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FORM 10-K

Annual Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023

or

Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
For the Transition Period From _____ to _____

Commission File Number 333-263759

SHEPHERD'S FINANCE, LLC
(Exact name of registrant as specified on its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
Incorporation or organization)

36-4608739
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

13241 Bartram Park Blvd., Suite 2401, Jacksonville, Florida 32258
(Address of principal executive offices)

(302) 752-2688
(Registrant's telephone number including area code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of Each Class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered
None	None	None

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports) and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-accelerated filer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Smaller reporting company	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Emerging growth company	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has filed a report on and attestation to its management's assessment of the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting under Section 404(b) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (15 U.S.C. 7262(b)) by the registered public accounting firm that prepared or issued its audit report.

If securities are registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act, indicate by check mark whether the financial statements of the registrant included in the filing reflect the correction of an error to previously issued financial statements.

Indicate by check mark whether any of those error corrections are restatements that required a recovery analysis of incentive-based compensation received by any of the registrant's executive officers during the relevant recovery period pursuant to §240.10D-1(b).

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

The aggregate market value of the common equity held by non-affiliates of the registrant as of June 30, 2023: There is currently no established public market for the registrant's membership interests.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE:
None.

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CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements contained in this Form 10-K of Shepherd's Finance, LLC, other than historical facts, may be considered forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. Words such as "may," "will," "expect," "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "continue," "predict," or other similar words identify forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements appear in a number of places in this report, including without limitation, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," and include statements regarding our intent, belief or current expectation about, among other things, trends affecting the markets in which we operate, our business, financial condition and growth strategies.

Although we believe that the expectations reflected in these forward-looking statements are based on reasonable assumptions, forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve risks and uncertainties. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to: The recent rise in interest rates; the coming anticipated drop-in interest rates; general economic and geopolitical uncertainty; and those other risks described in other risk factors as outlined in this Form 10-K. Actual results may differ materially from those predicted in the forward-looking statements as a result of various factors, including but not limited to those set forth in the "Risk Factors" section of this Form 10-K. For further information regarding risks and uncertainties associated with our business, and important factors that could cause our actual results to vary materially from those expressed or implied in such forward-looking statements, please refer to the factors set forth in the "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and "Risk Factors" sections of the documents we file from time to time with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, including, but not limited to, this report and subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q.

When considering forward-looking statements, our risk factors, as well as the other cautionary statements in this report and in our Registration Statement on Form S-1, should be kept in mind. Do not place undue reliance on any forward-looking statement. We are not obligated to update forward-looking statements.

PART I

ITEM 1. BUSINESS

Purpose and History

Our business is focused on commercial lending to participants in the residential construction and development industry. We believe this market is underserved because of the lack of traditional lenders currently fully participating in the market. We were originally formed as a Pennsylvania limited liability company on May 10, 2007. To meet our business objectives, we changed our name to Shepherd's Finance, LLC on December 2, 2011. We converted to a Delaware limited liability company on March 29, 2012. We are located in Jacksonville, Florida. As used in this report, "we," "us," "our," and "Company" refer to Shepherd's Finance, LLC. We have an internet website at www.shepherdsfinance.com. We are not incorporating by reference into this report any material from our website. The reference to our website is an inactive textual reference to the uniform resource locator (URL) and is for reference only.

The commercial loans we extend are secured by mortgages on the underlying real estate. We extend and service commercial loans to small-to-medium sized homebuilders for the purchase of lots and/or the construction of homes thereon. In some circumstances, the lot is purchased with an older home on the lot which is then either removed or rehabilitated. If the home is rehabilitated, the loan is referred to as a "rehab" loan. We also extend and service loans for the purchase of lots and undeveloped land and the development of that land into residential building lots. In addition, we may, depending on our cash position and the opportunities available to us, do neither or either of the following: purchase defaulted unsecured debt from suppliers to homebuilders at a discount (and then secure that debt with real estate or other collateral), and purchase defaulted secured debt from financial institutions at a discount.

Experience and Resources

Our Chief Executive Officer ("CEO"), Mr. Wallach, has been in the housing industry since 1985. He was the Chief Financial Officer of a multi-billion-dollar supplier of building materials to home builders for 12 years. He also was responsible for that company's lending business for 20 years. During those years, he was responsible for the creation and implementation of many secured lending programs to builders. Some of these were performed fully by that company, and some were performed in partnership with banks. In general, the creation of all loans, and the resolution of defaulted loans, was his responsibility, whether the loans were company loans or loans in partnership with banks. Through these programs, he was responsible for the creation of approximately \$2,000,000,000 in loans which generated interest spread of \$50,000,000, after deducting for credit losses. Through the years, he managed the development of systems for reducing and managing the risks and losses on defaulted loans. Mr. Wallach also was responsible for that company's unsecured debt to builders, which reached over \$300,000,000 at its peak. He also gained experience in securing defaulted unsecured debt.

In addition, our Executive Vice President of Operations has 18 years of experience in this type of lending. Our Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") has 18 years of SEC registrant accounting experience and over six years of experience in this industry. Our Executive Vice President has been in the housing industry for over 39 years including holding executive level positions for the majority of that time. Our Executive Vice President of Sales was appointed in April 2021 and has over 21 years of experience in the construction finance industry.

Human Capital Resources

As of December 31, 2023, we have retained 19 employees (three of which are lending representatives) including our CEO. In his previous experience, our CEO had a nationwide staff of 20 lenders within in the field. The development, attraction, and retention of employees is a strong focus for the Company, as is fostering and maintaining a strong, healthy corporate culture. Additionally, as described in more detail elsewhere in this report, we have an executive compensation program designed to attract, retain, and motivate highly talented executives and to align each executive's incentives with our short-term and long-term objectives, while maintaining a healthy and stable financial position.

Opportunity, Strategy, and Approach

Background and Strategy

Finance markets are highly fragmented, with numerous large, mid-size, and small lenders and investment companies, such as banks, savings and loan associations, credit unions, insurance companies, and institutional lenders, all competing for investment opportunities. Many of these market participants experienced losses, as a result of the housing market (which started to decline in 2006, reached its bottom in 2008, improved through early 2022, then declined through most of 2023, and since has been relatively stable nationally), and their participation in lending in it. As a result of credit losses and restrictive government oversight, the financial institutions are not participating in this market to the extent they had before the 2008 credit crisis. Nonregulated builder focused lenders (of which we are one) have increased their presence since 2008. Our goal is not to be a customer's only source of commercial lending, but an extra, more user-friendly piece of their financing.

Our loans are marketed by lending representatives who work for us and are driven to maintain long-term customer relationships. Compensation for loan originators is focused on the profitability of loans originated, not simply the volume of loans originated.

Our efforts are designed to create a loan portfolio that includes some or all of the following investment characteristics: (i) provides current income; (ii) is well-secured by residential real estate; (iii) is short term in nature; and (iv) provides high interest spreads.

Our investment policies may be amended or changed at any time by our board of managers. In the years ahead, we plan on maintaining or growing our current level of lending, increasing our geographic diversity, growing our rehab lending program, and improving our financial performance. We may be adding systems and people to accomplish these goals.

As we continue to grow our business, we are focusing some of our efforts on our rehab program, which we believe in the long run will face less bank competition and have more stable demand than our new construction program.

Risk and Mitigation

We believe that, while creating speculative construction loans is a high-risk venture, the opportunity for margin, the differences in our lending versus typical small bank lending, and our loss mitigation techniques will all help this type of lending to continue to be a profitable business.

We engage in various activities to try to mitigate the risks inherent in this type of lending by:

- Keeping the loan-to-value ratio ("LTV"), between 60% and 75% on a portfolio basis, however, individual loans may, from time to time, have a greater LTV;
- Generally using deposits from the builder on home construction loans to ensure the completion of the home. Lending losses on defaulted loans are usually a higher percentage when the home is not built, or is only partially built;
- Having a higher yield than other forms of secured real estate lending;
- Using interest escrows for some of our loans;
- Aggressively working with builders who are in default on their loan before and during foreclosure. This technique generally yields a reduced realized loss; and
- Market grading. We review all lending markets, analyzing their historic housing start cycles. Then, the current position of housing starts is examined in each market. Markets are classified into volatile, average, or stable, and then graded based on that classification and our opinion of where the market is in its housing cycle. This grading is then used to determine the builder deposit amount, LTV, and how much of the lot purchase the builder is required to fund.

The following table contains items that we believe differentiate us from our competitors:

Item	Our Methods	Comments
Lending Regulation	We follow various state and federal laws, but are not regulated and controlled by bank examiners from the government. We follow best practices we have learned through our experience, some of which are required of banks.	For instance, banks are not required to buy title insurance by law, but typically banks do purchase title insurance for the properties on which they lend. We generally do not, as it is very difficult to collect on title policies. Instead, we use title searches to protect our interests.
FDIC Insurance	We do not offer FDIC insurance to our unsecured notes investors.	Our yield to our customers, and our cost of funds, is typically higher than that of most banks. We charge our borrowers higher interest rates than do most banks. We also save money by not paying for FDIC insurance.
Capital Structure	Typically, our unsecured notes offered through our notes program are due in one to four years, or when the Note matures.	This results in liquidity risk (i.e., funding borrowing requests or maturities of debt). Our assets typically turnover much quicker (about 4 times faster) than our average unsecured debt does, and our unsecured debt is mostly prepayable. These items help keep liquidity stable.
Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) ⁽¹⁾	We do not participate in the CRA.	Our sole purpose in making each individual loan is to maximize our returns while maintaining proper risk management.
Leverage	We try to maintain a 15% ratio of equity (including redeemable preferred equity) to loan assets.	Our equity to loan assets, net ratio was 11.6% as of December 31, 2023. The higher the percentage, the more potential losses the company can absorb without impacting debt holders.
Product Diversification	We generally make loans to builders to purchase lots and/or to construct or rehab homes.	We have extensive experience in our field.
Geographic Diversity	We lend in 20 states as of December 31, 2023.	We believe that this geographic diversity helps in down markets, as not all housing markets decrease at the same rate and time.
Governmental Bailouts	Most likely not eligible.	We are not likely to be eligible for bank bailouts, which have happened periodically. We maintain a better leverage ratio to counter this.
Underwriting	We focus on items that, in our experience, tend to predict risk.	These items include using collateral, controlling LTVs, controlling the number of loans in one subdivision, underwriting appraisals, conducting property inspections, and maintaining certain files and documents similar to those that a bank might maintain.

(1) The CRA subjects a bank who receives FDIC insurance to regulatory assessment to determine if the bank meets the credit needs of its entire community, and to consider that determination in its evaluation of any application made by the bank for, among other things, approval of the acquisition or establishment of a bank branch.

Lines of Business

Our efforts are designed to create a loan portfolio that includes some or all of the following investment characteristics: (i) provides current income; (ii) is well-secured by residential real estate; (iii) is short term in nature; and (iv) provides high interest spreads. While we primarily provide commercial construction loans to homebuilders (for residential real estate), we may also purchase defaulted unsecured debt from suppliers to homebuilders at a discount (and then secure that debt with real estate or other collateral), purchase defaulted secured debt from financial institutions at a discount, and purchase real estate in which we will operate our business.

Our investment policies may be amended or changed at any time by our board of managers.

Commercial Construction Loans to Homebuilders

We extend and service commercial loans to small-to-medium sized homebuilders for the purchase of lots and/or the construction of homes thereon. Our customers generally benefit from doing business with us not just because they are able to sell additional homes (which we finance), but because, as they build additional homes, they are able to increase sales of homes that are built as contracted homes, where the eventual home owner obtains the loan. Builders generally have more success selling homes when a model or spec home is available for customers to see. We also extend and service loans for the purchase of undeveloped land and the development of that land into residential building lots. In addition, we lend money to purchase and rehabilitate older existing homes. Most of the loans are for "spec homes" or "spec lots," meaning they are built or developed speculatively (with no specific end-user home owner in mind).

In a typical home construction transaction, a homebuilder obtains a loan to purchase a lot and build a home on that lot. In some cases, the builder has a contract with a customer to purchase the home upon its completion. In other cases, the home is built as a spec home, but the homebuilder believes it will sell before or shortly after completion, and therefore, building the home before it is under contract will increase the homebuilder's sales and profitability. The builder may also believe that the construction of a spec home will increase the number of contract sales the homebuilder will have in a given year, as it may be easier to sell contract homes when the customer can see the builder's work in the spec home. In some cases, these speculatively built homes are constructed with the intention to keep them as a model for a period of time, to increase contract sales, and then be sold. These are called model homes. While we may lend to a homebuilder for any of these types of new construction homes, through December 31, 2023, about 84% of our construction loans have been spec homes and 16% have been contracts.

In a typical rehab transaction, we fund all of the purchase price, and then all or a portion of the cost to complete the project. In some circumstances, we are unable to see the inside of the home prior to closing, so we assume that anything from drywall to completion needs to be redone, as well as what we can see from the outside. Because we are flexible in our need to see the inside of the home, and we only use experienced builders as customers for this type of lending, we believe that this differentiates us from banks.

We fund the loans that we originate using available cash resources that are generated primarily from borrowings, our loan purchase and sale agreements, proceeds from the fixed rate subordinated notes ("Notes") offered pursuant to our public offering ("Notes Program"), equity, and net operating cash flow. We intend to continue funding loans we originate using the same sources.

There is a seasonal aspect to home construction, and this affects our monthly cash flow. In general, since the home construction loans, we made will last less than a year on average and we are geographically diverse, the seasonality impact is somewhat mitigated.

Generally, our real estate loans are secured by one or more of the following:

- the parcels of land to be developed;
- finished lots;
- new or rehabbed single-family homes; and/or
- in most cases, personal guarantees of the principals of the borrower entity.

Most of our lending is based on the following general policies:

Customer Type	Small-to-Medium Size Homebuilders
Loan Type	Commercial
Loan Purpose	Construction/Rehabilitation of Homes or Development of Lots
Security	Homes, Lots, and/or Land
Priority	Generally, our loans are secured by a first priority mortgage lien; however, we may make loans secured by a second or other lower priority mortgage lien.
Loan-to-Value Averages	60-75%
Loan Amounts	Average home construction loan was \$310,000 as of December 31, 2023. Development loans vary greatly.
Term	Demand, however most home construction loans typically payoff in under one year, and development loans are typically three to five-year projects.
Rate	Cost of Funds ("COF") plus 2.5%, minimum rate of 7%
Origination Fee	5% for home construction loans, development loans on a case-by-case basis
Title Insurance	Only on high-risk loans and rehabs
Hazard Insurance	Always
General Liability Insurance	Always
Credit	Builder should have significant building experience in the market, be building in the market currently, be able to make payments of interest, be able to make the required deposit, have acceptable personal credit, and have open lines of credit (unsecured) with suppliers reasonably within terms. Required deposits may be able to be avoided if we do not fund the purchase of land. We generally do not advertise to find customers, but use our loan representatives and our builder website, www.constructionspcloans.com .
Third Party Guarantor	None, however the loans are generally guaranteed by the owners of the borrower.

We may change these policies at any time based on then-existing market conditions or otherwise, at the discretion of our CEO and the Board of Managers.

2024 Outlook

During 2024, the housing market in most of the areas in which we do business will likely increase as compared to the same period of time in 2023 due to the already reduced long term mortgage interest rates, and an anticipated continuing reduction of those rates as a result of short-term interest rate cuts by the Federal Reserve Bank. We should experience no further losses from our COVID-19 loans, as the final balances of those loans were either paid off or written off in 2023, so we expect total credit losses for 2024 to be lower than 2023. There is a risk if mortgage rates continue to drop that many homeowners in existing low-rate mortgages will decide to "move up" and sell their low mortgage rate home, flooding the market with homes. Offsetting that risk is the fact that they will also increase demand for homes as they will need one to live in. Rents may become less affordable vs. owning a home, which helps our customer. While we don't anticipate the market flooding to negatively impact us, there is little history to go by and this might cause housing prices to drop steeply, which will hurt our existing loans.

In 2024, we anticipate adding some assets in the housing industry designed to generate income. The assets include but are not limited to, the purchase of an existing land development company which is currently developing 61 lots in Pittsburgh, PA, the construction of two homes in Reunion, FL using a builder (approved as one of our borrowers) for construction, and investing in a development company using another one of our customers to build houses for it.

Commercial Loans – Construction Loan Portfolio Summary

The following is a summary of our loan portfolio to builders for home construction loans as of December 31, 2023:

(All dollar [\$] amounts shown in table in thousands.)

State	Number of Borrowers	Number of Loans	Value of Collateral ⁽¹⁾	Commitment Amount	Gross Amount Outstanding	Loan to Value Ratio ⁽²⁾	Loan Fee
Arizona	2	5	\$ 2,148	\$ 1,504	\$ 846	70%	5%
California	1	1	2,551	1,530	1,511	60%	5%
Connecticut	1	2	1,039	681	510	66%	5%
Florida	12	71	36,644	19,279	14,093	53%	5%
Georgia	4	8	2,963	1,831	1,229	62%	5%
Illinois	1	1	1,600	992	763	62%	5%
Indiana	1	1	335	235	79	70%	5%
Louisiana	2	3	773	541	300	70%	5%
Maryland	1	1	480	336	336	70%	5%
Missouri	1	2	820	570	439	70%	5%
New Jersey	2	5	1,985	1,563	954	79%	5%
North Carolina	8	23	10,637	6,681	2,994	63%	5%
Ohio	3	10	3,776	2,601	1,686	69%	5%
Pennsylvania	2	21	21,301	16,763	13,205	79%	5%
South Carolina	11	50	20,029	12,624	6,694	63%	5%
Tennessee	3	5	1,554	1,047	696	67%	5%
Texas	2	4	1,970	1,773	1,693	90%	5%
Utah	1	3	2,918	1,792	910	61%	5%
Virginia	3	3	857	530	474	62%	5%
Washington	1	6	2,789	2,427	2,376	87%	5%
Total	62	225	\$ 117,169	\$ 75,300	\$ 51,788	64%(3)	5%

(1) The value is determined by the appraised value.

(2) The loan to value ratio is calculated by taking the commitment amount and dividing by the appraised value.

(3) Represents the weighted average loan to value ratio of the loans.

The following is a summary of our loan portfolio to builders for home construction loans as of December 31, 2022:

(All dollar [\$] amounts shown in table in thousands.)

State	Number of Borrowers	Number of Loans	Value of Collateral ⁽¹⁾	Commitment Amount	Gross Amount Outstanding	Loan to Value Ratio ⁽²⁾	Loan Fee
Arizona	1	2	\$ 767	\$ 537	\$ 362	70%	5%
Connecticut	2	5	2,045	1,463	1,365	72%	5%
Delaware	1	3	1,035	725	523	70%	5%
Florida	19	113	42,605	30,573	21,155	72%	5%
Georgia	5	6	3,116	1,798	919	58%	5%
Illinois	1	1	1,245	747	586	60%	5%
Louisiana	2	4	975	628	457	64%	5%
Maryland	1	2	958	671	232	70%	5%
Michigan	3	5	1,437	1,003	979	70%	5%
New Jersey	1	5	3,127	2,259	2,769	72%	5%
New York	1	1	740	500	500	68%	5%
North Carolina	6	15	7,067	4,143	2,676	59%	5%
Ohio	2	4	1,178	831	775	71%	5%
Oregon	1	1	550	385	368	70%	5%
Pennsylvania	1	17	20,132	14,016	9,831	70%	5%
South Carolina	10	27	7,525	5,133	3,582	68%	5%
Tennessee	3	4	1,554	977	799	63%	5%
Texas	2	4	3,118	2,039	1,828	65%	5%
Utah	1	1	900	720	719	80%	5%
Virginia	2	3	924	646	213	70%	5%
Washington	1	7	3,995	2,732	2,158	54%	5%
Total	66	230	\$ 104,993	\$ 72,526	\$ 52,796	69%(3)	5%

(1) The value is determined by the appraised value.

(2) The loan to value ratio is calculated by taking the commitment amount and dividing by the appraised value.

(3) Represents the weighted average loan to value ratio of the loans.

Commercial Loans – Real Estate Development Loan Portfolio Summary

In a typical development transaction, a homebuilder/developer purchases a specific parcel or parcels of land. Developers must secure financing in order to pay the purchase price for the land as well as to pay expenses incurred while developing the lots. This is the financing we provide. Once financing has been secured, the lot developers create individual lots. Developers secure permits allowing the property to be developed and then design and build roads and utility systems for water, sewer, gas, and electricity to service the property. The individual lots are then sold before a home is built on them; paid off, built on and then sold; or built on, then sold and paid off (in these cases, we may subordinate our loan to the home construction loan).

The following is a summary of our loan portfolio to builders for land development as of December 31, 2023:

(All dollar [\$] amounts shown in table in thousands.)

States	Number of Borrowers	Number of Loans	Value of Collateral ⁽¹⁾	Commitment Amount	Gross Amount Outstanding ⁽⁴⁾	Loan to Value Ratio ⁽²⁾	Interest Spread ⁽⁵⁾
Delaware	1	1	543	147	147	27%	7%
Florida	3	3	207	1,378	133	64%	7%
New Jersey	1	1	50	26	26	51%	7%
North Carolina	1	2	1,110	240	210	19%	7%
Pennsylvania	1	2	19,983	8,500	8,365	42%	varies
South Carolina	2	2	1,980	965	624	32%	7%
Total	9	11	\$ 23,873	\$ 11,256	\$ 9,505	40%⁽³⁾	7%

(1) The value is determined by the appraised value adjusted for remaining costs to be paid and third-party mortgage balances. In the event of a foreclosure on the property securing these loans, the portion of our collateral that is preferred equity in our Company might be difficult to sell, which could impact our ability to eliminate the loan balance.

(2) The loan to value ratio is calculated by taking the outstanding amount and dividing by the appraised value calculated as described above.

(3) Represents the weighted average loan to value ratio of the loans.

(4) Gross Amount Outstanding credit balances are due to deposits on account.

(5) The interest spread varies for the state of Pennsylvania and is 7% across other states.

The following is a summary of our loan portfolio to builders for land development as of December 31, 2022:

(All dollar [\$] amounts shown in table in thousands.)

States	Number of Borrowers	Number of Loans	Value of Collateral ⁽¹⁾	Commitment Amount	Gross Amount Outstanding ⁽⁴⁾	Loan to Value Ratio ⁽²⁾	Interest Spread ⁽⁵⁾
Connecticut	1	1	\$ 150	\$ 180	\$ 81	54%	7%
Delaware	1	1	543	147	147	27%	7%
Florida	4	4	175	1,196	(117)	(67)%	7%
Georgia	1	1	60	24	24	40%	7%
New Jersey	1	2	100	52	51	51%	7%
North Carolina	1	1	625	500	500	80%	7%
Pennsylvania	1	5	16,664	8,500	6,153	37%	varies
South Carolina	3	4	1,401	1,386	1,367	98%	7%
Texas	1	1	-	125	(28)	100%	7%
Total	14	20	\$ 19,718	\$ 12,110	\$ 8,178	41%⁽³⁾	7%

(1) The value is determined by the appraised value adjusted for remaining costs to be paid and third-party mortgage balances. Part of this collateral is \$1,900 of preferred equity in our Company. In the event of a foreclosure on the property securing these loans, the portion of our collateral that is preferred equity in our Company might be difficult to sell, which could impact our ability to eliminate the loan balance.

(2) The loan to value ratio is calculated by taking the outstanding amount and dividing by the appraised value calculated as described above.

(3) Represents the weighted average loan to value ratio of the loans.

(4) Gross Amount Outstanding credit balances are due to deposits on account.

(5) The interest spread varies for the state of Pennsylvania and is 7% across other states.

Credit Quality Information

See the notes to our financial statements for credit quality information.

Competition

Historically, our industry has been highly competitive. We compete for opportunities with numerous public and private investment vehicles, including financial institutions, specialty finance companies, mortgage banks, pension funds, opportunity funds, hedge funds, REITs, and other institutional investors, as well as individuals. Many competitors are significantly larger than us, have well-established operating histories and may have greater access to capital, resources and other advantages over us. These competitors may be willing to accept lower returns on their investments or to modify underwriting standards and, as a result, our origination volume and profit margins could be adversely affected.

We believe that this is a good time to extend commercial loans to builders in the residential real estate market because this market appears underserved. We expect our loans to be different than other lenders in the markets in which we are active. Typically, the differences are:

- our loans may have a higher fee;
- our loans typically require a small deposit which is refundable, versus a large upfront payment for the lot which is not refundable; and
- some of our loans may have lower costs as a result of not requiring title insurance.

Regulatory Matters

Financial Regulation

Our operations are not subject to the stringent regulatory requirements imposed upon the operations of commercial banks, savings banks, and thrift institutions. We are not subject to periodic compliance examinations by federal or state banking regulators. Further, our Notes are not certificates of deposit or similar obligations or guaranteed by any depository institution and are not insured by the FDIC or any governmental or private insurance fund, or any other entity.

The Investment Company Act of 1940

An investment company is defined under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Investment Company Act"), to include any issuer engaged primarily in the business of investing, reinvesting, or trading in securities. Absent an exemption, investment companies are required to register as such with the SEC and to comply with various governance and operational requirements. If we were considered an "investment company" within the meaning of the Investment Company Act, we would be subject to numerous requirements and restrictions relating to our structure and operation. If we were required to register as an investment company under the Investment Company Act and to comply with these requirements and restrictions, we may have to make significant changes in our structure and operations to comply with exemption from registration, which could adversely affect our business. Such changes may include, for example, limiting the range of assets in which we may invest. We intend to conduct our operations so as to fit within an exemption from registration under the Investment Company Act for purchasing or otherwise acquiring mortgages and other liens on and interest in real estate. In order to satisfy the requirements of such exemption, we may need to restrict the scope of our operations.

