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### State of the Mortgage Market

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# Agenda

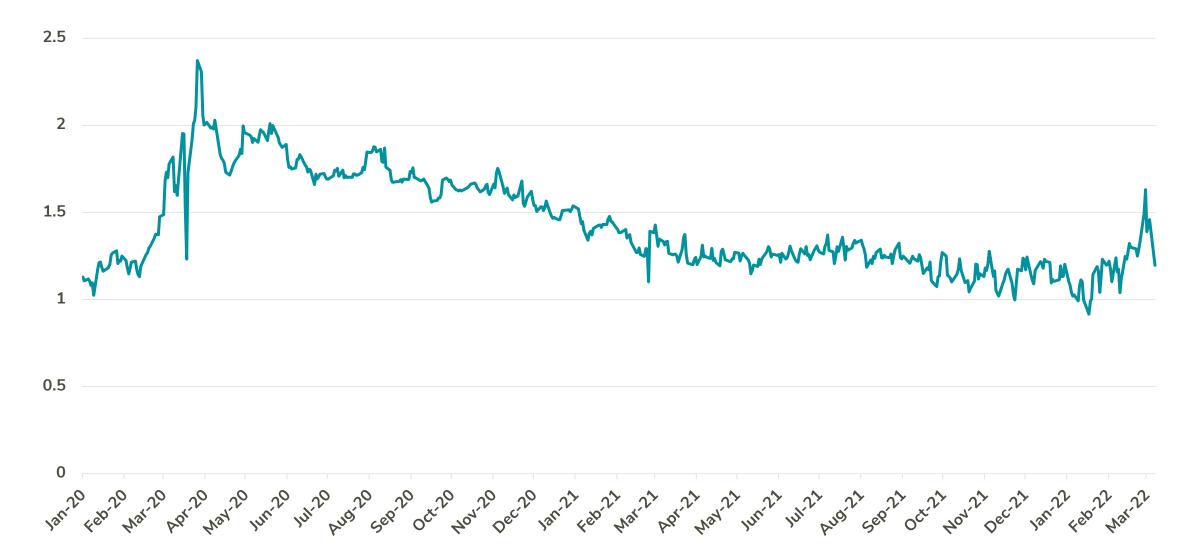
- Housing and Mortgage Market Update
- Affordable Housing Discussion
- Hedging Loans for Sale

Housing and Mortgage Market Update

#### Mortgage Primary Rate: 30-Year Fixed

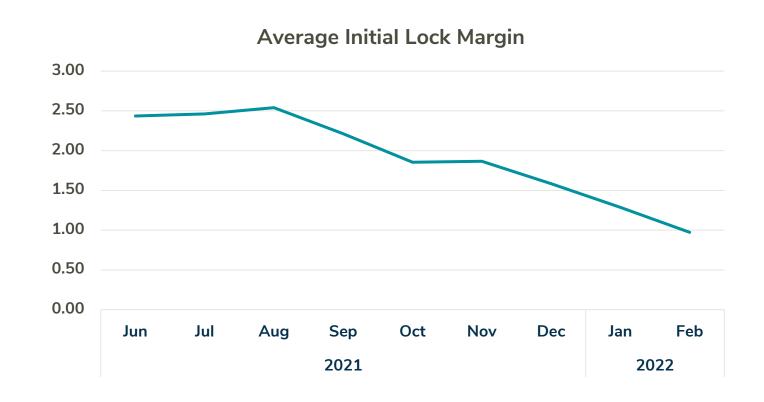


#### **Primary/Secondary Spread**



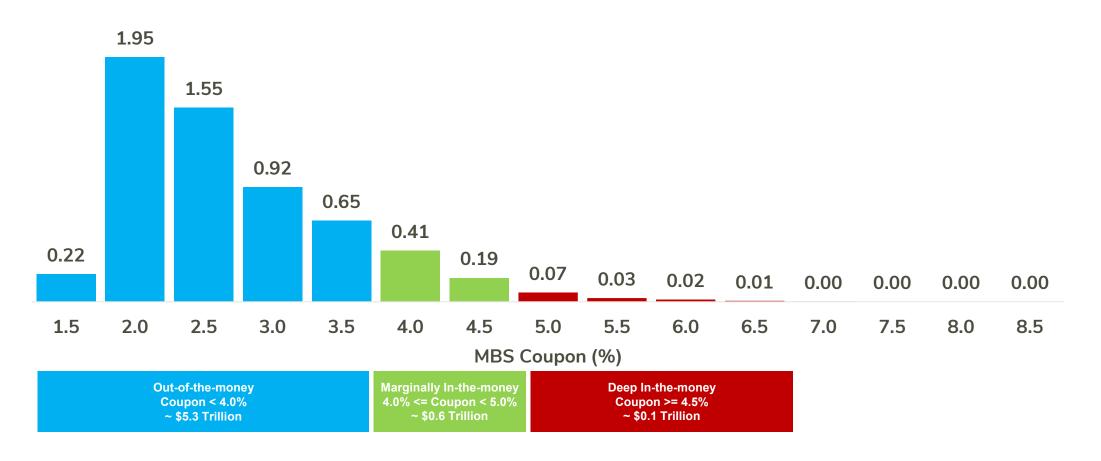
#### Striving to Keep Volumes Up

- Lenders reducing lock margins
- Cost to originate remains between 0.50-1%
- United Wholesale Mtg target GOS is 75-85bps

