

ATRIUM MORTGAGE INVESTMENT CORPORATION  
CANADA'S PREMIER NON-BANK LENDER™

# MD&A

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION  
AND ANALYSIS

YEAR ENDED  
DECEMBER 31, 2014

## Management's Discussion and Analysis

December 31, 2014

### Our business

We are a mortgage lender that fills the lending gap caused by the limited number of financial institutions operating in Canada. We lend in major urban centres where the stability and liquidity of real estate are at the highest levels. We focus on loans that cannot be placed with financial institutions but which represent an acceptable underwriting risk. We invest in mortgages secured by all types of residential, multi-residential and commercial real property located in Canada, subject to compliance with our investment policies. Our strategy is to grow in a controlled manner by diversifying geographically, and focusing on those real estate sectors with the lowest risk profiles.

Our investment objectives are to preserve our shareholders' equity and to provide our shareholders with stable and secure dividends from our investments in mortgage loans within the criteria mandated for a Mortgage Investment Corporation (MIC). Working within conservative risk parameters, we endeavour to maximize income and dividends through the sourcing and efficient management of our mortgage investments.

### Highlights

Atrium had an excellent year, despite a challenging economy. For the year ended December 31, 2014, our total revenue was \$35 million, up 47% from the previous year, and we earned \$21 million (\$0.91 per share basic and fully diluted), compared to \$18 million (\$0.85 per share, basic and diluted) for the previous year, an increase of 17% in earnings, and 7% in earnings per share. We thank our staff, underwriters and our clients for our success.

During this year we have actively managed the risk profile of our mortgage portfolio, and currently target commercial real estate, low-rise infill developments and single family mortgages. We also carefully increased balance sheet leverage from 24% debt-to-assets at the end of 2013 to a still-conservative 41% at the end of 2014, to improve our return to shareholders.

We declared a regular dividend of \$0.068333 per share for each month in 2014, a rate of \$0.82 per year. In addition, we declared a special dividend of \$0.07, for a total dividend of \$0.89 for 2014, compared to \$0.85 for the previous year.

We had \$433 million of mortgages receivable as at December 31, 2014, an increase of 54% from December 31, 2013. During the year, \$278 million of new mortgages were advanced, and \$131 million of mortgages were repaid.

Earned  
91 cents per share  
basic;  
8.8% return on book  
value

EPS ↑ 7.1%  
from previous year

Strong mortgage  
portfolio

80%  
first mortgages

97.2%  
less than 75%  
loan-to-value

Mortgages receivable  
\$433 million

↑ 54% from 2013

Nine mortgage  
originators in  
five offices across  
central and western  
Canada

**H**ere are some further operating highlights of a successful 2014:

In February and March 2014, we completed a public offering of \$31.8 million aggregate principal amount of 6.25% convertible debentures, the net proceeds of which were used to repay indebtedness under our operating credit facility.

Effective May 15, 2014, we appointed Marianne Dobslaw as managing director for British Columbia. Ms. Dobslaw has over 25 years' experience underwriting residential and commercial financings throughout Western Canada.

We completed a public share offering in May 2014 for gross proceeds of \$34.6 million, including an overallotment option that was fully exercised, the net proceeds of which were used to repay indebtedness under our operating credit facility.

In September and October 2014, we completed a public offering of \$40.25 million aggregate principal amount of 5.50% convertible debentures, including an overallotment option that was fully exercised, the net proceeds of which were used to repay indebtedness under our operating credit facility.

On October 6, 2014, we renewed our operating credit facility with a syndicate of lenders increasing the facility to \$100 million, from \$80 million. The revised operating credit facility is for a two year term. At the time we noted that the increase in the operating credit facility reflected our lenders' confidence in us, and would allow us to create additional value for shareholders by investing in mortgages yielding far higher rates than the cost of the bank line.

On October 23, 2014, Mr. Michael Cooper stepped down from our board of directors, and Mr. Andrew Grant was appointed to the board. Mr. Grant is president of PCI Group, a major developer in British Columbia. PCI Group has completed many high profile developments in greater Vancouver, and through its partner, Warrington PCI Management, provides property management services on over 5 million square feet of commercial real estate throughout British Columbia.

## Investment portfolio

Our mortgage portfolio consists of 190 mortgage loans and aggregated \$434 million at December 31, 2014, an increase of 54% from December 31, 2013.

<b>Mortgage category</b> (outstanding amounts in \$000s)	<b>December 31, 2014</b>			<b>December 31, 2013</b>		
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Outstanding amount</b>	<b>% of Portfolio</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Outstanding amount</b>	<b>% of Portfolio</b>
Commercial/mixed use	31	\$ 134,990	31.1%	27	\$ 89,475	31.7%
House and apartment	90	93,070	21.4%	59	69,485	24.6%
Low-rise residential	23	85,678	19.7%	17	58,466	20.7%
Construction	17	61,095	14.1%	9	22,093	7.8%
High-rise residential	8	44,048	10.1%	5	32,967	11.7%
Mid-rise residential	8	12,127	2.8%	3	7,440	2.6%
Condominium corporation	<u>13</u>	<u>3,260</u>	<u>0.8%</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>2,434</u>	<u>0.9%</u>
Mortgage portfolio	<u>190</u>	<u>434,268</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>131</u>	<u>282,360</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
Accrued interest receivable		2,177			1,562	
Mortgage discount		(465)			(339)	
Mortgage origination fees		(835)			(724)	
Provision for mortgage losses		<u>(2,388)</u>			<u>(1,151)</u>	
Mortgages receivable		<u>\$ 432,757</u>			<u>\$ 281,708</u>	

A summary of our mortgages by size is presented below.