Environmental Compliance

We do not believe that compliance with federal, state, or local laws relating to the protection of the environment will have a material effect on our business in the foreseeable future. However, loans we extend or purchase are secured by real property. In the course of our business, we may own or foreclose and take title to real estate that could be subject to environmental liabilities with respect to these properties. We (or our loan customers) may be held liable to a governmental entity or to third parties for property damage, personal injury, investigation, and clean-up costs incurred by these parties in connection with environmental contamination or may be required to investigate or clean up hazardous or toxic substances or chemical release at a property. The costs associated with the investigation or remediation activities could be substantial. In addition, if we become the owner of or discover that we were formerly the owner of a contaminated site, we may be subject to common law claims by third-parties based on damages and costs resulting from environmental contamination emanating from the property. To date, we have not incurred any significant costs related to environmental compliance and we do not anticipate incurring any significant costs for environmental compliance in the future. Generally, when we are lending on property which is being developed into single family building lots, an environmental assessment is done by the builder for the various governmental agencies. When we lend for new construction on newly developed lots, the lots have generally been reviewed while they were being developed. We also perform our own physical inspection of the lot, which includes assessing potential environmental issues. Before we take possession of a property through foreclosure, we again assess the property for possible environmental concerns, which, if deemed to be a significant risk compared to the value of the property, could cause us to forego foreclosure on the property and to seek other avenues for collection.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

Below are risks and uncertainties that could adversely affect our operations that we believe are material to investors. Other risks and uncertainties may exist that we do not consider material based on the information currently available to us at this time.

Risks Related to our Business

Our business is not industry-diversified. Deterioration in the homebuilding industry or economic conditions, including as a result of pandemics, could decrease demand and pricing for new homes and residential home lots. A decline in housing values similar to the national downturn in the real estate market that began in 2007 would have a negative impact on our business. Smaller value declines will also have a negative impact on our business. These factors may decrease the likelihood we will be able to generate enough cash to repay the Notes.

Developers and homebuilders to whom we may make loans use the proceeds of our loans to develop raw land into residential home lots and construct homes. The developers obtain the money to repay our development loans by selling the residential home lots to homebuilders or individuals who will build single-family residences on the lots, or by obtaining replacement financing from other lenders. A developer's ability to repay our loans is based primarily on the amount of money generated by the developer's sale of its inventory of single-family residential lots. Homebuilders obtain the money to repay our loans by selling the homes they construct or by obtaining replacement financing from other lenders, and thus, the homebuilders' ability to repay our loans is based primarily on the amount of money generated by the sale of such homes.

The homebuilding industry is cyclical and is significantly affected by changes in industry conditions, as well as in general and local economic conditions, such as:

- employment level and job growth;
- demographic trends, including population increases and decreases and household formation;
- availability of financing for homebuyers;
- interest rates;
- affordability of homes;
- consumer confidence;
- levels of new and existing homes for sale, including foreclosed homes and homes held by investors and speculators; and
- housing demand generally.

These conditions may occur on a national scale or may affect some of the regions or markets in which we operate more than others.

We generally lend a percentage of the values of the homes and lots. These values are determined shortly prior to the lending. If the values of homes and lots in markets in which we lend drop fast enough to cause the builders losses that are greater than their equity in the property, we will be forced to liquidate the loan in a fashion which will cause us to lose money. If these losses when combined and added to our other expenses are greater than our revenue from interest charged to our customers, we will lose money overall, which will hurt our ability to pay interest and principal on the Notes. Values are typically affected by demand for homes, which can change due to many factors, including but not limited to, demographics, interest rates, the overall economy, which can be impacted by outbreaks of communicable illnesses, cost of building materials and labor, availability of financing for end-users, inventory of homes available and governmental action or inaction. If there is a tightening of the credit markets, it would be more difficult for potential homeowners to obtain financing to purchase homes. If housing prices decline or sales in the housing market decline, our customers may have a hard time selling their homes at a profit. This could cause the amount of defaulted loans that we will own to increase. An increase in defaulted loans would reduce our revenue and could lead to losses on our loans. A decline in housing prices will further increase our losses on defaulted loans. If the amount of defaulted loans or the loss per defaulted loan is large enough, we will operate at a loss, which will decrease our equity. This could cause us to become insolvent, and we will not be able to pay back Note holders' principal and interest on the Notes.

The homebuilding industry could experience adverse conditions, and the industry's implementation of strategies in response to such conditions may not be successful.

The United States homebuilding industry experienced a significant downturn beginning in 2007. During the course of the downturn, many homebuilders focused on generating positive operating cash flow, resizing and reshaping their product for a more price-conscious consumer and adjusting finished new home inventories to meet demand, and did so in many cases by significantly reducing the new home prices and increasing the level of sales incentives. Notwithstanding these strategies, homebuilders continued to experience an elevated rate of sales contract cancellations, as many of the factors that affect new sales and cancellation rates are beyond the control of the homebuilding industry. Although the homebuilding industry has experienced positive gains over the last decade, there can be no assurance that these gains will continue, or if there is a negative impact on the homebuilding industry's expectations for future home sales. The homebuilding industry could suffer similar, or worse, adverse conditions in the future. Decreases in new home sales would increase the likelihood of defaults on our loans and, consequently, reduce our ability to repay Note holders' principal and interest on the Notes.

We have \$58,130,000 of loan assets, net as of December 31, 2023. A 35% reduction in total collateral value would reduce our earnings and net worth by \$3,847,000. Larger reductions would result in lower earnings and lower net worth.

As of December 31, 2023, we had \$58,130,000 of loan assets, net on our books. These assets are recorded on our balance sheet at the lower of the loan amount or the value of the collateral after deduction for expected selling expenses. A reduction in the value of the underlying collateral could result in significant losses. A 35% reduction, for instance, would result in a \$3,847,000 loss. Accordingly, our business is subject to risk of a loss of a portion of our Note holders' investments if such a reduction were to occur.

We have \$9,505,000 of development loan assets as of December 31, 2023, which unlike our construction loans, are long term loans. This longer duration as well as the nature of collateral (raw ground and lots) creates more risk for that portion of our portfolio.

We have \$9,505,000 of development loan assets as of December 31, 2023. Development loans are riskier than construction loans for two reasons: the duration of the loan and the nature of the collateral. The duration (being three to five years as compared to generally less than one year on construction loans) allows for a greater period of time over which the collateral value could decrease. Also, the collateral value of development loans is more likely to change in greater percentages than that of built homes. For example, during a 70% reduction in housing starts, newly completed homes still have value, but lots may be worthless. This added risk to this portion of our portfolio adds risk to our investors as our net worth would be significantly impacted by losses.

Currently, we are reliant on a single developer and homebuilder, the Hoskins Group, who is concentrated in the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania market, for a significant portion of our revenues and a portion of our capital. Our second largest customer is in the Cape Coral, Florida market and is also a significant portion of our portfolio.

As of December 31, 2023, 29.0% of our outstanding loan commitments consisted of loans made to Benjamin Marcus Homes, LLC and Investor's Mark Acquisitions, LLC, both of which are owned by Mark Hoskins (collectively all two parties are referred to herein as the "Hoskins Group"). We refer to the loans to the Hoskins Group as the "Pennsylvania Loans." The Hoskins Group is concentrated in the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania market. Prior to March 3, 2023, the Hoskins Group also had a preferred equity interest in us, and in January 2021 we invested approximately \$500,000 in Series A Preferred Units in Benjamin Marcus Homes, LLC. During 2022, \$62,000 of dividend income was earned related to the Series A Preferred Units investment.

Currently, we are reliant upon a single developer and homebuilder who is concentrated in a single city, for a significant portion of our revenues and a portion of our capital. Any event of bankruptcy, insolvency, or general downturn in the business of this developer and homebuilder or in the Pittsburgh housing market generally will have a substantial adverse financial impact on our business and our ability to pay back Note holders' investments in the Notes in the long term. Adverse conditions affecting the local housing market could include, but are not limited to, declines in new housing starts, declines in new home prices, declines in new home sales, increases in the supply of available building lots or built homes available for sale, increases in unemployment, and unfavorable demographic changes. One of our independent managers, Gregory L. Sheldon, also serves an advisor to the Hoskins Group and, consequently, Mr. Sheldon may face conflicts of interest in the advice that he provides to us and the Hoskins Group, including if any such adverse condition were to materialize.

In addition, as of December 31, 2023, 7% of our outstanding loan commitments consisted of loans made to our second largest customer, in Cape Coral, Florida.

We have foreclosed assets as of December 31, 2023, which unlike our loans, are recorded on our balance sheet at the value of the collateral, net of estimated selling expenses.

We have foreclosed assets as of December 31, 2023. A reduction in the value of the underlying collateral of our foreclosed assets could result in significant losses. For example, a 35% reduction in the value of the underlying collateral (net of estimated selling expenses) would result in a \$45,000 loss. Our business is subject to increased risk of not being able to repay timely our Note holders' investments if such a reduction were to occur.

Increases in interest rates, reductions in mortgage availability, or increases in other costs of home ownership could prevent potential customers from buying new homes and adversely affect our business and financial results.

Most new home purchasers finance their home purchases through lenders providing mortgage financing. Immediately prior to 2007, interest rates were at historically low levels and a variety of mortgage products were available. As a result, home ownership became more accessible. The mortgage products available included features that allowed buyers to obtain financing for a significant portion or all of the purchase price of the home, had very limited underwriting requirements or provided for lower initial monthly payments. Accordingly, more people were qualified for mortgage financing.

Since 2007, the mortgage lending industry has experienced significant instability, beginning with increased defaults on subprime loans and other nonconforming loans and compounded by expectations of increasing interest payment requirements and further defaults. This, in turn, resulted in a decline in the market value of many mortgage loans and related securities. Lenders, regulators and others questioned the adequacy of lending standards and other credit requirements for several loan products and programs offered in those years. Credit requirements tightened, and investor demand for mortgage loans and mortgage-backed securities declined. In general, fewer loan products, tighter loan qualifications, and a reduced willingness of lenders to make loans make it more difficult for many buyers to finance the purchase of homes. These factors served to reduce the pool of qualified homebuyers and made it more difficult to sell to first-time and move-up buyers.

Mortgage rates rose significantly as the Federal Reserve Bank battled inflation. While interest rates have come down recently quite significantly, they could go back up, possibly reducing home ownership and housing demand. Also, the looming commercial lending situation may cause rates to rise as lenders try to make up for losses on that type of lending.

A reduction in the demand for new homes may reduce the amount and price of the residential home lots sold by the developers and homebuilders to which we loan money and/or increase the amount of time such developers and homebuilders must hold the home lots in inventory. These factors increase the likelihood of defaults on our loans, which would adversely affect our business and consolidated financial results.

Most of our assets are commercial construction loans to homebuilders and/or developers which are a higher-than-average credit risk, and therefore could expose us to higher rates of loan defaults, which could impact our ability to repay amounts owed to Note holders.

Our primary business is extending commercial construction loans to homebuilders, along with some loans for land development. These loans are considered higher risk because the ability to repay depends on the homebuilder's ability to sell a newly built home. These homes typically are not sold by the homebuilder prior to commencement of construction. Therefore, we may have a higher risk of loan default among our customers than other commercial lending companies. If we suffer increased loan defaults in any given period, our operations could be materially adversely affected, and we may have difficulty making our principal and interest payments on the Notes.

Our underwriting standards and procedures are more lenient than conventional lenders.

We invest in loans with borrowers who will not be required to meet the credit standards of conventional mortgage lenders, which is riskier than investing in loans made to borrowers who are required to meet those higher credit standards. Because we generally approve loans more quickly than some other lenders or providers of capital, there may be a risk that the due diligence we perform as part of our underwriting procedures will not reveal the need for additional precautions. If so, the interest rate that we charge and the collateral that we require may not adequately protect us or generate adequate returns for the risk undertaken.

If we lose or are unable to hire or retain key personnel, we may be delayed or unable to implement our business plan, which would adversely affect our ability to repay the Notes.

We do not have an employment agreement with any of our employees and cannot guarantee that they will remain affiliated with us. Although we have purchased key person life insurance on our Chief Executive Officer, we do not have key person insurance on any of our other employees. If any of our key employees were to cease their affiliation with us, our consolidated operating results could suffer. We believe that our future success depends, in part, upon our ability to hire and retain additional personnel. We cannot assure our investors that we will be successful in attracting and retaining such personnel, which could hinder our ability to implement our business plan.

Employee misconduct could harm us by subjecting us to monetary loss, significant legal liability, regulatory scrutiny, and reputational harm.

Our reputation is critical to maintaining and developing relationships with our existing and potential customers and third parties with whom we do business. There is a risk that our employees could engage in misconduct that adversely affects our business. For example, if an employee were to engage - or be accused of engaging - in illegal or suspicious activities including fraud or theft, we could suffer direct losses from the activity, and in addition we could be subject to regulatory sanctions and suffer serious harm to our reputation, financial condition, customer relationships, and ability to attract future customers or employees. Employee misconduct could prompt regulators to allege or to determine based upon such misconduct that we have not established adequate supervisory systems and procedures to inform employees of applicable rules or to detect and deter violations of such rules. It is not always possible to deter employee misconduct, and the precautions we take to detect and prevent misconduct may not be effective in all cases. Misconduct by our employees, or even unsubstantiated allegations of misconduct, could result in a material adverse effect on our reputation and our business.

A failure in, or breach of, our operational or security systems or infrastructure, or those of our third-party vendors, including as a result of cyber-attacks, could disrupt our business, result in the disclosure or misuse of confidential or proprietary information, damage our reputation, increase our costs, and cause losses.

We rely heavily on communications and information systems to conduct our business. Information security risks for our business have generally increased in recent years in part because of the proliferation of new technologies; the use of the Internet and telecommunications technologies to process, transmit, and store electronic information, including the management and support of a variety of business processes, including financial transactions and records, personally identifiable information, and customer and investor data; and the increased sophistication and activities of organized crime, hackers, terrorists, activists, and other external parties. As customer, public, and regulatory expectations regarding operational and information security have increased, our operating systems and infrastructure must continue to be safeguarded and monitored for potential failures, disruptions, and breakdowns. Certain of our software and technology systems have been developed internally and may be vulnerable to unauthorized access or disclosure. Our business, financial, accounting, and data processing systems, or other operating systems and facilities, may stop operating properly or become disabled or damaged as a result of a number of factors, including events that are wholly or partially beyond our control. For example, there could be electrical or telecommunication outages; natural disasters such as earthquakes, tornadoes, and hurricanes; disease pandemics; events arising from local or larger scale political or social matters, including terrorist acts; and, as described below, cyber-attacks.

Our business relies on its digital technologies, computer and email systems, software, and networks to conduct its operations. Although we have information security procedures and controls in place, our technologies, systems, and networks and, because the nature of our business involves the receipt and retention of personal information about our customers, our customers' personal accounts may become the target of cyber-attacks or information security breaches that could result in the unauthorized release, gathering, monitoring, misuse, loss, or destruction of our customers', or other third parties' confidential information. Third parties with whom we do business or who facilitate our business activities, including intermediaries or vendors that provide service or security solutions for our operations, and other third parties, could also be sources of operational and information security risk to us, including from breakdowns or failures of their own systems or capacity constraints. In addition, hardware, software, or applications we develop or procure from third parties may contain defects in design or manufacture or other problems that could unexpectedly compromise information security.

While we have disaster recovery and other policies and procedures designed to prevent or limit the effect of the failure, interruption, or security breach of our information systems, there can be no assurance that any such failures, interruptions, or security breaches will not occur or, if they do occur, that they will be adequately addressed. Our risk and exposure to these matters remain heightened because of the evolving nature of these threats. As a result, cyber security and the continued development and enhancement of our controls, processes, and practices designed to protect our systems, computers, software, data, and networks from attack, damage, or unauthorized access remain a focus for us. As threats continue to evolve, we may be required to expend additional resources to continue to modify or enhance our protective measures or to investigate and remediate information security vulnerabilities. Disruptions or failures in the physical infrastructure or operating systems that support our business and customers, or cyber-attacks or security breaches of the networks or systems, could result in regulatory fines, penalties or intervention, reputation damage, reimbursement or other compensation costs, and/or additional compliance costs, any of which could have a material effect on our results of operations or financial condition. Furthermore, if such attacks are not detected immediately, their effect could be compounded.

We are susceptible to customer fraud which includes among other things wires and achs and could cause us to suffer losses on our loan portfolio.

Because most of our customers do not publicly report their financial condition and therefore typically are not required to be audited on a regular basis, we are susceptible to a customer's fraud, which could cause us to suffer losses on our loan portfolio. The failure of a customer to accurately report its financial position, compliance with loan covenants, or eligibility for additional borrowings could result in our providing loans that do not meet our underwriting criteria, defaults in loan payments, and the loss of some or all of the principal of a particular loan or loans. Customer fraud can come in other forms, including but not limited to fraudulent invoices for work done, appraisal fraud, and fraud related to inspections done by third parties.

We have entered into loan purchase and sale agreements with third parties to sell them portions of some of our loans. This increases our leverage. While the agreements are intended to increase our profitability, large credit losses and/or idle cash could actually reduce our profitability, which could impair our ability to pay principal and/or interest on the Notes.

The loan purchase and sale agreements we entered into have allowed us to increase our loan assets and debt. If loans that we create have significant losses, the benefit of larger balances can be outweighed by the additional credit losses. Also, while these transactions are booked as secured financing, they are not lines of credit. Accordingly, we will have increased our loan balances without increasing our lines of credit, which can cause a decrease in liquidity. One solution to this liquidity problem is having idle cash for liquidity, which then could reduce our profitability. If either of these problems is persistent and/or significant, our ability to pay interest and principal on our Notes may be impaired.

Additional competition may decrease our profitability, which would adversely affect our ability to repay the Notes.

We may experience increased competition for business from other companies and financial institutions that are willing to extend the same types of loans that we extend at lower interest rates and/or fees. These competitors also may have substantially greater resources, lower cost of funds, and a better-established market presence. If these companies increase their marketing efforts to our market niche of borrowers, or if additional competitors enter our markets, we may be forced to reduce our interest rates and fees in order to maintain or expand our market share. Any reduction in our interest rates, interest income, or fees could have an adverse impact on our profitability and our ability to repay the Notes.

Our real estate loans are illiquid, which could restrict our ability to respond rapidly to changes in economic conditions.

The real estate loans we currently hold and intend to extend are illiquid. As a result, our ability to sell under-performing loans in our portfolio or respond to changes in economic, financial, investment, and other conditions may be very limited. We cannot predict whether we will be able to sell any real estate loan for the price or on the terms set by us, or whether any price or other terms offered by a prospective purchaser would be acceptable to us. We also cannot predict the length of time needed to find a willing purchaser and to close the sale of a loan. The relative illiquidity of our loan assets may impair our ability to generate sufficient cash to make required interest and principal payments on the Notes.

Our systems and procedures might be inadequate to handle our potential growth. Failure to successfully improve our systems and procedures would adversely affect our ability to repay the Notes.

We may experience growth that could place a significant strain upon our operational systems and procedures. Initially, all of our computer systems used electronic spreadsheets and we utilized other methods that a small company would use. During 2021 and 2022, we added loan and production documentation systems which many banks use to produce closing documents for loans. If any of these systems fail, they could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, and, ultimately, our ability to repay principal and interest on the Notes.

If we do not meet the requirements to maintain effective internal controls over financial reporting, our ability to raise new capital will be harmed.

If we do not maintain effective internal controls over our financial reporting in accordance with Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, then it could result in delaying future SEC filings or future offerings. If future SEC filings or future offerings are delayed, it could have an extreme negative impact on our cash flow causing us to default on our obligations, including on the Notes.

We are required to devote resources to comply with various provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, including Section 404 relating to internal controls testing, and this may reduce the resources we have available to focus on our core business.

Pursuant to Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and the related rules adopted by the SEC and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, or PCAOB, our management is required to report on the effectiveness of our internal controls over financial reporting. We may encounter problems or delays in completing any changes necessary to our internal controls over financial reporting. Among other things, we may not be able to conclude on an ongoing basis that we have effective internal controls over financial reporting in accordance with Section 404. Any failure to comply with the various requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act may require significant management time and expenses and divert attention or resources away from our core business. In addition, we may encounter problems or delays in completing the implementation of any requested improvements provided by our independent registered public accounting firm.

We are subject to risk of significant losses on our loans because we do not require our borrowers to insure the title of their collateral for our loans.

It is customary for lenders extending loans secured by real estate to require the borrower to provide title insurance with minimum coverage amounts set by the lender. We do not require most of our homebuilders to provide title insurance on their collateral for our loans to them. This represents an additional risk to us as the lender. The homebuilder may have a title problem which normally would be covered by insurance, but may result in a loss on the loan because insurance proceeds are not available.

The collateral securing our real estate loans may not be sufficient to pay back the principal amount in the event of a default by the borrowers.

In the event of default, our real estate loan investments are generally dependent entirely on the loan collateral to recover our investment. Our loan collateral consists primarily of a mortgage on the underlying property. In the event of a default, we may not be able to recover the premises promptly and the proceeds we receive upon sale of the property may be adversely affected by risks generally related to interests in real property, including changes in general or local economic conditions and/or specific industry segments, declines in real estate values, increases in interest rates, real estate tax rates and other operating expenses including energy costs, changes in governmental rules, regulations and fiscal policies (including environmental legislation), acts of God, and other factors which are beyond our or our borrowers' control. Current market conditions may reduce the proceeds we are able to receive in the event of a foreclosure on our collateral. Our remedies with respect to the loan collateral may not provide us with a recovery adequate to recover our investment.

If a large number of our current and prospective borrowers are unable to repay their loans within a normal average number of months, we will experience a significant reduction in our income and liquidity, and may not be able to repay the Notes as they become due.

Construction loans that we extend are expected to be repaid in a normal average number of months, typically nine months, depending on the size of the loan. Development loans are expected to last for many years. We have interest paid on a monthly basis, but also charge a fee which will be earned over the life of the loan. If these loans are repaid over a longer period of time, the amount of income that we receive on these loans expressed as a percentage of the outstanding loan amount will be reduced, and fewer loans with new fees will be able to be made, since the cash will not be available. This will reduce our income as a percentage of the Notes, and if this percentage is significantly reduced it could impair our ability to pay principal and interest on the Notes.

Our cost of funds is substantially higher than that of banks.

Because we do not offer FDIC insurance, and because we want to grow our Notes Program faster than most banks want to grow their CD base, our Notes offer significantly higher rates than bank CDs. Our cost of funds is higher than banks' cost of funds due to, among other factors, the higher rate that we pay on our Notes and other sources of financing. This may make it more difficult for us to compete against banks when they re-join our niche lending market in large numbers. This could result in losses which could impair or eliminate our ability to pay interest and principal on our outstanding Notes.

We are subject to the general market risks associated with real estate construction and development.

Our financial performance depends on the successful construction and/or development and sale of the homes and real estate parcels that serve as security for the loans we make to homebuilders and developers. As a result, we are subject to the general market risks of real estate construction and development, including weather conditions, the price and availability of materials used in construction of homes and development of lots, environmental liabilities and zoning laws, and numerous other factors that may materially and adversely affect the success of the projects.

Our operations are not subject to the stringent banking regulatory requirements designed to protect investors, so repayment of Note holders' investments is completely dependent upon our successful operation of our business.

Our operations are not subject to the stringent regulatory requirements imposed upon the operations of commercial banks, savings banks, and thrift institutions, and are not subject to periodic compliance examinations by federal or state banking regulators. For example, we will not be well diversified in our product risk, and we cannot benefit from government programs designed to protect regulated financial institutions. Therefore, an investment in our Notes does not have the regulatory protections that the holder of a demand account or a certificate of deposit at a bank does. The return on any Notes purchased by a Note holder is completely dependent upon our successful operations of our business. To the extent that we do not successfully operate our business, our ability to pay interest and principal on the Notes will be impaired.

We are an "emerging growth company" under the federal securities laws and are subject to reduced public company reporting requirements.

We are an "emerging growth company," as defined in the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act, or the JOBS Act, and are eligible to take advantage of certain exemptions from, or reduced disclosure obligations relating to, various reporting requirements that are normally applicable to public companies.

We will remain an "emerging growth company" until the earliest of (1) the last day of the first fiscal year in which we have total annual gross revenues of \$1.07 billion or more, (2) the last day of the fiscal year following the fifth anniversary of the date of the first sale of our common equity securities pursuant to an effective registration statement, (3) the date on which we become a "large accelerated filer" as defined in Rule 12b-2 under the Exchange Act (which would occur if the market value of our common equity held by non-affiliates exceeds \$700 million, measured as of the last business day of our most recently completed second fiscal quarter, and we have been publicly reporting for at least 12 months), or (4) the date on which we have issued more than \$1 billion in non-convertible debt during the preceding three-year period. Under the JOBS Act, emerging growth companies are not required to (1) provide an auditor's attestation report on management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, pursuant to Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, (2) comply with new requirements adopted by the PCAOB which require mandatory audit firm rotation or a supplement to the auditor's report in which the auditor must provide additional information about the audit and the issuer's financial statements, (3) comply with new audit rules adopted by the PCAOB after April 5, 2012 (unless the SEC determines otherwise), (4) provide certain disclosures relating to executive compensation generally required for larger public companies, or (5) hold shareholder advisory votes on executive compensation.

Additionally, the JOBS Act provides that an “emerging growth company” may take advantage of an extended transition period for complying with new or revised accounting standards that have different effective dates for public and private companies. This means an “emerging growth company” can delay adopting certain accounting standards until such standards are otherwise applicable to private companies. However, we have elected to “opt out” of such extended transition period, and will therefore comply with new or revised accounting standards on the applicable dates on which the adoption of such standards is required for non-emerging growth companies. Section 107 of the JOBS Act provides that our decision to opt out of such extended transition period for compliance with new or revised accounting standards is irrevocable.

We are exposed to risk of environmental liabilities with respect to properties of which we take title. Any resulting environmental remediation expense may reduce our ability to repay the Notes.

In the course of our business, we foreclose and take title to real estate that could be subject to environmental liabilities. We may be held liable to a governmental entity or to third parties for property damage, personal injury, investigation and clean-up costs incurred by these parties in connection with environmental contamination, or may be required to investigate or clean up hazardous or toxic substances or chemical release at any property. The costs associated with investigation or remediation activities could be substantial. In addition, as the owner or former owner of a contaminated site, we may be subject to common law claims by third parties based on damages and costs resulting from environmental contamination emanating from the property. If we ever become subject to significant environmental liabilities, our business, financial condition, liquidity, and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected.

Risks Related to Conflicts of Interest

Our CEO (who is also on our board of managers) and Executive Vice President will face conflicts of interest as a result of the secured lines of credit made to us, which could result in actions that are not in the best interests of our Note holders.