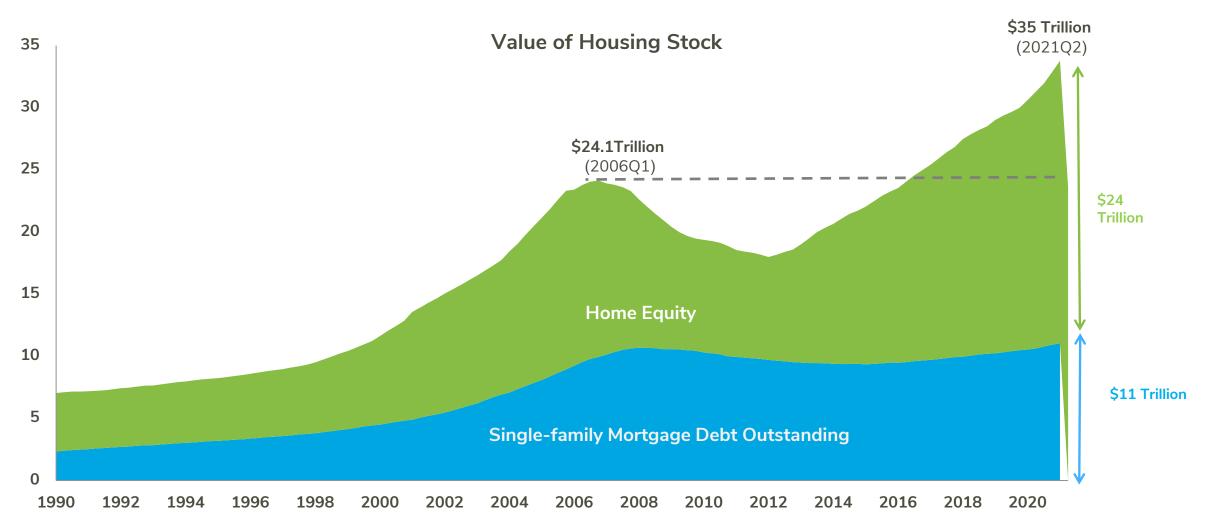


#### Higher Mortgage Rates Will Drive Down Refinance Activity

#### Outstanding 30-year Conforming Balance by Coupon (\$T's)



#### Homeowners are Sitting on Trillions of Dollars of Home Equity...



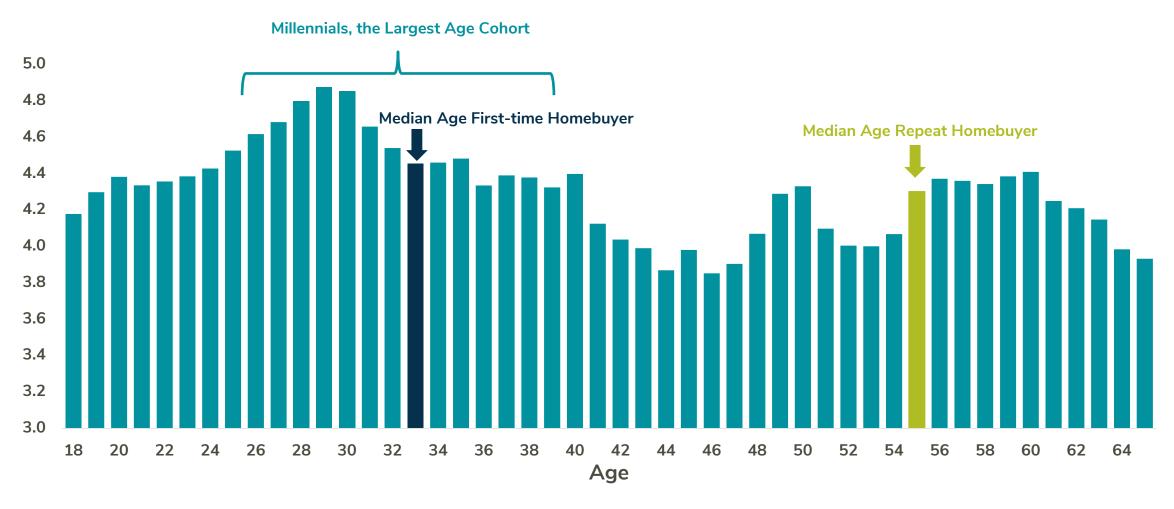
**Note:** Value of U.S. housing stock includes homes with and without underlying mortgages. U.S. home equity is the difference between the value of the U.S. housing stock and the amount of U.S. single-family mortgage debt outstanding.



