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**Prospectus** 

5,110,000 Shares

#### **Common Stock**

We are selling 5,110,000 shares of common stock.

Our common stock and warrants are currently quoted on the Over-the-Counter Bulletin Board ( OTC Bulletin Board ) under the symbols AMRR and AMRRW, respectively. The closing price of our common stock on the OTC Bulletin Board on June 14, 2010 was \$6.87 per share. Our common stock and warrants have been approved for listing on the NYSE Amex, LLC, or NYSE Amex, under the symbols ARR and ARR.WS, respectively, subject to official notice of issuance.

The underwriters have a 45-day option to purchase a maximum of 766,500 additional shares to cover over-allotments of shares, if any.

Certain of our officers, directors and employees may participate in this offering on the same terms as the public.

We intend to elect to be taxed as a real estate investment trust, or REIT, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, commencing with our taxable year ended December 31, 2009. To assist us in qualifying as a REIT, among other purposes, stockholders are generally restricted under our charter from beneficially owning more than 9.8% by value or number of shares, whichever is more restrictive, of our outstanding shares of common stock. In addition, our charter contains various other restrictions on the ownership and transfer of our common stock. See *Description of Securities Restrictions on Ownership and Transfer*.

Investing in our common stock involves risks. See Risk Factors on page 8.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state 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.

Price to Public Underwriting Discounts Proceeds to Us

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Per Share	\$ 6.75	\$ 0.3375	\$ 6.4125
Total	\$ 34,492,500	\$ 1,724,625	\$ 32,767,875

We are offering the shares of common stock for sale on a firm commitment basis. Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc., the representative of the underwriters in this offering, expects to deliver the shares of common stock to investors in the offering on or about June 21, 2010.

Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc.

Lead Bookrunning Manager

Macquarie Capital

Co-Bookrunning Managers

I-Bankers Securities, Inc.

National Securities Corporation

The date of this prospectus is June 15, 2010.

**Maxim Group LLC** 

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#### PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

This summary highlights the material information contained in this prospectus. It does not contain all of the information that you should consider before investing in our common stock. You should read carefully the more detailed information set forth under Risk Factors and the other information included in this prospectus. Except where the context suggests otherwise, references to we, us, ARMOUR or the Company are to ARMOUR Residential REIT, Inc. Except as otherwise indicated, the information in this prospectus assumes no exercise of the underwriters' overallotment option.

#### Overview

We are a Maryland corporation that intends to elect to be a real estate investment trust, or REIT, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, commencing with our fiscal year ended December 31, 2009. We are externally managed by ARMOUR Residential Management LLC, or ARRM, an entity affiliated with our executive officers. We invest primarily in hybrid adjustable rate, adjustable rate and fixed rate residential mortgage-backed securities, or RMBS, issued or guaranteed by U.S. Government-chartered entities, which we refer to as Agency Securities. The entities issuing or guaranteeing the Agency Securities include:

the Federal National Mortgage Association, commonly known as Fannie Mae;

the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, commonly known as Freddie Mac; and

the Government National Mortgage Administration, commonly known as Ginnie Mae.

From time to time, a portion of our portfolio may be invested in unsecured notes and bonds issued by U.S. Government-chartered entities, which we refer to as Agency Debt. Agency Debt includes:

U.S. Treasuries; and

money market instruments.

We seek attractive long-term investment returns by investing our equity capital and borrowed funds in our targeted asset class. We earn returns on the spread between the yield on our assets and our costs, including the interest cost of the funds we borrow, after giving effect to our hedges.

When acquiring Agency Securities, we typically finance our acquisitions with borrowings under a series of short-term repurchase agreements at the most competitive interest rates available to us and then cost-effectively mitigate our interest rate and other risks based on our entire portfolio of assets, liabilities and derivatives and our management's view of the market. Successful implementation of this approach requires us to address and effectively mitigate interest rate risk and maintain adequate liquidity.

#### Our Manager

We are externally managed by ARRM, a Delaware limited liability company, pursuant to a management agreement between us and ARRM. As an externally-managed company, we depend on the diligence, experience and skill of ARRM for the selection, acquisition, structuring, interest rate risk mitigation and monitoring of our Agency Securities, Agency Debt and associated borrowings. We do not have any employees whom we compensate directly with salaries or other compensation. ARRM currently has four full-time employees.

The management agreement requires ARRM to manage our business affairs in conformity with certain restrictions contained therein, including any material operating policies adopted by us. ARRM's role as manager is subject to the direction and oversight of our board of directors. ARRM is responsible for:

advising us with respect to, arranging for, and managing the acquisition, financing, management and disposition of, our investments;

evaluating the duration and prepayment risk of our investments and arranging borrowing and interest rate risk mitigation strategies; and

coordinating our capital raising activities.

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In conducting these activities, ARRM also advises us on the formulation of, and implements, our operating strategies and policies, arranges for our acquisition of assets, monitors the performance of our assets, arranges for various types of financing and interest rate risk mitigation strategies, and provides administrative and managerial services in connection with our day-to-day operations, as may be required from time to time for our management and our assets (other than assets solely being managed by any other manager).

