable to a non-U.S. stockholder from a disposition of our common stock, and the non-U.S. stockholder generally will be taxed on its net gain derived from the disposition at the graduated U.S. federal income tax rates applicable to United States persons, and may also be subject to alternative minimum tax.

Unless an applicable treaty provides otherwise, gain described in the first bullet point above will be subject to the U.S. federal income tax imposed on net income on the same basis that applies to U.S. persons generally but will generally not be subject to withholding. A non-U.S. stockholder that is taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes may, under certain circumstances, also be subject to a branch profits tax equal to 30%, or such lower rate as may be specified by an applicable income tax treaty, on such gain. Gain described in the second bullet point above will be subject to a flat 30% U.S. federal income tax, which may be offset by certain U.S. source capital losses. Non-U.S. stockholders should consult any potentially applicable income tax treaties that may provide for different rules.

### Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

Information reporting and backup withholding may apply to dividends paid with respect to our common stock and to proceeds from the sale or other disposition of our common stock. In certain circumstances, non-U.S. stockholders may not be subject to information reporting and backup withholding if they certify under penalties of perjury as to their status as non-U.S. stockholders or otherwise establish an exemption and certain other requirements are met. Non-U.S. stockholders should consult their own tax advisors regarding the application of the information reporting and backup withholding rules to them.

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Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules from a payment to a non-U.S. stockholder generally may be refunded or credited against the non-U.S. stockholder's U.S. federal income tax liability, if any, provided that an appropriate claim is timely filed with the IRS.

### Withholding on Payments to Certain Foreign Entities

The Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act imposes withholding taxes on certain types of payments made to "foreign financial institutions" and certain other non-U.S. entities unless additional certification, information reporting and other specified requirements are satisfied. Failure to comply with the new reporting requirements could result in withholding tax being imposed on payments of, among other types of payments, dividends and proceeds of the sales of stock, in any case to foreign intermediaries and certain non-U.S. stockholders. This legislation is generally effective for payments made after December 31, 2012. We will not pay any additional amounts in respect of any amounts withheld. Prospective investors should consult their own tax advisors regarding this new legislation.

### U.S. Federal Estate Taxes

Shares of our common stock owned or treated as owned by an individual who at the time of death is a non-U.S. stockholder are considered U.S. situs assets and will be included in the individual's estate for U.S. federal estate tax purposes, unless an applicable estate tax treaty provides otherwise.

### State, Local and Foreign Taxes

Our stockholders may be subject to state, local or foreign taxation in various jurisdictions, including those in which we or they transact business, own property or reside. We may conduct business or own assets located in numerous U.S. jurisdictions, and may be required to file tax returns in some or all of those jurisdictions. The state, local and foreign tax treatment of our stockholders may not conform to the U.S. federal income tax treatment discussed above. Prospective investors should consult their tax advisors regarding the application and effect of state, local and foreign income and other tax laws on an investment in our common stock.

# ERISA CONSIDERATIONS

A fiduciary of a pension, profit sharing, retirement or other employee benefit plan, or plan, subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"), should consider the fiduciary standards under ERISA in the context of the plan's particular circumstances before authorizing an investment of a portion of such plan's assets in the shares of common stock. Accordingly, such fiduciary should consider (i) whether the investment satisfies the diversification requirements of Section 404(a)(1)(C) of ERISA, (ii) whether the investment is in accordance with the documents and instruments governing the plan as required by Section 404(a)(1)(D) of ERISA, and (iii) whether the investment is prudent under ERISA. In addition to the imposition of general fiduciary standards of investment prudence and diversification, ERISA, and the corresponding provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, prohibit a wide range of transactions involving the assets of the plan and persons who have certain specified relationships to the plan ("parties in interest" within the meaning of ERISA, "disqualified persons" within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code). Thus, a plan fiduciary considering an investment in the shares of common stock also should consider whether the acquisition or the continued holding of the shares of common stock might constitute or give rise to a direct or indirect prohibited transaction that is not subject to an exemption issued by the Department of Labor, or the DOL. Similar restrictions apply to many governmental and foreign plans which are not subject to ERISA. Thus, those considering investing in the shares of common stock on behalf of such a plan should consider whether the acquisition or the continued holding of the shares of common stock might violate any such similar restrictions.