We have two lines of credit from Daniel M. Wallach (our CEO and chairman of the board of managers) and his affiliates, and one line of credit from William Myrick (our Executive Vice President). The first line of credit has a maximum principal borrowing amount of \$1,250,000 and is payable to Mr. Wallach and his wife, Joyce S. Wallach, as tenants by the entirety (the “Wallach LOC”). The second line of credit has a maximum principal borrowing amount of \$250,000 and is payable to the 2007 Daniel M. Wallach Legacy Trust (the “Wallach Trust LOC,” and together with the Wallach LOC, the “Wallach Affiliate LOCs”). The third line of credit has a maximum principal borrowing amount of \$1,000,000 and is payable to Mr. Myrick (the “Myrick LOC”). As of December 31, 2023, there was \$166,000 outstanding pursuant to the Wallach Trust LOC, with availability on that line of credit of \$84,000, there was \$160,000 outstanding pursuant to the Wallach LOC, with remaining availability on that line of credit of \$1,090,000. As of December 31, 2023, the amount outstanding pursuant to the Myrick LOC was \$0 with availability on that line of credit of \$1,000,000. The interest rates on the Wallach Affiliate LOCs and the Myrick LOC generally equal the prime rate plus 3% and were 11.5% as of December 31, 2023. The Wallach Affiliate LOCs and the Myrick LOC are collateralized by a lien against all of our assets. The Notes are subordinated in right of payment to all secured debt, including these Wallach Affiliate LOCs and the Myrick LOC. Pursuant to the promissory note for each Wallach Affiliate LOCs and the Myrick LOC, the lenders have the option of funding any amount up to the face amount of the note, in the lender’s sole and absolute discretion. Therefore, Mr. Wallach and Mr. Myrick will face conflicts of interest in deciding whether and when to exercise any rights pursuant to the Wallach Affiliate LOCs and Myrick LOC, respectively. If Mr. Wallach or Mr. Myrick exercise their rights to collect on their collateral upon a default by us, we could lose some or all of our assets, which could have a negative effect on our ability to repay the Notes.

As a result of his large equity ownership in the Company, our CEO will face a conflict of interest in deciding the number of distributions to equity owners, which could result in actions that are not in the best interests of Note holders.

As of December 31, 2023, our CEO (who is also on the board of managers) beneficially owned 78.2% of the common equity of the Company. He and his wife also own 25.2% the Series C cumulative preferred units outstanding as of December 31, 2023. Since the Company is taxed as a partnership for federal income tax purposes, all profits and losses flow through to the equity owners. Therefore, Mr. Wallach and his affiliated equity owners of the Company will be motivated to distribute profits to the equity owners on an annual basis, rather than retain earnings in the Company for Company purposes. There is currently no limit in the indenture or otherwise on the amount of funds that may be distributed by the Company to its equity owners. If substantial funds are distributed to the equity owners, the liquidity and capital resources of the Company will be reduced and our ability to repay the Notes may be negatively impacted.

Some of our employees and managers may face conflicts of interest as a result of their and their relatives' investment in the Notes, which could result in actions that are not in the best interests of our Note holders.

Employees, managers, members, and relatives of managers and members have invested in the Notes, in the aggregate amount of \$4,454,000 as of December 31, 2023. While investment in the Notes by our affiliates may align their interests with those of other Note holders, it could also create conflicts of interest by influencing those employees' or managers' actions during times of financial difficulties. For example, the fact that certain of our managers hold Notes, and the value of Notes they hold, could influence their decision to redeem Notes at a time or times when it would be prudent to use our cash resources to build capital, pay down other outstanding obligations, or grow our business. There may be other situations not presently foreseeable in which the ownership of Notes by related persons may create conflicts of interest. These conflicts of interest could result in action or inaction by management that is adverse to other holders of the Notes.

We have three lines of credit from affiliates which allow us to incur a significant amount of secured debt. These lines are collateralized by a lien against all of our assets. Our purchase and sale agreements function as secured debt as well. We expect to incur a significant amount of additional debt in the future, including issuance of the Notes, which will subject us to increased risk of loss.

As of December 31, 2023, we had \$326,000 of secured debt outstanding on our senior debt lines of credit from affiliates of \$2,500,000 and the capacity to sell portions of many loans under the terms of our loan purchase and sale agreements. The affiliate loans are collateralized by a lien against all of our assets. The loan purchase and sale agreements and other secured debt are with third-parties and are collateralized by loans. In addition, we expect to incur a significant amount of additional debt in the future, including issuance of the Notes, borrowing under credit facilities and other arrangements. The Notes will be subordinated in right of payment to all secured debt, including the affiliate loans. Therefore, in the event of a default on the secured debt, affiliates of our Company, including Mr. Wallach, have the right to receive payment ahead of Note holders, as do other secured debt holders, such as the loan purchasers under the purchase and sale agreements. Accordingly, our business is subject to increased risk of a total loss of our Note holders' investments if we are unable to repay all of our secured debt.

Risks Related to Liquidity

We depend on the availability of significant sources of credit to meet our liquidity needs and our failure to maintain these sources of credit could materially and adversely affect our liquidity in the future.

We plan to maintain our loan purchase and sale agreements and our lines of credit from affiliates so that we may draw funds when necessary to meet our obligation to redeem maturing Notes, pay interest on the Notes, meet our commitments to lend money to our customers, and for other general corporate purposes. Certain features of the loan purchase and sale agreements with third parties have added liquidity and flexibility, which have lessened the need for the lines of credit from affiliates. If we fail to maintain liquidity through our loan purchase and sale agreements and lines of credit for any reason, including a potential negative impact to the credit markets as a result of an outbreak of a communicable illness such as COVID-19, we will be more dependent on the proceeds from the Notes for our continued liquidity. If the sale of the Notes is significantly reduced or delayed for any reason and we fail to obtain or renew a line of credit, or we default on any of our lines of credit, then our ability to meet our obligations, including our Note obligations, could be materially adversely affected, and we may not have enough cash to pay back Note holders' investments.

In addition, the borrowing capacity on two of our lines of credit is based on the amount outstanding on the underlying collateral loans. If we are unable to find suitable investment opportunities, we may not be able to replace the underlying collateral loans with new loans and, in such a situation, the borrowing capacity on those lines of credit would be reduced. Also, the failure to maintain an active line of credit (and therefore using cash for liquidity instead of a borrowing line) will reduce our earnings, because we will be paying interest on the Notes, while we are holding cash instead of reducing our borrowings.

We have unfunded commitments to builders as of December 31, 2023. If every builder borrowed every amount allowed (which would mean all of their homes were complete) and no builders paid us back, we would need to fund that amount. While some of that amount would automatically come from our loan purchase and sale agreements, the rest would have to come from our Notes Program and/or our lines of credit. Therefore, we may not have the ability to fund our commitments to builders.

As of December 31, 2023, we have \$25,263,000 of unfunded commitments to builders. If every builder borrowed every amount allowed and no builders repaid us then we would need to fund that amount. Lines of credit, loan purchase and sale agreements, payoffs from builders, and immediate investments in our Notes may not be enough to fund our commitments to builders as they become payable. If we default on these obligations, then we may face any one or more of the following: a higher default rate, lawsuits brought by customers, an eventual lack of business from borrowers, missed principal and interest payments to Note holders and holders of other debt, and a lack of desire for investors to invest in our Notes Program. Therefore, we could default on our repayment obligations to our Note holders.

We have two secured lines of credit which expire in 2024, and the unsecured portion of one of those lines of credit also expires in 2024. Failure of those lines to renew could strain our ability to pay other obligations.

We have a \$1,325,000 line of credit (the "Shuman LOC"). As of December 31, 2023, the amount outstanding under the Shuman LOC was \$125,000 which is due in July 2024. We do not know whether the Shuman LOC will be renewed. We also have a \$7,000,000 line of credit (the "Judith Swanson LOC"), a portion of which is unsecured (the "Unsecured Judith Swanson LOC"). The balances on the Judith Swanson LOC that were secured and unsecured as of December 31, 2023 were \$5,164,000 and \$1,836,000 respectively. Both the secured and unsecured portions of the Judith Swanson LOC are due in July 2024. We do not know whether the Judith Swanson LOC will be renewed. If we are unable to renegotiate or extend these lines of credit, then we may default on one or both of those lines of credit. Therefore, we could default on repayment obligations to some of our debt holders, including our Note holders.

We have a significant amount of debt and expect to incur a significant amount of additional debt in the future, including issuance of the Notes, which will subject us to increased risk of loss. Our present and future senior debt may make it difficult to repay the Notes.

We have a significant amount of debt and expect to incur a significant amount of additional debt in the future. As of December 31, 2023, we have approximately \$53,305,000 of debt, net of deferred financing costs. Our primary sources of debt include our lines of credit, loan purchase and sale agreements, and the Notes. As of December 31, 2023, we have a total outstanding balance of \$9,249,000 on our lines of credit and approximately \$12,270,000 on our loan purchase and sale agreements. We also have the capacity to sell portions of many loans under the terms of our loan purchase and sale agreements. The loan purchase and sale agreements and other secured debt are with third parties and all but one of the lines of credit are collateralized by loans that we have issued to builders. The Notes are subordinate and junior in priority to any and all of our senior debt and senior subordinated debt, and equal to any and all non-senior debt, including other Notes. There are no restrictions in the indenture regarding the amount of senior debt or other indebtedness that we may incur. As of December 31, 2023, we had approximately \$8,430,000 in Notes coming due by December 2024, and we cannot be certain whether we will be able to fund those Notes upon maturity. Upon the maturity of our senior debt, by lapse of time, acceleration or otherwise, the holders of our senior debt have first right to receive payment, in full, prior to any payments being made to a Note holder or to other non-senior debt. Therefore, upon such maturity of our senior debt Note holders would only be repaid in full if the senior debt is satisfied first and, following satisfaction of the senior debt, if there is an amount sufficient to fully satisfy all amounts owed under the Notes and any other non-senior debt.

In addition, we expect to incur a significant amount of additional debt in the future, including issuance of the Notes, borrowing under credit facilities, and other arrangements. The Notes will be subordinated in right of payment to all secured debt, including the Wallach Affiliate LOCs, Myrick LOC, loan purchase and sale agreements, the senior subordinated note discussed in the prior paragraph, and the line of credit discussed in the prior paragraph. Therefore, in the event of a default on the secured debt, affiliates of our Company, including Mr. Wallach, have the right to receive payment ahead of Note holders, as do other secured debt holders, such as the loan purchasers under the loan purchase and sale agreements. Accordingly, our business is subject to increased risk of a total loss of a Noteholder's investment if we are unable to repay all of our secured debt.

If the proceeds from the issuance of the Notes exceed the cash flow needed to fund the desirable business opportunities that are identified, we may not be able to invest all of the funds in a manner that generates sufficient income to pay the interest and principal on the Notes.

Our ability to pay interest on our debt, including the Notes, pay our expenses, and cover credit losses is dependent upon interest and fee income we receive from loans extended to our customers. If we are not able to lend to a sufficient number of customers at high enough interest rates, we may not have enough interest and fee income to meet our obligations, which could impair our ability to pay interest and principal on the Notes. If money brought in from new Notes and from repayments of loans from our customers exceeds our short-term obligations such as expenses, Notes interest and redemptions, and line of credit principal and interest, then it is likely to be held as cash, which will have a lower return than the interest rate we are paying on the Notes. This will lower earnings and may cause losses which could impair our ability to repay the principal and interest on the Notes.

Increases in interest rates would increase the amount of debt payments under the Wallach Affiliate LOCs and Myrick LOC which could impair our ability to repay the principal and interest on the Notes.

The interest rate under the Wallach Affiliate LOCs and Myrick LOC is generally equal to the prime rate plus three percent. Increases in interest rates will increase the applicable prime rate and therefore, the interest rate under the Wallach Affiliate LOCs and the Myrick LOC will increase. An increase in the interest rate would increase the amount of debt payments under the Wallach Affiliate LOCs and the Myrick LOC which would reduce our cash flows and may impair our ability to repay the principal and interest on the Notes.

We incurred indebtedness secured by our office property, which may result in foreclosure.

The debt incurred by us in connection with our office property is secured by a mortgage. If we default on our secured indebtedness, the lender may foreclose and the entire investment in the office property could be lost, which could adversely affect our ability to repay the principal and interest on the Notes.

The indenture does not contain the type of covenants restricting our actions, such as restrictions on creating senior debt, paying distributions to our owners, merging, recapitalizing, and/or entering into highly leveraged transactions. The indenture does not contain provisions requiring early payment of Notes in the event we suffer a material adverse change in our business or fail to meet certain financial standards. Therefore, the indenture provides very little protection of Note holders' investments.

The Notes do not have the benefit of extensive covenants. The covenants in the indenture are not designed to protect Note holders' investments if there is a material adverse change in our consolidated financial condition, results of operations, or cash flows. For example, the indenture does not contain any restrictions on our ability to create or incur senior debt or other debt to pay distributions to our equity holders, including our Chief Executive Officer and our Executive Vice President. It also does not contain any financial covenants (such as a fixed charge coverage or a minimum amount of equity) to help ensure our ability to pay interest and principal on the Notes. The indenture does not contain provisions that permit Note holders to require that we redeem the Notes if there is a takeover, recapitalization or similar restructuring. In addition, the indenture does not contain covenants specifically designed to protect Note holders if we engage in a highly leveraged transaction. Therefore, the indenture provides very little protection of Note holders' investments.

Payment on the Notes is subordinate to the payment of our outstanding present and future senior debt, if any. Since there is no limit to the amount of senior debt we may incur, our present and future senior debt may make it difficult to repay the Notes.

Our loan purchase and sale agreements and secured lines of credit with third-parties also function as senior debt. The balance on those loan purchase and sale agreements and other secured debt, net of deferred financing costs was \$21,519,000 on December 31, 2023, and is expected to grow in the future. In addition, we have \$1,250,000 in senior unsecured lines of credits which were fully drawn as of December 31, 2023. We also have senior subordinated notes which are senior to the Notes of \$1,094,000 as of December 31, 2023. The Notes are subordinate and junior in priority to any and all of our senior debt and senior subordinated debt, and equal to any and all non-senior debt, including other Notes. The Notes are senior to junior subordinated notes. There are no restrictions in the indenture regarding the amount of senior debt or other indebtedness that we may incur. Upon the maturity of our senior debt, by lapse of time, acceleration or otherwise, the holders of our senior debt have first right to receive payment, in full, prior to any payments being made to a Note holder or to other non-senior debt. Therefore, upon such maturity of our senior debt Note holders would only be repaid in full if the senior debt is satisfied first and, following satisfaction of the senior debt, if there is an amount sufficient to fully satisfy all amounts owed under the Notes and any other non-senior debt.

Additional competition for investment dollars may decrease our liquidity, which would adversely affect our ability to repay the Notes.

We could experience increased competition for investment dollars from other companies and financial institutions that are willing to offer higher interest rates. We may be forced to increase our interest rates in order to maintain or increase the issuance of Notes. Any increase in our interest rates could have an adverse impact on our liquidity and our ability to meet a debt covenant under any future lines of credit obtained and/or to repay the Notes.

If we are unable to meet our Note maturity and redemption obligations, and we are unable to obtain additional financing or other sources of capital, we may be forced to sell off our operating assets or we might be forced to cease our operations, and Note holders could lose some or all of their investment.

Our Notes have maturities ranging from one year to four years. In addition, holders of our Notes may request redemption upon death and we would be obligated to fulfill such redemption request. Holders of a 36-month Note issued on or after February 4, 2020 may request redemption at any time and, subject to certain limitations, we would be obligated to fulfill such redemption request. We intend to pay our Note maturity and redemption obligations using our normal cash sources, such as collections on our loans to customers, as well as proceeds from the Notes Program. We may experience periods in which our Note maturity and redemption obligations are high. Since our loans are generally repaid when our borrower sells a real estate asset, our operations and other sources of funds may not provide sufficient available cash flow to meet our continued Note maturity and redemption obligations. While we have secured lines of credit from affiliates of up to \$2,500,000 with \$326,000 borrowed as of December 31, 2023, our affiliates are not obligated to fund our borrowing requests. For all of these reasons we may be substantially reliant upon the net offering proceeds we receive from the Notes Program to pay these obligations. If we are unable to repay or redeem the principal amount of the Notes when due, and we are unable to obtain additional financing or other sources of capital, we may be forced to sell off our operating assets or we might be forced to cease our operations, and Note holders could lose some or all of their investment.

There is no “early warning” on the Notes if we perform poorly. Only interest and principal payment defaults on the Notes can trigger a default on the Notes prior to a bankruptcy.

There are a limited number of performance covenants to be maintained under the Notes and/or the indenture. Therefore, no “early warning” of a possible default by us exists. Under the indenture, only (i) the non-payment of interest and/or principal on the Notes by us when payments are due, (ii) our bankruptcy or insolvency, or (iii) a failure to comply with provisions of the Notes or the indenture (if such failure is not cured or waived within 60 days after receipt of a specific notice) could cause a default to occur.

Note holders do not have the opportunity to evaluate our investments before they are made.

We intend to use the net offering proceeds in accordance with the “Use of Proceeds” section of our prospectus, including investment in secured real estate loans for the acquisition and development of parcels of real property as single-family residential lots and/or the construction of single-family homes. Since we have not identified any investments that we will make with the net proceeds of this offering, we are generally unable to provide Note holders with information to evaluate the potential investments we may make with the net offering proceeds before purchasing the Notes. Note holders must rely on our management to evaluate our investment opportunities, and we are subject to the risk that our management may not be able to achieve our objectives, may make unwise decisions, or may make decisions that are not in our best interest.

Because we require a substantial amount of cash to service our debt, we may not be able to pay our obligations under the Notes.

To service our total indebtedness, we require a significant amount of cash. Our ability to generate cash depends on many factors, including our successful financial and operating performance. We cannot assure Note holders that our business plans will succeed or that we will achieve our anticipated financial results, which may prevent us from being able to pay our obligations under the Notes.

The indenture and terms of our Notes do not restrict our use of leverage. A relatively small loss can cause over leveraged companies to suffer a material adverse change in their financial position. If this happened to us, it may make it difficult to repay the Notes.

Financial institutions which are federally insured typically have 8-12% of their total assets in equity. A reduction in their loan assets due to losses of 2% reduces their equity by roughly 20%. We had 12% and 14% of our loan assets, net in equity as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. If we allow our assets to increase without increasing our equity, we could have a much lower equity as a percentage of assets than we have today, which would increase our risk of non-payment on the Notes. Note holders have no structural mechanism to protect them from this action, and rely solely on us to keep equity at a satisfactory ratio.

We expect to be substantially reliant upon the net offering proceeds we receive from the sale of our Notes to meet principal and interest obligations on previously issued Notes.

We intend to use the net offering proceeds from the sale of Notes to, among other things, make payments on other borrowings, fund redemption obligations, make interest payments on the Notes, and to run our business to the extent that other sources of liquidity from our operations (e.g., repayment of loans we have previously extended to our customers) and our credit lines are inadequate. However, these other sources of liquidity are subject to risks. Our operations alone may not produce a sufficient return on investment to repay interest and principal on our outstanding Notes. We may not be able to obtain an additional line of credit when needed or retain one or more of our existing lines of credit. We may not be able to attract new investors, have sufficient loan repayments, or have sufficient borrowing capacity when we need additional funds to repay principal and interest on our outstanding Notes or redeem our outstanding Notes. If any of these things occur, our liquidity and capital needs may be severely affected, and we may be forced to sell off our loan receivables and other operating assets, or we may be forced to cease our operations.

If we default in our Note payment obligations, the indenture agreements provide that the trustee could accelerate all payments due under the Notes, which would further negatively affect our consolidated financial position and cash flows.

Our obligations with respect to the Notes are governed by the terms of indenture agreements with U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association as trustee. Under the indentures, in addition to other possible events of default, if we fail to make a payment of principal or interest under any Note and this failure is not cured within 30 days, then we will be deemed in default. Upon such a default, the trustee or holders of 25% in principal of the outstanding Notes could declare all principal and accrued interest immediately due and payable. If our total assets do not cover these payment obligations, then we would most likely be unable to make all payments under the Notes when due, and we might be forced to cease our operations.

There is no sinking fund to ensure repayment of the Notes at maturity, so Note holders are totally reliant upon our ability to generate adequate cash flows.

We do not contribute funds to a separate account, commonly known as a sinking fund, to repay the Notes upon maturity. Because funds are not set aside periodically for the repayment of the Notes over their respective terms, Note holders must rely on our consolidated cash flows from operations, investing and financing activities and other sources of financing for repayment, such as funds from sale of the Notes, loan repayments, and other borrowings. To the extent cash flows from operations and other sources are not sufficient to repay the Notes, the Note holders may lose all or part of their investment.

If we have a large number of repayments on the Notes, whether because of maturity or redemption, we may be unable to make such repayments.

We are obligated to redeem a Note without any interest penalty (i) upon the death of an investor, if requested by the executor or administrator of the investor's estate (or if the Note is held jointly, by the surviving joint investor), and (ii) subject to certain limitations, upon request by an investor holding a 36-month Note issued on or after February 4, 2020. Such redemption requests are not subject to our consent but are subject to restrictions in the indenture. We may be faced with a large number of such redemption requests at one time. We are also required to repay all of the Notes upon their maturity. If the amounts of those repayments are too high, and we cannot offset them with loan repayments, secure new financing, or issue additional Notes, we may not have the liquidity to repay the investments.

ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

Not applicable.

ITEM 1C. CYBERSECURITY

We face cybersecurity risks due primarily to our position in the industry and identity as a financial service company with potential for harm that could occur to us, our investors and our customers were we to suffer impacts of a material cybersecurity incident. We are committed to maintaining robust governance and oversight of these risks and to implementing mechanisms, controls, technologies, and processes designed to help us assess, identify, and manage these risks. While we have not, as of the date of this Annual Report, experienced a cybersecurity threat or incident that resulted in a material adverse impact to our business or operations, our business strategy, results of operations, or financial condition, there can be no guarantee that we will not experience such an incident in the future. In addition, the environment and threats are constantly evolving, thereby increasing the difficulty of successfully defending against them or implementing adequate preventative measures. We seek to detect and investigate unauthorized attempts and attacks against our network and services which are also dependent on third parties (multiple law firms, banks, settlement and title entities) and their technology, and to prevent their occurrence and recurrence where practical through changes, updates and enhancements to our internal processes and tools; however, we remain potentially vulnerable to known or unknown threats.

We aim to incorporate industry best practices throughout our cybersecurity program. Our cybersecurity strategy focuses on implementing effective and efficient controls, technologies, and other processes to assess, identify, and manage material cybersecurity risks. Our cybersecurity program is designed to be aligned with applicable industry standards and is assessed periodically by independent subject matter expert third parties who hold industry leading certifications such as Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), GIAC Certified Intrusion Analyst (GCIAC), and GIAC Certified Incident Handler (GCIH).

We have processes in place to identify, access, and address material cybersecurity threats and incidents with the help of the above noted expert third parties as needed. We monitor issues that are internally discovered or externally reported that may affect our business and have processes to assess those issues for potential cybersecurity impact or risk.

Pursuant to our Audit Committee Charter, our Audit Committee is responsible for reviewing and assessing our risk assessment and risk management policies, including oversight of cybersecurity risk. Our risk assessment policy is utilized in making decisions with respect to company priorities, resource allocations, and oversight structures. Our Board of Managers, with the assistance of our Audit Committee and Technology Committee, regularly reviews our cybersecurity program with management and reports to the Board of Managers. Cybersecurity reviews generally occur at least annually, or more frequently as determined to be necessary or advisable. We have an escalation process in place to inform senior management and the Board of Managers of material issues.

ITEM 2. PROPERTIES

As of December 31, 2023, we operate an office in Jacksonville, Florida, which we own. We entered into a mortgage on our office building for \$660,000 in January 2018 after a majority of the construction was completed. As of December 31, 2023, our mortgage payable balance was \$571,000.

ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

- (a) As of the date of this filing, we are not aware that we or our members are a party to any pending or threatened legal proceeding or proceeding by a governmental authority that would have a material adverse effect on our business.
- (b) None.

ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

Not applicable.

PART II

ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCK HOLDER MATTERS, AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

(All dollar [\$] amounts shown in thousands.)

(a) Common Equity

As of December 31, 2023, we had 20,000 Class A common membership units ("Class A Common Units") outstanding, held by our ten members. There is no established public trading market for our Class A Common Units. As of December 31, 2023, 78.15% of our outstanding Class A Common Units are beneficially owned by our CEO (who is also on our board of managers), Daniel M. Wallach, and his wife, Joyce S. Wallach.

On October 1, 2023, the Company entered into restricted unit agreements with Mark Reynolds, the Executive Vice President of Sales, and Catherine Loftin, the Chief Financial Officer, pursuant to which the Company issued 200 restricted common units to each of Mark Reynolds and Catherine Loftin. Vesting of the restricted common units commences from the grant date and occur thereafter on the first day of each subsequent calendar month subject to the Company satisfying monthly earnings goals, measured two months in arrears in accordance with the vesting schedule.

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, 14 and 0 restricted common units vested and 386 and 0 restricted common units were outstanding, respectively. In addition, stock compensation expense was \$7 and \$0 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Preferred Equity

Series B Preferred Units

We previously entered into an agreement with the Hoskins Group (consisting of Benjamin Marcus Homes, LLC, Investor's Mark Acquisitions, LLC, and Mark L. Hoskins) pursuant to which we sell the Hoskins Group 0.1 Series B cumulative preferred units ("Series B Preferred Units") upon the closing of certain lots.

There is no established public trading market for our Series B Preferred Units. The Series B Preferred Units are redeemable by the Company at any time. The Series B Preferred Units have a fixed value which is their purchase price, and preferred liquidation and distribution rights. Yearly distributions of 10% of the Series B Preferred Units' value (provided profits are available) are generally made quarterly. The Hoskins Group's Series B Preferred Units are also used as collateral for that group's loans to the Company.

During March 2023, the Company redeemed 100% of the outstanding Series B Preferred Units. As of December 31, 2023, we had no Series B Preferred Units outstanding.