#### **Management Agreement**

Pursuant to the management agreement, as amended, ARRM is entitled to receive a monthly management fee equal to 1/12th of 1% of gross equity raised (including initial gross merger equity as well as any future gross equity raised) until gross equity raised is \$50 million, inclusive of gross merger equity. Thereafter, the management fee shall be 1/12th of (a) 1.5% of gross equity raised up to \$1 billion and (b) 0.75% of gross equity raised in excess of \$1 billion, with a monthly minimum based on 1/12th of \$900,000 (inclusive of the original gross merger equity).

We pay all of our and ARRM's costs and expenses (including for goods and services obtained from third parties) incurred solely on behalf of us or any subsidiary or in connection with the management agreement, except for expenses related to the employment of ARRM personnel, rent, telephone, utilities, equipment and other office and internal and overhead expenses of ARRM required for our day to day operations.

The management agreement became effective in November 2009 and has an initial term of five years. Following the initial term, the management agreement automatically renews for successive one-year renewal terms unless we or ARRM give notice to the other of its intent not to renew the agreement 180 days prior to the expiration of the initial term or any renewal term, as applicable.

For more information on our management agreement with ARRM, including further details on the definition of gross equity raised, please see the section of this prospectus entitled *Our Manager and the Management Agreement*.

#### **Our Assets**

Since commencing operations, our assets have been invested primarily in Agency Securities. As of March 31, 2010, our Agency Security portfolio, including both trades that had settled and forward settling trades that we had committed to settle, consisted of approximately \$180.4 million, in market value, of Agency Securities with initial fixed-interest rate periods of three years, five years, seven years, ten years and 15 years.

### **Our Borrowings**

We borrow against our Agency Securities using repurchase agreements. These borrowings generally have maturities that range from one month or less to up to one year, although occasionally we may enter into longer dated borrowing agreements to more closely match the rate adjustment period of the securities we own. Our total repurchase indebtedness was approximately \$168.5 million at March 31, 2010, and had a weighted average maturity of 44 days. Depending on market conditions, we may enter into additional repurchase arrangements with similar longer-term maturities or a committed borrowing facility. Our borrowings are generally between six and ten times the amount of our stockholders' equity, but we are not limited to that range. The level of our borrowings may vary periodically depending on market conditions. Despite recent credit market developments and prevailing trends, we believe Agency Securities will continue to be eligible for financing in the repurchase agreement market.

### **Our Interest Rate Risk Mitigation**

Our interest rate risk mitigation strategies are designed to reduce the impact on our income caused by the potential adverse effects of changes in interest rates on our assets and liabilities. Subject to complying with REIT requirements, we use derivative instruments to mitigate the risk of adverse changes in interest rates on the value of our assets as well

as the differences between the interest rate adjustments on our assets and borrowings. These strategies primarily consist of purchasing or selling futures contracts and may also include entering into interest rate swap agreements, interest rate cap or floor agreements, purchasing put and call options on securities or securities underlying futures contracts, or entering into forward rate agreements. Although we are not legally bound to use interest rate risk mitigation strategies, we intend to limit our use of derivative instruments to only those techniques described above and to enter into derivative transactions only with counterparties that we believe have a strong credit rating to help mitigate the risk of counterparty default or insolvency. These transactions are entered into solely for the purpose of mitigating interest rate and prepayment risk. Since we will not qualify for hedge accounting treatment as prescribed by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP, our operating results may reflect greater volatility than otherwise would be the case, because gains or losses on the derivative instruments may not be offset by changes in the fair values or cash flows of the related investment or borrowing transactions within the same accounting period, or ever.

#### **Our Strategy and Competitive Advantages**

Our objective is to realize attractive risk-adjusted returns to our stockholders over the long-term through selective acquisition of Agency Securities combined with strategic applications of leverage management, risk management and interest rate management strategies. We believe we possess the core strengths that will enable us to realize our objectives and provide us with competitive advantages in the marketplace. Our core strengths include:

#### Significant Experience of Our Management Team

We believe that the extensive experience of our management team at ARRM provides us with significant expertise across our target assets. Scott Ulm and Jeffrey Zimmer, our Co-Chief Executive Officers, have extensive experience in favorable and unfavorable economic cycles and in securities trading, interest rate risk mitigation, asset/liability management and analysis and leveraged mortgage finance.

The senior members of our research and investment team have an aggregate of 48 years of experience in mortgage-backed securities investing, including experience in performing advisory services for investment banks, funds, other investment vehicles and other managed and discretionary accounts. Mr. Ulm has 23 years of structured finance and debt capital markets experience, including mortgage-backed securities. Mr. Ulm has advised numerous U.S., European and Asian financial institutions and corporations on balance sheet and capital raising matters. Mr. Zimmer has significant experience in the mortgage-backed securities market over a 25 year period. See the sections of this prospectus entitled *Manager* and *Business-Prior Experience of Executive Managing Agency Securities Portfolio* for more information.