The DOL, has issued final regulations, or the DOL Regulations, as to what constitutes assets of an employee benefit plan under ERISA. Under the DOL Regulations, if a plan acquires an equity interest in an entity, which interest is neither a "publicly offered security" nor a security issued by an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, the plan's assets would include, for purposes of the fiduciary responsibility provision of ERISA, both the equity interest and an undivided interest in each of the entity's underlying assets unless certain specified exceptions apply. The DOL Regulations define a publicly offered security as a security that is "widely held," "freely transferable," and either part of a class of securities registered under the Exchange Act, or sold pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act (provided the securities are registered under the Exchange Act within 120 days after the end of the fiscal year of the issuer during which the public offering occurred). The shares of common stock are being sold in an offering registered under the Exchange Act.

The DOL Regulations provided that a security is "widely held" only if it is part of a class of securities that is owned by 100 or more investors independent of the issuer and of one another. A security will not fail to be "widely held" because the number of independent investors falls below 100 subsequent to the initial public offering as a result of events beyond the issuer's control. The company expects the common stock to be "widely held" upon completion of the initial public offering.

The DOL Regulations provide that whether a security is "freely transferable" is a factual question to be determined on the basis of all relevant facts and circumstances. The DOL Regulations further provide that when a security is part of an offering in which the minimum investment is \$10,000 or less, as is the case with this offering, certain restrictions ordinarily will not, alone or in combination, affect the finding that such securities are "freely transferable." We believe that the restrictions imposed under our charter on the transfer of our common stock are limited to the restrictions on transfer generally permitted under the DOL Regulations are not likely to result in the failure of common stock to be "freely transferable." The DOL Regulations only establish a presumption in favor of the finding of free transferability, and, therefore, no assurance can be given that the DOL will not reach a contrary conclusion.

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Accordingly, we believe that our common stock will be publicly offered securities for purposes of the DOL Regulations and that our assets will not be deemed to be "plan assets" of any plan that invests in our common stock.

Each holder of our common stock will be deemed to have represented and agreed that its purchase and holding of such common stock (or any interest therein) will not constitute or result in a non-exempt prohibited transaction under ERISA or Section 4975 of the Internal Revenue Code or violate any similar laws.

# UNDERWRITING (CONFLICTS OF INTEREST)

We and the selling stockholders are offering the shares of our common stock described in this prospectus through Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc. and Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated, as the underwriters in this offering. Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc. and Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated are acting as the joint book-running managers and representatives of the several underwriters. We and the selling stockholders have entered into an underwriting agreement with Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc. and Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated as representative of the underwriters. Subject to the terms and conditions of the Underwriting Agreement, each of the underwriters has severally agreed to purchase from us and the selling stockholders, and we and the selling stockholders have agreed to sell to the underwriters, the number of shares of common stock listed next to its name in the following table (the "Initial Shares").

Underwriter of Shares	Number
Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC	
Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc.	
Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated	
William Blair & Company, L.L.C.	
JMP Securities LLC	
Stifel, Nicolaus & Company,	
Incorporated	
*	

Total 10,000,000

In connection with this offering, the underwriters or securities dealers may distribute the prospectus to investors electronically.

#### **Commissions and Discounts**

Shares of common stock sold by the underwriters to the public will be offered initially at the public offering price set forth on the cover of this prospectus. Any shares of common stock sold by the underwriters to securities dealers may be sold at a discount of up to \$ per share from the public offering price. Any of these securities dealers may resell any shares of common stock purchased from the underwriters to other brokers or dealers at a discount of up to \$ per share from the public offering price. After the initial public offering, the underwriters may change the offering price and the other selling terms. Sales of shares of common stock made outside of the United States may be made by affiliates of the underwriters.