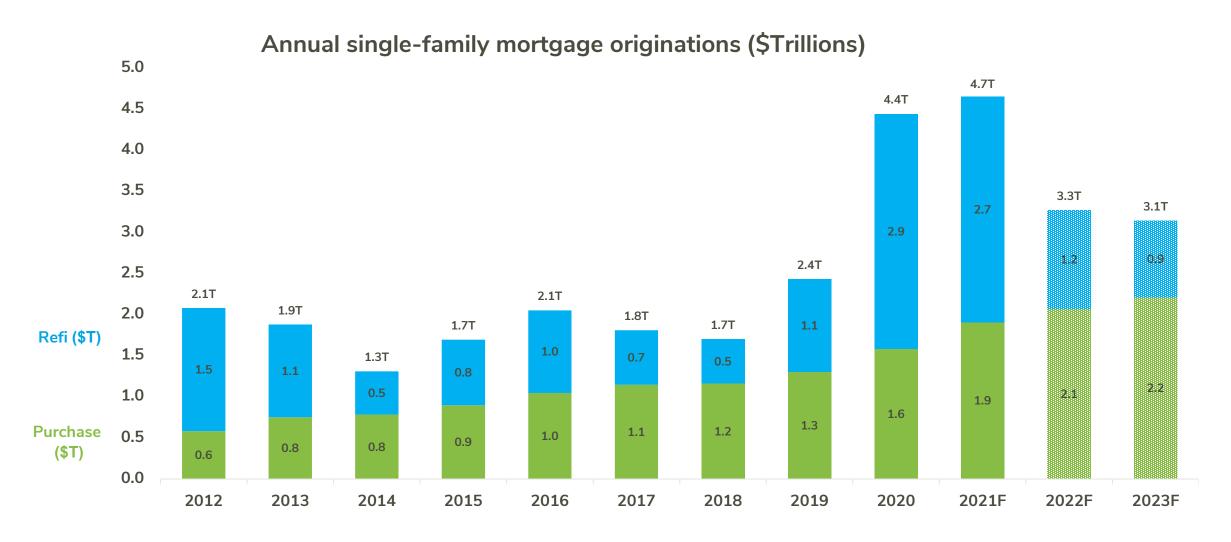


#### Demographic Tailwind Likely to Support Housing Market for Longer

#### 2020 Population Estimate in Millions



# Purchase Originations are Expected to Remain Strong in 2022 and 2023 on Solid Demand for Housing due to Low Rates and Demographic Tailwinds



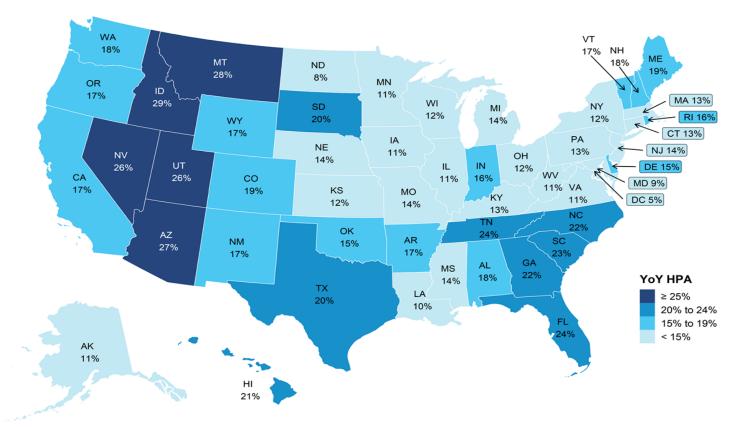
#### Inventory Remains Low and Not Enough for Renters Looking to Buy



#### House Price Appreciation Strongest in the Mountain West

#### **United States: 16.7%**

**Year-Over-Year Growth Nov 2021** 



Freddie Mac Forecast Q12022	2021	2022	2023
House Price Growth	15.9 %	6.2%	2.5%

The Freddie Mac House Price Index for the U.S. is a value-weighted average of the state indexes where the value weights are based on Freddie Mac's single-family credit guarantee portfolio. Other indices of home prices may have different results, as they are determined using different pools of mortgage loans and calculated under different conventions. The Freddie Mac House Price Index for the U.S. is a non-seasonally adjusted monthly series. Percent changes were rounded to the nearest whole percentage point

Source: Freddie Mac



# Affordable Housing

# Making Home Possible for 52 Years

- Freddie Mac was chartered by Congress in 1970 and operates in the Secondary Mortgage Market
- Mission to promote liquidity, stability, affordability and equality in housing – nationwide, in all economic conditions
- Community mission
  - Stabilize communities
  - Prevent foreclosures
  - Expand credit responsibly
  - Educate future homebuyers and counsel homeowners
  - Support affordable rental housing
- Three main business lines
  - Single-Family (1- to 4-unit for-sale properties)
  - Multifamily (5+-unit for-rent properties)
  - Capital Markets



# The Affordable Ecosystem

# It takes many hands to make home possible.

Partnership and collaboration across the affordable ecosystem are critical to drive both business opportunities and making the dream of home a reality for families.