#### Disciplined Relative Value Investment Approach

We follow a disciplined security selection process and are, in essence, a relative value investor in Agency Securities. ARRM uses a cross-product approach, conducting top-down market assessments with respect to various subsets of the Agency Securities market in order to identify the most attractive segments and investment opportunities consistent with our portfolio objectives and risk management strategy. In employing this detailed analysis, ARRM seeks to identify the best values available in Agency Securities. We select our Agency Securities based on extensive analysis including factors such as prepayment trends, average remaining life, amortization schedules, fixed versus floating interest rates, geographic concentration, property type, loan-to-value ratios and credit scores. Considering the large size of the Agency Securities market, we believe we can be very selective with our investments and buy only the securities we deem to be the most attractive.

#### Portfolio Construction

We anticipate that returns to our stockholders will be realized over the long-term primarily through the distribution of dividends and secondarily through capital appreciation. We intend to realize returns to our investors by constructing a well-balanced portfolio consisting primarily of shorter duration Agency Securities with a focus on managing various associated risks, including interest rate, prepayment, and financing risk. ARRM uses its fixed income expertise across the range of asset classes within the Agency Securities markets to build a portfolio that seeks to balance income, cash, capital, leverage and the aforementioned risks. Through the careful and disciplined selection of assets, and continual portfolio monitoring, we believe we can build and maintain an investment portfolio that provides value to stockholders over time, both in absolute terms and relative to other Agency Securities portfolios.

### Analytical Tools, Infrastructure and Expertise

ARRM's experienced investment team constructs and manages our Agency Securities investment portfolio through the use of focused qualitative and quantitative analysis, which helps us manage risk on a security-by-security and portfolio basis. We rely on a variety of analytical tools and models to assess our investments and risk management.

We focus on in-depth analysis of the numerous factors that influence our target assets, including: .
fundamental market and sector review;
cash flow analysis;
controlled risk exposure; and
prudent balance sheet management.
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We also use these tools to guide the interest rate risk mitigation strategies developed by ARRM to the extent consistent with the requirements for qualification as a REIT.

#### Extensive Strategic Relationships and Experience of ARRM

ARRM maintains extensive relationships with financial intermediaries including prime brokers, investment banks, broker-dealers and asset custodians. We believe these relationships enhance our ability to source, finance, protect and mitigate the interest rate risk on our investments and, thus, enable us to succeed in various credit and interest rate environments. ARRM s management has many years of experience and well-established contacts within the Agency Securities, capital and financing markets, and are able to bring their personal relationships to bear for our benefit and the benefit of our stockholders.

#### **Operating and Regulatory Structure**

#### REIT Qualification

We intend to elect to qualify and be taxed as a REIT under the Internal Revenue Code, or the Code upon filing of our 2009 federal income tax return. We believe that we are organized in conformity with the requirements for qualification as a REIT under the Code and that following consummation of this offering our manner of operations and corporate structure and stockholder ownership will enable us to meet on a continuing basis the requirements for taxation as a REIT for federal income tax purposes. As a REIT, we will generally not be subject to federal income tax on the REIT taxable income that we distribute to our stockholders currently. If we fail to qualify as a REIT in any taxable year and do not qualify for certain statutory relief provisions, we will be subject to federal income tax at regular corporate rates. Even if we qualify as a REIT for federal income tax purposes, we may still be subject to some federal, state and local taxes on our income. For more information on the consequences to us of not satisfying the requirements for taxation as a REIT, see the section titled *Risk Factors*.

#### 1940 Act Exemption

We conduct our business so as not to become regulated as an investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, or the 1940 Act. If we were to fall within the definition of an investment company, we would be unable to conduct our business as described in this prospectus. See *Risk Factors Loss of our 1940 Act exemption would adversely affect us...* 

#### Restrictions on Ownership of our Common Stock

To assist us in complying with the REIT limitations on the concentration of ownership imposed by the Code, among other purposes, our charter prohibits, with certain exceptions, any stockholder from beneficially or constructively owning, applying certain attribution rules under the Code (including deemed ownership of shares underlying warrants or options to purchase stock), more than 9.8% by value or number of shares, whichever is more restrictive, of our outstanding shares of common stock, or 9.8% by value or number of shares, whichever is more restrictive, of our outstanding capital stock. Our board of directors may, in its sole discretion, waive the 9.8% ownership limit in certain circumstances. Currently, there are holders of our capital stock and/or warrants whose ownership exceeds the thresholds set forth in our charter. We have either granted waivers or currently are in the process of granting waivers from the charter requirements for such holders where, based on representations, covenants and agreements received from such holders, we determine that such waivers would not jeopardize our status as a REIT.

For more information on our operating and regulatory structure, see the section of this prospectus entitled *Business Operating and Regulatory Structure*.

#### **Dividend Policy**

In order to maintain our qualification as a REIT for U.S. federal income tax purposes, we are required to distribute at least 90% of our annual REIT taxable income, determined without regard to the deduction for dividends paid and excluding any net capital gain. Accordingly, we intend to pay regular quarterly dividends of all or substantially all of our taxable income to holders of our common stock out of assets legally available for such purposes. We are not restricted from using the proceeds of equity or debt offerings to pay dividends, but we do not intend to do so. The timing and amount of any dividends we pay to holders of our common stock will be at the discretion of our board of directors and will depend upon various factors, including our earnings and financial condition, maintenance of REIT status, applicable provisions of the Maryland General Corporation Law, or MGCL, and such other factors as our board of directors deems relevant.