<b>Mortgage amount</b> (outstanding amounts in \$000s)	<b>December 31, 2014</b>			<b>December 31, 2013</b>		
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Outstanding amount</b>	<b>% of Portfolio</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Outstanding amount</b>	<b>% of Portfolio</b>
\$0 - \$2,500,000	139	\$ 119,655	27.6%	95	\$ 98,812	35.0%
\$2,500,001 - \$5,000,000	26	90,602	20.9%	24	81,090	28.7%
\$5,000,001 - \$7,500,000	9	54,931	12.6%	7	46,820	16.6%
\$7,500,001 +	<u>16</u>	<u>169,080</u>	<u>38.9%</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>55,638</u>	<u>19.7%</u>
	<u>190</u>	<u>\$ 434,268</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>131</u>	<u>\$ 282,360</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

As of December 31, 2014, the average outstanding mortgage balance was \$2.3 million (December 31, 2013 – \$2.2 million), and the median outstanding mortgage balance was \$1.1 million (December 31, 2013 – \$1.4 million).

Analyses of our mortgages as at December 31, 2014 by type of mortgage, nature of the underlying property, and location of the underlying property is set out below and on the next page. The tables show the weighted average interest rate excluding lender fees paid by the borrower, which reflects the yield to Atrium including any mortgage discount or premium.

<b>Description</b> (\$000s)	<b>Number of mortgages</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>Weighted average interest rate</b>
<b>Type of Mortgage</b>				
First mortgages	156	\$ 351,310	80.9%	8.50%
Second and third mortgages	<u>34</u>	<u>82,958</u>	<u>19.1%</u>	<u>10.13%</u>
	<u>190</u>	<u>\$ 434,268</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>8.81%</u>
<b>Nature of underlying property</b>				
Residential	159	\$ 299,278	68.9%	8.87%
Commercial	<u>31</u>	<u>134,990</u>	<u>31.1%</u>	<u>8.68%</u>
	<u>190</u>	<u>434,268</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>8.81%</u>

<u>Description</u> (\$000s)	<u>Number of mortgages</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Weighted average interest rate</u>
<b>Location of underlying property</b>				
Greater Toronto Area	136	\$ 296,405	68.2%	8.81%
Non-GTA Ontario	11	38,716	8.9%	9.66%
Saskatchewan	1	2,880	0.7%	8.50%
Alberta	31	66,325	15.3%	8.47%
British Columbia	11	29,942	6.9%	8.64%
	<u>190</u>	<u>434,268</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>8.81%</u>

We have an exceptionally high percentage of our portfolio invested in first mortgages (80.2%), which is a core strategy and is unmatched by our peer group.

The weighted average loan-to-value ratio in our mortgage portfolio is 64.3%, with 97.2% of the portfolio below 75% loan-to-value.

<u>Mortgage category</u> (\$000s)	<u>December 31 2014</u>		<u>December 31 2013</u>		<u>% change</u>
	<u>\$</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>%</u>	
Conventional first mortgages	\$ 348,050	80.2%	\$ 249,328	88.3%	39.6%
Conventional second and third mortgages	70,728	16.3%	25,711	9.1%	175.1%
Non-conventional mortgages	12,230	2.8%	4,887	1.7%	150.3%
Other	3,260	0.7%	2,434	0.9%	34.0%
	<u>\$ 434,268</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$ 282,360</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>53.8%</u>

Conventional mortgages are those mortgages with a loan-to-value of less than or equal to 75%. Seventy-five percent (75%) loan-to-value is the industry norm for determining a conventional versus non-conventional mortgage. Non-conventional mortgages are those mortgages with a loan-to-value in excess of 75%.

The weighted average term remaining for our mortgages receivable at December 31, 2014 is 13.7 months (December 31, 2013 – 13.5 months).

## Our business

We are a mortgage lender that fills the lending gap caused by the limited number of financial institutions operating in Canada. We lend in major urban centres where the stability and liquidity of real estate are at the highest levels. We focus on loans that cannot be placed with financial institutions but which represent an acceptable underwriting risk. The weighted average loan-to-value ratio of our mortgage portfolio, as a whole, at the time of underwriting each loan in our portfolio, will not exceed 75%. A typical loan in our portfolio has an interest rate of 8% to 10% per annum, a one or two-year term and monthly interest-only mortgage payments.

Our lending parameters are as follows:

- First or second mortgages on income-producing real estate up to a maximum of 85% of appraised value.
- Mortgages on residential and commercial properties up to a maximum of 75% of appraised value.
- Loans on single family residences up to 75% of appraised value.
- Construction loans up to a maximum of 90% of cost.
- Loans to condominium corporations.

