# FIRST COMMONWEALTH MORTGAGE TRUST

**2020 ANNUAL REPORT** 

#### **TO OUR SHAREHOLDERS:**

This year First Commonwealth Mortgage Trust ("FCMT") celebrates its 36<sup>th</sup> Year in operation. FCMT has paid out dividends every year since 1985 and has increased dividends annually since 2014. FCMT's total revenues in 2020 were \$448,031 compared to \$653,433 the previous year. The FCMT 2020 net income was \$181,298 compared to \$432,096 in 2019. Net income per share for 2020 was \$0.15 compared to \$0.35 per share in 2019. FCMT's decreased income for 2020 can be attributed to lower receipts of interest and dividends, lower participation fees and some realized and unrealized loss on marketable securities. The financial statements of FCMT for the years ending December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019, audited by Melton & Melton, L.L.P., are set forth at the end of this report.

With FCMT having little to no debt, it is essentially an unleveraged investment vehicle. This differentiates us in the marketplace from other mortgage REITs who typically are highly leveraged. Despite being impacted by low interest rates in recent years, yields on our new loans are trending upwards. FCMT has an active flow of smaller real estate secured first-lien notes used for real estate business as opposed to speculative ownership. We utilize a straight-forward underwriting process and charge a premium on the loan interest rate in exchange for the streamlined and efficient approval process available to borrowers, which creates value on both ends of the transaction. In 2021, we will seek to continue to grow our book value of assets and increase dividends by focusing on commercial loans to repeat performing borrowers and their referrals.

#### **Corporate Overview**

First Commonwealth Mortgage Trust ("FCMT" or the "Trust") was originally organized as a Massachusetts business trust in 1984 and reformed in Texas as a real estate investment trust in 2008. The Trust was formed for the purpose of originating and purchasing real estate loans, trust deeds, mortgages or real estate lien promissory notes associated with real properties ("Mortgage Loans").

The Trust's primary investment objective is to maximize cash distributions to its shareholders based on funds available for distribution, which includes funds provided from operations and, from time to time, gains realized on the sale of investments.

The Trust was organized and has qualified since inception as a real estate investment trust ("REIT") in accordance with federal tax laws and regulations. The business and affairs of the Trust are managed under the direction of its Trust Managers who are elected by the shareholders of FCMT. So long as the Trust complies with such laws and regulations, with limited exceptions, the Trust will not be taxed under federal income tax laws on that portion of its taxable income that it distributes to its shareholders. The Trust intends to distribute substantially all of its real estate investment trust taxable income to its shareholders. Undistributed income increases the book value per share. The Trust views the combination of the annual dividend and change in book value as a measure of that year's shareholder return. We refer to this as earning yield on book value and the historical numbers are shown under Other Data in the Selected Financial Data Five-Year Summary following this shareholder letter.

The book value per share of FCMT Stock was \$6.72 at December 31, 2020. The original shares were issued at \$10.00 per share. Since 1985, dividends of \$21.40 per share have been distributed to the shareholders. Of these total dividends, a portion amounting to \$1.30 per share, was treated as non-taxable return of capital to the shareholders.

#### **2020 FCMT Comparative Analysis**

Typically, mortgage REITs borrow up to 85% of the fair market value of assets and this leverage can make them vulnerable to rising interest rates. Dividends issued by mortgage REITs, although typically higher than other asset classes, can be unpredictable. According to Bloomberg LP, the five largest residential mortgage REITs have raised their common dividends 11 times over the last five years but have also cut dividends on seven occasions. Only one had a positive 5-year dividend growth rate, one was unchanged and the other three declined. As such, the higher yields come with higher risk. Because FCMT has little to no debt, and is essentially an unleveraged investment vehicle, we look to unleveraged fixed income instruments for more accurate comparisons such as the yield on bonds. At December 31, 2020, the yield on the 10-year benchmark treasury bond was

0.917%. At the same date, the Moody's Seasoned Baa corporate bond was 2.18% greater than the 10-year treasury, or 3.097%. Moody's Baa rated obligations are subject to moderate credit risk.