The transactions in Series B Preferred Units described above were effected in private transactions exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act under Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act. The transactions described above did not involve any public offering, were made without general solicitation or advertising, and the buyer represented to us that it is an "accredited investor" within the meaning of Rule 501 of Regulation D promulgated under the Securities Act, with access to all relevant information necessary to evaluate the investment in the Series B Preferred Units.

Series C Preferred Units

As of December 31, 2023, we had 47.73 Series C cumulative preferred units ("Series C Preferred Units") outstanding or 13 investments, held by 10 investors. There is no established public trading market for our Series C Preferred Units. As of December 31, 2023, 25.2% of our outstanding Series C Preferred Units are beneficially owned by our CEO (who is also on our board of managers), Daniel M. Wallach, and his wife, Joyce S. Wallach.

Investors in the Series C Preferred Units may elect to reinvest their distributions in additional Series C Preferred Units (the "Series C Reinvestment Program"). Pursuant to the Series C Reinvestment Program, we issued the following Series C Preferred Units during the quarter ended December 31, 2023:

Recipient	Units Issued	Distribution Proceeds
Daniel M. Wallach and Joyce S. Wallach	0.3535590	\$ 35,355.90
Gregory L. Sheldon and Madeline M. Sheldon	0.2357712	23,577.12
Schultz Family Revocable Living Trust	0.0542329	5,423.29
Fernando Ascencio and Lorraine Carol Ascencio	0.1014700	10,147.00
Mark and Tris Ann Garboski	0.2042058	20,420.28
Total	0.9492359	\$ 94,923.59

The proceeds received from the sales of the Series C Preferred Units discussed above were used for the funding of construction loans. The transactions in Series C Preferred Units described above were effected in private transactions exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act under Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act. The transactions described above did not involve any public offering, were made without general solicitation or advertising, and the buyer represented to us that they were an "accredited investor" within the meaning of Rule 501 of Regulation D promulgated under the Securities Act, with access to all relevant information necessary to evaluate the investment in the Series C Preferred Units.

(b) Notes Program

We registered up to \$70,000 in Fixed Rate Subordinated Notes ("Notes") in our current public offering, which is our fourth public offering of Notes (SEC File No. 333-263759, effective September 16, 2022). As of December 31, 2023, we had issued \$13,901 in Notes pursuant to our current public offering. As of December 31, 2023, we incurred expenses of \$268 in connection with the issuance and distribution of the Notes in our current public offering, which were paid to third parties. These expenses were not for underwriters or discounts, but were for advertising, printing, and professional services. Net offering proceeds as of December 31, 2023 were \$13,633 all of which was used to increase loan balances.

(c) None.

ITEM 6. [RESERVED]

ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

(All dollar [\$] amounts shown in thousands.)

The following Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto contained elsewhere in this report. See also "Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" preceding Part I.

Overview

We were organized in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 2007 under the name 84 RE Partners, LLC and changed our name to Shepherd's Finance, LLC on December 2, 2011. We converted to a Delaware limited liability company on March 29, 2012. Our business is focused on commercial lending to participants in the residential construction and development industry. We believe this market is underserved because of the lack of traditional lenders currently participating in the market. We are located in Jacksonville, Florida. Our operations are governed pursuant to our limited liability company agreement.

The commercial loans we extend are secured by mortgages on the underlying real estate. We extend and service commercial loans to small-to-medium sized homebuilders for the purchase of lots and/or the construction of homes thereon. In some circumstances, the lot is purchased with an older home on the lot which is then either removed or rehabilitated. If the home is rehabilitated, the loan is referred to as a "rehab" loan. We also extend and service loans for the purchase of lots and undeveloped land and the development of that land into residential building lots. In addition, we may, depending on our cash position and the opportunities available to us, do none, any or all of the following: purchase defaulted unsecured debt from suppliers to homebuilders at a discount (and then secure that debt with real estate or other collateral), purchase defaulted secured debt from financial institutions at a discount, and purchase real estate in which we will operate our business.

Economic and Industry Dynamics

During 2023, the Company continued to focus on the reduction of non-interest earning assets. As of December 31, 2023, loans classified as non-accrual were 17 or \$5,912 compared to 14 or \$7,177 as of December 31, 2022. In addition, as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 we had 1 foreclosed asset or \$130 and 3 or \$1,582, respectively.

The Company continues to lose interest income on assets that do not accrue interest. During the year ended December 31, 2023 the estimated loss on interest income related to impaired and foreclosed assets was \$846. Looking ahead, we expect to continue to lose interest income on nonearning assets, however we expect credit losses to decrease in 2024 as compared to 2023

While the Company continues to face risks as it relates to the economy and the homebuilding industry, management has decided to focus on the following during 2024:

1. Continue to manage the balance of non-interest-bearing assets, which includes foreclosed real estate and non-accrual assets.
2. Maintain sales - we will increase our focus on fix and flips as a percentage of sales.
3. Lower SG&A expenses.
4. Slightly increase margin, as compared to our current spread.
5. Maintain liquidity at a level sufficient for loan originations.
6. Reduce credit loss and impairment expense.

During 2024, the housing market in most of the areas in which we do business will likely increase as compared to the same period of time in 2023 due to the already reduced long term mortgage interest rates, and an anticipated continuing reduction of those rates as a result of short-term interest rate cuts by the Federal Reserve Bank. We should experience no further losses from our COVID-19 loans, as the final balances of those loans were either paid off or written off in 2023, so we expect total credit losses for 2024 to be lower than 2023. There is a risk if mortgage rates continue to drop that many homeowners in existing low-rate mortgages will decide to “move up” and sell their low mortgage rate home, flooding the market with homes. Offsetting that risk is the fact that they will also increase demand for homes as they will need one to live in. Rents may become less affordable vs. owning a home, which helps our customer. While we don’t anticipate the market flooding to negatively impact us, there is little history to go by and this might cause housing prices to drop steeply, which will hurt our existing loans and also reduce new loan production.

Perceived Challenges and Anticipated Responses

The following is not intended to represent a comprehensive list or description of the risks or challenges facing the Company. Currently, our management is most focused on the following challenges along with the corresponding actions to address those challenges:

Perceived Challenges and Risks	Anticipated Management Actions/Response
Potential loan value-to-collateral value issues (i.e., being underwater on particular loans)	We manage this challenge by risk-rating both the geographic region and the builder, and then adjusting the loan-to-value (i.e., the loan amount versus the value of the collateral) based on risk assessments. Additionally, we collect a deposit up-front for construction loans. Despite these efforts, if values in a particular area of the country drop by 60%, we will have loaned more than the value of the collateral. We have found that the best solution to this risk is a speedy resolution of the loan, and helping the builder finish the home rapidly rather than foreclosing on the partially built home. Our experience in this area will help us limit, but not eliminate, the negative effects in the event of another economic downturn.
Concentration of loan portfolio (i.e., how many of the loans are of or with any particular type, customer, or geography)	As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, 29% and 27%, respectively, of our outstanding loan commitments consist of loans to one borrower, and the collateral is in one real estate market, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Accordingly, the ultimate collectability of a significant portion of these loans is susceptible to changes in market conditions in that area. As of December 31, 2023, our next two largest customers make up 7% and 6% of our loan commitments, with loans in Cape Coral and Palm Bay, Florida, respectively. As of December 31, 2022, our next two largest customers made up 9% and 7% of our loan commitments, with loans in Cape Coral and Orlando, Florida, respectively. In the upcoming years, we plan on continuing to increase our geographic and builder diversity while continuing to focus on our residential homebuilder customers.
Not having funds available to us to service the commitments we have	As of December 31, 2023, our typical construction loan had about 64% of its loan amount outstanding on average. That means that on average, about 36% of the commitment is not loaned, usually because the house is not complete. As of December 31, 2023, unfunded commitments were \$25,263, which we will fund along with our purchase and sale agreement participants. However, if we are short on cash, we could do the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● raise interest rates on the Notes we offer to our investors to attract new Note investments; ● sell more secured interests on our loans; or ● draw down on our lines of credit from our affiliates.
Non-payment of interest by our customers	Most of our customers pay interest on a monthly basis, and these funds are used to, among other things, pay interest on our debt monthly. While we have the liquidity to withstand some non-payment of interest, if a high percentage of our customers were not paying interest, it will impede our ability to pay our debts on time.
Nonperforming assets	As of December 31, 2023, nonperforming assets were approximately \$5,605 (defined as impaired loans, net and/or loans on non-accrual plus foreclosed assets net of reserves).

Critical Accounting Estimates

To assist in evaluating our consolidated financial statements, we describe below the critical accounting estimates that we use. We consider an accounting estimate to be critical if: (1) the accounting estimate requires us to make assumptions about matters that were highly uncertain at the time the accounting estimate was made, and (2) changes in the estimate that are reasonably likely to occur from period to period, or use of different estimates that we reasonably could have used, would have a material impact on our consolidated financial condition or results of operations.

Allowance for Credit Losses

Based on the Company's size, complexity and historical data the aggregate method or loss-rate method was selected to estimate expected credit losses. An expected loss ratio is applied based on internal historical losses and originations. The aggregate method relies upon the performance of an entire segment of the loan portfolio to best represent the behavior of these specific segments over time. In addition, the modified open pool approach was used which utilizes our borrowers credit rankings for both construction and development loans. Internal risk-rating grades are assigned by the Company's management based on an analysis of financial and collateral strength and other credit attributes underlying each loan. Loan grades are A, B and C and Unsecured for both construction and development loans where A and C defines the highest and lowest scores, respectively. Unsecured loans in our portfolio do not hold underlying collateral.

Each loan pool is adjusted for qualitative factors not inherently considered in the quantitative analysis. The qualitative adjustments either increase or decrease the quantitative model estimation. We consider factors that are relevant within the qualitative framework which include the following: lending policy, changes in nature and volume of loans, staff experience, changes in volume and trends of non-performing loans, trends in underlying collateral values, quality of our loan review system and other economic conditions, including inflation.

The following is performed by the Company's Production Loan Operations department to determine the loan grades included within our loan's receivable portfolio:

Each is rated on a scale of 1-5. With 5 being the highest rating, equal weight is given based on cash (split between average balance and ending balance), credit, and experience.

POINTS-CASH

- Average cash should be 2% of the borrower's total approval limit = .83 POINTS
- Ending cash balance should be 1% of their total approval limit = .83 POINTS

Bank statements received from the borrower are entered into LAS by the loan processors at the time of the initial application or annual credit renewal. The Company's Loan Administration System ("LAS") automatically calculates the grading points given for cash based on the borrower's approval limits and calculated cash ending and average balances

POINTS-CREDIT

- 630 or higher credit score = 1.66

Credit scores are entered into LAS by the loan processors at the time of the initial application or annual credit renewal. LAS automatically calculates the grading points given for credit scores based on the average of the scores entered for the reporting agencies TransUnion and Equifax for all guarantors.

POINTS-EXPERIENCE

- Meets minimum experience requirement according to the application matrix = 1.66

At the time of the initial application, the loan processor and underwriter determine whether the applicant meets the minimum experience requirements and enters this information into LAS under the application processing checklist. LAS then determines, based on how the question is answered, how many points are allocated to this category.

At the time of each loan approval, the underwriter confirms the grade calculated by LAS prior to signing off on the loan approval.

POINTS

Points from the three categories are added to come up with their 1-5 rating. The grading scale is as follows:

- Rating Score of 4+ = A
- Rating Score of 2.49 – 3.9 = B
- Rating Score below 2.49 = C

Once the grading is established or locked in at the time of origination the loan then is populated into the Historical Loan Loss Analysis report. This report populates each loan ranking at the time of origination and does not fluctuate.

Borrower's credit rankings do change over time based on new information obtained when available.

The CECL calculation for credit loss is performed using the following for the quantitative portion of the analysis:

1. Commitment value which is obtained when the loan originates;
2. Historical Originations by Ranking Bucket which is the sum of the Commitment Value obtained when the loan is closed; and
3. Losses by Ranking Bucket which are losses expensed for loans not within foreclosure since 2018.

The Loan Committee reviews ongoing activity with regard to loans, to include discussion regarding any changes in the reserve and charge-offs. These meetings are documented within the related Board of Managers minutes.

Other Significant Accounting Policies

Other significant accounting policies, not involving the same level of measurement uncertainties as those discussed above, are nevertheless important to an understanding of the consolidated financial statements. Policies related to credit quality information, fair value measurements, offsetting assets and liabilities, related party transactions and revenue recognition require difficult judgments on complex matters that are often subject to multiple and recent changes in the authoritative guidance. Certain of these matters are among topics currently under re-examination or have recently been addressed by accounting standard setters and regulators. Specific conclusions have not been reached by these standard setters, and outcomes cannot be predicted with confidence. Also, see Note 2 of our consolidated financial statements, as they discuss accounting policies that we have selected from acceptable alternatives.

Consolidated Results of Operations

Key financial and operating data for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 are set forth below. For a more complete understanding of our industry, the drivers of our business, and our current period results, this discussion should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements, including the related notes and the other information contained in this document.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) require that we report financial and descriptive information about reportable segments and how these segments were determined. Our management determines the allocation and performance of resources based on operating income, net income and operating cash flows. Segments are identified and aggregated based on the products sold or services provided and the market(s) they serve. Based on these factors, management has determined that our ongoing operations are in one segment, commercial lending.

Below is a summary of our statements of operations for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022:

(in thousands of dollars)

	2023	2022
Net Interest Income		
Interest and fee income on loans	\$ 11,554	\$ 10,220
Interest expense:		
Interest related to secured borrowings	2,263	2,134
Interest related to unsecured borrowings	3,261	2,972
Interest expense	\$ 5,524	\$ 5,106
Net interest income	6,030	5,114
Less: Credit loss provision	737	930
Net interest income after credit loss provision	5,293	4,184
Non-Interest Income		
Gain on sale of foreclosed assets	\$ 8	\$ 101
Gain on sale of real estate investments	10	-
Dividend income	-	62
Other income	80	154
Total non-interest income	\$ 98	\$ 317
Income	5,391	4,501
Non-Interest Expense		
Selling, general and administrative	\$ 2,696	\$ 2,683
Depreciation and amortization	81	56
Loss on the sale of foreclosed assets	34	-
Impairment loss on foreclosed assets	2	2
Total non-Interest expense	2,813	2,741
Net income	\$ 2,578	\$ 1,760
Net income attributable to preferred equity holders	587	826
Net income attributable to common equity holders	\$ 1,991	\$ 934

Net income for the year ended December 31, 2023 increased \$818 to \$2,578 when compared to the same period of 2022.

We had \$58,130 and \$56,650 in loan assets, net as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. As of December 31, 2023, we had 225 construction loans in 20 states with 62 borrowers and 11 development loans in six states with nine borrowers.

Interest Spread

The following table displays a comparison of our interest income, expense, fees and spread for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	2023		2022	
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Interest Income				
Estimated interest income	\$ 9,094	15%	\$ 7,994	14%
Estimated unearned interest income due to COVID-19	(379)	(1)%	(467)	(1)%
Interest income on loans	8,715	14%	7,527	13%
Fee income on loans	3,457	5%	3,355	6%
Deferred loan fees	(618)	(1)%	(662)	(1)%
Fee income on loans, net	2,839	4%	2,693	5%
Interest and fee income on loans	11,554	18%	10,220	18%
Interest expense – secured	2,263	4%	2,134	4%
Interest expense – unsecured	3,026	5%	2,745	5%
Offering costs amortization	235	-	227	-
Interest expense	5,524	9%	5,106	9%
Net interest income (spread)	6,030	9%	5,114	9%
Weighted average outstanding loan asset balance	\$ 63,586		\$ 56,893	

*Annualized amount as percentage of weighted average outstanding gross loan balance

There are three main components that can impact our interest spread:

- **Difference between the interest rate received (on our loan assets) and the interest rate paid (on our borrowings).** The loans we have originated have interest rates which are based on our cost of funds, with a minimum cost of funds of 10.25%. For most loans, the margin is fixed at 2.5%; however, for our development loans the margin is generally fixed at 7%. This component is also impacted by the lending of money with no interest cost (our equity).

Interest income on loans was 14% and 13% for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Estimated interest not earned during the year ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 due to loans impaired as a result of COVID-19 was \$379 and \$467, respectively.

We anticipate our standard margin to be 2.5% on all future construction loans and generally 7% on all development loans which yields a blended margin of approximately 3.5%, which may increase because some customers run past the standard repayment time and pay a higher rate of 5% starting in 2023.

- **Fee income.** Our construction loan fee is 5% on the amount we commit to lend, which is amortized over the expected life of each loan. When loans terminate before their expected life, the remaining fee is recognized at the termination of the loan. In 2022, we started charging an annual fee on most of our development loans which varies.

Fee income on loans before deferred loan fee adjustments decreased 1% to 5% for the year ended December 31, 2023 compared to 6% for the same period of 2022. The decrease primarily related to modification charged on certain loans during 2022.

- **Amount of nonperforming assets.** Generally, we can have two types of nonperforming assets that negatively affect interest spread: loans not paying interest and foreclosed assets.

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, we had 17 impaired loans in the aggregate amount of \$5,475 and 14 impaired loans in the aggregate amount of \$7,177 that were not paying interest, respectively.

Foreclosed assets do not provide a monthly interest return. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, foreclosed assets were \$130 and \$1,582, respectively, which resulted in a negative impact on our interest spread in both years.

Credit Loss Provision

Credit loss provision (expense throughout the year) was \$737 and \$930 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

The allowance for credit losses at December 31, 2023 was \$695 which primarily consisted of \$258 for loans without specific reserves and \$437 for loans with specific reserves.

The allowance for credit losses at December 31, 2022 was \$2,527 which primarily consisted of \$294 for loans without specific reserves, \$246 for loans with specific reserves and \$1,987 for specific reserves due to the impact of COVID-19.

Non-Interest Income

Gain on Sale of Foreclosed Assets

During the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, we recognized \$8 and \$101, respectively, as a gain on the sale of foreclosed assets which related to the sale of one and two foreclosed assets during 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Gain on Sale of Real Estate Investments

During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company sold two real estate investment assets and recognized a gain on the sale of \$10.

Dividend Income

During January 2021, we invested \$500 in Series A Preferred Units in Benjamin Marcus Homes, LLC. During March 2023, we redeemed 100% of our ownership in the Series A Preferred Units at Benjamin Marcus Homes, LLC. During the year ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, \$0 and \$62 of dividend income was recognized related to the Series A Preferred Units investment, respectively.

Other Income

During the year ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, we consulted for one and two of our construction and development loan customers, respectively, which included accounting guidance and recognized \$80 and \$154 in other income. We anticipate to continue our consulting services to our customers on an as needed basis during 2024.

Non-Interest Expense

Selling, General and Administrative ("SG&A") Expenses

The following table displays our SG&A expenses for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	2023	2022
Selling, general and administrative expenses		
Legal and accounting	\$ 274	\$ 244
Salaries and related expenses	1,708	1,611
Board related expenses	108	103
Advertising	40	134
Rent and utilities	61	74
Loan and foreclosed asset expenses	87	163
Travel	182	167
Other	236	187
Total SG&A	<u>\$ 2,696</u>	<u>\$ 2,683</u>

SG&A expenses increased \$13 to \$2,696 for the year ended December 31, 2023 compared to \$2,683 for the same period of 2022 due primarily to salaries and related expense.

Impairment Loss on Foreclosed Assets

During both years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, we recognized \$2 for losses on impairment of foreclosed assets.

Loss on the Sale of Foreclosed Assets

During December 31, 2023 the loss on the sale of one foreclosed asset was \$34. No loss on the sale of foreclosed assets was recognized in 2022.

Consolidated Financial Position

Cash, Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash

We try to avoid borrowing on our lines of credit from affiliates. To accomplish this, we must carry some cash for liquidity. This amount generally grows as our Company grows. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, our cash was \$3,522 and \$2,996, respectively, and our restricted cash was \$0 and \$1,200, respectively.

Loans Receivable, net

Commercial Loans – Construction Loan Portfolio Summary

We anticipate the aggregate balance of our construction loan portfolio will increase as built homes take longer to sell.

The following is a summary of our loan portfolio to builders for home construction loans as of December 31, 2023:

State	Number of Borrowers	Number of Loans	Value of Collateral ⁽¹⁾	Commitment Amount	Gross Amount Outstanding	Loan to Value Ratio ⁽²⁾	Loan Fee
Arizona	2	5	\$ 2,148	\$ 1,504	\$ 846	70%	5%
California	1	1	2,551	1,530	1,511	60%	5%
Connecticut	1	2	1,039	681	510	66%	5%
Florida	12	71	36,644	19,279	14,093	53%	5%
Georgia	4	8	2,963	1,831	1,229	62%	5%
Illinois	1	1	1,600	992	763	62%	5%
Indiana	1	1	335	235	79	70%	5%
Louisiana	2	3	773	541	300	70%	5%
Maryland	1	1	480	336	336	70%	5%
Missouri	1	2	820	570	439	70%	5%
New Jersey	2	5	1,985	1,563	954	79%	5%
North Carolina	8	23	10,637	6,681	2,994	63%	5%
Ohio	3	10	3,776	2,601	1,686	69%	5%
Pennsylvania	2	21	21,301	16,763	13,205	79%	5%
South Carolina	11	50	20,029	12,624	6,694	63%	5%
Tennessee	3	5	1,554	1,047	696	67%	5%
Texas	2	4	1,970	1,773	1,693	90%	5%
Utah	1	3	2,918	1,792	910	61%	5%
Virginia	3	3	857	530	474	62%	5%
Washington	1	6	2,789	2,427	2,376	87%	5%
Total	62	225	\$ 117,169	\$ 75,300	\$ 51,788	64%(3)	5%

(1) The value is determined by the appraised value.

(2) The loan to value ratio is calculated by taking the commitment amount and dividing by the appraised value.

(3) Represents the weighted average loan to value ratio of the loans.

The following is a summary of our loan portfolio to builders for home construction loans as of December 31, 2022:

State	Number of Borrowers	Number of Loans	Value of Collateral ⁽¹⁾	Commitment Amount	Gross Amount Outstanding	Loan to Value Ratio ⁽²⁾	Loan Fee
Arizona	1	2	\$ 767	\$ 537	\$ 362	70%	5%
Connecticut	2	5	2,045	1,463	1,365	72%	5%
Delaware	1	3	1,035	725	523	70%	5%
Florida	19	113	42,605	30,573	21,155	72%	5%
Georgia	5	6	3,116	1,798	919	58%	5%
Illinois	1	1	1,245	747	586	60%	5%
Louisiana	2	4	975	628	457	64%	5%
Maryland	1	2	958	671	232	70%	5%
Michigan	3	5	1,437	1,003	979	70%	5%
New Jersey	1	5	3,127	2,259	2,769	72%	5%
New York	1	1	740	500	500	68%	5%
North Carolina	6	15	7,067	4,143	2,676	59%	5%
Ohio	2	4	1,178	831	775	71%	5%
Oregon	1	1	550	385	368	70%	5%
Pennsylvania	1	17	20,132	14,016	9,831	70%	5%
South Carolina	10	27	7,525	5,133	3,582	68%	5%
Tennessee	3	4	1,554	977	799	63%	5%
Texas	2	4	3,118	2,039	1,828	65%	5%
Utah	1	1	900	720	719	80%	5%
Virginia	2	3	924	646	213	70%	5%
Washington	1	7	3,995	2,732	2,158	54%	5%
Total	66	230	\$ 104,993	\$ 72,526	\$ 52,796	69%⁽³⁾	5%

(1) The value is determined by the appraised value.

(2) The loan to value ratio is calculated by taking the commitment amount and dividing by the appraised value.

(3) Represents the weighted average loan to value ratio of the loans.

Commercial Loans – Real Estate Development Loan Portfolio Summary

States	Number of Borrowers	Number of Loans	Value of Collateral ⁽¹⁾	Commitment Amount	Gross Amount Outstanding ⁽⁴⁾	Loan to Value Ratio ⁽²⁾	Interest Spread ⁽⁵⁾
Delaware	1	1	543	147	147	27%	7%
Florida	3	3	207	1,378	133	64%	7%
New Jersey	1	1	50	26	26	51%	7%
North Carolina	1	2	1,110	240	210	19%	7%
Pennsylvania	1	2	19,983	8,500	8,365	42%	varies
South Carolina	2	2	1,980	965	624	32%	7%
Total	9	11	\$ 23,873	\$ 11,256	\$ 9,505	40%⁽³⁾	7%

(1) The value is determined by the appraised value adjusted for remaining costs to be paid and third-party mortgage balances. In the event of a foreclosure on the property securing these loans, the portion of our collateral that is preferred equity in our Company might be difficult to sell, which could impact our ability to eliminate the loan balance.

(2) The loan to value ratio is calculated by taking the outstanding amount and dividing by the appraised value calculated as described above.

(3) Represents the weighted average loan to value ratio of the loans.

(4) Gross Amount Outstanding credit balances are due to deposits on account.

(5) The interest spread varies for the state of Pennsylvania and is 7% across other states.

The following is a summary of our loan portfolio to builders for land development as of December 31, 2022:

States	Number of Borrowers	Number of Loans	Value of Collateral ⁽¹⁾	Commitment Amount	Gross Amount Outstanding ⁽⁴⁾	Loan to Value Ratio ⁽²⁾	Interest Spread ⁽⁵⁾
Connecticut	1	1	\$ 150	\$ 180	\$ 81	54%	7%
Delaware	1	1	543	147	147	27%	7%
Florida	4	4	175	1,196	(117)	(67)%	7%
Georgia	1	1	60	24	24	40%	7%
New Jersey	1	2	100	52	51	51%	7%
North Carolina	1	1	625	500	500	80%	7%
Pennsylvania	1	5	16,664	8,500	6,153	37%	varies
South Carolina	3	4	1,401	1,386	1,367	98%	7%
Texas	1	1	-	125	(28)	100%	7%
Total	14	20	\$ 19,718	\$ 12,110	\$ 8,178	41%(3)	7%

(1) The value is determined by the appraised value adjusted for remaining costs to be paid and third-party mortgage balances. Part of this collateral is \$1,900 of preferred equity in our Company. In the event of a foreclosure on the property securing these loans, the portion of our collateral that is preferred equity in our Company might be difficult to sell, which could impact our ability to eliminate the loan balance.

(2) The loan to value ratio is calculated by taking the outstanding amount and dividing by the appraised value calculated as described above.

(3) Represents the weighted average loan to value ratio of the loans.