Mortgage loan amounts are generally \$300,000 to a maximum of \$20 million. The largest single mortgage in our mortgage portfolio as at December 31, 2014 was \$13.7 million. For loan amounts in excess of \$20 million, we generally co-lend with a financial institution or private lender. The parameters listed above are our maximum mortgage lending parameters. At December 31, 2014, the weighted average loan-to-value ratio of the mortgage portfolio remained conservative at 64.3%, compared to 64.1% at December 31, 2013.

Our investment policies, which may be changed by our board of directors, are as follows:

- We may invest only in residential mortgages, commercial mortgages, commercial mortgage backed securities and certain related investments.
- All investments must be mortgages on the security of real property situated within Canada, loans to condominium corporations, or certain permitted interim investments.
- Commercial mortgages may not constitute more than 50% of our total assets at any time.

- The term of the mortgage may be no greater than ten years.
- No single borrower may account for more than 15% of our total assets. In addition, any loan or amendment that would result in an exposure to one borrower exceeding the lesser of \$50 million or 10% of the portfolio requires approval of the board.
- All mortgages are supported by external appraisals by a qualified appraiser. All mortgages, except mortgages secured by one to six residential units, are supported by environmental audits.
- The maximum initial loan-to-value ratio of an individual mortgage is 85%, including any prior ranking encumbrances, and the maximum weighted average loan-to-value ratio of our mortgage portfolio, as a whole, at the time of underwriting each loan in our portfolio, is 75%.
- Our ratio of debt to equity must be less than 1:1.
- We do not invest directly in real property, although real property may be acquired through foreclosing on a mortgage.
- A mortgage investment: (i) of \$2,000,000 or more requires approval of the board; (ii) of between \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000 requires approval of three members of the board, including at least two independent directors; and (iii) of \$1,000,000 or less requires approval of any one member of the board. For loans previously approved, if the mortgage amount exceeds the amount approved by up to \$200,000 and if the loan-to-value ratio increases by less than 5% where the ratio is 75% or less, requires the approval of one member of the board, otherwise the general limits apply. We may invest in interim investments that are guaranteed by the Government of Canada or of a province or territory of Canada or deposits or certificates of deposits, acceptances and other similar instruments issued, endorsed or guaranteed by a Schedule I Bank in any amount without prior board approval.
- We may not make unsecured loans to, nor invest in securities issued by, our manager or its affiliates, nor make loans to the directors or officers of the manager.
- We may not make any investment, or incur any indebtedness, that would result in our not qualifying as a MIC.

**Our investment objectives are to preserve our shareholders' equity and to provide our shareholders with stable and secure dividends from our investments in mortgage loans within the criteria mandated for a MIC. Working within conservative risk parameters, we endeavour to maximize income and dividends through the sourcing and efficient management of our mortgage investments.**

We are a non-bank lender and invest in mortgages secured by all types of residential, multi-residential and commercial real property located in Canada, subject to compliance with our investment policies. The types of properties that we finance include residential houses, small multi-family residential properties comprised of six or fewer units, residential apartment buildings, mixed-use residential apartments and store-front properties, commercial properties, residential and commercial land development sites and construction projects. We also invest in short-term bridge financing for real estate developers. Our strategy is to grow in a controlled manner by diversifying geographically, and focusing on real estate sectors with the lowest risk profiles.

We qualify as a MIC and are restricted from any activity that would result in us failing to qualify as a MIC. In order to qualify as a MIC, we must satisfy the requirements in subsection 130.1(6) of the ITA throughout the taxation year. Among the requirements are:

- We can only invest or manage funds and cannot manage or develop real property.
- We cannot own debts secured on real property situated outside Canada, debts owing by non-residents unless such debts were secured on real property situated in Canada, shares of the capital stock of corporations not resident in Canada, or real property situated outside of Canada or any leasehold interest in such property.
- No shareholder (together with related persons, as defined in the ITA) may at any time own, directly or indirectly, more than 25% of our common shares.
- The cost for tax purposes of cash on hand, debts secured on specified residential properties, and funds on deposit with a Canada Deposit Insurance Fund or Régie de l'assurance-dépôts du Québec-insured institution or credit union must constitute at least 50% of the cost of all of our property.
- The cost for tax purposes of any interests in real property (including leaseholds but excepting real or immovable property acquired by foreclosure after default by the mortgagor) may not exceed 25% of the cost of all of our property.
- There are certain restrictions as to our maximum debt-to-equity ratio.

We are managed by Canadian Mortgage Capital Corporation (the “manager” or “CMCC”), which is our exclusive manager and arranges and services our mortgage loans and otherwise directs our affairs and manages our business.