#### **Summary Risk Factors**

An investment in our common stock involves various risks. You should consider carefully the risks discussed below and under the heading *Risk Factors* beginning on page 8 of this prospectus before purchasing our common stock. If any of the following risks occur, our business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially and adversely affected. In that case, the trading price of our securities could decline, and you may lose some or all of your investment.

We have a limited operating history and may not be able to successfully operate our business or generate sufficient revenue to make or sustain distributions to our stockholders.

Our failure to qualify as a REIT would subject us to federal income tax as a regular corporation and potentially increased state and local taxes, thereby reducing the amount of cash available for distribution to our stockholders.

Continued adverse developments in the global capital markets, including defaults, credit losses and liquidity concerns, as well as mergers, acquisitions or bankruptcies of potential repurchase agreement counterparties, could make it difficult for us to borrow money to acquire Agency Securities on a leveraged basis, on favorable terms, or at all, which could adversely affect our profitability.

Continued adverse developments in the residential mortgage market may adversely affect the value of the Agency Securities in which we invest.

Mortgage loan modification programs and future legislative action may adversely affect the value of, and the returns on, the Agency Securities in which we invest.

Our use of derivative instruments may expose us to counterparty risk.

We may incur increased borrowing costs related to repurchase agreements which could harm our results of operations.

Rapid changes in the values of our target assets may make it more difficult for us to maintain our qualification as a REIT or our exemption from the 1940 Act.

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We depend on ARRM and particularly key personnel including Messrs. Ulm and Zimmer. The loss of those key personnel could severely and detrimentally affect our operations.

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There are conflicts of interest in our relationship with ARRM and its affiliates, which could result in decisions that are not in the best interests of our stockholders or warrant holders.

#### **Corporate Information**

We were incorporated in the state of Maryland on February 5, 2008. On November 1, 2009, we consummated a business combination with Enterprise Acquisition Corp., a publicly traded blank check company formed for the purposes of acquiring an operating business. As a result of this transaction, which we refer to as the Business Combination, we became a publicly traded company.

Our principal offices are located at 956 Beachland Blvd., Suite 11, Vero Beach, Florida 32963. Our phone number is (772) 617-4340. Our website is <a href="www.ARMOURREIT.com">www.ARMOURREIT.com</a>. The contents of our website are not a part of this prospectus. The information on our website is not intended to form a part of or be incorporated by reference into this prospectus.

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### The Offering

Common Stock Offered By Us	5,110,000 shares (plus up to an additional 766,500 shares of our common stock that we may issue and sell upon the exercise of the underwriters' over-allotment option). Certain of our officers, directors and employees may participate in the offering on the same terms as the public.
Common stock to be outstanding after this Offering	7,414,054 shares
	We also have outstanding redeemable warrants to purchase an aggregate of 32,500,000 shares of our common stock that are currently exercisable through November 7, 2013 at an exercise price of \$11.00 per share. These warrants likely will be exercised if the market price of the shares of our common stock equals or exceeds the warrant exercise price.
Use of Proceeds	We plan to use all of the net proceeds from this offering to acquire additional target assets, principally Agency Securities and Agency Debt, in accordance with our objectives and strategies described in this prospectus. See <i>Use of Proceeds</i> .
Dividend Policy	We intend to continue to make regular quarterly cash distributions to holders of our common stock consistent with maintaining our REIT qualification for U.S. federal income tax law purposes. On November 5, 2009, we declared a dividend of \$0.13 per share of common stock to stockholders of record as of October 5, 2009 and we paid the dividend in December 2009 and January 2010. On March 5, 2010, we declared a dividend of \$0.40 per share of common stock to stockholders of record as of March 15, 2010, and we paid the dividend on April 29, 2010. On May 25, 2010, we declared a dividend of \$0.40 per share of common stock to stockholders of record on June 3, 2010, which we will pay on July 29, 2010. For more information, see <i>Dividend Policy</i> .
Listing	Our common stock and warrants are currently quoted on the OTC Bulletin Board under the symbols AMRR and AMRI respectively. Our common stock and warrants have been approved for listing on the NYSE Amex, LLC, or NYSE Amex, under the symbols ARR and ARR.WS, respective subject to official notice of issuance.
Ownership Restrictions	To assist us in qualifying as a REIT, ownership of shares of our common stock by any person is limited, with certain

exceptions, to 9.8% by value or by number of shares,

whichever is more restrictive, of our outstanding shares of common stock and 9.8% by value or by number of shares, whichever is more restrictive, of our outstanding capital stock. Our charter also provides for certain other ownership restrictions.

For more information on our operating and regulatory structure, see the section of this prospectus entitled *Business Operating and Regulatory Structure*.

#### 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 8 of this prospectus and all other information in this prospectus before investing in our common stock.