#### **Stock Repurchase Program**

The Trust Managers believe it is in the best interests of the shareholders for the Trust to periodically offer to purchase shares to allow liquidity. Therefore, at the 2017 annual meeting, shareholders approved the adoption of a stock purchase program funded from available cash or sales of portfolio securities.

Under the program, at the Trust Managers' discretion, the Trust may make offers to purchase Trust shares, not more than semi-annually upon certain conditions and limitations. The Trust Managers anticipate making such offers, within a reasonable time after the Trust's December 31st audited financial statements have been completed. Offers to purchase shares will be made at 90% of net book value less any subsequent dividends declared and payable to the selling shareholder.

Should the participating shareholders tender shares in excess of the amount the Trust has agreed to purchase, the Trust will purchase the shares tendered on a pro rata basis, except that the Trust may accept all shares tendered by shareholders owning fewer than 1,000 shares.

Trust Managers anticipate making offers to purchase approximately 5% of the outstanding shares of the Trust during 2021. During 2020, 62,834 shares were purchased under the plan at a cost of \$375,119. Since implementing the buy-back liquidity program in 2017, we have redeemed 18.7% of shares outstanding at the plan's implementation.

FCMT maintains a website <u>www.fcmt.net</u> that contains additional information about the Trust. Shareholder reports are posted on the website along with a history of dividend payments.

Shareholders may also contact the transfer agent below to change their mailing address, change share registration, obtain copies of IRS Form 1099, and arrange the direct deposit of dividends to their bank account.

#### Equiniti Trust Company 1110 Centre Pointe Curve, Suite 101 Mendota Heights, MN 55120-4100

Phone: 800-468-9716 Fax: 651-450-4033

The 2021 Shareholder meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 11:00 AM at the offices of its manager, FCA Corp, 791 Town & Country Blvd., Suite 250, Houston, Texas. Please vote your proxy.

Robert A. Scharar

President

Robert A. Burns

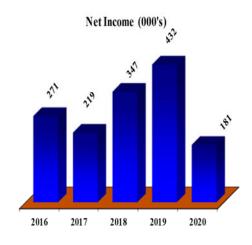
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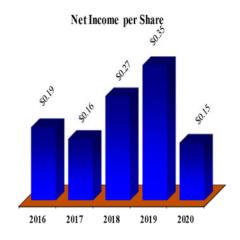
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### SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA 5-YEAR SUMMARY

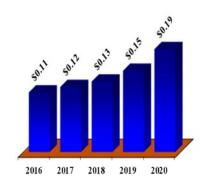
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31		2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
REVENUES:						
INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS	\$	394,514	\$ 470,352	\$ 574,295	\$ 458,651	\$ 464,133
SERVICE FEES & OTHER INCOME		53,517	 183,081	10,176	41,079	45,732
		448,031	653,433	584,471	499,730	509,865
COST AND EXPENSES		266,733	221,337	237,403	280,568	238,524
NET INCOME	\$	181,298	\$ 432,096	\$ 347,068	\$ 219,162	\$ 271,341
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PER SHARE DATA	_					
NET INCOME	\$	0.15	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.16	\$ 0.19
DIVIDENDS	\$	0.19	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.11
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YEAR END DATA						
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	8,496,485	\$ 8,578,701	\$ 8,362,024	\$ 8,631,218	\$ 8,944,842
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		8,222,584	8,452,588	8,241,611	8,496,995	8,892,364
SHARES OUTSTANDING		1,223,732	1,256,731	1,270,878	1,337,768	1,408,171
BOOK VALUE PER SHARE	\$	6.72	\$ 6.73	\$ 6.48	\$ 6.35	\$ 6.31
% INCREASE IN BOOK VALUE PER SHARE		-0.15%	3.86%	2.05%	0.63%	1.61%
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OTHER DATA						
LOANS ORIGINATED (000's)	\$	1,404	\$ 625	\$ 615	\$ 816	\$ 550
CUMULATIVE TOTAL LOANS (000's)	\$	100,383	\$ 98,979	\$ 98,354	\$ 97,739	\$ 96,923
TOTAL ASSETS (000's)	\$	8,496	\$ 8,579	\$ 8,362	\$ 8,631	\$ 8,945
EARNINGS YIELD ON BOOK VALUE		2.23%	5.20%	4.16%	2.52%	3.01%