For explanations as to some of the terms used herein, please refer to our Annual Information Form for the year ended December 31, 2014, which is available at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

## Results of Operations

(In this section, dollars are in thousands of Canadian dollars, except per share amounts)

### Financial summary

	<b>Year ended December 31 2014</b>	<b>Year ended December 31 2013</b>	<b>Year ended December 31 2012</b>
Revenue	\$ 34,956	\$ 23,760	\$ 17,235
Mortgage servicing and management fees	3,553	2,468	1,568
Other expenses	1,014	845	935
Provision for mortgage losses	<u>1,817</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>193</u>
Income before financing costs	28,572	20,384	14,539
Financing costs	<u>7,535</u>	<u>2,384</u>	<u>1,181</u>
Earnings and total comprehensive income	<u>\$ 21,037</u>	<u>\$ 18,000</u>	<u>\$ 13,358</u>
Basic earnings per share	\$ 0.91	\$ 0.85	\$ 0.86
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.91	\$ 0.85	\$ 0.86
Dividends declared	\$ 20,837	\$ 17,970	\$ 13,385
Mortgages receivable, end of period	\$ 432,757	\$ 281,708	\$ 201,955
Total assets, end of period	\$ 433,127	\$ 281,981	\$ 212,603
Shareholder' equity, end of period	\$ 248,204	\$ 212,019	\$ 210,110
	<b>Three months ended December 31 2014</b>	<b>Three months ended December 31 2013</b>	
	<i>(unaudited)</i>	<i>(unaudited)</i>	
Revenue	\$ 9,919	\$ 6,545	
Mortgage servicing and management fees	1,094	678	
Other expenses	334	234	
Provision for mortgage losses	<u>737</u>	<u>—</u>	
Income before financing costs	7,754	5,633	
Financing costs	<u>2,364</u>	<u>989</u>	
Earnings and total comprehensive income	<u>\$ 5,390</u>	<u>\$ 4,644</u>	
Basic earnings per share	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.22	
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.22	
Dividends declared	\$ 6,714	\$ 5,298	
Mortgages receivable, end of period	\$ 432,757	\$ 281,708	
Total assets, end of period	\$ 433,127	\$ 281,981	
Shareholders' equity, end of period	\$ 248,204	\$ 212,019	

**Summary of quarterly results (unaudited)**

	<u>Q4 2014</u>	<u>Q3 2014</u>	<u>Q2 2014</u>	<u>Q1 2014</u>	<u>Q4 2013</u>	<u>Q3 2013</u>	<u>Q2 2013</u>	<u>Q1 2013</u>
Revenue	\$ 9,919	\$ 9,096	\$ 8,296	\$ 7,645	\$ 6,545	\$ 6,281	\$ 5,845	\$ 5,089
Mortgage servicing and management fees	1,094	916	826	717	678	662	610	518
Other expenses	334	213	207	260	234	188	171	252
Provision for mortgage losses	<u>737</u>	<u>504</u>	<u>112</u>	<u>464</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>—</u>
Income before financing costs	7,754	7,463	7,151	6,204	5,633	5,431	5,001	4,319
Financing costs	<u>2,364</u>	<u>1,920</u>	<u>1,883</u>	<u>1,368</u>	<u>989</u>	<u>837</u>	<u>429</u>	<u>129</u>
Earnings and comprehensive income	<u>\$ 5,390</u>	<u>\$ 5,543</u>	<u>\$ 5,268</u>	<u>\$ 4,836</u>	<u>\$ 4,644</u>	<u>\$ 4,594</u>	<u>\$ 4,572</u>	<u>\$ 4,190</u>
Basic earnings per share	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.20
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.20
Dividends declared	\$ 6,714	\$ 4,994	\$ 4,777	\$ 4,352	\$ 5,298	\$ 4,230	\$ 4,224	\$ 4,219

**Results of operations – three months ended December 31, 2014**

For the three months ended December 31, 2014, mortgage interest and fees revenue aggregated \$9,919, compared to \$6,545 in the comparative period, an increase of 52%. The weighted average interest rate on our mortgage portfolio increased to 8.81% at December 31, 2014, slightly higher than the 8.77% at September 30, 2014, and 8.72% at the previous year end, December 31, 2013.

Operating expenses, excluding the provision for mortgage losses, for the three months ended December 31, 2014 were \$1,428, compared to \$912 in the comparative period, an increase of 57%, due to the increase in the size of the mortgage portfolio. The general provision for mortgage losses was \$737 in the quarter to bring the total general provision to \$2,388, or 55 basis points (0.55%) of the mortgage portfolio. Mortgage servicing and other fees paid to the manager (that is, the management fee plus HST) aggregated \$1,094 for the three months ended December 31, 2014, compared with \$678 in the prior year period, reflecting the growth of our mortgage portfolio. There was no specific provision for mortgage losses during the quarter or at December 31, 2014.

Financing costs for the three months ended December 31, 2014 were \$2,364, compared to \$989 in the same period of 2013, an increase of 139%. This increase is due to the increased use of our bank line of credit compared to the comparable period, and two convertible debentures issued during 2014, as we optimized our balance sheet leverage, which increased from 24% debt-to-assets at the end of 2013 to a still-conservative 41% at the end of 2014. This increased debt improved the return to shareholders, while keeping leverage at prudent levels. (We define debt as the aggregate of the total borrowings under the bank credit facility and the unsecured convertible debentures.)

Net earnings for the three months ended December 31, 2014 were \$5,390, an increase of 16% from net earnings of \$4,644 for the same period in the prior year. Basic and fully diluted earnings per common share were \$0.22, for the three months ended December 31, 2014, compared with \$0.22 per common share for the comparable period in the previous year.