(4) Gross Amount Outstanding credit balances are due to deposits on account.

(5) The interest spread varies for the state of Pennsylvania and is 7% across other states.

The following is a roll forward of our loan receivables net, or construction and development loans:

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Beginning balance	\$ 56,650	\$ 46,943
Originations and modifications	58,216	59,408
Principal collections	(57,895)	(49,658)
Transferred from loans receivables, net	-	(556)
Transferred to loans receivables, net	-	1,017
Change in builder deposit	(217)	95
Change in allowance for credit losses	1,832	(479)
Change in loan fees, net	(456)	(120)
Ending balance	<u>\$ 58,130</u>	<u>\$ 56,650</u>

Credit Quality Information

Effective January 1, 2023, we adopted ASC 326, *Financial Instruments—Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments*, which replaced the incurred loss methodology for determining out provision for credit losses and allowance for credit losses with current expected credit loss (“CECL”) model. Upon the adoption of ASC 326 the total amount of the allowance for credit losses (“ACL”) on loans estimated using the CECL methodology increased \$178 compared to the total amount of the allowance recorded using the prior incurred loss model.

Based on the Company’s size, complexity and historical data the aggregate method or loss-rate method was selected to estimate expected credit losses. An expected loss ratio is applied based on internal historical losses and originations. The aggregate method relies upon the performance of an entire segment of the loan portfolio to best represent the behavior of these specific segments over time. In addition, modified open pool approach was used which utilizes our borrowers credit rankings for both construction and development loans. Internal risk-rating grades are assigned by the Company’s management based on an analysis of financial and collateral strength and other credit attributes underlying each loan. Loan grades are A, B and C and Unsecured for both construction and development loans where A and C defines the highest and lowest scores, respectively. Unsecured loans in our portfolio do not hold underlying collateral.

Each loan pool is adjusted for qualitative factors not inherently considered in the quantitative analysis. The qualitative adjustments either increase or decrease the quantitative model estimation. We consider factors that are relevant within the qualitative framework which include the following: lending policy, changes in nature and volume of loans, staff experience, changes in volume and trends of non-performing loans, trends in underlying collateral values, quality of our loan review system and other economic conditions, including inflation.

Our Company construction loans are collateralized by land and real estate while our Company development loans are collateralized by land. Secured nonaccrual loans individually evaluated are also collateralized by land and real estate. Our Company has one unsecured loan that is not collateralized; however, it is fully reserved at \$86 as of December 31, 2023.

The following table presents the Company’s gross loans receivable, commitment value and ACL for each respective credit rank loan pool category as of December 31, 2023.

	Loans Receivable Gross	Commitment Value	ACL
Construction Loans Collectively Evaluated:			
A Credit Risk	\$ 40,252	\$ 59,075	\$ 215
B Credit Risk	5,718	10,339	33
C Credit Risk	-	-	-
Development Loans Collectively Evaluated:			
A Credit Risk	\$ 8,787	\$ 9,793	\$ 4
B Credit Risk	172	511	-
C Credit Risk	452	454	10
Unsecured Nonaccrual Loans Individually Evaluated	\$ 86	\$ 81	\$ 86
Secured Nonaccrual loans Individually Evaluated:	\$ 5,826	\$ 6,303	\$ 351
Total	\$ 61,293	\$ 86,556	\$ 699

The following table presents the amortized cost basis of loans on nonaccrual status and loans past due over 89 days still accruing as of December 31, 2023

	Nonaccrual with No Allowance for Credit Loss	Nonaccrual with Allowance for Credit Loss	Loans Past Due Over 89 Days Still Accruing
Unsecured Nonaccrual Loans Individually Evaluated	\$ -	\$ 86	\$ -
Secured Nonaccrual loans Individually Evaluated:	\$ 2,495	\$ 3,331	\$ -
Total	\$ 2,495	\$ 3,417	\$ -

For loans greater than 12 months in age that are individually evaluated, appraisals are ordered and prepared if the current appraisal is greater than 13 months old and construction is greater than 90% complete. If construction is less than 90% complete the Company uses the latest appraisal on file. At certain times the Company may choose to use a broker’s opinions of value (“BOV”) as a replacement for an appraisal if deemed more efficient by management. Appraised values are adjusted down for estimated costs associated with asset disposal. Broker’s opinion of selling price, use currently valid sales contracts on the subject property, or representative recent actual closings by the builder on similar properties may be used in place of a broker’s opinion of value.

Appraisers are state certified, and are selected by first attempting to utilize the appraiser who completed the original appraisal report. If that appraiser is unavailable or unreasonably expensive, we use another appraiser who appraises routinely in that geographic area. BOVs are created by real estate agents. We try to first select an agent we have worked with, and then, if that fails, we select another agent who works in that geographic area.

In addition, our loan portfolio includes performing, forbearance and non-accrual loans. The Company’s policies with respect to placing loans on non-accrual and individually evaluated if they are past due greater than 90 days unless management deems the loan an exception. A fair market value analysis is performed and an allowance for credit loss is established based on the results of the analysis.

The following is an aging of our gross loan portfolio as of December 31, 2023:

	Gross Loan Value	Current 0 - 59	Past Due 60 - 89	Past Due 90 - 179	Past Due 180 - 269	Past Due >270
Performing Loans						
A Credit Risk	\$ 49,039	\$ 49,039	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
B Credit Risk	5,890	5,890	-	-	-	-
C Credit Risk	452	452	-	-	-	-
Forbearance Loans						
B Credit Risk	-	-	-	-	-	-
C Credit Risk	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unsecured Nonaccrual Loans Individually Evaluated:	86	-	-	-	-	86
Secured Nonaccrual Loans Individually Evaluated:	5,826	-	881	1,497	1,641	1,807
Total	<u>\$ 61,293</u>	<u>\$ 55,381</u>	<u>\$ 881</u>	<u>\$ 1,497</u>	<u>\$ 1,641</u>	<u>\$ 1,893</u>

Below is an aging schedule of loans receivable as of December 31, 2023, on a recency basis:

	No. Loans	Unpaid Balances	%
Current loans (current accounts and accounts on which more than 50% of an original contract payment was made in the last 59 days)	219	\$ 55,381	90.4%
60-89 days	3	881	1.4%
90-179 days	3	1,497	2.4%
180-269 days	4	1,641	2.7%
>270 days	7	1,893	3.1%
Subtotal	<u>236</u>	<u>\$ 61,293</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
Interest only accounts (Accounts on which interest, deferment, extension and/or default charges were received in the last 60 days)	-	\$ -	-%
Partial Payment accounts (Accounts on which the total received in the last 60 days was less than 50% of the original contractual monthly payment. "Total received" to include interest on simple interest accounts, as well as late charges on deferment charges on pre-computed accounts.)	-	\$ -	-%
Total	<u>236</u>	<u>\$ 61,293</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Below is an aging schedule of loans receivable as of December 31, 2023, on a contractual basis:

	No. Loans	Unpaid Balances	%
Contractual Terms - All current Direct Loans and Sales Finance Contracts with installments past due less than 60 days from due date.	219	\$ 55,381	90.4%
60-89 days	3	881	1.4%
90-179 days	3	1,497	2.4%
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Total	<u>236</u>	<u>\$ 61,293</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Allowance for Credit Losses on Loans

The following table provides a roll forward of the allowance for credit losses:

	Performing Loans						Nonaccrual loans		Total
	Construction Loans A	Construction Loans B	Construction Loans C	Development Loans A	Development Loans B	Development Loans C	Secured Individually Evaluated	Unsecured Individually Evaluated	
	Credit Risk	Credit Risk	Credit Risk	Credit Risk	Credit Risk	Credit Risk			
ACL December 31, 2022	\$ (174)	(66)	(9)	(37)	(2)	(7)	(247)	(1,986)	\$ (2,527)
Impact of the adoption of ASC 326	(33)	(1)	(12)	35	2	(30)	-	(139)	(178)
Charge-offs	-	-	-	-	-	-	132	2,610	2,742
Reduction in ACL for loan participations	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Credit loss provision	(13)	35	21	(3)	(0)	26	(236)	(566)	(737)
ACL December 31, 2023	\$ (215)	(32)	-	(5)	-	(11)	(351)	(81)	\$ (695)

Allowance for Credit Losses on Unfunded Loan Commitments

Unfunded commitments to extend credit, which have similar collateral, credit and market risk to our outstanding loans, were \$25,263 and \$23,662 as of December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively.

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Concentrations

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of loans receivable. Our concentration risks for our top three customers listed by geographic real estate market are summarized in the table below:

	December 31, 2023		December 31, 2022	
	Borrower City	Percent of Loan Commitments	Borrower City	Percent of Loan Commitments
Highest concentration risk	Pittsburgh, PA	29%	Pittsburgh, PA	27%
Second highest concentration risk	Cape Coral, FL	7%	Orlando, FL	9%
Third highest concentration risk	Orlando, FL	6%	Spokane, WA	7%

The following disclosures are presented under GAAP in effect prior to the adoption of CECL. The Company has included these disclosures to address the applicable prior periods.

Finance Receivables – By risk rating:

	December 31, 2022
Pass	\$ 49,955
Special mention	3,842
Classified – accruing	–
Classified – non-accrual	7,177
Total	\$ 60,974

Finance Receivables – Method of impairment calculation:

	December 31, 2022
Performing loans evaluated individually	\$ 15,984
Performing loans evaluated collectively	37,813
Non-performing loans without a specific reserve	1,096
Non-performing loans with a specific reserve	6,081
Total evaluated collectively for credit losses	\$ 60,974

The following is a summary of our impaired non-accrual construction and development loans as of December 31, 2022.

	December 31, 2022
Unpaid principal balance (contractual obligation from customer)	\$ 7,628
Charge-offs and payments applied	(451)
Gross value before related allowance	7,177
Related allowance	(2,233)
Value after allowance	\$ 4,944

Below is an aging schedule of loans receivable as of December 31, 2022, on a recency basis:

	No. Loans	Unpaid Balances	%
Current loans (current accounts and accounts on which more than 50% of an original contract payment was made in the last 59 days)	236	\$ 53,797	88.2%
60-89 days	4	2,570	4.2%
90-179 days	–	–	–%
180-269 days	3	528	0.9%
>270 days	7	4,079	6.7%
Subtotal	250	\$ 60,974	100.0%
Interest only accounts (Accounts on which interest, deferment, extension and/or default charges were received in the last 60 days)	–	\$ –	–%
Partial Payment accounts (Accounts on which the total received in the last 60 days was less than 50% of the original contractual monthly payment. “Total received” to include interest on simple interest accounts, as well as late charges on deferment charges on pre-computed accounts.)	–	\$ –	–%
Total	250	\$ 60,974	100.0%

Below is an aging schedule of loans receivable as of December 31, 2022, on a contractual basis:

	No. Loans	Unpaid Balances	%
Contractual Terms - All current Direct Loans and Sales Finance Contracts with installments past due less than 60 days from due date.	236	\$ 53,797	88.2%
60-89 days	4	2,570	4.2%
90-179 days	-	-	-
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Subtotal	250	\$ 60,974	100.0%
Interest only accounts (Accounts on which interest, deferment, extension and/or default charges were received in the last 60 days)	-	-	-
Partial Payment accounts (Accounts on which the total received in the last 60 days was less than 50% of the original contractual monthly payment. "Total received" to include interest on simple interest accounts, as well as late charges on deferment charges on pre-computed accounts.)	-	-	-
Total	250	\$ 60,974	100.0%

Foreclosed Assets

Roll forward of foreclosed assets for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Beginning balance	\$ 1,582	\$ 2,724
Transferred from loans receivables, net	-	556
Transferred to loans receivables, net	-	(1,017)
Investments in foreclosed assets	125	316
Sale proceeds	(1,549)	(1,096)
Loss on sale of foreclosed assets	(34)	-
Gain on sale of foreclosed assets	8	101
Impairment loss on foreclosed assets	(2)	(2)
Ending balance	\$ 130	\$ 1,582

During the year ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 we reclassified 0 and 1 loan receivable, net assets to foreclosed assets, respectively.

Real Estate Investments

During June 2020, we acquired four lots from a borrower in exchange for the transfer of loans secured by those lots. We extinguished the principal balance for the loans on the lots in the amount of \$640 and in addition, paid a \$500 management fee for the development of homes on the lots. The management fee was paid through reducing the principal balance on a current loan receivable with the borrower. Two of the four homes sold during 2022 and the remaining two sold in 2023.

During October 2023, the Company acquired two properties to construct houses on each lot. Once the properties are fully developed and sold the use of proceeds from the sale will first apply to the land, building, furniture and interest costs to the Company and a portion of the remaining funds will be distributed as a management fee for the development of the homes.

The following table is a roll forward of real estate investment assets:

	<u>December 31, 2023</u>	<u>December 31, 2022</u>
Beginning balance	\$ 660	\$ 1,651
Deposits from real estate investments	-	(1,570)
Gain on sale of real estate investments	10	(1,570)
Proceeds from the sale of real estate investments	(2,131)	-
Additions for construction, land and development	1,896	2,226
Ending balance	<u>\$ 435</u>	<u>\$ 660</u>

Customer Interest Escrow

The Pennsylvania Loans call for a funded interest escrow account which was initially funded with proceeds from the Pennsylvania Loans. The initial funding on that interest escrow was \$450. The balance as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 was \$12 and \$646, respectively. To the extent the balance is available in the interest escrow, interest due on certain loans is deducted from the interest escrow on the date due. The interest escrow is increased by 20% of lot payoffs on the same loans, and by interest and/or distributions on a loan in which we are the borrower and Investor's Mark Acquisitions, LLC is the lender and on the Series B preferred equity. All of these transactions are noncash to the extent that the total escrow amount does not need additional funding.

We had 39 and 18 other loans active as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, which also had interest escrows. The cumulative balance of all interest escrows other than the Pennsylvania Loans was \$279 and \$120 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Roll forward of interest escrow for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Beginning balance	\$ 766	\$ 479
Preferred equity dividends	47	180
Additions from Pennsylvania Loans	654	1,218
Additions from other loans	538	301
Interest, fees, principal or repaid to borrower	(1,713)	(1,412)
Ending balance	<u>\$ 292</u>	<u>\$ 766</u>

Secured Borrowings

Loan Purchase and Sale Agreements

We have two loan purchase and sale agreements where we are the seller of portions of loans we create. The two purchasers are Builder Finance, Inc. ("Builder Finance") and S.K. Funding, LLC ("S.K. Funding"). Generally, the purchasers buy between 50% and 75% of each loan sold. They receive interest rates ranging from our cost of funds to the interest rate charged to the borrower (interest rates were between 6% and 11% for both 2023 and 2022). The purchasers generally do not receive any of the loan fees we charge. We have the right to call some of the loans sold, with some restrictions. Once sold, the purchaser must fund their portion of the loans purchased. We service the loans. Also, there are limited put options in some cases, whereby the purchaser can cause us to repurchase a loan. The loan purchase and sale agreements are recorded as secured borrowings.

In March 2018, we entered into the Seventh Amendment (the “Seventh Amendment”) to our Loan Purchase and Sale Agreement with S.K. Funding. The purpose of the Seventh Amendment was to allow S.K. Funding to purchase a portion of the Pennsylvania Loans.

The timing of the Company’s principal and interest payments to S.K. Funding under the Seventh Amendment, and S.K. Funding’s obligation to fund the Pennsylvania Loans, vary depending on the total principal amount of the Pennsylvania Loans outstanding at any time, as follows:

- If the total principal amount exceeds \$1,000, S.K. Funding must fund the amount between \$1,000 and less than or equal to \$4,500.
- If the total principal amount is less than \$4,500, then the Company will also repay S.K. Funding’s principal as principal payments are received on the Pennsylvania Loans from the underlying borrowers in the amount by which the total principal amount is less than \$4,500 until S.K. Funding’s principal has been repaid in full.
- The interest rate accruing to S.K. Funding under the Seventh Amendment is 10.5% calculated on a 365/366-day basis.

The Seventh Amendment had a term of 24 months and automatically renews for additional six-month terms unless either party gives written notice of its intent not to renew at least six months prior to the end of a term. S.K. Funding will have a priority position as compared to the Company in the case of a default by any of the borrowers.

In April 2021, we entered into the Eleventh Amendment (the “Eleventh Amendment”) to our Loan Purchase and Sale Agreement with S.K. Funding. The purpose of the Eleventh Amendment was to allow a principal increase to \$2,000 from the original \$1,000 in the Tenth Amendment dated January 2019. In addition, if the collateral value drops then an unsecured portion of \$400 may be used until the collateral is increased back to \$2,000.

The Eleventh Amendment has a term of 12 months and automatically renews for additional six-month terms unless either party gives written notice of its intent not to renew at least five months prior to the end of a term. S.K. Funding will have a priority position as compared to the Company in the case of a default by any of the borrowers.

In October of 2023, we entered into the Thirteenth Amendment (the “Thirteenth Amendment”) to our Loan Purchase and Sale Agreement with S.K. Funding. The purpose of the Thirteenth Amendment was to sell participating interests in a few of our loans with our largest customer. These sales are different than all of our other loan participations in that the buyer is not in a preferred risk position, and as such, the portions of the loans sold are treated as an actual loan sale. The balance of the portion sold is removed from our balance sheet. The interest on the portion sold is not reflected on our statement of operations, and there is no interest cost or loan loss related to the sold portion on our statement of operations. The fee we earn on these loans for origination and servicing is recognized over the expected life of the loan in the same way that all of our loans are.

Pursuant to the Thirteenth Amendment, the aggregate amount of the S.K. Funding’s commitment, either funded or unfunded, under certain loans purchased by S.K. Funding covered by the Thirteenth Amendment (the “Loans”) was increased to \$1,650. As of the effective date of the Thirteenth Amendment, S.K. Funding has funded \$1,400 and agreed to fund an additional \$250 upon notice from us that such additional amount is desired to fund the Loans. In addition, the amount of the portion of any Loan purchased by S.K. Funding was adjusted to the lesser of (i) 45% of our approved appraised value or a third-party sales price if the collateral property is under agreement for sale, as applicable, and (ii) 50% of the maximum principal of the loan after deducting the loan fee. The interest rate for the Loans is the lesser of the (i) the interest rate on such Loan or (ii) 14%, calculated on a 365/366 day basis. For such amounts of the Loan amount that are unsecured, the interest rate for such amounts is 9.5%, calculated on a 365/366 day basis. The loan receivables gross principal balance of the sold portion of the Loans as of December 31, 2023 was \$990.

The term of Thirteenth Amendment and S.K. Funding’s participation in the Loans, shall be through the repayment of the last Loan participated in by S.K. Funding pursuant to the terms of the Thirteenth Amendment.

Lines of Credit

Lines of Credit with Mr. Wallach and His Affiliates

During June 2018, we entered into the First Amendment to the line of credit with our Chief Executive Officer and his wife (the “Wallach LOC”) which modified the interest rate on the Wallach LOC to generally equal the prime rate plus 3%. The interest rate for the Wallach LOC was 11.50% and 10.50% as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. As of December 31, 2023, and 2022, the amount outstanding pursuant to the Wallach LOC was \$160 and \$0, respectively. For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, interest expense was \$18 and \$0, respectively. The maximum amount outstanding on the Wallach LOC is \$1,250 and the loan is a demand loan.

During June 2018, we also entered into the First Amendment to the line of credit with the 2007 Daniel M. Wallach Legacy Trust, which is our CEO’s trust (the “Wallach Trust LOC”) which modified the interest rate on the Wallach Trust LOC to generally equal the prime rate plus 3%. The interest rate for this borrowing was 11.50% and 10.50% as of December 31, 2023 and 2022. As of December 31, 2023, and 2022, the amount outstanding pursuant to the Wallach Trust LOC was \$166 and \$0, respectively. For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, interest expense was \$20 and \$0, respectively. The maximum amount outstanding on the Wallach Trust LOC is \$250 and the loan is a demand loan.

Line of Credit with William Myrick

During June 2018, we entered into a line of credit agreement (the “Myrick LOC Agreement”) with our Executive Vice President (“EVP”), William Myrick. Pursuant to the Myrick LOC Agreement, Mr. Myrick provides us with a line of credit (the “Myrick LOC”) with the following terms:

- Principal not to exceed \$1,000;
- Secured by a lien against all of our assets;
- Cost of funds to us of prime rate plus 3%; and
- Due upon demand.

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the amount outstanding pursuant to the Myrick LOC was \$0 and \$35, respectively. For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, interest expense was \$2 and \$24, respectively.

Line of Credit with Shuman

During July 2017, we entered into a line of credit agreement (the “Shuman LOC Agreement”) with Steven K. Shuman, which is now held by Cindy K. Shuman. Pursuant to the Shuman LOC Agreement, Shuman provides us with a revolving line of credit (the “Shuman LOC”) with the following terms:

- Principal not to exceed \$1,325;
- Secured with assignments of certain notes and mortgages;
- Cost of funds to us of 10%; and
- Due in July 2024, but will automatically renew for additional 12-month periods, unless either party gives notice to not renew.

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the amount outstanding pursuant to the Shuman LOC was \$125. Interest expense was \$13 for both years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Line of Credit with Judith Swanson

During December 2021, the Swanson Line of Credit (“Swanson LOC”) was assigned to Judith Swanson (“Judith Swanson LOC”), as trustee of a trust. Pursuant to the Swanson Modification Agreement, the Judith Swanson LOC provides us with a revolving line of credit with the following terms:

- Principal not to exceed \$7,000;
- Secured with assignments of certain notes and mortgages;
- Cost of funds to us of 6.75%; and
- Due in July 2024, but will automatically renew for additional 12-month periods, unless either party gives notice to not renew.

The Judith Swanson LOC was fully borrowed on the secured and unsecured portion of the line of credit as of December 31, 2023 and 2022. The secured balance on the Judith Swanson LOC was \$5,164 and \$6,473, as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Interest expense was \$556 and \$500 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

New Lines of Credit

During 2020 and 2019, we entered into one and four line of credit agreements, respectively (the “New LOC Agreements”). Pursuant to the New LOC Agreements, the lenders provide us with revolving lines of credit with the following terms:

- Principal not to exceed \$6,063;
- Secured with assignments of certain notes and mortgages;
- Cost of funds to us between 9.00% and 10.00%; and
- Terms generally allow the lenders to give one month notice after which the principal balance of a New LOC Agreement will reduce to a zero over the next six months.

The total balance of the New LOC Agreements was \$3,066 and \$2,790 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Interest expense was \$230 and \$287 for the year ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Mortgage Payable

During January 2018, we entered into a commercial mortgage on our office building with the following terms:

- Principal not to exceed \$660;
- Interest rate was 5.07% per annum until it increased 1.53% to 6.60% in January 2023 and is based on a year of 360 days; and
- Due in January 2033.

The principal amount of the Company's commercial mortgage was \$571 and \$587 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, interest expense was \$39 and \$31 respectively.

Community Loan

During June 2020, we entered into a business loan agreement with Community Bank ("Community Loan") with the following terms:

- Principal not to exceed \$362;
- Secured by certain of our foreclosed assets;
- Interest rate was 3.8% per annum based on a year of 360 days; and
- Due in July 2025.

During October 2022, we paid off the Community Loan principal of \$217, and the loan was terminated. Interest expense for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 was \$0 and \$10, respectively.

Secured Deferred Financing Costs

The Company had secured deferred financing costs of \$3 and \$4 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Secured Borrowings Secured by Loan Assets

Borrowings secured by loan assets

	December 31, 2023		December 31, 2022	
	Book Value of Loans which Served as Collateral	Due from Shepherd's Finance to Loan Purchaser or Lender	Book Value of Loans which Served as Collateral	Due from Shepherd's Finance to Loan Purchaser or Lender
Loan Purchaser				
Builder Finance	\$ 7,615	\$ 5,770	\$ 8,232	\$ 6,065
S.K. Funding	7,358	6,500	9,049	7,100
Lender				
Shuman	358	125	724	125
Jeff Eppinger	3,496	1,500	2,761	1,500
R. Scott Summers	2,177	1,003	1,334	728
John C. Solomon	598	563	1,172	563
Judith Swanson	10,038	5,164	9,571	6,473
Total	\$ 31,640	\$ 20,625	\$ 32,843	\$ 22,554

Unsecured Borrowings

Unsecured Notes through the Public Offering ("Notes Program")

The effective interest rate on borrowings through our Notes Program at December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022 was 9.01% and 8.60%, respectively, not including the amortization of deferred financing costs.

We generally offer four durations at any given time, ranging from 12 to 48 months from the date of issuance. Our fourth public notes offering, which was declared effective on September 16, 2022, includes a mandatory early redemption option on all Notes, provided that the proceeds are reinvested. In our historical offerings, there were limited rights of early redemption. Our 36-month Note sold in our third public notes offering had a mandatory early redemption option, subject to certain conditions.