# **Creating Affordability for Many Types of Borrowers**

First-time
homebuyers and
very low- to
moderate-income
borrowers

Refinance and repeat borrowers with limited home equity Changing demographics and greater opportunities: first-time homebuyers, millennials, multigenerational households, seniors, Hispanics, Asians, Black Americans

Relevant for the evergrowing condominium market

Product that supports financing for manufactured housing, energy-efficient properties and property renovations



# Challenges to Homeownership







13% of All Buyers 26%

of Millennials 28 and younger

24%

of Millennials 29 to 38

Saving for down payment most difficult step in home buying process<sup>2</sup>



40%

Don't know down payment requirements and...



Don't know of low down payment programs

Borrowers lack general down payment knowledge<sup>1</sup>

Access to a down payment for a mortgage remains one of the most common hurdles for today's borrower.

With housing prices rising, incomes remaining stagnant and limited housing stock, it creates a highly competitive market for very-low and lowincome borrowers who increasingly struggle to save for their initial down payment.

#### Top Expenses that Delayed Saving for Down Payment<sup>2</sup>



Credit Card







Car Loan

Child Care

Health Care

Other

Source: 1 2017 Urban Institute Report Barriers to Accessing Homeownership: Down Payment, Credit and Affordability <sup>2</sup> 2019 National Association of Realtors Home Buyer and Seller Generational Trends Report

# Offering Low Down Payment Options



- First-time buyers and other buyers who qualify based on area median income in the home's location
- Down payment as low as 3%
- Flexible down payment and closing cost funding options
- Co-borrower who is not part of the household allowed
- Private mortgage insurance stops at 80% LTV

#### HomeOne<sup>SM</sup>

- First-time buyers no income restriction
- All borrowers must occupy
- Fixed-rate terms only

#### HFA Advantage®

- Based on Home Possible underwriting requirements
- 1-unit primary residence; all borrowers must occupy
- State/Local HFA's down payment assistance and guidelines
- Minimum MI coverage required



# Home Possible® Mortgage Overview

LTV Ratios	Fixed Rate Mortgages  1-unit property: 97% LTV / 105% TLTV (with Affordable Second®) / 97% HTLTV  2- to 4-unit property: 85% LTV / 95% TLTV / 95% HTLTV  5/1 or 5/5 7/1 or 10/1 Adjustable-Rate Mortgages  1-unit property: 95% LTV / TLVT / HTLTV						
by loan type (Manufactured Homes, refer to Seller/Servicer							
Guide)	2-unit property: 85% LTV / 95% TLTV / 95% HTLTV 3- to 4-unit property: 75% LTV / TLTV / HTLTV						
Transaction Type	Purchase/no cash-out refinance						
Property Types	1- to 4-unit detached/attached properties, planned unit developments, condominiums						
Occupancy	Owner occupied, primary residences only Non-occupying co-borrower permitted						
Mortgage Insurance	Lender Paid Single Premium MI and Financed Single Premium MI allowed						
Other Property Ownership	Occupying Borrower can own one other property in addition to the subject property						

# Check-in Check-in



#### True or False:

All conventional conforming mortgages submitted to Loan Product Advisor® are checked for Home Possible® mortgage area median income eligibility.

True

False

# Overview of HomeOne<sup>SM</sup> Conventional Mortgage

	HomeOne <sup>SM</sup>
LTV ratio	97% LTV / 105% TLTV (with Affordable Second®) / 97% HTLTV
Purchase Status	At least one borrower must be a first-time homebuyer (as defined in the Guide)
Refinance	No cash-out refinance • Mortgage being refinanced must be owned or securitized by Freddie Mac unless it has secondary financing that is an Affordable Second
Units	1-unit properties only • No manufactured homes
Occupancy	All borrowers must occupy the mortgaged premises as their primary residence
Loan Type	Fixed rate
Income Limits	No limits
Homeownership Education	Required when all borrowers are first-time homebuyers
Underwriting Path	Loan Product Advisor® only

# HFA Advantage® Mortgage

One-unit primary residence

Purchase and no cash-out refinancing

Maximum 97% LTV and 105% TLTV ratios

Flexible funding options for down payment and closing costs

No reserves required

High loan-to-value (LTV)
conventional offering
that's an excellent
alternative to FHA

lending requirements and mortgage premiums

Adopts the requirements of Home Possible® but with added flexibilities for HFAs.