During the three months ended December 31, 2014, we funded gross mortgages aggregating \$63,694. Of these advances, \$44,483 were first mortgages, representing 70% of the total loans funded. Eight of these advances were on properties in British Columbia, 25 were on properties in Alberta, two were non-GTA Ontario, one was on a property in Saskatchewan and the remaining 26 were made in the Greater Toronto Area. There were \$42,696 of gross repayments during the period. The total portfolio increased from \$412,820 to \$434,268 during the period.

**Results of operations – year ended December 31, 2014**

For the year ended December 31, 2014, mortgage interest and fees revenue aggregated \$34,956, compared to \$23,760 in the prior year, an increase of 47%. The weighted average interest rate on our mortgage portfolio increased to 8.81% at December 31, 2014, slightly higher than the 8.72% at December 31, 2013.

Operating expenses, excluding the provision for mortgage losses, for the year ended December 31, 2014 were \$4,567, compared to \$3,313 in the prior year, an increase of 38%, due to the increase in the size of the mortgage portfolio. The general provision for mortgage losses was \$1,817 during the year to bring the total general provision to \$2,388, or 55 basis points (0.55%) of the mortgage portfolio. There was no specific provision for mortgage losses during the year or at December 31, 2014.

Operating expenses include mortgage servicing and other fees paid to the manager (that is, the management fee plus HST) that aggregated \$3,553 for the year ended December 31, 2014, compared with \$2,468 in the prior year, as a result of the growth of our mortgage portfolio.

Financing costs for the year ended December 31, 2014 were \$7,535, compared to \$2,384 in the prior year. This increase is due to the increased use of our bank line of credit compared to the prior year, and two convertible debentures issued during 2014, as we optimized our balance sheet leverage, which increased from 24% debt-to-



assets at the end of 2013 to a still-conservative 41% at the end of 2014. The increased debt improved the return to shareholders while keeping leverage at prudent levels. (We define debt as the aggregate of the total borrowings under the bank credit facility and the unsecured convertible debentures.)

Net earnings for the year ended December 31, 2014 were \$21,037, an increase of 17% from net earnings of \$18,000 for the same period in the prior year. Basic and fully diluted earnings per common share were \$0.91, for the year ended December 31, 2014, compared with \$0.85 in the previous year.

During the year ended December 31, 2014, we funded gross mortgages aggregating \$278,319. Of these advances, \$220,684 were first mortgages, representing 79% of the total loans funded. Twelve of these advances were on properties in British Columbia, 36 were on properties in Alberta, 10 were non-GTA Ontario, one was on a property in Saskatchewan and the remaining 83 were made in the Greater Toronto Area. There were \$130,983 of gross repayments during the period. The total mortgage portfolio increased from \$282,360 to \$434,268 during the year.

## Liquidity and capital resources

At December 31, 2014, we had bank indebtedness and operating line outstanding of \$80,298. The operating line is provided by a syndicate of two major chartered banks, drawn through bankers' acceptances and bank loans in order to minimize our borrowing costs. We are in compliance with the covenants required in our operating credit facility as at December 31, 2014, and we expect to remain in compliance with such covenants going forward. We have three convertible debentures outstanding, with a total book value of \$99,235 at December 31, 2014.

Growth in our mortgage portfolio has historically been financed by the issuance of common shares and by the issuance of convertible debt. We expect to be able to generate sufficient funds for future net mortgage loan investments through a combination of common share issuances, convertible or other debt, and the operating credit facility.

Investing activities during 2014 consisted of advances on new mortgage loan investments of \$278,319, less repayments received of \$130,983, for net cash used for net new mortgage loan investments of \$147,336.

Sources of cash from financing activities during 2014 consisted primarily of drawings under our bank operating line and the issuance of convertible debentures and common shares. Draws less repayments under our operating facility represented a \$44,062 source of cash.

During 2014, we issued two convertible debentures which resulted in \$68,644 of cash, net of issue costs. Net cash provided by financing activities was \$128,087 after paying dividends of \$19,931 for 2014. During the second quarter we issued 3,036,000 common shares in a public offering for gross proceeds of \$34,610. Net proceeds after expenses of all common shares issued during 2014, including those issued under the dividend reinvestment plan and employee share purchase plan, were \$35,099.

## Changes in financial position

Bank indebtedness, bankers' acceptances and bank loans payable (under our operating credit facility) increased to \$80,298 at December 31, 2014, from \$36,236 at December 31, 2013, reflecting our objective of using a prudent amount of leverage to improve shareholder returns. As at December 31, 2014, total debt (including bank debt, operating line and convertible debentures) remained modest at 41% of total assets.

In February and March 2014, we completed a public offering of \$31,801 aggregate principal amount of 6.25% convertible debentures, the net proceeds of which were used to repay indebtedness under our operating credit facility. In September and October 2014, we completed a public offering of \$40,250 aggregate principal amount of 5.50% convertible debentures, including an overallotment option that was fully exercised, the net proceeds of which were used to repay indebtedness under our operating credit facility.

On October 6, 2014, we renewed our operating credit facility with a syndicate of lenders increasing the facility to \$100 million, from \$80 million. The revised operating credit facility is for a two year term. At the time we noted that the increase in the operating credit facility reflected our lenders' confidence in us, and would allow us to create additional value for shareholders by investing in mortgages yielding far higher rates than the cost of the bank line.