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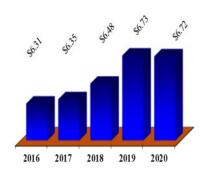




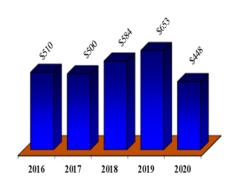
Dividends Per Share

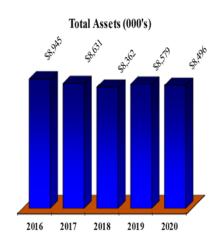


**Book Value Per Share** 



Revenues (000's)





#### FIRST COMMONWEALTH MORTGAGE TRUST

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019

AND

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT



#### FIRST COMMONWEALTH MORTGAGE TRUST

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Trust Managers of First Commonwealth Mortgage Trust

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of First Commonwealth Mortgage Trust, which comprise the balance sheets as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the related statements of operations, changes in equity, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of First Commonwealth Mortgage Trust as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of First Commonwealth Mortgage Trust and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about First Commonwealth Mortgage Trust's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are issued.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from

fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of First Commonwealth Mortgage Trust's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about First Commonwealth Mortgage Trust's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control—related matters that we identified during the audit.

Houston, Texas March 12, 2021

#### FIRST COMMONWEALTH MORTGAGE TRUST

### **BALANCE SHEETS December 31, 2020 and 2019**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Mortgage Notes Receivable:		
Mortgage notes receivable, net of participations payable of \$1,357,588		
and \$1,685,516 at December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively	\$ 6,165,938	\$ 5,688,958
Cash and cash equivalents	118,187	606,648
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	-	8,857
Certificate of deposit - restricted	428,749	421,708
Marketable securities	1,322,296	1,280,636
Accrued interest receivable, net of participations payable of \$414,363		
\$413,531 at December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively	344,918	321,303
Other receivables	92,563	95,347
Land	-	131,410
Investment in affiliate	23,834	23,834
	<u>\$ 8,496,485</u>	<u>\$ 8,578,701</u>
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and other liabilities	\$ 127,392	\$ 126,113
Margin note payable	146,509	-
Total liabilities	273,901	126,113
Equity:		
Shares of beneficial interest, no par value,		
20,000,000 shares authorized, 1,223,732 and 1,256,731		
shares issued and outstanding in 2020 and 2019, respectively	13,291,872	13,470,678
Accumulated deficit	(5,069,288)	(5,018,090)
Total equity	8,222,584	8,452,588
	\$ 8,496,485	<u>\$ 8,578,701</u>

(See Notes to Financial Statements)

## FIRST COMMONWEALTH MORTGAGE TRUST STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

#### For the Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Revenue:		
Interest income	\$ 284,391	\$ 335,517
Dividends and interest income - marketable securities	110,123	134,835
Realized and unrealized gain (loss) on marketable securities	(531,292)	164,211
Gain on sale of land	551,201	-
Miscellaneous income	33,608	18,870
	448,031	653,433
Costs and Expenses:  Management fees to affiliates	119,742	102,431
Professional fees	104,235	61,826
General and administrative	42,756 266,733	57,080 221,337
Net income	<u>\$ 181,298</u>	<u>\$ 432,096</u>
Weighted average shares outstanding	1,225,052	1,240,896
Net income per share, basic and diluted	<u>\$ 0.15</u>	<b>\$</b> 0.35