HFA-established income limits

Available to first-time homebuyers, repeat buyers, and borrowers seeking no cash-out refinances

Loan Product Advisor®, manual UW, or alternative UW system subject to prior approval

Flexible MI options available





# Changing demographics



#### What Freddie Mac is Doing



Broadening educational resources both in content and language availability



Freddie Mac is establishing new programs to specifically address financial capabilities and mortgage solutions for communities of color



Freddie Mac is developing plans to further expand partnerships with organizations that lead the way to bring greater equality in housing.

#### **Potential Industry Options to Explore**



Increase outreach programs



Provide more targeted and effective financial education programs



Engage targeted audiences through specialized tactics and language

# Low financial literacy

# Low financial literacy is more common with younger adults, even though more online resources are available

#### **What Freddie Mac is Doing**



July 2021 - Relaunched <a href="CreditSmart">CreditSmart</a> suite of free educational resources designed to empower consumers with the skills to assist them through their financial capability and homeownership journey.



Available in English and Spanish, CreditSmart® Homebuyer U is a comprehensive homeownership education course to help guide first-time homebuyers. Completion of this course delivers a homebuyer education certificate required for Freddie Mac Home Possible® and HomeOne® mortgages. (Freddie Mac CreditSmart®)



Partnering across the housing ecosystem to help connect borrowers with valuable resources such as our Freddie Borrower Help Center Network and Housing Counselors Resource Centers.

#### **Potential Industry Options to Explore**



Creation of effective financial education apps aimed at tech-savvy millennials and Gen-Z



Increase outreach of housing professionals through class offerings in high schools, colleges, employers, consider including - community centers, places of worship



Lenders and real estate agents to connect borrowers with housing counselors who can provide guidance and serve as a trusted advisor to help in preparation of future homebuyers

# Down payment savings and assistance



#### What Freddie Mac is Doing



Offering low, 3% down payment solutions such as the: Freddie Mac Home Possible® and HomeOne® mortgages.



Promote down payment assistance programs to real estate professionals and other partners

#### **Potential Industry Options to Explore**



Creation of digital wallet tools such as down payment savings accounts with special interest rates with matching deposits earmarked for housing down payments to a certain percent



Lenders help better educate potential borrowers on ways to raise down payment funds aside from savings



Increase awareness of and better customize down payment assistance programs

# Affordable housing shortages

There are more than 400,000 "missing" households headed by 25- to 34-year-olds (households that would have formed except for higher housing costs)<sup>1</sup>.

#### What Freddie Mac is Doing



Offering loan options that promote renovations and energy efficiency improvements like GreenCHOICE Mortgages® and CHOICEHome®



mortgages and <u>CHOICERenovation</u>® for financing necessary repairs in older homes

Offering financing solutions for Manufactured Housing

#### Potential Industry Options to Explore



Accelerate housing construction and offer more affordable options to meet demand



Local governments to consider relaxing excessive regulations and restrictive zoning policies



Innovate housing solutions to create and preserve affordable housing through vacant property conversion, educating developers on affordable housing opportunities, shared equity models, financing of new housing choices

# Opportunities to Drive Business and Build Communities

#### **Build Your Community and Grow Your Business by Enabling Low-Income Refinance**



Be the trusted advisor.



Expand your referral and advocate connections.



Drive to achieve Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) goals.



Provide an opportunity for homeowners to save on monthly expenses.



Improve your customer savings capabilities to help them stay in their homes long-term.



Offer cancellable mortgage insurance solutions.



Realize your personal mission to build up communities.