Accounts payable and accrued charges were \$523 at December 31, 2014 compared to \$460 at December 31, 2013. Dividends payable were \$3,379 at December 31 2014 up from \$2,473 at December 31, 2013, primarily due to the increase in the special dividend from \$0.05 per share in 2013 to \$0.07 in 2014.

Share capital increased to \$245,794 at December 31, 2014 from \$210,659 at December 31, 2013 primarily due to the public common share issuance in the second quarter, our dividend reinvestment plan, and the employee share purchase plan.

## Contractual obligations

Contractual obligations due at December 31, 2014 were as follows:

<b><u>Obligations at December 31, 2014</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>Less than 1 year</u></b>	<b><u>1-2 years</u></b>	<b><u>3-7 years</u></b>
Bank indebtedness	\$ 313	\$ 313	\$ –	\$ –
Operating line	79,985	79,985		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	523	523	–	–
Accrued convertible debentures interest	1,093	1,093		
Dividends payable	3,379	3,379	–	–
Due to related party	395	395	–	–
Convertible debentures	<u>99,235</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>99,235</u>
Total	<u>\$ 184,923</u>	<u>\$ 85,688</u>	<u>\$ –</u>	<u>\$ 99,235</u>

We have commitments to advance additional funds under existing mortgages of \$99,757 and for new mortgages of \$10,063 at December 31, 2014 (December 31, 2013 – \$51,437 and \$46,728 respectively). Generally, outstanding commitments are expected to be funded within the next 24 months. However, our experience has been that a portion of the unfunded amounts on existing mortgages will never be drawn.

## Off-balance sheet arrangements

As at December 31, 2014, we had \$4,483 of letters of credit (LCs) outstanding which were issued under our operating credit facility. The LCs reduce the maximum available under our operating credit facility by the amount of the LCs. The maximum available by way of LCs under our operating credit facility is \$10,000. LCs represent irrevocable assurances that our banks will make payments in the event that a customer cannot meet its obligations to third parties. LCs carry the same credit risk, recourse and collateral security requirements as mortgages extended to customers.

## Share-based payments

	<b><u>September 1 2014 grant</u></b>	<b><u>August 30 2013 grant</u></b>	<b><u>August 29 2012 grant</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
<b>Deferred shares granted</b>				
Year ended December 31, 2012	–	–	21,500	21,500
2013	–	23,000	–	23,000
2014	<u>21,500</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>21,500</u>
	<u>21,500</u>	<u>23,000</u>	<u>21,500</u>	<u>66,000</u>
<b>Income deferred shares earned</b>				
Year ended December 31, 2012	–	–	680	680
2013	–	592	1,741	2,333
2014	<u>375</u>	<u>1,738</u>	<u>1,714</u>	<u>3,827</u>
	<u>375</u>	<u>2,330</u>	<u>4,135</u>	<u>6,840</u>
<b>Share compensation expense</b>			<b><u>December 31 2014</u></b>	<b><u>December 31 2013</u></b>
September 1, 2014 grant			\$ 55	\$ –
August 30, 2013 grant			125	54
August 29, 2012 grant			<u>68</u>	<u>150</u>
			<u>\$ 248</u>	<u>\$ 204</u>

Grants are provided to certain directors and employees under our deferred share incentive plan. The deferred share units vest annually over three years. Common shares are issued to participants on the vesting date of each tranche of deferred share units, unless a participant elects to defer the issuance. In addition, income deferred share units are credited to holders of deferred share units based upon dividends paid on our common shares.

## Transactions with related parties

Transactions with related parties are in the normal course of business and are recorded at the exchange amount, which is the amount of consideration established and agreed to by the related parties, and are measured at fair value. The manager is responsible for our day-to-day activities. We incurred management and mortgage servicing fees from a subsidiary of the manager of \$3,548 for the year ended December 31, 2014 (2013 – \$2,455). Mr. Robert G. Goodall is a director and part of the key management personnel of the manager, received compensation from the manager, and is also a director of Atrium. The management agreement between us and the manager contains provisions for the payment of termination fees to the manager in the event that the management agreement is terminated in certain circumstances. The manager also acts as broker for our mortgages. The manager receives origination fees from the borrowers of up to 1% of the amount being funded; origination fees in excess of 1% are split equally between the manager and Atrium.

## Critical accounting estimates and policies

Our annual financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 are prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles and IFRS, as set out in Part I of the CPA Canada *Handbook*. Management makes certain estimates and relies upon certain assumptions related to reporting our assets and liabilities as well as results of operations in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. Actual results will differ from these estimates and assumptions.

The most subjective of these estimates are the valuation of mortgages receivable, and the provision for mortgage losses, as well as the measurement of the liability and equity components of each of our convertible debentures. Management believes that its estimates are appropriate; however, actual results could differ from the amounts estimated. Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed each quarter. The more significant accounting policies are set out below:

### *Revenue recognition*

Mortgage interest and fees revenues are recognized in the statements of earnings and comprehensive income using the effective interest method. Mortgage interest and fees revenues include our share of any fees received, as well as the effect of any discount or premium on the mortgage.