# FIRST COMMONWEALTH MORTGAGE TRUST STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY For the Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019

	Shares of Beneficial Interest			Accumulated Other			
	Shares		Accumulated	Com	prehensive	Total	
	<b>Outstanding</b>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Deficit</u>		Loss	<b>Equity</b>	
Balance, December 31, 2018	1,270,878	\$ 13,506,249	\$ (5,171,759)	\$	(92,879)	\$ 8,241,611	
Reclassification of unrealized loss on marketable securities upon adoption			(92,879)		92,879		
of accounting change	-	-	(92,879)		92,079	-	
Purchase of shares of beneficial interest	(63,543)	(366,008)	-		-	(366,008)	
Issuance of shares of beneficial interest	49,396	330,437	-		-	330,437	
Dividends	-	-	(185,548)		-	(185,548)	
Net income	<u>-</u>		432,096		<u>-</u>	432,096	
Balance, December 31, 2019	1,256,731	13,470,678	(5,018,090)		-	8,452,588	
Purchase of shares of beneficial interest	(62,834)	(375,120)	-		-	(375,120)	
Issuance of shares of beneficial interest	29,835	196,314	-		-	196,314	
Dividends	-	-	(232,496)		-	(232,496)	
Net income			181,298		<u>-</u>	181,298	
Balance, December 31, 2020	1,223,732	\$ 13,291,872	\$ (5,069,288)	\$	<u>-</u>	\$ 8,222,584	

(See Notes to Financial Statements)

# FIRST COMMONWEALTH MORTGAGE TRUST STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

#### For the Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Net income	\$ 181,298	\$ 432,096
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash		
provided by operating activities:		
Realized and unrealized (gain) loss on marketable securities	531,292	(164,211)
Gain on sale of land	(551,201)	-
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accrued interest receivable, net of participations	(23,615)	18,991
Other receivables	2,784	1,170
Accounts payable and other liabilities	1,279	5,700
Total adjustments	(39,461)	(138,350)
Net cash provided by operating activities	141,837	293,746
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
Mortgage note originations, net of participations	(1,404,088)	(625,000)
Principal collected on mortgage notes receivable, net of		
participations	1,483,422	766,663
Proceeds from loan participation in a mortgage note receivable	-	186,214
Proceeds from sale of land	322,611	-
Purchase of certificate of deposit	(7,041)	(8,810)
Purchase of marketable securities	(897,452)	(162,462)
Proceeds from sale of marketable securities	324,500	272,388
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(178,048)	428,993
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:		
Proceeds from margin debt	146,509	-
Dividends - shareholders	(232,496)	(185,548)
Purchase of shares of beneficial interest	(375,120)	(366,008)
Net cash used in financing activities	(461,107)	(551,556)
Net change in cash, cash equivalents, restricted		
cash, and restricted cash equivalents	(497,318)	171,183
Cash, Cash Equivalents, Restricted Cash, and Restricted		
Cash Equivalents, beginning of year	615,505	444,322
Cash, Cash Equivalents, Restricted Cash, and Restricted		
Cash Equivalents, end of year	<u>\$ 118,187</u>	<u>\$ 615,505</u>

(See Notes to Financial Statements)

# FIRST COMMONWEALTH MORTGAGE TRUST STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED) For the Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Noncash Investing and Financing Activities:		
Mortgage note receivable issued on sale of land	<u>\$ 360,000</u>	
Acquisition of participation interests in mortgage note receivable for shares of beneficial interest	<u>\$ 196,314</u>	\$ 330,437

#### NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Nature of Organization**

First Commonwealth Mortgage Trust ("Trust") was organized on September 26, 1984 and commenced operations on June 27, 1985. The Trust is a Texas real estate investment trust with a termination date of December 31, 2030. The Trust is engaged primarily in the business of investing in loans collateralized by mortgages on real estate. These loans are principally collateralized in Texas and Florida.