# Hedging Loans for Sale

# Why Sell?

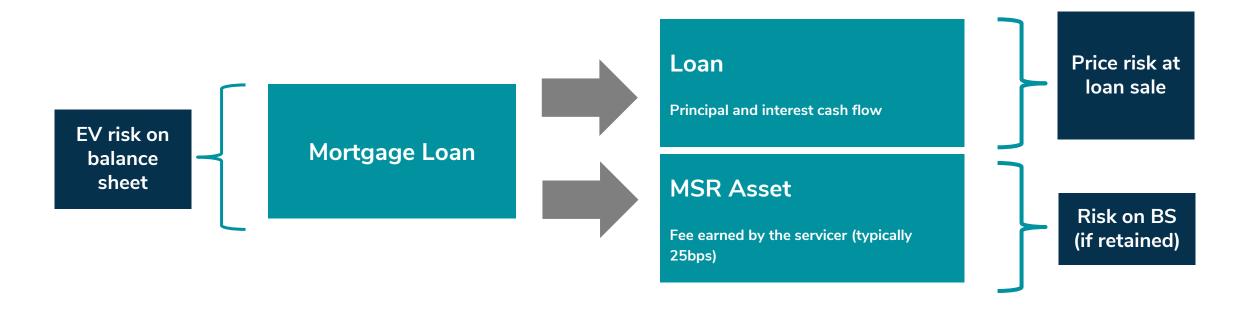


#### The Portfolio Versus Sell Decision

	Asset Inputs						Profitability Outputs								
LoanNumber	Product	Desc	Loan Amount	NonInt Exp	Credit Cost	Price	Yield	AvgLife	EffDur	Credit Cost	FTP Rate	FTP Spread	ROA	ROE	Hold/Sell
124293	30-Year Fixed Rate	Term>180: 1.250	180,000	0.25%	0.15%	99.42	3.70%	10.43	7.33%	0.15%	1.96%	1.74%	1.49%	29.77%	HOLD
121668	30-Year Fixed Rate	Term>180: 0.500   CORefi: 0.875	120,000	0.25%	0.15%	100.04	3.62%	10.36	7.20%	0.15%	1.97%	1.65%	1.40%	27.96%	SELL
122385	30-Year Fixed Rate	Term>180: 1.000	225,000	0.25%	0.15%	101.64	3.89%	8.98	5.72%	0.15%	2.09%	1.80%	1.55%	30.94%	HOLD
122445	30-Year Fixed Rate	Term>180: 0.500	439,500	0.25%	0.15%	100.44	3.82%	9.59	6.24%	0.15%	2.06%	1.75%	1.50%	30.06%	HOLD
122487	30-Year Fixed Rate	Term>180: 0.750	116,000	0.25%	0.15%	101.62	3.66%	9.93	6.71%	0.15%	2.00%	1.66%	1.41%	28.26%	SELL
122652	30-Year Fixed Rate	Term>180: 0.500   CORefi: 1.125	115,000	0.25%	0.15%	101.92	3.86%	9.40	6.22%	0.15%	2.04%	1.82%	1.57%	31.43%	HOLD
123222	30-Year Fixed Rate	CORefi: 0.375	258,000	0.25%	0.15%	100.05	3.74%	9.98	6.58%	0.15%	2.02%	1.72%	1.47%	29.37%	HOLD
120816	30-Year Fixed Rate	Term>180: 0.250   CORefi: 0.625	168,000	0.25%	0.15%	98.55	3.55%	10.76	7.55%	0.15%	1.95%	1.60%	1.35%	27.05%	SELL
120999	30-Year Fixed Rate	Term>180: 1.000	112,000	0.25%	0.15%	100.42	3.57%	10.60	7.51%	0.15%	1.95%	1.62%	1.37%	27.44%	SELL
121128	30-Year Fixed Rate	Term>180: 0.500	77,500	0.25%	0.15%	99.82	3.40%	11.10	8.00%	0.15%	1.92%	1.48%	1.23%	24.62%	SELL
121173	30-Year Fixed Rate	Term>180: 0.500	181,475	0.25%	0.15%	100.17	3.60%	10.37	7.07%	0.15%	1.98%	1.62%	1.37%	27.50%	SELL

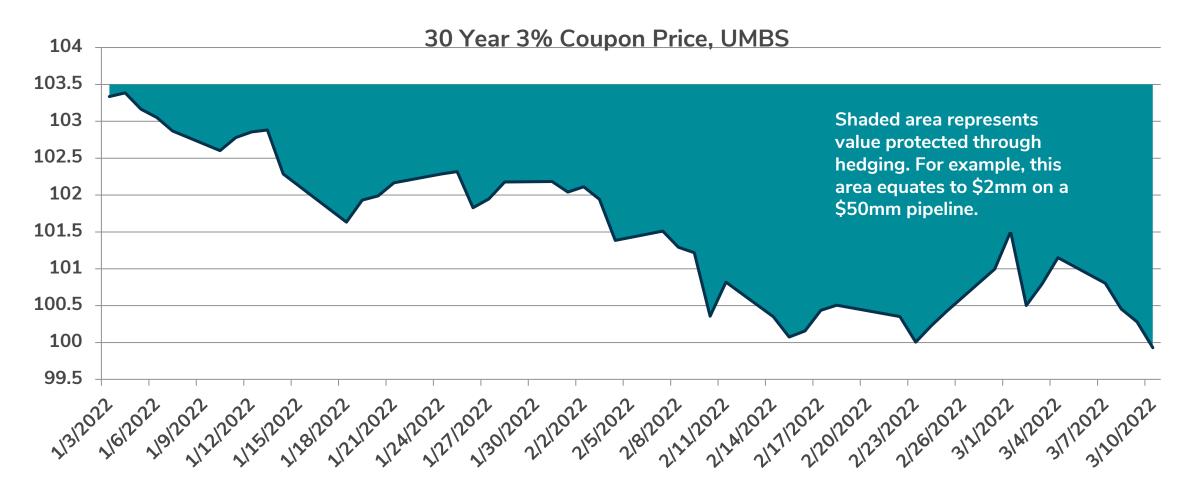
#### Hedging Mortgage Lending: Selling Vs. Holding