The effective interest method derives the interest rate that discounts the estimated future cash payments and receipts during the expected life of the mortgage receivable (or, where appropriate, a shorter period) to its carrying amount. When calculating the effective interest rate, future cash flows are estimated considering all contractual terms of the financial instrument, but not future credit losses. The calculation of the effective interest rate includes all fees and transaction costs paid or received. Fees and transaction costs include incremental revenues and costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issuance of the mortgage.

### *Mortgages receivable*

A mortgage receivable, carried at amortized cost, is considered impaired when there is objective evidence that there has been a deterioration of credit quality subsequent to its initial recognition to the extent that we no longer have reasonable assurance as to the timely collection of the full amount of principal and interest.

We assess mortgages receivable for objective evidence of impairment both individually and collectively each reporting period. The specific and general provisions for mortgage losses are determined by taking into account the following factors:

- Delays in the collection of interest and principal
- The point at which we consider a loan to be in default (which we define as 90 days for single family residential mortgages and 30 days for all other mortgages)
- Other known factors specific to the property, the borrower or the guarantor
- Economic and other real estate market conditions in the geographic area in which a borrower's project is located
- Our judgement as to whether current economic and credit conditions are such that the actual inchoate or potential losses at the reporting date are likely to be higher or lower than the amounts suggested by historic experience
- Any other factors that apply to a particular mortgage or group of mortgages

Several of these factors involve estimates and judgements on the part of management in determining the provisions for mortgage losses. The other key estimates used for quantifying the specific and general provisions for mortgage losses are:

- The period of time expected to elapse between the contractual maturity or interest and principal repayment dates and the date at which recovery is estimated
- The amount expected to be ultimately recovered on impaired loans, taking into account the probability of different outcomes, where necessary
- The value of underlying security, and whether Atrium expects to take possession of the property
- The amount of any legal and other third party costs estimated to be incurred

An impairment loss is calculated as the difference between the carrying amount of the mortgage receivable and the present value of the estimated future cash flows discounted at the original effective interest rate. Losses are charged to the statements of earnings and comprehensive income and are reflected in the provision for mortgage losses.

If there is no objective evidence of impairment for an individual mortgage receivable, it is included in a group of mortgages with similar credit risk characteristics and collectively assessed for impairment for losses incurred but not identified, and reported as a general provision. For the purpose of determining the group of mortgages with similar credit risk characteristic, mortgages are grouped by category: commercial/mixed use, house and apartment, low-rise residential, construction, high-rise residential, mid-rise residential, and condominium corporations.

#### *Convertible debentures*

The convertible debentures can be converted into our common shares at the option of the investor. They are compound financial instruments with two components: a financial liability, and a call option which is an equity instrument. The fair value of the liability component is measured as of the date that the debentures were issued, and the equity instrument is valued on that date based upon the difference between the fair value of the debenture and the fair value of the liability component.

The measurement of the fair value of the liability component is based upon market rates of interest on similar debt instruments without the conversion feature. Expenses of issue are allocated between the two components on a *pro-rata* basis. The book value of the debt is accreted up to its face value over the life of the debentures using the effective interest method, which provides for the application of a constant interest rate over the life of the debenture. The value of the equity component is not re-measured subsequent to its initial measurement date.

#### *Income taxes*

We are, and intend to maintain our status as, a MIC, and as such are not taxed on income provided that it flows through to our shareholders as dividends during the year or within 90 days after December 31 each year. It is our policy to pay such dividends out to the shareholders to remain non-taxable. Accordingly, no provision for current or future income taxes is required.

## **Controls and procedures**

Our Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (DC&P) and internal control over financial reporting (ICFR), as those terms are defined in National Instrument (NI) 52-109 – *Certification of Disclosure in Issuers' Annual and Interim Filings*.

We designed the DC&P and ICFR, the latter of which was using the framework in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework* (as revised in 2013) to provide reasonable assurance that material information relating to us is made known to our CEO and CFO during the reporting period; and information required to be disclosed by us in our filings under securities legislation is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the required time periods; and provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

Our CEO and CFO evaluated the design effectiveness of the DC&P and ICFR, as defined by NI 52-109, as of December 31, 2014. Based on this evaluation, they concluded that the designs of the DC&P and ICFR were effective as of December 31, 2014. NI 52-109 also requires Canadian public companies to disclose in their MD&A any change in ICFR during the most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, ICFR. No such change to ICFR has occurred during the most recently completed quarter.

It should be noted that a control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that its objectives are met. Because of the inherent limitations in any control system, no evaluation of control can provide absolute assurance that all control weaknesses including, for example, any instances of fraud, have been detected. The inherent limitations include, among other items: (i) that management's assumptions and judgements could ultimately prove to be incorrect as conditions and circumstances vary; (ii) the impact of any undetected errors; and (iii) controls may be circumvented through the unauthorized acts of individuals, by collusion of two or more people, or by management override. The design of any system of control

is also based in part upon certain assumptions as to the likelihood of future events, and there is no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions.

## Outstanding share data

Our authorized capital consists of an unlimited number of common shares, of which 24,428,965 were issued and outstanding at December 31, 2014, and 24,444,867 were issued and outstanding as at the date hereof. In addition, as at the date hereof, 2,407,408, 2,391,054 and 2,747,440 common shares are issuable upon conversion or redemption or in respect of repayment at maturity of the outstanding 5.25%, 6.25%, and the 5.50% convertible debentures, using the conversion price of \$13.50, \$13.30 and \$14.65, respectively, for each common share.