#### Cash, Cash Equivalents, Restricted Cash, and Restricted Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents represent cash held in banks and liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less. Restricted cash represents escrow deposits collected for property taxes and insurance related to property listed as collateral for certain mortgage notes.

The following table provides a reconciliation of cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash, and restricted cash equivalents in the Trust's balance sheets to the total amount reported in the statements of cash flows at December 31, 2020 and 2019.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Cash and cash equivalents Restricted cash and cash equivalents	\$118,187 	\$606,648 <u>8,857</u>
	\$118,187	\$615,505

#### Mortgage Notes Receivable and Allowance for Losses

Mortgage notes receivable, net of participations, are carried at unpaid principal balances less allowance for losses. Management intends to hold mortgage notes receivable to maturity. Mortgage notes are principally collateralized by first mortgage loans on commercial or residential property and are due at various dates. Mortgage notes bear interest at rates ranging from 2% to 8%.

The allowance for losses is based on management's estimate of the amount required to maintain an allowance adequate to reflect the risks inherent in the mortgage note portfolio after giving consideration to existing economic conditions, loss experience in relation to outstanding mortgage notes, changes in the mortgage note portfolio, borrowers' performance in reducing mortgage note principal, adequacy of mortgage note collateral, and other relevant factors. A mortgage note is charged off against the allowance for losses when management determines the mortgage note is uncollectible. A mortgage note is placed on nonaccrual status when it becomes past due, as determined by management. Upon suspension of the accrual of interest, interest previously recognized but uncollected is reversed and charged against current income. Subsequent interest collected on the mortgage note is credited to principal if, in the opinion of management, collectibility of principal is doubtful; otherwise, the interest collected is recognized as revenue. Accrual of interest is resumed when a mortgage note is removed from nonaccrual status. Interest income is accrued based upon the principal amount outstanding. Commitment and origination fees are deferred and recognized as income using a method approximating the interest method over the life of the loan.

#### NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

A mortgage note is considered impaired when it is probable that the scheduled principal or interest will not be collected. Impaired mortgage notes include mortgage notes that have been placed on nonaccrual status and are valued upon the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the mortgage note's effective interest rate or collateral fair value, if the mortgage note is collateral dependent. If the measure of the impaired mortgage note is less than the recorded investment in the mortgage note, an impairment loss is included in the allowance for losses.

At December 31, 2020 and 2019, there were no impaired mortgage notes and no allowance for losses on mortgage notes receivable and accrued interest receivable and no commitments to lend additional funds to borrowers.

At December 31, 2020 and 2019, two and three mortgage notes receivable customers represented approximately 21% and 31%, respectively, of total mortgage notes receivable. Interest related to three and four mortgage notes receivable was approximately 54% and 60% of interest income for 2020 and 2019, respectively.

#### **Marketable Securities**

The Trust's investments in marketable securities, are stated at fair value with unrealized gains (losses) being combined with realized gains (losses) in the Trust's statements of operations. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction. See Note 3 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of marketable securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded as earned on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. The realized gain or loss on marketable securities is based on specific identification and reported in operations.

#### Land

Land received in foreclosure proceedings is recorded at fair value on date of receipt. Purchased land is recorded at cost. Gains or losses resulting from disposals of land are credited or charged to operations currently.

Management reviews the carrying value of land for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying amount may not be recoverable. When required, impairment losses on land to be held and used or disposed of other than by sale are recognized based on the current fair value of the land. Land to be disposed of by sale is reported at the lower of its carrying amount or fair value less cost to sell. Management has determined that there is no impairment of land at December 31, 2019. There was no land held at December 31, 2020.

#### NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### **Net Income per Share**

Net income per share is calculated by dividing net income by the weighted average number of shares of beneficial interest outstanding during the year. The Trust has no items that give rise to anti-dilutive shares. Accordingly, basic and dilutive shares presented are the same.

#### **Management Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Management believes that these estimates and assumptions provide a reasonable basis for the fair presentation of the financial statements.

#### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

Adopted

In January 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2016-01, Financial Instruments—Overall (Subtopic 825-10): Recognition and Measurement of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities. ASU 2016-01 was issued with the intent to address certain aspects of recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of financial assets and liabilities. Investments in equity securities, excluding equity method and consolidated investments, are no longer classified as trading or available-for-sale securities. All investments in equity securities with readily determinable fair values are classified as investments at fair value with changes in fair value recognized in net income. Investments in equity securities without readily determinable fair values are measured using the fair value measurement alternative and are recorded at cost minus impairment, if any, plus or minus changes resulting from observable price changes in orderly transactions for an identical or similar investment of the same issuer. Investments in equity securities measured using the fair value measurement alternative are reviewed for indicators of impairment each reporting period. Fair value of financial instruments for disclosure purposes is measured using exit price.

The Trust's adoption of ASU 2016-01 on January 1, 2019 resulted in a cumulative effect adjustment to the balance sheets, with the Trust reclassifying unrealized holding losses of \$92,879 in marketable securities to accumulated deficit from accumulated other comprehensive loss at the date of adoption. In addition, the change in fair value of marketable securities has been included in realized and unrealized gain (loss) on marketable securities on the statements of operations subsequent to the adoption of ASU 2016-01.

#### NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

**Pending** 

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-13, *Financial Instruments-Credit Losses* (Topic 326): *Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Statements*, which requires financial assets measured at amortized cost be presented at the net amount expected to be collected. ASU 2016-13, as amended, is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2022, with early adoption permitted. ASU 2016-13 is to be applied using a cumulative effect adjustment on the date of adoption. Management is currently evaluating the impact ASU 2016-13 will have on the Trust's financial statements.

#### **NOTE 2 - MARKETABLE SECURITIES**

At December 31, 2020 and 2019, marketable securities consist of the following:

	2020			
		Gross Unrealized	Gross Unrealized	Fair
	Cost	<u>Gains</u>	Losses	<u>Value</u>
Real estate investment trusts ("REIT")	<u>\$1,781,716</u>	<u>\$14,802</u>	<u>\$474,222</u>	<u>\$1,322,296</u>
		2	019	
		Gross	Gross	
		Unrealized	Unrealized	Fair
	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Gains</u>	Losses	<u>Value</u>
REIT	<u>\$1,208,764</u>	<u>\$128,722</u>	<u>\$56,850</u>	<u>\$1,280,636</u>

At December 31, 2020, the Trust had outstanding \$146,509 of 7.5% margin debt due to the financial institution holding the marketable securities. The margin debt is collateralized by marketable securities and is due on demand (margin call) under certain situations.

Investment income is included in dividends and interest income - marketable securities on the statements of operations. The Trust had sales of marketable securities of \$324,500 and \$272,388 resulting in no realized gains (losses) in 2020 and net realized losses of \$(2,113) in 2019.

#### **NOTE 3 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

Various inputs are used in determining fair value of marketable securities. Valuation techniques used to measure fair value must maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy

#### **NOTE 3 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)**

is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy, including the types of marketable securities that fall under each category and the valuation methodologies used to measure fair value, are described below:

- Level 1 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.
  - REIT stock: Valued at the closing market price on a national exchange.
- Level 2 Inputs to the valuation methodology are other than quoted market prices in active markets that are observable, either directly or indirectly, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices that are in inactive markets; inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; and inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.
- Level 3 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable inputs (i.e., projections, estimates, interpretations, etc.) that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Trust believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date. The inputs and methodologies used for valuing marketable securities are not an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2020 or 2019.