- Hedging objective:
  - HFI versus HFS
- Selling a mortgage loan generates two sets of cash flows and creates a servicing asset



#### Why hedge?

• Market volatility during the pipeline period can result in price volatility and potential losses at sale



#### Three Tips for Enhancing Intended for Sale Pipeline

#### Centralized lock desk

Manage initial lock margin and loan changes

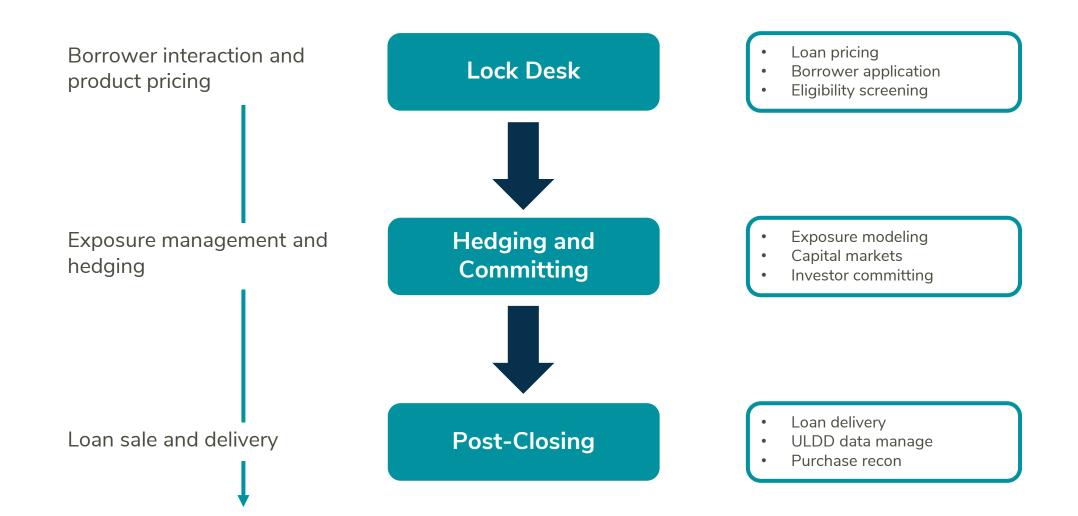
#### Increase investor price

- Minimize hedge cost improvements in hedge cost go directly to bottom line!
- Improve execution for existing investors
- Multiple investors increase best ex opportunity

#### Interest carry component

Identify which loans carry best – not all loans carry equally

#### The Loan Sale Process



#### **Different Mortgage Hedging Instruments**



#### **Best Efforts**

#### **Commitments**

- Pros
- No fall-out risk
- Extremely flexible
- Effective hedge

- Cons
- Lower price
- Loan by loan
- Tied to one investor



#### Mandatory

#### **Commitments**

- Pros
- Better price
- Effective hedge
- Bulk committing

- Cons
- Difficult to scale
- Tied to one investor
- Hard to implement pull through



# To-be announced (TBA) MBS Market

- Pros
  - Extremely liquid market,
  - Effective hedge
  - Easy to adjust hedges
  - Bifurcates hedge & end investor
  - Ability to scale
- Cons
- Difficult for lower volume
- Must connect with multiple investors
- Separate security instrument



#### **Delivered Loan Profitability**

LoanNumber	UPB	DiscountFee	InvestorPrice	Llpa	DeliveredGainLoss	HedgeInstrumentGainLoss	InterestIncome	DeliveredGainLoss
1	203,089.02	-	98.63	-2.125	(7,104.26)	6,416.25	1,861.95	1,110.31
2	303,937.80	(762.50)	98.46	-0.875	(8,089.22)	9,437.12	2,488.84	3,751.42
3	308,863.08	(388.13)	97.90	-0.5	(8,425.06)	9,454.82	2,619.77	3,556.03
4	545,297.93	-	97.35	-0.875	(19,247.93)	16,168.39	4,576.66	1,311.69
5	426,388.01	(535.75)	98.59	-1.125	(11,330.62)	11,577.23	4,006.87	4,105.06
6	219,806.84	(828.75)	96.03	-0.375	(10,385.51)	10,424.66	1,857.21	1,815.16
7	422,540.48	(2,120.00)	96.76	-1.5	(22,166.59)	20,277.32	3,963.23	2,073.95