The following table shows the per share and total underwriting discounts and commissions we and the selling stockholders will pay to the underwriters, assuming both no exercise and full exercise of the underwriters' over-allotment option to purchase an additional shares of common stock:

	Company No Exercise	Company Full Exercise	Selling Stockholder No Exercise	Selling Stockholder Full Exercise
Per Share	\$	\$		
Total	\$	\$		

We estimate that the total expenses of this offering payable by us and the selling stockholders, not including the underwriting discounts and commissions but including our reimbursement of certain expenses of the underwriters, will be approximately \$3.5 million.

Prior to this offering, there has been no public market for our common stock. Our common stock has been approved for listing on the New York Stock Exchange, subject to the official notice of

issuance, under the symbol "WD." The initial public offering price for the common stock will be determined by negotiations among the underwriters, the selling stockholders and us and the initial public offering price of the common stock may not be indicative of the market price following this offering. Among the factors to be considered in determining the initial public offering price of the shares, in addition to prevailing market conditions, will be our historical and projected business, results of operations, liquidity and financial condition, an assessment of our management and the consideration of the various other matters referenced in this prospectus in relation to the market valuation of other comparable corporations.

### **Over-allotment Option**

We have granted the underwriters an option to purchase up to 1,500,000 additional shares of our common stock (the "Option Shares"), at the public offering price less the underwriting discounts and commissions. The underwriters may exercise this option in whole or from time to time in part solely for the purpose of covering over-allotments, if any, made in connection with this offering. The underwriters have 30 days from the date of this prospectus to exercise this option. If the underwriters exercise this option, each underwriter will be obligated, subject to the conditions in the Underwriting Agreement, to purchase a number of additional shares of our common stock proportionate to such underwriter's initial amount relative to the total amount reflected in the above table.

### No Sales of Similar Securities

We have agreed that we will not, directly or indirectly, take any of the following actions with respect to our common stock or any securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for any of our common stock: (i) 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 for the sale of, or otherwise dispose of or transfer, whether now owned or hereafter acquired or with respect to which we have or hereafter acquire the power of disposition, (ii) enter into any swap, hedge or any other agreement or any transaction that transfers, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, the economic consequence of ownership of our common stock, whether any such swap, hedge or transaction is to be settled by delivery of our common stock or other securities, in cash or otherwise, (iii) establish or increase a put-equivalent position or liquidate or decrease a call-equivalent position in our common stock or securities convertible into our common stock within the meaning of Section 16 of the Exchange Act, or (iv) file any registration statement under the Securities Act with respect to any of the foregoing under (i) through (iii) or publicly disclose the intention to take any such action, except, in each case, (A) the securities purchased by the underwriters (including any overallotment, if exercised) to be sold pursuant to this prospectus and the securities to be issued in connection with the formation transactions; (B) grants of employee stock options or other equity pursuant to the terms of a plan in effect on the date of this prospectus and described herein, provided that such options do not vest during the 180-day Restricted Period; or (C) the issuance of common stock or any securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for any of our common stock in connection with the acquisition by the company or any of its subsidiaries of the securities, businesses, property or other assets of another person or entity or pursuant to any employee benefit plan assumed by the company in connection with any such acquisition, provided that (i) no securities may be issued under this clause (C) within 60 days of the date of this prospectus and (ii) any shares of common stock issued or issuable in all instances under this clause (C) may not exceed, in aggregate amount, 10% of the number of shares of our common stock outstanding immediately following this offering and any recipient of any such shares or securities agrees in writing to be subject to the restrictions set forth in the following paragraph. We will be subject to these restrictions for the 180-day Restricted Period.