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#### **Summary Selected Financial And Other Data**

The following table sets forth selected historical financial information derived from our unaudited financial statements for the quarter ended March 31, 2010 and our audited financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008. The following data should be read in conjunction with Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and our financial statements including the notes thereto, included elsewhere in this prospectus. The financial data below, including the results of operations and key portfolio statistics for periods prior to the Business Combination are those of Enterprise Acquisition Corp., or Enterprise, and its investment strategy which differed significantly from our current operations.

	March 31, 2010 (unaudited)	December 31, 2009	December 31, 2008
<b>Balance Sheet Data:</b>			
Total Assets	\$ 191,640,680	\$ 126,693,608	\$ 250,189,469
Repurchase Agreements	168,525,093	46,288,602	-
Payable for unsettled securities	-	58,559,479	_

	Quarter Ended			Year Ended		Year Ended	
Statement of Operations and Pau Share Date.		March 31, 2010 (unaudited)		December 31, 2009		December 31, 2008	
Statement of Operations and Per Share Data:	Φ	1 100 120	φ	116 500	φ	5 125 560	
Interest income, net of premium amortization	\$	1,108,138	Ф	446,598	Ф	5,425,560	
Interest expense		(120,646)		(14,153)		- - 405 500	
Net interest income		987,492		432,445		5,425,560	
Change in fair value of interest rate contracts		(603,579)		-		-	
Gain on sale of agency securities		208,199		120 115		- - 405 560	
Total net revenues		592,112		432,445		5,425,560	
Operating expenses	Ф	283,879	ф	2,026,925	ф	2,309,375	
Net income (loss)	\$	,	\$	(1,149,427)		1,074,435	
Net income (loss) per share	\$		\$	(0.11)	\$	(0.02)	
Weighted average shares outstanding		2,304,054		20,456,664		23,750,001	
Cash dividends declared per share	\$	0.40		0.09	\$	-	
Book value per share (1)	\$	9.30	\$	9.33	\$	5.32	
Key Portfolio Statistics*							
Average Agency Securities (2)	\$	144,822,902	\$	10,670,293	\$	-	
Average Repurchase Agreements (3)	\$	132,411,377	\$	5,531,886	\$	-	
Average Equity (4)	\$	21,417,725	\$	21,491,094	\$	-	
Average Portfolio Yield (5)		3.06%		4.59%		-	
Average Cost of Funds (6)		0.38%		0.72%		-	
Interest Rate Spread (7)		2.68%		3.87%		-	
Return on Average Equity (8)		1.43%		(0.80)%		-	
Average Annual Portfolio Repayment Rate (9)		14.5%		8.6%		-	
Debt to Equity (at period end) (10)		7:87:1		2:16:1		_	
Debt to Additional Paid in Capital (at period end) (11)		7:44:1		2:22:1		-	

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* Average numbers for each period are weighted based on days on books and records. All percentages are annualized
(1)
Book value per share was calculated by dividing total stockholders equity by shares outstanding of 2,304,054, 2,304,054, and 31,250,000 at March 31, 2010, December 31, 2009, and December 31, 2008, respectively.
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Our average investment in Agency Securities was calculated by dividing the sum of our daily Agency Securities investments during the period by the number of days in the period.
(3)
Our average balance outstanding under our repurchase agreements was calculated by dividing the sum of our daily outstanding balances under our repurchase agreements during the period by the number of days in the period.
(4)
Our average stockholders' equity was calculated by dividing the sum of our daily stockholders' equity during the year by the number of days in the period.
(5)
Our average portfolio yield was calculated by dividing our net interest income by our average Agency Securities or other investments.
(6)
Our average cost of funds was calculated by dividing our total interest expense (including interest rate risk mitigation by our average borrowings.
(7)
Our interest rate spread was calculated by subtracting our average cost of funds from our average portfolio yield.
(8)
Our return on average equity was calculated by dividing net income by average equity.
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Our average annual principal repayment rate was calculated by dividing our total principal payments received during

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Our debt to equity ratio was calculated by dividing the amount outstanding under our repurchase agreements at period end by total stockholders' equity at period end.

the year (scheduled and unscheduled) by our average Agency Securities.

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Our debt to additional paid in capital ratio was calculated by dividing the amount outstanding under our repurchase agreements at period end by additional paid in capital at period end.

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#### RISK FACTORS

An investment in our securities involves a high degree of risk. You should consider carefully the material risks described below, together with the other information contained in this prospectus, before making a decision to invest in our securities. If any of the following events occur, our business, financial condition and operating results may be materially adversely affected. In that event, the trading price of our securities could decline, and you could lose all or part of your investment. This prospectus also contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in the forward-looking statements as a result of specific factors, including the risks described below.

#### **Risks Related to Our Business**

We have a limited operating history and may not be able to successfully operate our business or generate sufficient revenue to make or sustain distributions to our stockholders.

We were organized in 2008 and began investment activity in November 2009. We have a limited operating history on which to evaluate us and the past performance of ARRM and its key personnel should not be viewed as an indication of our future performance.