#### **Peer Comparisons**

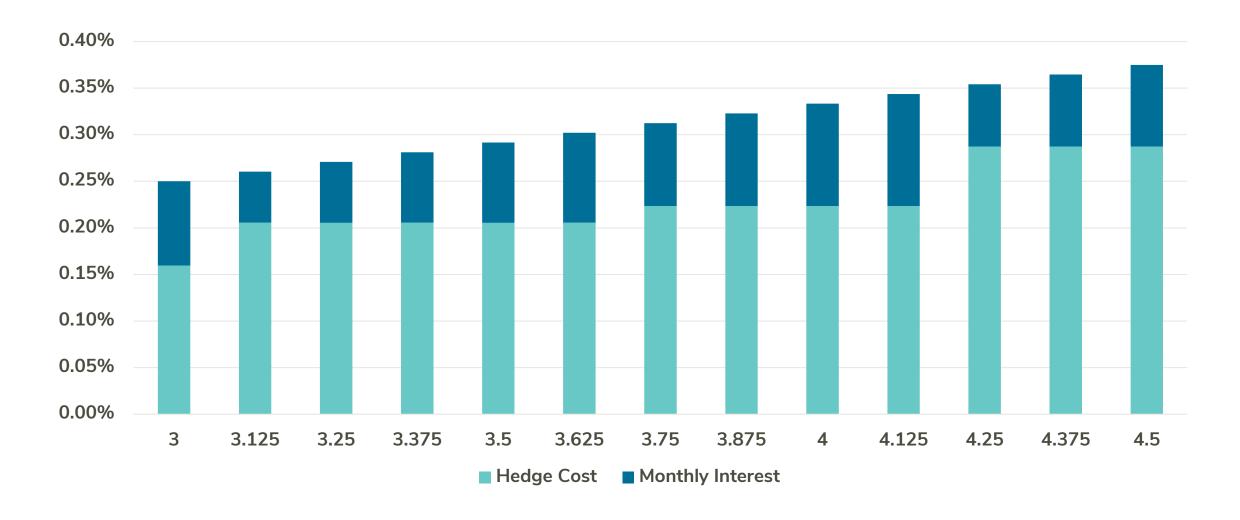
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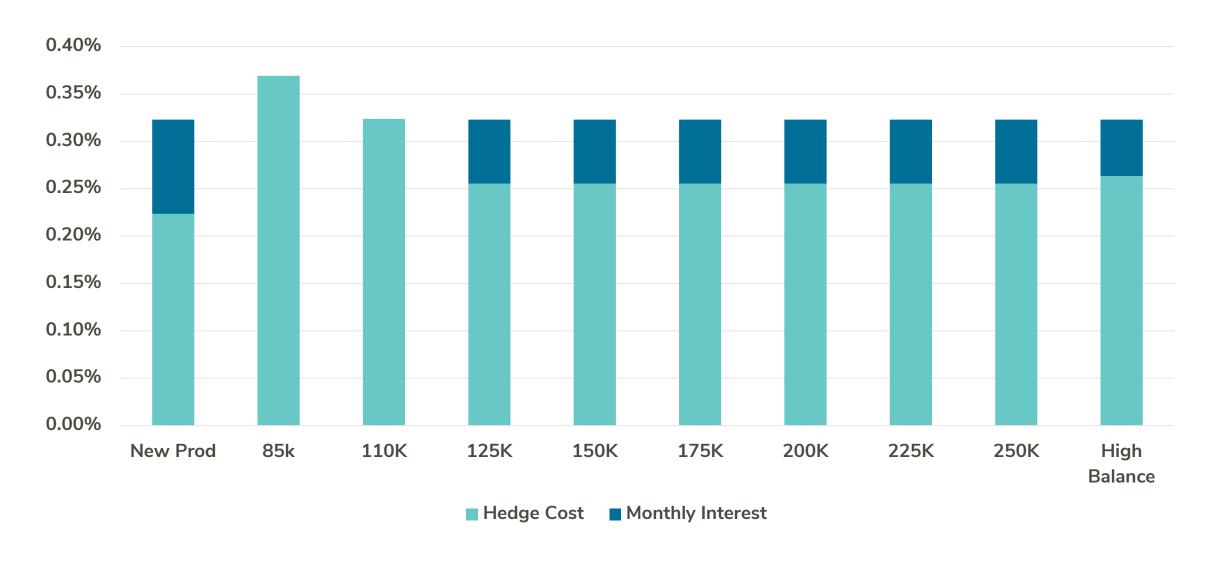
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#### **Interest Carry Analysis by Note Rate**



#### **Interest Carry Analysis by Product for 3.875%**



# Conclusion

# Final Thoughts

- Shifting to a purchase market
- The need for more creative products to capture volume
- Rising rates a headwind for mortgage profitability
- MSR values increasing; revenue stream during origination declining
- Effective hedge strategy paramount

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