We also have an employee share purchase plan, a deferred share incentive plan and a dividend reinvestment plan pursuant to which common shares may be issued from time to time. These plans are each described elsewhere in this MD&A.

## Risks and uncertainties

We are subject to many risks and uncertainties that may limit our ability to execute our strategies and achieve our objectives. We have processes and procedures in place in an attempt to control or mitigate certain risks, while others cannot be or are not mitigated. Material risks that cannot be mitigated include a significant decline in the general real estate market, interest rates changing markedly, being unable to make mortgage loans at rates consistent with rates historically achieved, not having adequate mortgage loan opportunities presented to us, and not having adequate sources of bank finance available.

Please also refer to “Forward-looking information,” below, and the “Risk Factors” section of our Annual Information Form for the year ended December 31, 2014 which is incorporated herein by reference and is available at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) and at [www.atriummic.com](http://www.atriummic.com).

## Forward-looking information

Certain information included in this MD&A contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of applicable securities legislation, including statements with respect to management's beliefs, estimates, and intentions, and similar statements concerning anticipated future events, results, circumstances, performance or expectations that are not historical facts. Forward-looking statements generally can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as “outlook”, “objective”, “may”, “will”, “expect”, “intent”, “estimate”, “anticipate”, “believe”, “should”, “plans” or “continue” or similar expressions suggesting future outcomes or events. Forward-looking statements regarding earnings and mortgage portfolio growth are based upon the following assumptions: that other factors such as revenues and expenses continue to follow current trends, and that current trends in our mortgage portfolio growth continue.

All forward-looking statements reflect management's current beliefs and are based on information currently available to management. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and are based on our estimates and assumptions that are subject to risks and uncertainties which could cause our actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements contained in this MD&A. Those risks and uncertainties include risks associated with mortgage lending, competition for mortgage lending, real estate values, interest rate fluctuations, environmental matters and the general economic environment. For other risks and uncertainties, please refer to “Risks and uncertainties” above, and the “Risk Factors” section of our Annual Information Form for the year ended December 31, 2014 which is available at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) and at [www.atriummic.com](http://www.atriummic.com). We caution that the foregoing list is not exhaustive, as other factors could adversely affect our results, performance or achievements. The reader is cautioned against undue reliance on any forward-looking statements.

Although the forward-looking information contained in this MD&A is based upon what management believes are reasonable assumptions, there can be no assurance that actual results will be consistent with these forward-looking statements. Except as required by applicable law, we undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

## **Dividend Reinvestment Plan**

A Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRIP) is available to holders of our common shares. The DRIP allows participants to have their monthly cash dividends reinvested in additional common shares, at a discount of 2% from the market price. Shareholders who wish to enroll or who would like further information about the DRIP should contact their broker or our agent for the DRIP, Computershare Trust Company of Canada, at 1 (800) 564-6253 or [www.computershare.com](http://www.computershare.com).

## **Employee share purchase plan**

We have an employee share purchase plan (ESPP) under which participants may purchase our shares within certain limits, and the manager then matches 50% of their contribution. Thus, Atrium does not bear any of the cost of the ESPP, but issues shares from treasury upon receipt of the funds.

## **Environmental matters**

Under various federal, provincial and municipal laws, an owner or operator of real property could become liable for the cost of removal or remediation of certain hazardous or toxic substances released on or in its properties or disposed of at other locations. We do not own any real property and thus would not attract environmental liability to which an owner would be exposed. In rare circumstances where a mortgage is in default, we may take possession of real property and may become liable for environmental issues as a mortgagee in possession. As part of the due diligence performed in respect of our mortgage loan investments, we obtain a Phase I environmental audit on the underlying real property provided as security for a mortgage, unless the manager has determined that a Phase I environmental audit is not necessary.

## **Responsibility of management and the board of directors**

Management is responsible for the information disclosed in this MD&A, and has in place the appropriate information systems, procedures and controls to ensure that the information used internally by management and disclosed externally is materially complete and reliable. In addition, our audit committee and board of directors provide an oversight role with respect to our public financial disclosures, and have reviewed and approved this MD&A and the annual financial statements.

## **Additional information**

Additional information about Atrium, including our Annual Information Form for the year ended December 31, 2014, is available on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). You may also obtain further information about us from our website at [www.atriummic.com](http://www.atriummic.com), by telephone at (416) 607-4200, or by email at [ir@atriummic.com](mailto:ir@atriummic.com).

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## SHARE LISTING

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Common shares,  
TSX: AI

Convertible debentures 5.25%,  
TSX: AI.DB

Convertible debentures 6.25%,  
TSX: AI.DB.A

Convertible debentures 5.5%,  
TSX: AI.DB.B

Atrium offers a dividend reinvestment plan (DRIP) so that shareholders may automatically reinvest their dividends in new shares of Atrium at a 2% discount from market price and with no commissions. This provides an easy way to realize the benefits of compound growth of their investment in Atrium. Shareholders can enroll in the DRIP program by contacting their investment advisor or Computershare.

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