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Trust's investments at fair value as of December 31, 2020 and 2019:

				2020	
	<u>Description</u>	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	<u>Total</u>
REIT		\$1,322,296			\$1,322,296
	Total marketable securities	<u>\$1,322,296</u>			<u>\$1,322,296</u>
				2019	
	<u>Description</u>	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	<u>Total</u>
REIT		\$1,280,636			\$1,280,636
	Total marketable securities	<u>\$1,280,636</u>			<u>\$1,280,636</u>

#### **NOTE 4 - INVESTMENT IN AFFILIATE**

Investments that do not have readily determinable fair value are measured and recorded using a measurement alternative that measures the investment at cost minus impairment, if any, plus or minus changes resulting from qualifying observable price changes.

The Trust participates with Holly Mortgage Trust ("Holly"), a Texas real estate investment trust, for the purpose of investing in second mortgages and equity participation mortgages. At December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Trust also owned 58,131 shares of beneficial interest in Holly, which comprised approximately 3.6% of the outstanding shares in Holly at December 31, 2020 and 2019.

The carrying value of the investment in Holly is adjusted for any qualifying observable price changes. The Trust did not identify any qualifying observable price changes in the investment in 2020 or 2019 and there were no upward or downward adjustments to the carrying value of the investment. The investment is also subject to impairment reviews when indicators of impairment exist. The Trust did not identify any indicators of impairment for the investment in 2020 or 2019.

#### **NOTE 5 - FEDERAL INCOME TAXES**

The Trust operates in such a manner as to qualify as a "real estate investment trust" under Sections 856 through 860 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder. Under those sections, the Trust will not be taxed on that portion of its qualifying income distributed to shareholders so long as at least 90% of the Trust's otherwise taxable income is distributed to shareholders each year and other requirements of a qualified real estate investment trust are met. The Trust satisfied the income distribution requirements for the years ending December 31, 2020 and 2019. Management believes that all other requirements of a qualified real estate investment trust have been met.

The tax status of per-share dividend distributions declared attributable to the years presented is as follows:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Ordinary income Return of capital	100% 0	100% 0
	<u>100</u> %	<u>100</u> %

As of December 31, 2020, the Trust has a federal net operating loss carryforward of approximately \$1.5 million that can be deducted against future taxable income. The carryforward amount expires in 2033-2035. The Trust does not expect to pay federal income taxes, thus the tax effect of the net operating loss carryforward has been adjusted to zero by a valuation allowance of \$324,503 and \$462,891 at December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively. The valuation allowance decreased approximately \$140,000 and \$3,000 in 2020 and 2019, respectively.

#### NOTE 5 - FEDERAL INCOME TAXES (CONTINUED)

Management has evaluated the Trust's tax positions and concluded that the Trust has taken no uncertain tax positions that require adjustment to the financial statements. Tax-related interest and penalties are recorded in income tax expense in the statements of operations. The Trust incurred no tax-related interest or penalties in 2020 or 2019. The Trust is subject to income tax examinations by federal and state tax authorities for years beginning in 2017 and after.

#### NOTE 6 - MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS

FCA Corp ("FCA") is the Trust's compensated manager and is related to the Trust through common management. Management fees from the Trust to FCA were approximately \$120,000 and \$102,000 for 2020 and 2019, respectively. The management fee for the Trust is based on 1.4% of the book value of its assets at the end of each prior fiscal year less accounting and certain board member fees.

Holly has a \$325,000 loan agreement with First National Bank of Chickasha (the "Bank") in which the Trust guaranteed the loan. The loan has a balance of \$315,000 at December 31, 2020 and 2019. The Trust is a guarantor of the loan and has invested in a certificate of deposit with a balance of \$337,244 and \$331,557 at December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively, with the Bank as collateral for the loan, which is included in certificate of deposit – restricted in the balance sheets. The guarantee expires upon final payment on the loan in October 2022. In the event Holly defaults on the loan, the Trust will be obligated to surrender the certificate of deposit to pay the unpaid principal balance of the loan, plus any interest, charges, and fees, as well as be liable for any expenses incurred in enforcing rights under the guarantee agreement. Including accrued interest, the maximum potential amount of future (undiscounted) payments under the guarantee is approximately \$315,000, plus reasonable associated legal fees, at December 31, 2020.