The following table is a roll forward of our Notes Program:

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Gross notes outstanding, beginning of period	\$ 21,576	\$ 20,636
Notes issued	1,353	7,245
Note repayments / redemptions	(2,075)	(6,305)
Gross notes outstanding, end of period	20,854	21,576
Less deferred financing costs, net	(235)	(367)
Notes outstanding, net	\$ 20,619	\$ 21,209

The following is a roll forward of deferred financing costs:

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Deferred financing costs, beginning balance	\$ 835	\$ 1,061
Additions	103	223
Disposals	-	(449)
Deferred financing costs, ending balance	\$ 938	\$ 835
Less accumulated amortization	(703)	(468)
Deferred financing costs, net	\$ 235	\$ 367

The following is a roll forward of the accumulated amortization of deferred financing costs:

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Accumulated amortization, beginning balance	\$ 468	\$ 694
Additions	235	223
Disposals	-	(449)
Accumulated amortization, ending balance	\$ 703	\$ 468

Other Unsecured Debts

Our other unsecured debts are detailed below:

Loan	Maturity Date	Interest Rate ⁽¹⁾	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Unsecured Note with Seven Kings Holdings, Inc. Senior Subordinated	Demand ⁽²⁾	9.5%	\$ 410	\$ 500
Unsecured Line of Credit from Judith Swanson	October 2023	10.0%	1,836	527
Unsecured Line of Credit from Builder Finance, Inc. Senior Subordinated	January 2024	10.0%	750	750
Subordinated Promissory Note	April 2024	10.0%	100	100
Subordinated Promissory Note	February 2025	9.0%	600	600
Subordinated Promissory Note	October 2023	10.0%	-	400
Subordinated Promissory Note	March 2024	9.75%	500	500
Subordinated Promissory Note	December 2027	10.0%	20	20
Subordinated Promissory Note	February 2024	11.0%	20	20
Subordinated Promissory Note	January 2025	10.0%	15	15
Subordinated Promissory Note	January 2026	8.0%	-	10
Subordinated Promissory Note	March 2027	10.0%	26	-
Subordinated Promissory Note	November 2026	9.5%	200	200
Subordinated Promissory Note	October 2024	10.0%	700	700
Subordinated Promissory Note	December 2024	10.0%	100	100
Subordinated Promissory Note	April 2025	10.0%	202	202
Subordinated Promissory Note	July 2023	8.0%	-	100
Subordinated Promissory Note	July 2025	8.0%	100	-
Subordinated Promissory Note	September 2023	7.0%	-	94
Subordinated Promissory Note	September 2027	10%	108	-
Subordinated Promissory Note	October 2025	8.0%	100	100
Subordinated Promissory Note	December 2025	8.0%	180	180
Senior Subordinated Promissory Note	March 2026 ⁽³⁾	8.0%	374	374
Subordinated Promissory Note	August 2026	8.0%	291	291
Subordinated Promissory Note	July 2026 ⁽⁴⁾	1.0%	740	740
Junior Subordinated Promissory Note	July 2026 ⁽⁴⁾	20.0%	460	460
Senior Subordinated Promissory Note	October 2024 ⁽⁴⁾	1.0%	720	720
Junior Subordinated Promissory Note	October 2024 ⁽⁴⁾	20.0%	447	447
Subordinated Promissory Note	March 2029	10.0%	1,200	-
Subordinated Promissory Note	April 2024	10.0%	750	750
Subordinated Promissory Note	May 2027	10.0%	98	-
Subordinated Promissory Note	November 2027	10.0%	120	-
			<u>\$ 11,167</u>	<u>\$ 8,900</u>

- (1) Interest rate per annum, based upon actual days outstanding and a 365/366-day year.
- (2) Due six months after lender gives notice.
- (3) Lender may require us to repay \$20 of principal and all unpaid interest with 10 days' notice.
- (4) These notes were issued to the same holder and, when calculated together, yield a blended rate of 11% per annum.

Priority of Borrowings

The following table displays our borrowings and a ranking of priority. The lower the number, the higher the priority:

Borrowing Source	Priority Rank	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Purchase and sale agreements and other secured borrowings	1	\$ 21,196	\$ 23,142
Secured line of credit from affiliates	2	326	35
Unsecured line of credit (senior)	3	1,160	1,250
Other unsecured debt (senior subordinated)	4	1,094	1,094
Unsecured Notes through our public offering, gross	5	20,854	21,576
Other unsecured debt (subordinated)	5	8,006	5,649
Other unsecured debt (junior subordinated)	6	907	907
Less deferred financing fees		(238)	(370)
Total		<u>\$ 53,305</u>	<u>\$ 53,283</u>

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our primary liquidity management objective is to meet expected cash flow needs while continuing to service our business and customers. As of December 31, 2023, and 2022, we had combined loans outstanding of 236 and 250, respectively. Gross loans outstanding were \$61,293 and \$60,974 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Our net cash provided by operating activities increased \$372 to \$5,063 as of December 31, 2023 compared to \$4,691 for the same period of 2022. The increase was primarily due to higher net income which was \$2,578 for the period ended December 31, 2023 compared to \$1,760 for the same period of 2022 which was offset by the change in the accrued interest receivable balance which was \$(501) as of December 31, 2023 compared to \$(72) for the same period of 2022.

Unfunded commitments to extend credit, which have similar collateral, credit and market risk to our outstanding loans, were \$25,263 and \$23,662 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. As of December 31, 2023, other than unfunded commitments, we had no off-balance sheet transactions, nor do we currently have any such arrangements or obligations.

To fund our combined loans, we rely on secured debt, unsecured debt, and equity, which are described in the following table:

Source of Liquidity	As of	
	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Secured debt, net of deferred financing costs	\$ 21,519	\$ 23,173
Unsecured debt, net of deferred financing costs	\$ 31,786	\$ 30,110
Equity*	\$ 6,767	\$ 7,805
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	\$ 3,522	\$ 4,196

* Equity includes Members' Capital and Redeemable Preferred Equity.

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash was \$3,522 and \$4,196, respectively. Secured debt, net of deferred financing costs decreased \$ 1,654 to \$21,519 as of December 31, 2023 compared to \$23,173 for the same period of 2022. The decrease in secured debt was due primarily to borrowings pursuant to our loan purchase and sale agreements. However, we anticipate secured debt to decrease during 2024 as our loan receivable balances decrease.

Unsecured debt, net of deferred financing costs increased \$1,676 to \$31,786 as of December 31, 2023 compared to \$30,110 for the same period of 2022. The increase in unsecured debt primarily related to unsecured notes sold outside of our Notes Program.

Equity decreased \$1,038 to \$6,767 as of December 31, 2023 compared to \$7,805 for the same period of 2022.

We anticipate an increase in both common and preferred equity during the 12 months subsequent to December 31, 2023. If we are not able to maintain our equity, we will rely more heavily on raising additional funds through the Notes Program.

The total amount of our debt maturing through year ending December 31, 2024 is \$35,733, which consists of secured borrowings of \$20,969 and unsecured borrowings of \$14,763.

Secured borrowings maturing through the year ending December 31, 2024 significantly consists of loan purchase and sale agreements with two loan purchasers (Builder Finance and S. K. Funding) and six lenders. These secured borrowings are listed as maturing over the next 12 months due primarily to their related demand loan collateral. The following are secured facilities listed as maturing in 2024 with actual maturity and renewal dates:

- Judith Swanson – \$5,164 due July 2024 and automatically renews unless notice given;
- Shuman – \$125 due July 2024 and automatically renews unless notice is given;
- S. K. Funding – \$4,500 due July 2024 and automatically renews unless notice is given;
- S. K. Funding – \$2,000 of the total due January 2024;
- Builder Finance, Inc – \$5,770 with no expiration date;
- New LOC Agreements - \$3,066 generally one-month notice and six months to reduce principal balance to zero;
- Line of credits with affiliates - \$326 and due upon demand; and
- Mortgage Payable – \$18, with payments due monthly.

Unsecured borrowings due by December 31, 2024 consist of Notes issued pursuant to the Notes Program and other unsecured debt of \$8,430 and \$6,333, respectively. To the extent that Notes issued pursuant to the Notes Program are not reinvested upon maturity, we will be required to fund the maturities, which we anticipate funding through the issuance of new Notes in our Notes Program. Historically, approximately 73% of our Note holders reinvest upon maturity. The 36 month Note in our Notes program has a mandatory early redemption option, subject to certain conditions. As of December 31, 2023, the 36-month Notes were \$1,789. Our other unsecured debt has historically renewed. For more information on other unsecured borrowings, see Note 7 – Borrowings. If other unsecured borrowings are not renewed in the future, we anticipate funding such maturities through investments in our Notes Program.

Summary

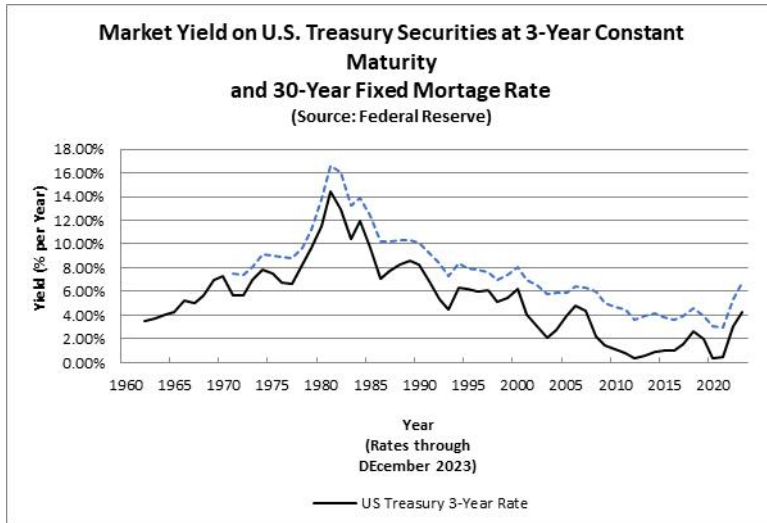
We have the funding available to address the loans we have today, including our unfunded commitments. We anticipate our assets to increase during 2024, however we are prepared for an increase of our assets through the net sources and uses (12-month liquidity) listed above as well as future capital from debt, redeemable preferred equity, and regular equity. Our expectation to reduce loan asset balances is subject to changes due demand, the housing market and competition. Although our secured debt is almost entirely listed as currently due because of the underlying collateral being demand notes, the vast majority of our secured debt is either contractually set to automatically renew unless notice is given or, in the case of purchase and sale agreements, has no end date as to when the purchasers will not purchase new loans (although they are never required to purchase additional loans).

Inflation, Interest Rates, and Housing Starts

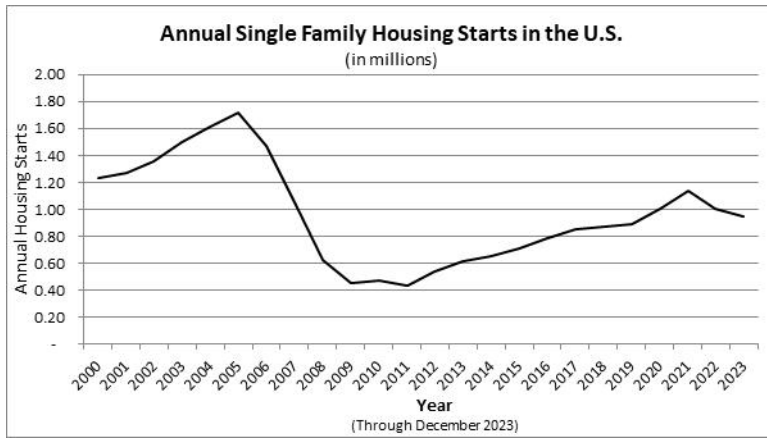
Since we are in the housing industry, we are affected by factors that impact that industry. Housing starts impact our customers' ability to sell their homes. Faster sales generally mean higher effective interest rates for us, as the recognition of fees we charge is spread over a shorter period. Slower sales generally mean lower effective interest rates for us. Slower sales also are likely to increase the default rate we experience.

Housing inflation has a positive impact on our operations. When we lend initially, we are lending a percentage of a home's expected value, based on historical sales. If those estimates prove to be low (in an inflationary market), the percentage we loaned of the value actually decreases, reducing potential losses on defaulted loans. The opposite is true in a deflationary housing price market. It is our opinion that values are well above average in many of the housing markets in the U.S. today, and our lending against these values is resulting in more risk than prior years. In some of our markets, prices of sold homes are dropping. This is both because some homes are selling for less and because the average home selling is smaller (more affordable). We anticipate declines in home values in many markets over the next 12 months. Partially offsetting the decline in home value risk, is the decline in our LTV to 65% as of December 31, 2023 compared to 69% for the same period of the prior year.

Interest rates have several impacts on our business. First, rates affect housing (starts, home size, etc.). High long-term interest rates may decrease housing starts, having the effects listed above. Higher interest rates will also affect our investors. We believe that there will be a spread between the rate our Notes yield to our investors and the rates the same investors could get on deposits at FDIC insured institutions. We also believe that the spread may need to widen if these rates rise. For instance, if we pay 7% above average CD rates when CDs are paying 0.5%, when CDs are paying 3%, we may have to have a larger than 7% difference. This may cause our lending rates, which are based on our cost of funds, to be uncompetitive. High interest rates may also increase builder defaults, as interest payments may become a higher portion of operating costs for the builder. Below is a chart showing three-year U.S. treasury rates and 30-year fixed mortgage rates. The U.S. treasury rates are used by us here to approximate CD rates. Short-term interest rates have risen significantly and long-term interest rates have risen and then fallen; meanwhile, they are low historically.



Housing prices are also generally correlated with housing starts, so that increases in housing starts usually coincide with increases in housing values, and the reverse is generally true. Below is a graph showing single family housing starts from 2000 through today.



(Source: U.S. Census Bureau)

To date, changes in housing starts, CD rates, and inflation have not had a material impact on our business.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

See Note 2 to our consolidated financial statements for a description of new or recent accounting pronouncements.

Subsequent Events

See Note 14 to our consolidated financial statements for subsequent events.

ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

We are a smaller reporting company as defined by Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and are not required to provide the information under this item.

ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

The consolidated financial statements and supplementary data filed as part of this annual report are set forth beginning on page F-1 of this report.

ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE.

None.

ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

As of the end of the period covered by this report, management including our CEO (our principal executive officer) and CFO (our principal financial officer) evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures. Based upon, and as of the date of, the evaluation, our CEO (our principal executive officer) and CFO (our principal financial officer) concluded that the disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the end of the period covered by this report to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports we file and submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), is recorded, processed, summarized and reported as and when required. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports we file and submit under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our CEO (our principal executive officer) and CFO (our principal financial officer), as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for us. Management evaluated, as of December 31, 2023, the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting. In making this assessment, management used the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("COSO") in Internal Control—Integrated Framework (2013). Based on this evaluation, management concluded that our internal control over financial reporting was effective as of December 31, 2023.

There has been no change in our internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended December 31, 2023, that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 9B. OTHER INFORMATION

During the fourth quarter of 2023, there was no information required to be disclosed in a report on Form 8-K which was not disclosed in a report on Form 8-K.

ITEM 9C. DISCLOSURE REGARDING FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS THAT PREVENT INSPECTIONS

Not applicable.

PART III

ITEM 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Managers and Executive Officers

Included below is certain information about our managers and executive officers. Mr. Wallach was initially elected to a three-year term that expired in March 2016 and his current three-year term expires in March 2025. Mr. Summers was initially elected to a two-year term that expired in March 2014 and his current three-year term expires in March 2023. Mr. Rauscher was initially elected to a three-year term that expired in March 2018 and his current three-year term expires in March 2024, and Mr. Sheldon was initially elected to a one-year term that expired in March 2020 and his current three-year term expires in March 2023.

Daniel M. Wallach, age 56, is our CEO and a manager. He has been our CEO since our Company was founded and, prior to the addition of two independent managers in March 2012, he was our sole manager. Mr. Wallach has over 30 years of experience in finance and real estate. Prior to his time with us, most recently, from May 2011 to July 2011, Mr. Wallach was an Executive Vice President for ProBuild Holdings, a building material supplier to homebuilders. Before that, from 1985 to 1989, and 1990 to April 2011, Mr. Wallach held various positions with 84 Lumber Company and affiliates, including Chief Financial Officer and Director. 84 Lumber is a building material supplier to homebuilders and was, at that time, one of our affiliates. At 84 Lumber, Mr. Wallach oversaw the company's financial and accounting function, including all aspects related to financial reporting, debt financing, customer financing, customer credit and management information systems. Mr. Wallach was also intimately involved with the creation of 84 FINANCIAL, L.P., a finance company affiliated with and owned by 84 Lumber, which had investment objectives similar to ours. Mr. Wallach has also held operational and finance positions with a mortgage brokerage firm and a building contractor. He graduated from Washington and Jefferson College in Washington, Pennsylvania with a B.A. in Business Administration.

Barbara L. Harshman, age 48, is our Executive Vice President of Operations, a position to which she was appointed in July 2015. She was hired in August 2012 as Vice President of Operations. Prior to joining the Company, from 2005 to 2012, Ms. Harshman worked in various positions in 84 Lumber Company's lending operations, including Vice President of Lending. Ms. Harshman also worked as a credit manager for 84 Lumber during 2004 and 2005, where she managed a portfolio of \$35,000,000 of unsecured debt owed by builders. Ms. Harshman graduated from Baylor University with a B.A. in Anthropology.

Mark Reynolds, age 49, was appointed Executive Vice President of Sales in April 2021. Mr. Reynolds, has over 19 years of experience in the construction finance industry. He was previously our Regional Sales Manager from May 2016 until April 2021 and was also the National Real Estate Owned ("REO") Manager from January 2020 until April 2021. Previously, Mr. Reynolds held various positions with 84 Lumber Company, including REO Specialist, where he worked with counsel to negotiate liens, finish building houses, and relieve as much debt as possible while controlling losses (from 2008 through 2014), National Finance Manager, in residential financing (from 2006 through 2008), and Regional Finance Manager, in commercial financing, where he helped finance projects such as hotels, apartments, restaurants, and casinos (from 2000 through 2004). Mr. Reynolds attended Indiana University at South Bend, where he studied Business Management.

Catherine Loftin, age 45, is our Chief Financial Officer, to which she was appointed in April 2021. Ms. Loftin previously served as Acting Chief Financial Officer from July 2019 to April 2021 and as Chief Financial Officer from January 2018 to May 2019 and continued to serve as our employee since May 2019. Ms. Loftin previously served as our Controller from November 2017 until her appointment as Chief Financial Officer. Prior to joining the Company, Ms. Loftin was the Corporate Controller for Lucas Group from November 2017 to June 2018, Division Controller for Pulte Group from July 2014 through November 2017 and Director of Financial Reporting for DS Services Holdings, Inc. from November 2013 to April 2014. Ms. Loftin spent a majority of her career with Simmons Bedding Company as Manager of Financial Reporting from 2006 to 2013. Ms. Loftin started her accounting career with PricewaterhouseCoopers with an internship in 1999 and an associate in 2001. Ms. Loftin received her Bachelors of Business of Administration from the Terry College of Business School at the University of Georgia in 2000, and her Masters of Accounting from Kennesaw State University's Cole's College of Business in 2001.

William Myrick, age 62, is our Executive Vice President, to which he was appointed on April 20, 2021. Mr. Myrick previously served as Executive Vice President of Sales since March 2018. Mr. Myrick was one of our independent managers from March 2012 to March 2018. He has been involved in lumber and building materials for over 35 years. From July 2012 through December 2017, Mr. Myrick was the CEO of American Builders Supply, a building material supplier to homebuilders, where he was responsible for all aspects of the management of that business. From January 2007 to July 2011, he held various executive officer positions with ProBuild Holdings, including, most recently, CEO, and was responsible for all aspects of the management of ProBuild's business. From 1982 to January 2007, Mr. Myrick was with 84 Lumber Company, where he held positions including, most recently, Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Myrick served as a director of ProBuild from July 2010 to July 2011, and currently serves as a director of American Builders Supply, a position he has held since July 2012. He is a graduate of the Advanced Management Program from Harvard Business School.

Kenneth R. Summers, age 77, is one of the independent managers, to which he was elected in March 2012. Mr. Summers retired from United Bank, Inc. of Morgantown, West Virginia in December 2019. Prior to retirement, he had been an Executive Vice President for United Bank since 2001. In that role he was responsible for the expansion and recognition of the bank's franchise in north central West Virginia. Mr. Summers has over 30 years of experience as a community bank executive. He graduated from the University of Charleston with a B.S. in Accounting and Management.

Eric A. Rauscher, age 58, is one of the independent managers, to which he was elected in March 2015. Mr. Rauscher is a licensed insurance sales person and has worked in that industry since 1999. Prior to that, he spent over ten years as a field sales engineer. He graduated from Case Western Reserve University with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering and Applied Physics, with a minor in Economics.

Gregory L. Sheldon, age 65, has been one of our independent managers since March 2019. Mr. Sheldon brings 41 years of business experience building global corporations and integrating acquisitions across finance, supply chain, manufacturing, and the corporate functions. Since March 2021 he has served as the Interim CIO for TherapeuticsMD, an innovative pharmaceutical company exclusively committed to advancing women's health. His previous roles include Global Chief Information Officer for Mylan, Inc., from October 2008 to March 2013, the CIO for Duquesne Light Company from August 2013 to March 2015, and, from October 2018 until December 2019, as the Interim CIO for MiMedx Group, Inc. Since July 2014, Mr. Sheldon has been an owner of two companies which invest in land acquisition, development, and the construction of residential homes: White Column Investments, LLC, where he is the President and Managing Member, and Sheldon Investments, LLC. Since 2017, he has served as a non-compensated advisor to Mark Hoskins, who owns Benjamin Marcus Homes, LLC and Investor's Mark Acquisitions, LLC, which are companies that design, develop, and build single family homes, and which are also two of our customers. Mr. Sheldon has been the owner of Greg Sheldon and Associates, LLC, a consultant, and strategic advisor to clients in the life sciences, consumer products, technology, and manufacturing industries since April 2015. Mr. Sheldon has held multiple leadership positions with leading, global companies including Kraft General Foods, Georgia-Pacific, and Pfizer Inc., and the start-up of The Georgia Lottery. He graduated from Georgia State University with a Master of Science in Management and from Georgia Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Management.

Code of Ethics

Our board of managers adopted an amended Code of Ethics and Business Conduct on August 6, 2020 (the "Code of Ethics"), which contains general guidelines applicable to our employees, executive officers and the members of our board of managers with the purpose of promoting the following: (1) honest and ethical conduct, including the ethical handling of actual or apparent conflicts of interest between personal and professional relationships; (2) full, fair, accurate, timely and understandable disclosure in reports and documents that we file with, or submit to, the SEC and in other public communications made by us; (3) compliance with applicable laws and governmental rules and regulations; (4) the prompt internal reporting of violations of the Code of Ethics to an appropriate person or persons identified in the Code of Ethics; and (5) accountability for adherence to the Code of Ethics. A copy of the Code of Ethics is posted on our website at www.shepherdsfinance.com.

Audit Committee

Our board of managers has established a separately-designated audit committee, whose charter was adopted on August 9, 2012 and last amended on August 6, 2020. The purpose of the audit committee is to oversee the Company's accounting and financial reporting processes and the audit of the Company's consolidated financial statements. Our audit committee consists of Messrs. Rauscher, Summers, and Sheldon, our three independent managers. We have no "audit committee financial expert" (as such term is defined in Item 407(d)(5)(ii) of Regulation S-K). We believe the cost to retain a financial expert at this time is prohibitive. However, our board of managers believes that each member of the audit committee has sufficient knowledge and relevant background experience to serve on the audit committee.

ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Executive Officer Compensation

This discussion describes our compensation philosophy and policies for our executive officers, which currently includes our CEO, EVP, EVP of Operations, EVP of Sales and CFO.

Objectives of Executive Officer Compensation Program

The objectives of our executive compensation program are to attract, retain, and motivate highly talented executives and to align each executive's incentives with our short-term and long-term objectives, while maintaining a healthy and stable financial position. Specifically, our executive compensation program is designed to accomplish the following goals and objectives:

- maintain a compensation program that is equitable in our marketplace;
- provide opportunities that integrate pay with the short-term and long-term performance goals;
- encourage and reward achievement of strategic objectives, while properly balancing a controlled risk-taking behavior; and
- maintain an appropriate balance between base salary and short-term and long-term incentive opportunity.

Determining Executive Officer Compensation

The compensation committee of our board of managers is responsible for determining all aspects of our executive compensation program. The determination and assessment of executive compensation are primarily driven by the following three factors: (1) market data based on the compensation levels, programs and practices of other comparable companies for comparable positions, (2) our financial performance, and (3) executive officer performance. We believe these three factors provide a reasonably measurable assessment of executive performance in light of building value and creating a healthy financial position for us. We rely upon the judgment of the members of the compensation committee and not on rigid formulas or short-term changes in business performance in determining the amount and mix of compensation elements and whether each element provides the appropriate incentive and reward for performance that sustains and enhances our long-term growth.

Executive Officer Compensation Components

Base Salary

We provide each of our paid executive officers with a base salary to compensate such officer for services rendered throughout the year. Salaries are established annually based on the individual's position, experience, performance, past and potential contribution to us, and level of responsibility, as well as our overall financial performance. No specific weighting is applied to any one factor considered, and the independent managers use their judgment and expertise in determining appropriate salaries within the parameters of the compensation philosophy.

Bonus

We pay each of our executive officers with the exception of our VP of Sales a team bonus mostly based on our overall profitability, which rewarded each of them \$3,000 and \$500 in 2023 and 2022, respectively. In addition, we rewarded an annual bonus of \$1,800 for both 2023 and 2022, which is extended to compensate vacation expenses. Finally, each executive officer is eligible for a portion of net income earned, or profit share.

We pay our EVP of Sales a monthly bonus based on a percentage of all new sales and construction loan payoffs.

Membership Interests

As the beneficial owner of 78.2% (as of March 1, 2024) of our outstanding common membership interests, Mr. Wallach's interests are closely aligned with our success. Our Executive Vice President owns 14.9% of our outstanding common membership interests and our Executive Vice President of Sales owns 1.0% of our outstanding common membership interests.

On October 1, 2023, we entered into restricted unit agreements with Mark Reynolds, our Executive Vice President of Sales, and Catherine Loftin, our Chief Financial Officer, pursuant to which we issued 200 restricted common units to each of Mark Reynolds and Catherine Loftin. Vesting of the restricted common units commences from the grant date and occur thereafter on the first day of each subsequent calendar month subject to our satisfying monthly earnings goals, measured two months in arrears in accordance with the vesting schedule.

As we hire additional executive officers, we may use membership interests in some fashion as part of their compensation.

Summary Compensation Table

The following table provides a summary of the compensation received by our named executive officers for the last two completed fiscal years

Name and Position	Year	Salary	Bonus(1)	Stock Awards	Option Awards	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation	Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Earnings	All Other Compensation (2)	Total
Mr. Wallach	2023	\$ 77,828	\$ 4,800	–	–	–	–	20,657	\$ 103,285
	2022	\$ 73,740	500	–	–	–	–	4,637	\$ 78,877
Mr. Myrick	2023	\$ 157,782	3,000	–	–	–	–	40,196	\$ 200,978
	2022	\$ 156,281	500	–	–	–	–	39,195	\$ 195,976
Mr. Reynolds	2023	\$ 98,893	67,868	3,150	–	–	–	40,903	\$ 210,814
	2022	\$ 96,900	63,688	–	–	–	–	11,001	\$ 171,589

(1) Amounts in the Bonus column represent amounts earned in the period.