Our executive officers, directors, including our director nominees, our employees who are participants in the directed share program and our existing equity holders have agreed that they will

not, directly or indirectly, (i) 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 for the sale of, or otherwise dispose of or transfer any shares of our common stock or any securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for our common stock, whether now owned or hereafter acquired or with respect to which such person has or hereafter acquires the power of disposition, (ii) enter into any swap, hedge or any other agreement or any transaction that transfers, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, the economic consequence of ownership of our common stock, whether any such swap, hedge or transaction is to be settled by delivery of our common stock or other securities, in cash or otherwise, or (iii) make any demand for or exercise any right with respect to, the registration of any of our common stock or any security convertible into or exercisable for our common stock. Our executive officers, directors, including our director nominees and our existing equity holders will be subject to these restrictions for the 365-day Restricted Period and our employees who are participants in the directed share program will be subject to the restrictions for the 180-day Restricted Period. At any time and without public notice, Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc. and Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated, may, in their sole discretion, release all or some of the securities from these lock-up agreements.

The Restricted Periods are subject to extension under limited circumstances. In the event that either (i) during the last 17 days of any Restricted Period, we release earnings results or material news or a material event relating to us occurs or (ii) prior to the expiration of any Restricted Period, we announce that we will release earnings results during the 16-day period beginning on the last day of such Restricted Period, then such Restricted Period will be extended until the expiration of the 18-day period beginning on the date of release of the earnings results or the occurrence of the material news or material event, as applicable, unless Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc. and Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated waive, in writing, such extension.

### **Directed Share Program**

At our request, the underwriters have reserved for sale up to 5% percent of the shares of our common stock to be sold by us and the selling stockholders in the offering, at the public offering price less the underwriting discounts and commissions, to our directors, officers, and other employees, principal stockholders and related persons. Any shares purchased by our employees under this directed share program are subject to the 180-day Restricted Period. The number of shares of our common stock available for sale to the general public will be reduced to the extent these persons 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.

# Indemnification and Contribution

We and the selling stockholders have agreed to indemnify the underwriters and their affiliates, selling agents and controlling persons against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act. If we are unable to provide this indemnification, we will contribute to the payments the underwriters and their affiliates, selling agents and controlling persons may be required to make in respect of those liabilities.

#### **Price Stabilization and Short Positions**

In connection with this offering, the underwriters may engage in activities that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the price of our common stock, including:

stabilizing transactions;



short sales; and

purchases to cover positions created by short sales.

Stabilizing transactions consist of bids or purchases made for the purpose of preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of our common stock while this offering is in progress. These transactions may also include making short sales of our common stock, which involve the sale by the underwriters of a greater number of shares of common stock than they are required to purchase in this offering. Short sales may be "covered short sales," which are short positions in an amount not greater than the underwriters' over-allotment option referred to above, or may be "naked short sales," which are short positions in excess of that amount.

The underwriters may close out any covered short position either by exercising their over-allotment option, in whole or in part, or by purchasing shares in the open market. In making this determination, the underwriters will consider, among other things, the price of shares available for purchase in the open market compared to the price at which they may purchase shares through 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 common stock in the open market that could adversely affect investors who purchased in this offering.

As a result of these activities, the price of our common stock may be higher than the price that otherwise might exist in the open market. If these activities are commenced, they may be discontinued by the underwriters at any time without notice. The underwriters may carry out these transactions on the New York Stock Exchange, in the over-the-counter market or otherwise.

### **Passive Market Making**

In connection with this offering, the underwriters and selling group members may engage in passive market making transactions in our common stock on the New York Stock Exchange in accordance with Rule 103 of Regulation M under the Exchange Act during a period before the commencement of offers or sales of common stock and extending through the completion of the distribution of this offering. A passive market maker must display its bid at a price not in excess of the highest independent bid of that security. However, if all independent bids are lowered below the passive market maker's bid, that bid must then be lowered when specified purchase limits are exceeded. Passive market making may cause the price of our common stock to be higher than the price that otherwise would exist in the open market in the absence of those transactions. The underwriters and dealers are not required to engage in a passive market making and may end passive market making activities at any time.