#### **NOTE 7 - CONCENTRATION RISKS**

The Trust maintains cash balances in a bank, which at times exceed federally insured limits. The Trust monitors the financial condition of the bank and has experienced no losses associated with this account.

Marketable securities are exposed to various risks such as significant world events, interest rate, credit, and overall market volatility risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the fair value of marketable securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the balance sheets.

#### **NOTE 8 - LETTER OF CREDIT**

The Trust has a \$70,261 letter of credit for a customer that expires in November 2021. As a condition for the letter of credit the Trust purchased a certificate of deposit with a balance of \$91,505 and \$90,151 at December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively, with the financial institution that issued the letter of credit. The certificate of deposit matures in December 2021, is restricted for use against the letter of credit if drawn upon, and is included in certificate of deposit – restricted in the balance sheets.

#### **NOTE 9 - STOCK REPURCHASE PROGRAM**

The Trust has a Stock Repurchase Program ("Stock Program") to provide a level of liquidity to its shareholders as a result of no secondary market existing for the Trust's shares. The Trust may make an offer to repurchase Trust shares, not more than semi-annually and within a reasonable period of time after June 30 and December 31, at a price per share determined by the Trust managers. In 2020 and 2019, the Trust issued a Notice of Voluntary Stock Repurchase Offer ("Repurchase Offer") to its shareholders. The Repurchase Offer included a repurchase price of \$5.97 and \$5.76 per share, respectively, representing 90% of the Trust's beginning of the year net book value per share less a dividend payment of \$0.09 and \$0.07 per share, respectively. In 2020 and 2019, the Trust repurchased 62,834 shares of beneficial interest for \$375,120 and 63,543 shares of beneficial interest for \$366,008, respectively. The number of repurchased shares was limited to 5% of the Trust's outstanding shares of beneficial interest in each offering. There were no offers outstanding at December 31, 2020 or 2019.

#### **NOTE 10 - SALE OF LAND**

In April 2018, the Trust entered into an Agreement of Understanding ("Agreement") and a Real Estate Purchase Option Agreement ("Purchase Option") with an unrelated third-party. Under the Agreement, the third-party purchased two land lots at \$70,000, each, for development and sale. If the lots are developed and sold, the Trust will receive gross sale proceeds in excess of \$70,000 (for each lot sold) at an allocation rate of 13%. If the lots are not developed and sold by April 2020, the Trust may require the lots be sold and sale proceeds in excess of \$70,000, plus certain fees (for each lot sold) will be allocated to the Trust at 80%. In accordance with the Purchase Option, the Trust granted the third-party a two-year purchase option for \$3,600 to purchase the nine remaining land lots for \$72,000 per lot. The Purchase Option was exercised in April 2020 resulting in a gain on sale of the land of \$551,201.

#### **NOTE 11 - BOOK VALUE PER SHARE**

Book value per share at December 31, 2020 and 2019 amounted to \$6.72 and \$6.73, respectively.

#### **NOTE 12 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Management has evaluated subsequent events through March 12, 2021, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

# FIRST COMMONWEALTH MORTGAGE TRUST

#### **BOARD OF TRUST MANAGERS**

#### George Beatty, Jr.

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Mr. Beatty also serves as a trust manager of Holly Mortgage Trust and is a manager of Africap, LLC.

#### Josef C. Hermans

Hotel Consultant President, Terrace Hotel Corporation

Mr. Hermans also serves as a trust manager and or a director of Holly Mortgage Trust and Terrace Hotel Corp.

#### William N. Walterman

Retired Banker

Mr. Walterman currently is serving his first term as Trust Manager.

#### Robert W. Scharar

President of First Commonwealth Mortgage Trust, Chairman of the Board of Trust Managers

Mr. Scharar also serves as a trust manager of Holly Mortgage Trust and holds positions with other entities, including but not limited to, Commonwealth International Series Trust, Africap, LLC, and FCA Corp.

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