(2) Qualified Retirement Plan Contributions are shown here when funds are earned.

Changes for 2024

Mr. Wallach will receive a base salary of \$77,940, Mr. Myrick, our Executive Vice President, will receive a base salary of \$157,782 and Mr. Reynolds, our EVP of Sales, will receive a base salary of \$98,600. In addition, Mr. Reynolds will receive a monthly bonus based on a percentage of all sales and construction loan payoffs.

Mr. Wallach, Mr. Myrick and Mr. Reynolds will receive the annual vacation bonus of \$1,800. Mr. Wallach and Mr. Myrick will receive the team bonus which will reward between \$0 and \$3,600 based on Company performance for 2024.

Board of Managers Compensation

The following table provides a summary of the compensation received by our managers for the year ended December 31, 2023:

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash	Stock Awards	Option Awards	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation	Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation	All Other Compensation	Total
Daniel M. Wallach	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –
Kenneth R. Summers	36,000	–	–	–	–	–	36,000
Eric A. Rauscher	36,000	–	–	–	–	–	36,000
Gregory L. Sheldon	36,000	–	–	–	–	–	36,000

We paid each of the independent managers a retainer of \$36,000 and \$34,500 during 2023 and 2022, respectively. Our independent managers also receive fees of \$2,000 for the first day and \$1,200 for any additional days for meetings of the board of managers and committees attended in person, all or a portion of which may be allocated as reimbursement of expenses incurred in connection with attendance at meetings. The independent managers do not receive separate reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with attendance at meetings. Mr. Wallach receives no compensation for his services as a manager.

ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS

The following table sets forth the ownership of certain of our outstanding membership interests as of December 31, 2023:

<u>Title of Class</u>	<u>Name and Address of Owner⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>Number of Units</u>	<u>Percent of Class</u>	<u>Dollar Value</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Equity</u>
Class A Common Units	Daniel M. Wallach and Joyce S. Wallach	161.80	0.8%	\$ 17,539.92	0.3%
Class A Common Units	2007 Daniel M. Wallach Legacy Trust	15,469.20	77.4%	1,676,904.63	24.8%
Class A Common Units	Kenneth R. Summers	200.00	1.0%	21,680.55	0.3%
Class A Common Units	Eric A. Rauscher	200.00	1.0%	21,680.55	0.3%
Class A Common Units	William Myrick	2,969.00	14.8%	321,847.23	4.8%
Class A Common Units	Barbara Harshman	400.00	2.0%	43,361.12	0.6%
Class A Common Units	Gregory Sheldon	200.00	1.0%	21,680.55	0.3%
Class A Common Units	Catherine Loftin	200.00	1.0%	6,687.78	0.1%
Class A Common Units	Mark Reynolds	200.00	1.0%	6,687.78	0.1%
Repurchase of Class A Common Units				(143,713.85)	(2.1%)
Subtotal of Common Voting Equity		<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$ 1,994,356.26</u>	<u>29.5%</u>
Series C Preferred Units	Daniel M. Wallach and Joyce S. Wallach	12.02	25.19%	1,202,178.92	17.8%
Series C Preferred Units	Gregory L. Sheldon and Madeline M. Sheldon	8.02	16.80%	801,674.37	11.8%
Series C Preferred Units	Other Holders of Series C Preferred Units	27.69	58.01%	2,769,405.25	40.9%
Subtotal of Series C Preferred Units		<u>47.73</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$ 4,773,258.54</u>	<u>70.5%</u>
Total Members' Capital and Redeemable Preferred Equity		<u>20,033.73</u>		<u>\$ 6,767,614.80</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

(1) The addresses of each Class A Common Unit owners named above are:

- Daniel and Joyce Wallach, the 2007 Daniel M. Wallach Legacy Trust, William Myrick, Barbara Harshman, Catherine Loftin and Mark Reynolds are 13241 Bartram Park Blvd., Suite 2401, Jacksonville, FL 32258;
- Kenneth R. Summers is PO Box 995, Morgantown, WV 26507; and
- Eric A. Rauscher is 2706 South Park Rd, Bethel Park, PA 15102.

The address of each Series C Preferred Unit owners named above are:

- Daniel and Joyce Wallach, and the 2007 Daniel M. Wallach Legacy is 13241 Bartram Park Blvd, Suite 2401, Jacksonville, FL 32258; and
- Gregory L. Sheldon and Madeline M. Sheldon is 104 Windsor Ct, Venetia, PA 15367.

ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE

Transactions with Affiliates

The Company has two loan agreements with Daniel M. Wallach, our CEO, and his wife, pursuant to which they provide the Company with the Wallach LOC and the Wallach Trust LOC. The agreements lay out the terms under which those members can lend money to us, providing that we desire the funds and the members wish to lend. The interest rate on both the Wallach LOC and the Wallach Trust LOC generally equals prime plus 3%, as more fully described in Note 7.

The Company has a loan agreement with William Myrick, our EVP (the "Myrick LOC Agreement"), pursuant to which Mr. Myrick provides us with the Myrick LOC. The Myrick LOC Agreement lays out the terms under which Mr. Myrick can lend money to us, providing that we desire the funds and Mr. Myrick wish to lend. The rate on the Myrick LOC generally equals prime plus 3%, as more fully described in Note 7.

Two of our managers, Catherine Loftin, our CFO, and Mark Reynolds, our EVP, of Sales each own 1% of our Class A common units. Barbara L. Harshman, our EVP of Operations, owns 2% of our Class A common units. Mr. Myrick owns 15.3% of our Class A common units.

Mr. Wallach and his wife's parents own 33.29 and 5.42 of our Series C Preferred Units, respectively. One of our managers, Gregory L. Sheldon, owns 23.58 of our Series C Preferred Units.

The Company has a Senior Subordinated Promissory Note with the parents of Mr. Wallach for \$374,000. The interest rate on the promissory note is 10% and the lender may require us to repay \$20,000 of principal and all unpaid interest with 10 days' notice, as more fully described in Note 7.

A son of one of our Managers' is a minor participant in the Shuman LOC, which is more fully described in Note 7. In addition, Mr. Summers' son is a lender to the Company pursuant to a New LOC Agreement, with principal not to exceed \$2,000,000.

During 2021, Mr. Myrick purchased two loans from the Company for approximately \$141,000 and both loans were serviced by the company as of December 31, 2021. One loan paid off during 2022 and the second loan paid off in 2023.

During 2021, one of our managers purchased one loans from the Company for \$405,000. The loan paid off during 2022 and the proceeds were used to purchase another loan for \$417,000. The loan was serviced by the company and paid off in 2023.

The Hoskins Group had a preferred equity interest in the Company as of December 31, 2022 which was paid off in 2023. The Series B Preferred Units to the Hoskins Group, as more fully described in Note 9 – Members' Capital.

The Company has accepted investments under the Notes Program from employees, managers, members, and relatives of managers and members, with \$5,454 outstanding at December 31, 2023. For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 our investments from affiliates which exceed \$120 through our Notes Program and other unsecured debt are detailed below:

(All \$ in Thousands)

Investor	Relationship to Shepherd's Finance	Amount invested as of December 31,		Weighted average interest rate as of December 31,	Interest earned during the year ended December 31,	
		2023	2022		2023	2022
Eric A. Rauscher	Independent Manager	\$ 475	\$ 475	10.00%	\$ 48	\$ 48
Wallach Educational Trust	Member	-	162	-%	-	11
David Wallach Living Trust	Father of Member	377	366	8.94%	34	66
Gregory L. Sheldon	Independent Manager	828	598	9.60%	79	41
Joseph Rauscher	Parent of Independent Manager	144	144	7.00%	10	7
Kenneth Summers	Independent Manager	235	208	6.29%	15	4
Schultz Family Revocable Living Trust	Trustee is Mother -in-Law of Member	183	178	8.56%	16	13
Barbara Harshman	Member	129	-	8.87%	11	-
Lamar Sheldon	Parent of Independent Manager	274	253	10.0%	27	23
Daniel and Joyce Wallach	Member	135	-	10%	14	-
Scott Summers	Son of Independent Manager	250	500	8.00%	20	10
Madison Trust Company FBO Bruce Eppinger	5% Member	1,825	-	10.5%	192	-
Miguel Ascencio	5% Member	400	-	10.0%	40	-
Paula Eppinger	Parent of 5% Member	200	-	10.0%	20	-

Hoskins Group's Series B Preferred Equity

The Series B Preferred Units were issued to the Hoskins Group through a reduction in a loan issued by the Hoskins Group to the Company. In December 2015, the Hoskins Group agreed to purchase 0.1 Series B Preferred Units for \$10,000 at each closing of a lot to a third party in the land securing certain development loans.

During March 2023, the Company redeemed 100% of the outstanding Series B Preferred Units constituting 19 units, at a redemption price of \$1,900,000. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Hoskins Group owned a total of 0 and 19.0 Series B Preferred Units, which were issued for a total of \$0 and \$1,900,000, respectively.

Series C Preferred Equity

Investors in the Series C cumulative preferred units ("Series C Preferred Units") may elect to reinvest their distributions in additional Series C Preferred Units (the "Series C Reinvestment Program").

The Series C Preferred Units have a fixed value which is their purchase price and preferred liquidation and distribution rights. Yearly distributions of 12% of the Series C Preferred Units' value (provided profits are available) will be made on a quarterly basis. This rate can increase if any interest rate on our public Notes offering rises above 12%. Dividends can be reinvested monthly into additional Series C Preferred Units. The Series C Preferred Units have the same preferential rights as the Series B Preferred Units as more fully described above.

During March 2023, the Company redeemed 11.78109 of the Series C Preferred Units, held by our CEO and his wife, at a redemption price of \$1,178,000, all of which was reinvested in Common Units.

Sale of Commercial Loans

During 2021, Mr. Myrick purchased two loans from the Company for approximately \$141,000 and both loans were serviced by the company as of December 31, 2021. One loan paid off during 2022 and the second loan paid off in 2023.

During 2021, one of our managers purchased one loans from the Company for \$405,000. The loan paid off during 2022 and the proceeds were used to purchase another loan for \$417,000. The loan was serviced by the company and paid off in 2023.

Affiliate Transaction Policy

Our limited liability company agreement provides that any future transaction involving the Company and an affiliate must be approved by a majority vote of independent managers not otherwise interested in the transaction upon a determination of such independent managers that the transaction is on terms no less favorable to the Company than could be obtained from an independent third party. An approval pursuant to this policy shall be set forth in the minutes of the Company and shall include a description of the transaction approved. The responsibility for reviewing and approving affiliate transactions has been delegated to the nominating and corporate governance committee of our board of managers, which is comprised entirely of independent managers.

Pursuant to our limited liability company agreement, we must provide the independent managers with access, at our expense, to our legal counsel or independent legal counsel, as needed.

Board of Managers Independence

We have no securities listed for trading on a national securities exchange or in an automated inter-dealer quotation system of a national securities association, which has requirements that a majority of our board of managers be independent. For purposes of complying with the disclosure requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission, we have adopted the definition of independence used by the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE). Under the NYSE's definition of independence, Messrs. Summers, Rauscher, and Sheldon each meet the definition of "independent."

ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES

During the year ended December 31, 2022, Warren Averett, LLC (“Warren Averett”) served as our independent registered accounting firm and provided certain other services. Warren Averett began serving as our independent registered accounting firm in 2019.

On January 20, 2023, the Company dismissed Warren Averett as their independent registered public accounting firm. The dismissal of Warren Averett was approved by the Audit Committee of the Company’s Board of Managers (the “Audit Committee”). Warren Averett’s audit report on the financial statements of the Company for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 did not contain an adverse opinion or disclaimer of opinion, nor was it qualified or modified as to uncertainty, audit scope, or accounting principles. Subsequent to the dismissal of Warren Averett, the Audit Committee engaged HORNE as its independent registered public accounting firm on January 20, 2023.

Our Audit Committee reviewed the audit services performed by HORNE and Warren Averett for 2023 and 2022. The aggregate agreed-upon and billed fees for professional accounting services provided by HORNE and Warren Averett, including the audit of our annual consolidated financial statements, for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, are set forth in the table below.

	Warren Averett 2023	HORNE 2023	Warren Averett 2022
Audit Fees	\$ -	\$ 134,500	\$ 201,475
Audit-Related Fees	\$ 7,492	\$ 2,000	\$ -

For purposes of the preceding table, the professional fees are classified as follows:

Audit Fees - These are fees for professional services performed for the audit of our annual financial statements and the required review of our quarterly financial statements and other procedures performed by the independent auditors to be able to form an opinion on our consolidated financial statements. These fees also cover services that are normally provided by independent auditors in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements, and services that generally only an independent auditor reasonably can provide, such as services associated with filing registration statements, periodic reports, and other filings with the SEC.

Audit-Related Fees - Audit-related fees are assurance related services that traditionally are performed by the independent accountant, not included in the Audit Fees category above, including statutory audits.

Pre-Approval Policies

The Audit Committee charter imposes a duty on the Audit Committee to pre-approve all auditing services performed for us by our independent auditors, as well as all permitted non-audit services (including the fees and terms thereof) in order to ensure that the provision of such services does not impair the auditor’s independence. In determining whether or not to pre-approve services, the Audit Committee considers whether the service is permissible under applicable SEC rules. The Audit Committee may, in its discretion, delegate one or more of its members the authority to pre-approve any services to be performed by our independent registered public accounting firm, provided such pre-approval is presented to the full audit committee at its next scheduled meeting.

All services rendered by HORNE and Warren Averett for the year ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, were pre-approved in accordance with the policies set forth above.

PART IV

ITEM 15. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES

- (a) List of Documents Filed.
1. The list of the financial statements contained herein is set forth on page F-1 hereof.
 2. All schedules for which provision is made in the applicable accounting regulations of the SEC are not required under the related instructions or are not applicable and therefore have been omitted.
 3. The Exhibits filed in response to Item 601 of Regulation S-K are listed on the Exhibit Index below.
- (b) See (a)3 above.
- (c) See (a)2 above.

ITEM 16. FORM 10-K SUMMARY

None.

EXHIBIT INDEX

The following exhibits are included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023 (and are numbered in accordance with Item 601 of Regulation S-K).

Exhibit No.	Name of Exhibit
3.1	Certificate of Conversion, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1, filed on May 11, 2012, Commission File No. 333-181360
3.2	Certificate of Formation, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1, filed on May 11, 2012, Commission File No. 333-181360
3.3	Second Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-k, filed on November 13, 2017, Commission File No. 333-203707
3.4	Amendment No. 1 to Second Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of the Registrant, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.4 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, filed on May 9, 2019, Commission File No. 333-203707
3.5	Amendment No. 2 to Second Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of the Registrant, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-k, filed March 31, 2020, Commission File No. 333-224557
3.6*	Amendment No. 3 to Second Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of the Registrant.
4.1	Indenture Agreement (including Form of Note) dated September 16, 2022, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 1, filed on September 16, 2022, Commission File No. 333-263759
10.1	Amended, Restated and Consolidated Credit Agreement dated January 27, 2022 by and between Shepherd's Finance, LLC, Benjamin Marcus Homes, L.L.C., Investor's Mark Acquisitions, LLC and Mark L. Hoskins, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the Year Ended December 31, 2021, filed on March 10, 2022, Commission File No. 333-224557

- 10.2 [Open-End Mortgage dated December 30, 2011 between Benjamin Marcus Homes, L.L.C. and Shepherd's Finance, LLC, related to the Hamlets of Springdale, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1, filed on May 11, 2012, Commission File No. 333-181360](#)
- 10.3 [Open-End Mortgage dated December 30, 2011 between Investor's Mark Acquisitions, LLC and Shepherd's Finance, LLC, related to the Tuscany Subdivision, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1, filed on May 11, 2012, Commission File No. 333-181360](#)
- 10.4 [Commercial Guaranty dated December 30, 2011 by Mark L. Hoskins, Investor's Mark Acquisitions, LLC, and Benjamin Marcus Homes, L.L.C. in favor of Shepherd's Finance, LLC, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1, filed on May 11, 2012, Commission File No. 333-181360](#)
- 10.5 [Amended and Restated Commercial Pledge Agreement dated December 30, 2011 by Investor's Mark Acquisitions, LLC and Benjamin Marcus Homes, L.L.C. in favor of Shepherd's Finance, LLC, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1, filed on May 11, 2012, Commission File No. 333-181360](#)
- 10.6 [Assignment, Assumption, Amendment, and Restatement of Mortgage dated December 30, 2011 between 84 Financial, L.P., Shepherd's Finance, LLC, and Investor's Mark Acquisitions, LLC, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.8 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1, filed on May 11, 2012, Commission File No. 333-181360](#)
- 10.7 [Promissory Note dated December 30, 2011 from Shepherd's Finance, LLC to 2007 Daniel M. Wallach Legacy Trust, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.10 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1, filed on May 11, 2012, Commission File No. 333-181360](#)
- 10.8 [Promissory Note dated December 30, 2011 from Shepherd's Finance, LLC to Daniel M. Wallach and Joyce S. Wallach, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.11 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1, filed on May 11, 2012, Commission File No. 333-181360](#)
- 10.9 [Commercial Pledge Agreement dated December 30, 2011 by Shepherd's Finance, LLC in favor of 2007 Daniel M. Wallach Legacy Trust and Daniel M. Wallach and Joyce S. Wallach, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.12 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1, filed on May 11, 2012, Commission File No. 333-181360](#)
- 10.10 [Subordination of Mortgage dated September 27, 2013 between Benjamin Marcus Homes, LLC, Shepherd's Finance, LLC, and United Bank, Inc., incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.16 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013, filed on February 26, 2014, Commission File No. 333-181360](#)
- 10.11 [Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Unit Purchase Agreement dated December 31, 2014 between Shepherd's Finance, LLC and Investor's Mark Acquisitions, LLC, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on January 6, 2015, Commission File No. 333-181360](#)
- 10.12 [Loan Purchase and Sale Agreement dated as of April 28, 2015 between Shepherd's Finance, LLC and Seven Kings Holdings, Inc., incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on May 5, 2015, Commission File No. 333-181360](#)
- 10.13 [First Amendment to the Loan Purchase and Sale Agreement by and between Shepherd's Finance, LLC and S.K. Funding, Inc., dated November 19, 2015, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on November 24, 2015, Commission File No. 333-203707](#)
- 10.14 [Series B Cumulative Preferred Unit Purchase Agreement by and between Shepherd's Finance, LLC and Investor's Mark Acquisitions, LLC, dated December 28, 2015, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on December 31, 2015, Commission File No. 333-203707](#)

- 10.15 [Second Amendment to the Loan Purchase and Sale Agreement by and between Shepherd's Finance, LLC and S.K. Funding, LLC, dated as of February 19, 2016, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on February 25, 2016, Commission File No. 333-203707](#)
- 10.16 [Assignment of Mortgage from Shepherd's Finance, LLC to S.K. Funding, LLC, dated June 30, 2016, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on July 7, 2016, Commission File No. 333-203707](#)
- 10.17 [Loan Purchase and Sale Agreement between Shepherd's Finance, LLC and Builder Finance, Inc., dated as of February 6, 2017, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on February 10, 2017, Commission File No. 333-203707](#)
- 10.18 [Confirmation Agreement between Shepherd's Finance, LLC, 1st Financial Bank USA, and Builder Finance, Inc., dated as of February 6, 2017, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on February 10, 2017, Commission File No. 333-203707](#)
- 10.19 [Sixth Amendment to the Loan Purchase and Sale Agreement between Shepherd's Finance, LLC and S.K. Funding, LLC, dated as of July 24, 2017, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on July 27, 2017, Commission File No. 333-203707](#)
- 10.20 [Line of Credit Agreement between Shepherd's Finance, LLC and Paul Swanson, dated as of October 23, 2017, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on October 27, 2017, Commission File No. 333-203707](#)
- 10.21 [Collateral Assignment of Notes and Documents from Shepherd's Finance, LLC to Paul Swanson, dated as of October 23, 2017, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on October 27, 2017, Commission File No. 333-203707](#)
- 10.22 [Master Loan Modification Agreement between Shepherd's Finance, LLC and Paul Swanson effective as of April 11, 2018, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on April 18, 2018, Commission File No. 333-203707](#)
- 10.23 [Secured Promissory Note from Shepherd's Finance, LLC to Paul Swanson dated as of October 23, 2017 and April 12, 2018, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on April 18, 2018, Commission File No. 333-203707](#)
- 10.24 [First Amendment to Promissory Note by and among Shepherd's Finance, LLC and Daniel M. Wallach and Joyce S. Wallach, dated June 14, 2018, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the Quarterly Period Ended June 30, 2018, filed on August 9, 2018, Commission File No. 333-203707](#)
- 10.25 [First Amendment to Promissory Note by and among Shepherd's Finance, LLC and 2007 Daniel M. Wallach Legacy Trust, dated June 14, 2018, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.8 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the Quarterly Period Ended June 30, 2018, filed on August 9, 2018, Commission File No. 333-203707](#)
- 10.26 [Loan Modification Agreement by and between Shepherd's Finance, LLC and Paul Swanson, dated as of December 27, 2018, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on January 2, 2019, Commission File No. 333-203707](#)
- 10.27 [Loan Agreement by and between Shepherd's Finance, LLC and LCA Bank Corporation, dated May 5, 2020, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the Quarterly Period Ended March 31, 2020, filed on May 11, 2020, Commission File No. 333-224557](#)

- 10.28 [Note from Shepherd's Finance, LLC in favor of LCA Bank Corporation, dated May 5, 2020, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the Quarterly Period Ended March 31, 2020, filed on May 11, 2020, Commission File No. 333-224557](#)
- 10.29 [Loan Agreement dated February 5, 2021 by and between the Registrant and LCA Bank Corporation, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on February 11, 2021, Commission File No. 333-224557](#)
- 10.30 [Promissory Note dated February 5, 2021 from the Company in favor of LCA Bank Corporation, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on February 11, 2021, Commission File No. 333-224557](#)
- 21.1 [Subsidiaries of Shepherd's Finance, LLC, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 21.1 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the Year Ended December 31, 2021, filed on March 10, 2022, Commission File No. 333-224557](#)
- 31.1* [Certification of Principal Executive Officer, pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002](#)
- 31.2* [Certification of Principal Financial Officer, pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002](#)
- 32.1* [Certification of Principal Executive Officer, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as created by Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002](#)
- 32.2* [Certification of Principal Financial Officer, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as created by Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002](#)
- 101.INS** Inline XBRL Instance Document
- 101.SCH** Inline XBRL Schema Document
- 101.CAL** Inline XBRL Calculation Linkbase Document
- 101.DEF** Inline XBRL Definition Linkbase Document
- 101.LAB** Inline XBRL Label Linkbase Document
- 101.PRE** Inline XBRL Presentation Linkbase Document
- 104 Inline XBRL Cover Page Interactive Data File

* Filed herewith.

** Pursuant to Regulation 406T of Regulation S-T, these Interactive data files are deemed not filed or part of a registration statement or prospectus for purposes of Section 11 or 12 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and are otherwise not subject to liability.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

SHEPHERD'S FINANCE, LLC
(Registrant)

Dated: March 15, 2024

By: /s/ Daniel M. Wallach
Daniel M. Wallach
CEO and Manager

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated:

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>/s/ Daniel M. Wallach</u> Daniel M. Wallach	Chief Executive Officer and Manager (Principal Executive Officer)	March 15, 2024
<u>/s/ Catherine Loftin</u> Catherine Loftin	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)	March 15, 2024
<u>/s/ Kenneth R. Summers</u> Kenneth R. Summers	Manager	March 15, 2024
<u>/s/ Eric A. Rauscher</u> Eric A. Rauscher	Manager	March 15, 2024
<u>/s/ Gregory L. Sheldon</u> Gregory L. Sheldon	Manager	March 15, 2024

Supplemental Information to be Furnished with Reports Filed Pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Act by Registrants Which Have Not Registered Securities Pursuant to Section 12 of the Act

No annual report relating to the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023 or proxy statement with respect to any annual or other meeting of security holders has been sent to security holders.

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Members and the Board of Managers of Shepherd's Finance, LLC

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheet of Shepherd's Finance, LLC (the "Company") as of December 31, 2023, the related consolidated statement of operations for the year then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements (collectively, the financial statements). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2023, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Adoption of New Accounting Standard

As discussed in Note 2 to the financial statements, the Company has changed its method of accounting for credit losses effective January 1, 2023 due to the adoption of Accounting Standards Codification ASC 326: Financial Instruments – Credit Losses. The Company adopted the new credit loss standard using the modified retrospective approach such that prior period amounts are not adjusted and continue to be reported in accordance with previously applicable generally accepted accounting principles. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's financial statements based on our audit. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) ("PCAOB") and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audit, we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

Our audit included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audit also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

/s/ HORNE LLP

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2023.