#### Affiliations

The underwriters and their affiliates have provided certain commercial banking, financial advisory and investment banking services for us for which they receive fees. Affiliates of certain of the underwriters from time to time enter bids with respect to mortgage backed security trades with us and the lowest bidder purchases those securities.

The underwriters and their affiliates may from time to time in the future perform services for us and engage in other transactions with us.

## **Conflicts of Interest**

An affiliate of Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC will own approximately 24.0% of our common stock on a fully diluted basis upon completion of this offering (assuming no exercise of the underwriters' overallotment option) and one member of our board of directors is affiliated with Credit



Suisse Securities (USA) LLC. Because of this relationship, this offering is being conducted in accordance with NASD Rule 2720. This rule requires, among other things, that a qualified independent underwriter has participated in the preparation of, and has exercised the usual standards of "due diligence" with respect to, this prospectus and the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc. has agreed to act as qualified independent underwriter for this offering and to undertake the legal responsibilities and liabilities of an underwriter under the Securities Act, specifically including those inherent in Section 11 of the Securities Act.

### Selling restrictions

#### European Economic Area

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a "Relevant Member State"), each underwriter has represented and agreed that with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Relevant Member State (the "Relative Implementation Date") an offer of shares of common stock which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this prospectus may not be made in that Relevant Member State except that an offer of shares to the public in that Relevant Member State may be made at any time under the following exemptions under the Prospectus Directive, if they have been implemented in that Relevant Member State:

(a) to legal entities which are authorized or regulated to operate in the financial markets or, if not so authorized or regulated, whose corporate purpose is solely to invest in securities;

(b) to any legal entity which has two or more of (1) an average of at least 250 employees during the last financial year, (2) a total balance sheet of more than  $\notin$ 43,000,000 and (3) an annual net turnover of more than  $\notin$ 50,000,000, as shown in its last annual or consolidated accounts;

(c) by the underwriters to fewer than 100 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors, as defined in the Prospectus Directive); or

(d) in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive,

provided that no such offer of shares of common stock shall result in a requirement for the publication by the company or the underwriter of a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression "an offer of shares to the public" in relation to any shares in any Relevant Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the shares to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe for the shares, as the same may be varied in that Relevant Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Relevant Member State and the expression "Prospectus Directive" means Directive 2003/71/EC and includes any relevant implementing measure in each Relevant Member State.

#### United Kingdom

Each underwriter has represented and agreed that:

(a) it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of Section 21 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended (the "FSMA")) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of the shares of common stock offered hereby in circumstances in which Section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply to us; and

(b) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to the shares of common stock offered hereby in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

#### LEGAL MATTERS

Certain legal matters relating to this offering, including the validity of common stock offered hereby by us and by the selling stockholders will be passed upon for us by Hogan Lovells US LLP. Sidley Austin LLP will act as counsel to the underwriters.

## EXPERTS

The consolidated and combined financial statements of Walker & Dunlop, our predecessor (collectively, Walker & Dunlop, LLC, Walker & Dunlop Multifamily, Inc., Walker & Dunlop GP, LLC, GPF Acquisition, LLC, W&D, Inc., Green Park Financial Limited Partnership, Green Park Express, LLC, Walker & Dunlop II, LLC and W&D Balanced Real Estate Fund I GP, LLC), as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2009, and the financial statements of Column Guaranteed LLC as of December 31, 2008 and for the year then ended, have been included herein in reliance on 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.

The Audit Report dated August 2, 2010 on the Consolidated and Combined Financial Statements of Walker & Dunlop as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2009, refers to Walker & Dunlop's adoption of SEC Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 109 (included in FASB ASC Subtopic 815, *Derivatives and Hedging*), effective January 1, 2008 and FASB Statement No. 159, *Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities* (included in FASB ASC Subtopic 825, *Financial Instruments*), effective January 1, 2008.

# WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We maintain a website at *www.walkerdunlop.com*. Information contained on our website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus and you should not consider information contained on our website to be part of this prospectus.

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-1, including exhibits, schedules and amendments filed with the registration statement, of which this prospectus is a part, under the Securities Act with respect to the shares of common stock we and the selling stockholders propose to sell in this offering. This prospectus does not contain all of the information set forth in the registration statement and exhibits and schedules to the registration statement. For further information with respect to our company and the shares of common stock to be sold in this offering, reference is made to the registration statement, including the exhibits and schedules thereto. Statements contained in this prospectus as to the contents of any contract or other document referred to in this prospectus are not necessarily complete and, where that contract or other document has been filed as an exhibit to the registration statement, each statement in this prospectus is qualified in all respects by the exhibit to which the reference relates. Copies of the registration statement, including the exhibits and schedules to the registration statement, may be examined without charge at the public reference room of the SEC, 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20549. Information about the operation of the public reference room of the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. Copies of all or a portion of the registration statement, are also available to you, free of charge, on the SEC's website at *http://www.sec.gov*.

As a result of this offering, we will become subject to the information and periodic reporting requirements of the Exchange Act and will file periodic reports and other information with the SEC. These periodic reports and other information will be available for inspection and copying at the SEC's public reference facilities and the website of the SEC referred to above.

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# REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors of Walker & Dunlop, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated and combined balance sheets of Walker & Dunlop as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the related consolidated and combined statements of income, changes in equity, and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2009. In connection with our audit of the consolidated and combined financial statements, we have also audited financial statement schedule IV as of December 31, 2009. These consolidated and combined financial statements and financial statement schedule are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated and combined financial statements and financial statement schedule based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated and combined financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Walker & Dunlop as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2009, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Also in our opinion, the related financial statement schedule, when considered in relation to the basic consolidated and combined financial statements taken as a whole, presents fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein.

As discussed in Note 2 to the consolidated and combined financial statements, in 2008 the Company changed its method of accounting for written loan commitments with the adoption of SEC Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 109 (included in FASB ASC Subtopic 815, *Derivatives and Hedging*), and adopted FASB Statement No. 159, *Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities* (included in FASB ASC Subtopic 825, *Financial Instruments*), for certain financial assets and liabilities.

/s/ KPMG LLP

McLean, Virginia August 2, 2010

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# **Consolidated and Combined Balance Sheets**

# (in thousands)

		December 31,		
		2009 2008		
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	10,390	\$	6,812
Restricted cash		7,516		4,824
Pledged securities, at fair value		11,643		7,207
Loans held for sale		101,939		111,711
Servicing fees and other receivables		15,790		4,468
Derivative assets		11,153		8,028
Mortgage servicing rights		81,427		38,943
Intangible assets		1,398		
Other assets		2,476		1,354
Total Assets	\$	243,732	\$	183,347
Liabilities and Equity Liabilities				
Accounts payable and other accruals	\$	18,753	\$	6,207
Performance deposit from borrowers	Ψ	4.585	Ψ	3,195
Derivative liabilities		6,707		8,384
Guaranty obligation, net of accumulated amortization		8,751		5,429
Allowance for risk-sharing obligations		5,552		1,101
Warehouse notes payable		96,612		107,005
Notes payable		32,961		38,176
Total Liabilities	\$	173,921	\$	169,497
Equity				
Members' equity	\$	30,770	\$	13,850
Non-controlling interest		39,041		
Total Equity	\$	69,811	\$	13,850
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$	243,732	\$	183,347

See accompanying notes to consolidated and combined financial statements.

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# **Consolidated and Combined Statements of Income**

# (\$ in thousands, except per share data)

1,930