The results of our operations depend on many factors, including, without limitation:
the availability of opportunities for the acquisition of attractively priced Agency Securities; .
the level and volatility of interest rates;
the availability of readily accessible funding in the financial markets;
our ability to cost-effectively hedge risks; and
overall and general economic conditions.
We may not be able to maintain any agreements with our lenders on favorable terms or at all. Furthermore, we may

We may not be able to maintain any agreements with our lenders on favorable terms or at all. Furthermore, we may not be able to operate our business successfully or implement our operating policies and strategies as described in this prospectus, which would harm our financial results and could result in the loss of some or all of your investment.

Continued adverse developments in the global capital markets, including defaults, credit losses and liquidity concerns, as well as mergers, acquisitions or bankruptcies of potential repurchase agreement counterparties, could make it difficult for us to borrow money to acquire Agency Securities on a leveraged basis, on favorable terms, or at all, which could adversely affect our profitability.

We rely on the availability of financing to acquire Agency Securities on a leveraged basis. Institutions from which we obtain financing may have invested in or financed mortgage-backed securities and other assets that have declined in value as a result of the recent downturn in the residential mortgage market, causing these institutions to suffer losses. If these conditions persist, these institutions may be forced to exit the repurchase market, become insolvent or further tighten their lending standards or increase the amount of equity capital or the weighted average margin requirement, or the percentage amount by which the collateral value must exceed the loan amount required to obtain financing. Under such circumstances, it could be more difficult for us to obtain financing on favorable terms or at all. Our profitability may be adversely affected if we were unable to obtain cost-effective financing for our investments.

While the overall financing environment has improved over the last twelve months, further credit losses or mergers, acquisitions, or bankruptcies of investment banks and commercial banks that have historically acted as repurchase agreement counterparties may occur. This would result in a fewer number of potential repurchase agreement counterparties operating in the market and could potentially impact the pricing and availability of financing for our business.

Continued adverse developments in the residential mortgage market may adversely affect the value of the Agency Securities in which we invest.

During the past few years, the residential mortgage market in the United States has experienced a variety of difficulties and changed economic conditions that have adversely affected the performance and market value of the Agency Securities in which we invest. Agency Securities originated in 2006 and 2007 have experienced a higher and earlier than expected rate of delinquencies. Additionally, other earlier vintages of Agency Securities may not be performing as expected. As a result, the market for these securities may be adversely affected for a significant period of time.

Conditions within the market are being driven primarily by:

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Delinquencies across a broad scope of mortgage loans that include subprime mortgage loans (loans that are made to borrowers with impaired credit), Alt-A mortgage loans (loans that are made to borrowers with limited documentation), and prime mortgage loans (loans that are made to borrowers with excellent credit who provide full documentation).

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Declining housing prices and flattening of property values,

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Resetting adjustable rate mortgages that result in increased mortgage payments, and

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Constrained ability by borrowers to refinance or sell their properties.

While we intend to primarily invest in Agency Securities, rising levels of delinquencies could negatively affect the value of our Agency Securities or create market uncertainty about their true value. At the same time, market uncertainty about residential mortgages in general could depress the market for Agency Securities, making it more difficult for us to sell any Agency Securities we own on favorable terms or at all.

The federal conservatorship of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and related efforts, along with any changes in laws and regulations affecting the relationship between Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and the federal government, may adversely affect our business.

The payments we receive on the Agency Securities in which we invest depend upon a steady stream of payments by borrowers on the underlying mortgages and the fulfillment of guarantees by Ginnie Mae, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Ginnie Mae is part of a U.S. Government agency and its guarantees are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are U.S. Government-sponsored entities, but their guarantees are not backed by the full faith and credit of the United States.

Since 2007, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac have reported substantial losses and a need for substantial amounts of additional capital. In response to the deteriorating financial condition of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and the credit market disruption, Congress and the U.S. Treasury undertook a series of actions to stabilize these government-sponsored entities and the financial markets generally. The Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 was signed into law on July 30, 2008, and established the Federal Housing Finance Agency, or FHFA, with enhanced regulatory authority over, among other things, the business activities of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and the size of their portfolio holdings. On September 7, 2008, FHFA placed Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac into federal conservatorship and, together with the U.S. Treasury, established a program designed to boost investor confidence in Fannie Mae's and Freddie Mac's debt and Agency Securities. As the conservator of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the FHFA controls and directs the operations of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and may (1) take over the assets of and operate Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac with all the powers of the stockholders, the directors, and the officers of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and conduct all business of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac; (2) collect all obligations and money due to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac; (3) perform all functions of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac which are consistent with the conservator's appointment; (4) preserve and conserve the assets and property of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac; and (5) contract for assistance in fulfilling any function, activity, action or duty of the conservator.

Although the federal government has committed capital to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, there can be no assurance that these credit facilities and other capital infusions will be adequate for their needs. If the financial support is inadequate, these companies could continue to suffer losses and could fail to honor their guarantees and other obligations. Shortly after Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac were placed in federal conservatorship, the U.S. Treasury Secretary suggested that the guarantee payment structure of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac should be re-examined. The future roles of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac could be significantly reduced and the nature of their guarantees could be eliminated or considerably limited relative to historical measurements. Any changes to the nature of the guarantees provided by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac could redefine what constitutes an Agency Security and could have broad adverse market implications.

The problems faced by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac resulting in their being placed into federal conservatorship have stirred debate among some federal policy makers regarding the continued role of the U.S. Government in providing liquidity for the residential mortgage market. For example, in late January 2010, the Chairman of the House Financial Services Committee announced that the House Financial Services Committee will be recommending abolishing Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac in their current form and establishing a new system of providing housing finance. Following expiration of the current authorization, each of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac could be dissolved and the U.S. Government could decide to stop providing liquidity support of any kind to the mortgage market. If Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac were eliminated, or their structures were to change radically, we would not be able to acquire Agency Securities from these companies, which would drastically reduce the amount and type of Agency Securities available for investment, which are our only targeted investments.

Our income could be negatively affected in a number of ways depending on the manner in which related events unfold. For example, the current credit support provided by the U.S. Treasury to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and any additional credit support it may provide in the future, could have the effect of lowering the interest rate we expect to receive from Agency Securities that we seek to acquire, thereby tightening the spread between the interest we earn on our portfolio of targeted assets and our cost of financing that portfolio. A reduction in the supply of Agency Securities could also negatively affect the pricing of Agency Securities we seek to acquire by reducing the spread between the interest we earn on our portfolio of targeted assets and our cost of financing that portfolio.

In February 2010, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac announced that they will be purchasing delinquent loans from mortgage pools guaranteed by them. Delinquent loans for this program will be those that are 120 days or greater delinquent as of the measurement date. Freddie Mac stated that it will be consummating all of its purchases at once, based on the delinquencies as of February 2010, with payments to securities holders on March 15th and April 15th. Fannie Mae's repurchase program will occur over several months, the details of which are still forthcoming. These actions could decrease our income and book value. We cannot predict whether or when new actions may occur, the timing and pace of current actions already implemented, or what impact if any, such actions, or future actions, could have on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

In addition, in 2009, the U.S. Federal Reserve initiated a program to purchase \$200.0 billion in direct obligations of Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and the Federal Home Loan Banks and \$1.3 trillion in Agency Securities issued and guaranteed by Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac or Ginnie Mae. The U.S. Federal Reserve stated that its actions are intended to reduce the cost and increase the availability of credit for the purchase of houses, which in turn was expected to support housing markets and foster improved conditions in financial markets more generally.

The purchase program was completed on March 31, 2010. It is unclear the degree to which the completion of this program and withdrawal of substantial demand for Agency Securities by the Federal Reserve will affect the price and liquidity of Agency Securities. We are unable to predict whether or when the US Treasury or the Federal Reserve will make further interventions in the Agency Securities markets, or what impact, if any, such action could have on the Agency Securities market, the Agency Securities we hold, our business, results of operations and financial condition. It is unclear the timing or manner in which the Federal Reserve might dispose of the Agency Securities it has acquired and, consequently, any impact on the Agency Securities market and the Agency Securities we hold.

As indicated above, recent legislation has changed the relationship between Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and the U.S. Government and requires Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to reduce the amount of mortgage loans they own or for which they provide guarantees on Agency Securities. Future legislation could further change the relationship between Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and the federal government, and could also nationalize or eliminate such entities entirely. Any law affecting these government-sponsored enterprises may create market uncertainty and have the effect of reducing the actual or perceived credit quality of securities issued or guaranteed by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac. As a result, such laws could increase the risk of loss on investments in Fannie Mae and/or Freddie Mac Agency Securities. It also is possible that such laws could adversely impact the market for such securities and spreads at which they trade. All of the foregoing could materially adversely affect our business, operations and financial condition.

Mortgage loan modification programs and future legislative action may adversely affect the value of, and the returns on, the Agency Securities in which we invest.

During 2008, the U.S. Government, through the Federal Housing Authority and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, commenced implementation of programs designed to provide homeowners with assistance in avoiding residential mortgage loan foreclosures. The programs may involve, among other things, the modification of mortgage loans to reduce the principal amount of the loans or the rate of interest payable on the loans, or to extend the payment terms of the loans. In addition, members of the U.S. Congress have indicated support for additional legislative relief for homeowners, including an amendment of the bankruptcy laws to permit the modification of mortgage loans in bankruptcy proceedings. These loan modification programs, as well as future legislative or regulatory actions,

including amendments to the bankruptcy laws, that result in the modification of outstanding mortgage loans may adversely affect the value of, and the returns on, the Agency Securities in which we invest.

We may not be able to operate our business or implement our operating policies and strategies successfully.

The results of our operations depend on many factors, including, without limitation, the availability of opportunities for the acquisition of attractively priced Agency Securities, the level and volatility of interest rates, readily accessible funding in the financial markets and our ability to cost-effectively hedge risks as well as overall economic conditions. We may not be able to maintain any agreements with our lenders on favorable terms or at all. Furthermore, we may not be able to operate our business successfully or implement our operating policies and strategies as described in this prospectus, which could result in the loss of some or all of your investment.

# Increased levels of prepayments from Agency Securities may decrease our net interest income or result in a net loss.

Pools of mortgage loans underlie the Agency Securities that we acquire. We generally receive payments from the payments that are made on these underlying mortgage loans. When we acquire Agency Securities, we anticipate that the underlying mortgages will prepay at a projected rate generating an expected yield. When borrowers prepay their mortgage loans faster than expected, the related prepayments on the corresponding Agency Securities will be faster than expected. Since we typically purchase Agency Securities at premium prices that reflect above market coupons, faster than expected prepayments reduce the period those above market coupons are outstanding and could potentially harm our financial position and results of operations. Furthermore, while the Agency Securities we purchase are guaranteed against principal loss by Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, or Ginnie Mae, defaults, serious delinquencies, and loan modifications of the underlying mortgages result in prepayment of principal as well. Continuing poor credit results at Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and Ginnie Mae would suggest higher rates of prepayments from defaults and serious delinquencies. While we will seek to manage prepayment risk, in selecting investments, we must balance prepayment risk against other risks, the potential returns of each investment and the cost of hedging its risks. No strategy can completely insulate us from prepayment or other such risks, and we may deliberately retain exposure to prepayment or other risks.

# Recent market conditions may upset the historical relationship between interest rate changes and prepayment trends, which would make it more difficult for us to analyze our portfolio.

Our success depends on our ability to analyze the relationship of changing interest rates and prepayments of the mortgages that underlie our Agency Securities. Changes in interest rates and prepayments affect the market price of the Agency Securities that we purchase and any Agency Securities that we hold at a given time. As part of our overall portfolio risk management, we analyze interest rate changes and prepayment trends separately and collectively to assess their effects on our portfolio. In conducting our analysis, we depend on industry-accepted assumptions with respect to the relationship between interest rates and prepayments under normal market conditions. If the dislocation in the residential mortgage market or other developments change the way that prepayment trends have historically responded to interest rate changes, our ability to assess the market value of our portfolio would be significantly affected and could materially adversely affect our financial position and results of operations.

### Changes in interest rates may adversely affect the results of our operations and our financial position.

Interest rates are highly sensitive to many factors, including governmental, monetary and tax policies, domestic and international economic and political considerations, all of which are beyond our control. Our success depends on our ability to analyze the relationship changing interest rates may have on our results of operations and financial position in general, and the impact such rate changes may have on critical elements underlying Agency Securities and other investments' values and borrowings in particular, as follows:

Changes in interest rates may inversely affect the fair market value of our assets, which are primarily Agency Securities. When interest rates rise, the value of fixed-rate Agency Securities generally declines, and when interest rates fall, the value of fixed-rate Agency Securities generally increase.

Changes in interest rates may inversely affect levels of prepayments on mortgages. Typically, as interest rates rise, prepayments on the underlying mortgages tend to slow; conversely, as interest rates fall, prepayments on the underlying mortgages tend to accelerate. The effect that rising or falling interest rates has on these prepayments affects the price of Agency Securities, and the effect can be particularly pronounced with fixed rate Agency Securities.

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Changes in interest rates may create mismatches between our assets, primarily Agency Securities, and our borrowings used to fund our purchases of those assets. The risk of these mismatches may be pronounced in that, should rates increase, interest rate caps on our hybrid adjustable rate and adjustable rate mortgage-backed securities would limit the income stream on these investments while our borrowings would not be subject to similar restrictions.

Interest rate fluctuations will also cause variations in the yield curve, which may reduce our net income. The relationship between short-term and longer-term interest rates is often referred to as the yield curve. If short-term interest rates rise disproportionately relative to longer-term interest rates (a flattening of the yield curve), our borrowing costs may increase more rapidly than the interest income earned on our assets. Because our assets may bear interest based on longer-term rates than our borrowings, a flattening of the yield curve would tend to decrease our net income and the market value of our Agency Security assets. Additionally, to the extent cash flows from investments that return scheduled and unscheduled principal are reinvested in Agency Securities, the spread between the yields of the new investments and available borrowing rates may decline, which would likely decrease our net income. It is also possible that short-term interest rates may exceed longer-term interest rates (a yield curve inversion) in which event our borrowing costs may exceed our interest income and we could incur significant operating losses. This risk and the variables created by changing interest rates discussed above are integral to our business and our investment strategies. We will seek to mitigate these risks to the degree achievable through the active formulation and execution of our hedging strategies.

Mitigating against interest rate exposure may adversely affect our earnings, and our interest rate risk mitigation transactions may fail to protect us from the losses that they were designed to offset.

Subject to complying with REIT tax requirements, we employ techniques that limit the adverse effects of rising interest rates on a portion of our short-term repurchase agreements and on a portion of the value of our assets. In general, our interest rate risk mitigation strategy depends on our view of our entire portfolio, consisting of assets, liabilities and derivative instruments, in light of prevailing market conditions. We could misjudge the condition of our portfolio or the market. Our interest rate risk mitigation activity will vary in scope based on the level and volatility of interest rates and principal repayments, the type of securities held and other changing market conditions. Our actual interest rate risk mitigation decisions will be determined in light of the facts and circumstances existing at the time and may differ from our currently anticipated strategy. These techniques may include purchasing or selling futures contracts, entering into interest rate swap agreements or interest rate cap or floor agreements, swaptions, purchasing put and call options on securities or securities underlying futures co