Brentwood, Tennessee
March 15, 2024

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Managers and
Members of Shepherd's Finance, LLC
Jacksonville, Florida

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheet of Shepherd's Finance, LLC as of December 31, 2022 and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in members' capital, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the consolidated financial statements). In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Shepherd's Finance, LLC as of December 31, 2022, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of Shepherd's Finance, LLC's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Shepherd's Finance, LLC's consolidated financial statements based on our audit. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to Shepherd's Finance, LLC in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audit, we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

Our audit included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. Our audit also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements. We believe that our audit provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

/s/ Warren Averett, LLC

We had served as Shepherd's Finance, LLC's auditor since 2018.
PCAOB #2226
Birmingham, Alabama
March 15, 2023

Shepherd's Finance, LLC
Consolidated Balance Sheets
As of December 31, 2023, and 2022

(in thousands of dollars)

	2023	2022
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,522	\$ 2,996
Restricted cash	-	1,200
Accrued interest receivable	1,171	670
Loans receivable, net	58,130	56,650
Real estate investments	435	660
Foreclosed assets, net	130	1,582
Premises and equipment	828	852
Other assets	618	862
Total assets	\$ 64,834	\$ 65,472
Liabilities, Redeemable Preferred Equity, and Members' Capital		
Customer interest escrow	\$ 292	\$ 766
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	609	650
Accrued interest payable	3,861	2,921
Notes payable secured, net of deferred financing costs	21,519	23,173
Notes payable unsecured, net of deferred financing costs	31,786	30,110
Due to preferred equity member	-	47
Total liabilities	\$ 58,067	\$ 57,667
Commitments and Contingencies (Note 10)		
Redeemable Preferred Equity		
Series C preferred equity	\$ 4,773	\$ 5,725
Members' Capital		
Series B preferred equity	-	1,900
Class A common equity	1,994	180
Members' capital	\$ 1,994	\$ 2,080
Total liabilities, redeemable preferred equity and members' capital	\$ 64,834	\$ 65,472

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

Shepherd's Finance, LLC
Consolidated Statements of Operations
For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

(in thousands of dollars)

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Net Interest Income		
Interest and fee income on loans	\$ 11,554	\$ 10,220
Interest expense:		
Interest related to secured borrowings	2,263	2,134
Interest related to unsecured borrowings	3,261	2,972
Interest expense	<u>\$ 5,524</u>	<u>\$ 5,106</u>
Net interest income	6,030	5,114
Less: Credit loss provision	737	930
Net interest income after credit loss provision	<u>5,293</u>	<u>4,184</u>
Non-Interest Income		
Gain on sale of foreclosed assets	\$ 8	\$ 101
Gain on sale of real estate investments	10	-
Dividend income	-	62
Other income	80	154
Total non-interest income	<u>\$ 98</u>	<u>\$ 317</u>
Income	5,391	4,501
Non-Interest Expense		
Selling, general and administrative	\$ 2,696	\$ 2,683
Depreciation and amortization	81	56
Loss on the sale of foreclosed assets	34	-
Impairment loss on foreclosed assets	2	2
Total non - Interest expense	<u>2,813</u>	<u>2,741</u>
Net income	<u>\$ 2,578</u>	<u>\$ 1,760</u>
Net income attributable to preferred equity holders	<u>584</u>	<u>826</u>
Net income attributable to common equity holders	<u>\$ 1,994</u>	<u>\$ 934</u>

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Shepherd's Finance, LLC
Consolidated Statements of Changes in Members' Capital
For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>	Series B Preferred Equity	Class A Common Equity	Total Members' Capital
January 1, 2022	\$ 1,720	\$ (130)	\$ 1,590
Net Income attributable to Series B and Common A equity	184	934	1,118
Contributions of Series B equity	180	-	180
Distributions to Series B equity	(184)	(624)	(808)
December 31, 2022	<u>\$ 1,900</u>	<u>\$ 180</u>	<u>\$ 2,080</u>
Net Income attributable to Common A equity	-	\$ 1,991	\$ 1,991
Contributions of Common A equity	-	1,460	1,460
Distributions to Class A equity	-	(1,286)	(1,286)
Distributions to Series B equity	(1,900)	-	(1,900)
Cumulative effect of CECL adoption as of January 1, 2023	-	(178)	(178)
Repurchase of Common A equity units	-	(180)	(180)
Stock compensation expense	-	7	7
December 31, 2023	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,994</u>	<u>\$ 1,994</u>

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Shepherd's Finance, LLC
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

(in thousands of dollars)

	2023	2022
Cash flows from operations		
Net income	\$ 2,578	\$ 1,760
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities		
Amortization of deferred financing costs	235	227
Provision for credit losses	737	930
Change in loan origination fees, net	456	120
Depreciation and amortization	81	53
Impairment of foreclosed assets, net	2	2
Gain on sale of foreclosed assets, net	(8)	(101)
Loss on sale of foreclosed assets	34	-
Gain on sale of real estate investments	(10)	-
Net change in operating assets and liabilities:		
Other assets	187	197
Accrued interest receivable	(501)	(72)
Customer interest escrow	(521)	107
Accrued interest payable	1,834	1,114
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(41)	354
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>5,063</u>	<u>4,691</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Loan originations and principal collections, net	(2,851)	(10,296)
Investment in foreclosed assets	(125)	(316)
Additions for construction in real estate investments	(1,896)	(2,226)
Deposits for construction in real estate investments	-	1,570
Proceeds from sale of real estate investments	2,131	1,647
Proceeds from sale of foreclosed assets	<u>1,549</u>	<u>1,096</u>
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(1,192)</u>	<u>(8,525)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities		
Contributions from Common A equity holders	1,460	-
Contributions from preferred B equity holders	-	180
Contributions from preferred C equity holders	-	200
Distributions to preferred B equity holders	(1,900)	-
Distributions to redeemable C equity holders	(1,539)	(131)
Distributions to common equity holders	(1,286)	(624)
Proceeds from secured note payable	13,630	14,624
Repayments of secured note payable	(14,542)	(11,103)
Proceeds from unsecured notes payable	3,315	10,680
Redemptions/repayments of unsecured notes payable	(3,406)	(9,308)
Repurchase of common A equity units	(180)	-
Stock compensation expense	7	-
Deferred financing costs paid	(104)	(223)
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	<u>(4,545)</u>	<u>4,295</u>
Net change in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	(674)	461
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash		
Beginning of period	4,196	3,735
End of period	<u>\$ 3,522</u>	<u>\$ 4,196</u>
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information		
Cash paid for interest	\$ 6,464	\$ 5,814
Non-cash investing and financing activities		
Earned by Series B preferred equity holders but not distributed to customer interest escrow	\$ -	\$ 47
Earned by Series B preferred equity holders and distributed to customer interest escrow	\$ 47	\$ 180
Foreclosed assets transferred from loans receivable, net	\$ -	\$ 556
Foreclosed assets transferred to loans receivable, net	\$ -	\$ 1,017
Secured and unsecured notes payable transfers	\$ 777	\$ 368
Accrued interest payable transferred to unsecured notes payable	\$ 894	\$ 657
Construction loans funded through the reduction of Secured LOC from affiliates	\$ -	\$ 170

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

Shepherd's Finance, LLC
Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Information presented throughout these notes to the consolidated financial statements is in thousands of dollars.

1. Description of Business

Shepherd's Finance, LLC and subsidiary (the "Company", "we", or "our") was originally formed as a Pennsylvania limited liability company on May 10, 2007. We are the sole member of one consolidating subsidiary, Shepherd's Stable Investments, LLC. The Company operates pursuant to its Second Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement by and among Daniel M. Wallach and the other members of the Company effective as of March 16, 2017, and as subsequently amended.

The Company extends commercial loans to residential homebuilders (in 20 states as of December 31, 2023) to:

- construct single family homes,
- develop undeveloped land into residential building lots, and
- purchase and improve for sale older homes.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Principles of Consolidation

These consolidated financial statements include the consolidated accounts of the Company's subsidiary and reflect all adjustments (all of which are normal recurring accruals) which are, in the opinion of management, necessary for a fair presentation of the consolidated financial position, operating results, and cash flows for the periods. All intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP") requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. It is reasonably possible that market conditions could deteriorate, which could materially affect our consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows. Among other effects, such changes could result in the need to increase the amount of our allowance for credit losses and impair our foreclosed assets.

Operating Segments

Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification Topic ("ASC") 280, *Segment Reporting*, requires that the Company report financial and descriptive information about reportable segments and how these segments were determined. We determine the allocation of resources and performance of business units based on operating income, net income and operating cash flows. Segments are identified and aggregated based on products sold or services provided. Based on these factors, we have determined that the Company's operations are in one segment, commercial lending.

Revenue Recognition

Interest income generally is recognized on an accrual basis. The accrual of interest is generally discontinued on all loans past due 90 days or more. All interest accrued but not collected for loans that are placed on nonaccrual or charged off is reversed against interest income, unless management believes that the accrued interest is recoverable through liquidation of collateral. Interest received on nonaccrual loans is applied against principal. Interest on accruing impaired loans is recognized as long as such loans do not meet the criteria for nonaccrual status. Our construction loans charge a fee on the amount that we commit to lend, which is amortized over the expected life of each of those loans.

The Company records revenue when control of the promised services is transferred to the customer, in an amount that reflects the consideration we expect to be entitled to receive in exchange for those products or services. Our performance obligations to customers are primarily satisfied over time as the services are performed and provided to the customer.

Advertising

Advertising costs are expensed as incurred and are included in selling, general and administrative. Advertising expenses were \$40 and \$134 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Management considers highly-liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents. The Company maintains its cash account in a deposit account which, at times, may exceed federally insured limits. The Company monitors this bank account and does not expect to incur any losses from such account.

Restricted Cash

Restricted cash is deposits received on sold real estate assets which is deemed restricted until construction is complete.

Fair Value Measurements

The Company follows the guidance of FASB ASC 825, *Financial Instruments* (ASC 825), and FASB ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements* (ASC 820). ASC 825 permits entities to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value. The objective is to improve financial reporting by providing entities with the opportunity to mitigate volatility in reported earnings caused by measuring related assets and liabilities differently without having to apply complex hedge accounting provisions. ASC 820 clarifies that fair value is an exit price, representing the amount that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants. Under this guidance, fair value measurements are not adjusted for transaction costs. This guidance establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements).

Loans Receivable

Loans are stated at the amount of unpaid principal, net of any allowances for credit losses, and adjusted for (1) the net unrecognized portion of direct costs and non-refundable loan fees associated with lending, and (2) deposits made by the borrowers used as collateral for a loan and due back to the builder at or prior to loan payoff. The net amount of non-refundable loan origination fees and direct costs associated with the lending process, including commitment fees, is deferred and accreted to interest income over the lives of the loans using a method that approximates the interest method.

A loan is classified as nonaccrual, and the accrual of interest on such loan is discontinued, when the contractual payment of principal or interest becomes 90 days past due. In addition, a loan may be placed on nonaccrual at any other time management has serious doubts about further collectability of principal or interest according to the contractual terms, even though the loan is currently performing. A loan may remain on accrual status if it is in the process of collection or well-secured (i.e., the loan has sufficient collateral value). Loans are restored to accrual status when the obligation is brought current or has performed in accordance with the contractual terms for a reasonable period of time and the ultimate collectability of the total contractual principal and interest is no longer in doubt.

A loan is considered impaired when, based on current information and events, it is probable that the Company will be unable to collect the scheduled payments of principal or interest when due according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement. Impaired loans, or portions thereof, are charged off when deemed uncollectible. Once a loan is 90 days past due, management begins a workout plan with the borrower or commences its foreclosure process on the collateral.

Allowance for Credit Losses

Based on the Company's size, complexity and historical data the aggregate method or loss-rate method was selected to estimate expected credit losses. An expected loss ratio is applied based on internal historical losses and originations. The aggregate method relies upon the performance of an entire segment of the loan portfolio to best represent the behavior of these specific segments over time. In addition, the modified open pool approach was used which utilizes our borrowers credit rankings for both construction and development loans. Internal risk-rating grades are assigned by the Company's management based on an analysis of financial and collateral strength and other credit attributes underlying each loan. Loan grades are A, B and C and Unsecured for both construction and development loans where A and C defines the highest and lowest scores, respectively. Unsecured loans in our portfolio do not hold underlying collateral.

Each loan pool is adjusted for qualitative factors not inherently considered in the quantitative analysis. The qualitative adjustments either increase or decrease the quantitative model estimation. We consider factors that are relevant within the qualitative framework which include the following: lending policy, changes in nature and volume of loans, staff experience, changes in volume and trends of non-performing loans, trends in underlying collateral values, quality of our loan review system and other economic conditions, including inflation.

The following is performed by the Company's Production Loan Operations department to determine the loan grades included within our loan's receivable portfolio:

Each is rated on a scale of 1-5. With 5 being the highest rating, equal weight is given based on cash (split between average balance and ending balance), credit, and experience.

POINTS-CASH

- Average cash should be 2% of the borrower's total approval limit = .83 POINTS
- Ending cash balance should be 1% of their total approval limit = .83 POINTS

Bank statements received from the borrower are entered into LAS by the loan processors at the time of the initial application or annual credit renewal. The Company's Loan Administration System ("LAS") automatically calculates the grading points given for cash based on the borrower's approval limits and calculated cash ending and average balances

POINTS-CREDIT

- 630 or higher credit score = 1.66

Credit scores are entered into LAS by the loan processors at the time of the initial application or annual credit renewal. LAS automatically calculates the grading points given for credit scores based on the average of the scores entered for the reporting agencies TransUnion and Equifax for all guarantors.

POINTS-EXPERIENCE

- Meets minimum experience requirement according to the application matrix = 1.66

At the time of the initial application, the loan processor and underwriter determine whether the applicant meets the minimum experience requirements and enters this information into LAS under the application processing checklist. LAS then determines, based on how the question is answered, how many points are allocated to this category.

At the time of each loan approval, the underwriter confirms the grade calculated by LAS prior to signing off on the loan approval.

POINTS

Points from the three categories are added to come up with their 1-5 rating. The grading scale is as follows:

- Rating Score of 4+ = A
- Rating Score of 2.49 – 3.9 = B
- Rating Score below 2.49 = C

Once the grading is established or locked in at the time of origination the loan then is populated into the Historical Loan Loss Analysis report. This report populates each loan ranking at the time of origination and does not fluctuate.

Borrower's credit rankings do change over time based on new information obtained when available.

The CECL calculation for credit loss is performed using the following for the quantitative portion of the analysis:

1. Commitment value which is obtained when the loan originates;
2. Historical Originations by Ranking Bucket which is the sum of the Commitment Value obtained when the loan is closed; and
3. Losses by Ranking Bucket which are losses expensed for loans not within foreclosure since 2018.

The Loan Committee reviews ongoing activity with regard to loans, to include discussion regarding any changes in the reserve and charge-offs. These meetings are documented within the related Board of Managers minutes.

Impaired Loans

A loan is considered to be impaired when it is probable the Company will be unable to collect all principal and interest payments due in accordance with the contractual terms of the loan agreement.

Foreclosed Assets

When a foreclosed asset is acquired in the settlement of a loan, the asset is recorded at the as-is fair value minus expected selling costs establishing a new cost basis. The gain or loss is recorded on our consolidated statement of operations as non-interest income or expense. If the fair value of the asset declines, a write-down is recorded through non-interest expense. While the initial valuation is done on an as-is basis, subsequent values are based on our plan for the asset. Assets which are not going to be improved are still evaluated on an as-is basis. Assets we intend to improve, are improving, or have improved are appraised based on the to-be-completed value, minus reasonable selling costs, and we adjust the portion of the appraised value related to construction improvements for the percentage of the improvements which have not yet been made. Subsequently, if a foreclosed asset has an increase in fair value the increase may be recognized up to the cost basis which was determined at the foreclosure date.

Deferred Financing Costs, Net

Deferred financing costs consist of certain costs associated with financing activities related to the issuance of debt securities (deferred financing costs). These costs consist primarily of professional fees incurred related to the transactions. Deferred financing costs are amortized into interest expense over the life of the related debt. The deferred financing costs are reflected as a reduction in the unsecured notes offering liability.

Income Taxes

The entities included in the consolidated financial statements are organized as pass-through entities under the Internal Revenue Code. As such, taxes are the responsibility of the members. Other significant taxes for which the Company is liable are recorded on an accrual basis.

The Company applies FASB ASC 740, *Income Taxes* (ASC 740). ASC 740 provides guidance for how uncertain tax positions should be recognized, measured, presented and disclosed in the consolidated financial statements and requires the evaluation of tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the course of preparing the Company's consolidated financial statements to determine whether the tax positions are "more-likely-than-not" to be sustained by the applicable tax authority. Tax positions with respect to income tax at the LLC level not deemed to meet the "more-likely-than-not" threshold would be recorded as a tax benefit or expense in the appropriate period. Management concluded that there are no uncertain tax positions that should be recognized in the consolidated financial statements. With few exceptions, the Company is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2014.

The Company's policy is to record interest and penalties related to taxes in interest expense on the consolidated statements of operations. There have been no significant interest or penalties assessed or paid.

Reclassifications

Certain reclassifications have been made to the prior period's financial statements and disclosures to conform to the current period's presentation.

Risks and Uncertainties

The Company is subject to many of the risks common to the commercial lending and real estate industries, such as general economic conditions, decreases in home values, decreases in housing starts, increases in interest rates, and competition from other lenders. At December 31, 2023, our loans were significantly concentrated in a suburb of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, so the housing starts and prices in that area are more significant to our business than other areas until and if more loans are created in other markets.

Concentrations

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of loans receivable. Our concentration risks for our top three customers listed by geographic real estate market are summarized in the table below:

	December 31, 2023		December 31, 2022	
	Borrower City	Percent of Loan Commitments	Borrower City	Percent of Loan Commitments
Highest concentration risk	Pittsburgh, PA	29%	Pittsburgh, PA	27%
Second highest concentration risk	Cape Coral, FL	7%	Orlando, FL	9%
Third highest concentration risk	Orlando, FL	6%	Spokane, WA	7%

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In June 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2016-13, "Financial Instruments - Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments" ("ASU 2016-13"). This update to Accounting Standards Codification Topic ("ASC") 326, Financial Instruments - Credit Losses ("ASC 326"), significantly changed the way entities recognize impairment on many financial assets by requiring immediate recognition of estimated credit losses expected to occur over the asset's remaining life. FASB describes this impairment recognition model as the current expected credit loss ("CECL") model and believes the CECL model will result in more timely recognition of credit losses since the CECL model incorporates expected credit losses versus incurred credit losses. The scope of FASB's CECL model includes loans, held-to-maturity debt instruments, lease receivables, loan commitments and financial guarantees that are not accounted for at fair value.

In the remainder of these Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements, references to CECL or to ASC 326 shall mean the accounting standards and principles set forth in ASC 326 after giving effect to ASU 2016-13. The new guidance was effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2022.

The Company adopted ASU 2016-13 on January 1, 2023 and recorded a one-time cumulative-effect adjustment of \$178 as disclosed in the Statement of Changes in Members' Capital.

3. Fair Value

Utilizing ASC 820, the Company has established a framework for measuring fair value under U.S. GAAP using a hierarchy, which requires the Company to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. Fair value measurements are an exit price, representing the amount that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants. Three levels of inputs are used to measure fair value, as follows:

- Level 1 – quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2 – quoted prices in active markets for similar assets and liabilities and inputs that are observable for the asset or liability; or
- Level 3 – unobservable inputs, such as discounted cash flow models or valuations.

A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

Fair Value Measurements of Non-Financial Instruments on a Recurring Basis

The Company has no non-financial instruments measured at fair value on a recurring basis.

Fair Value Measurements of Non-Financial Instruments on a Non-recurring Basis

Certain assets are measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis when there is evidence of impairment. The fair values of impaired loans with specific allocations of the allowance for credit losses are generally based on recent real estate appraisals of the collateral less estimated cost to sell. Declines in the fair values of other real estate owned subsequent to their initial acquisitions are also based on recent real estate appraisals less selling costs.

Impaired Loans

The appraisals used to establish the value of impaired loans are based on similar properties at similar times; however, due to the differences in time and properties, the impaired loans are classified as Level 3. There were 17 and 14 impaired loan assets as of December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively.

Foreclosed Assets

Foreclosed assets (upon initial recognition or subsequent impairment) are measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis.

Foreclosed assets, upon initial recognition, are measured and reported at fair value less cost to sell. Each reporting period, the Company remeasures the fair value of its significant foreclosed assets. Fair value is based upon independent market prices, appraised values of the foreclosed assets or management's estimates of value, which the Company classifies as a Level 3 evaluation.

The following tables present the balances of non-financial instruments measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	December 31, 2023		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets Level 1	Significant Other Observable Inputs Level 2	Significant Unobservable Inputs Level 3
	Carrying Amount	Estimated Fair Value			
Foreclosed assets, net	\$ 130	\$ 130	\$ –	\$ –	\$ 130
Impaired loans due to COVID-19, net	82	82	–	–	82
Other impaired loans, net	5,393	5,393	–	–	5,393
Total	\$ 5,605	\$ 5,605	\$ –	\$ –	\$ 5,605

	December 31, 2022		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets Level 1	Significant Other Observable Inputs Level 2	Significant Unobservable Inputs Level 3
	Carrying Amount	Estimated Fair Value			
Foreclosed assets, net	\$ 1,582	\$ 1,582	\$ –	\$ –	\$ 1,582
Impaired loans due to COVID-19, net	1,348	1,348	–	–	1,348
Other impaired loans, net	3,596	3,596	–	–	3,596
Total	\$ 6,526	\$ 6,526	\$ –	\$ –	\$ 6,526

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

Borrowings under Credit Facilities

The fair value of the Company's borrowings under credit facilities is estimated based on the expected cash flows discounted using the current rates offered to the Company for debt of the same remaining maturities. As all of the borrowings under credit facilities or the Notes are either payable on demand or at similar rates to what the Company can borrow funds for today, the fair value of the borrowings is determined to approximate carrying value at both December 31, 2023 and 2022. The interest on our Notes offering is paid to our Note holders either monthly or at the end of their investment, compounded on a monthly basis. For the same reasons as the determination for the principal balances on the Notes, the fair value approximates the carrying value for the interest as well.

The table below is a summary of fair value estimates for financial instruments:

	December 31, 2023		December 31, 2022	
	Carrying Amount	Estimated Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Estimated Fair Value
Financial Assets				
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	\$ 3,522	\$ 3,522	\$ 4,196	\$ 4,196
Loans receivable, net	58,130	58,130	56,650	56,650
Accrued interest on loans	1,171	1,171	670	670
Financial Liabilities				
Customer interest escrow	292	292	766	766
Notes payable secured, net	21,519	21,519	23,173	23,173
Notes payable unsecured, net	31,786	31,786	30,110	30,110
Accrued interest payable	3,861	3,861	650	650

4. Real Estate Investment Assets

During June 2020, we acquired four lots from a borrower in exchange for the transfer of loans secured by those lots. We extinguished the principal balance for the loans on the lots in the amount of \$640 and in addition, paid a \$500 management fee for the development of homes on the lots. The management fee was paid through reducing the principal balance on a current loan receivable with the borrower. Two of the four homes sold during 2022 and the remaining two sold in 2023.

During October 2023, the Company acquired two properties to construct houses on each lot. Once the properties are fully developed and sold the use of proceeds from the sale will first apply to the land, building, furniture and interest costs to the Company and a portion of the remaining funds will be distributed as a management fee for the development of the homes.

The following table is a roll forward of real estate investment assets:

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Beginning balance	\$ 660	\$ 1,651
Deposits from real estate investments	-	(1,570)
Gain on sale of real estate investments	10	-
Proceeds from the sale of real estate investments	(2,131)	(1,647)
Additions for construction, land and development	1,896	2,226
Ending balance	\$ 435	\$ 660

5. Loans Receivables, net

Financing receivables are comprised of the following as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Loans receivable, gross	\$ 61,293	\$ 60,974
Less: Deferred loan fees	(1,772)	(1,264)
Less: Deposits	(1,056)	(839)
Plus: Deferred origination costs	360	306
Less: Allowance for credit losses	(695)	(2,527)
Loans receivable, net	\$ 58,130	\$ 56,650

Commercial Construction and Development Loans

Construction Loan Portfolio Summary

As of December 31, 2023, we have 62 borrowers, all of whom borrow money for the purpose of building new homes. The loans typically involve funding of the lot and a portion of construction costs, for a total of between 50% and 70% of the completed value of the new home. As the home is built during the course of the loan, the loan balance increases. The loans carry an interest rate of 2.5% above our cost of funds. In addition, we charge a 5% loan fee and our cost of funds was 11.53% as of December 31, 2023.

Our loans are demand loans and most have a deposit from the builder during construction to help offset the risk of partially built homes, and some have an interest escrow to offset payment of monthly interest risk.

The following is a summary of the loan portfolio to builders for home construction loans as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

Year	Number of States	Number of Borrowers	Number of Loans	Value of Collateral ⁽¹⁾	Commitment Amount	Gross Amount Outstanding	Loan to Value Ratio ⁽²⁾	Loan Fee
2023	20	62	225	\$ 117,169	\$ 75,300	\$ 51,788	64%(3)	5%
2022	21	66	230	\$ 104,993	\$ 72,526	\$ 52,796	69%(3)	5%

(1) The value is determined by the appraised value.

(2) The loan to value ratio is calculated by taking the commitment amount and dividing by the appraised value.

(3) Represents the weighted average loan to value ratio of the loans.

Real Estate Development Loan Portfolio Summary

The following is a summary of our loan portfolio to builders for land development as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

Year	Number of States	Number of Borrowers	Number of Loans	Gross Value of Collateral ⁽¹⁾	Commitment Amount	Gross Amount Outstanding	Loan to Value Ratio ⁽²⁾	Interest Spread ⁽⁴⁾
2023	6	9	11	\$ 23,873	\$ 11,256	\$ 9,505	40% ⁽³⁾	varies
2022	8	14	20	\$ 19,718	\$ 12,110	\$ 8,178	41% ⁽³⁾	varies

(1) The value is determined by the appraised value adjusted for remaining costs to be paid. A portion of this collateral is \$0 and \$1,900 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, of preferred equity in our Company. In the event of a foreclosure on the property securing these loans, the portion of our collateral that is preferred equity might be difficult to sell, which may impact our ability to recover the loan balance. In addition, a portion of the collateral value is estimated based on the selling prices anticipated for the homes.

(2) The loan to value ratio is calculated by taking the outstanding amount and dividing by the appraised value calculated as described above.

(3) Represents the weighted average loan to value ratio of the loans.

(4) The interest spread varies for the state of Pennsylvania and is 7% across other states.

The following is a roll forward of our loan receivables, net or construction and development loans:

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Beginning balance	\$ 56,650	\$ 46,943
Originations and modifications	58,216	59,408
Principal collections	(57,895)	(49,658)
Transferred from loans receivables, net	-	(556)
Transferred to loans receivables, net	-	1,017
Change in builder deposit	(217)	95
Change in allowance for credit losses	1,832	(479)
Change in loan fees, net	(456)	(120)
Ending balance	\$ 58,130	\$ 56,650

Credit Quality Information

Effective January 1, 2023, we adopted ASC 326, *Financial Instruments-Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments*, which replaced the incurred loss methodology for determining out provision for credit losses and allowance for credit losses with current expected credit loss ("CECL") model. Upon the adoption of ASC 326 the total amount of the allowance for credit losses ("ACL") on loans estimated using the CECL methodology increased \$178 compared to the total amount of the allowance recorded using the prior incurred loss model.

Based on the Company's size, complexity and historical data the aggregate method or loss-rate method was selected to estimate expected credit losses. An expected loss ratio is applied based on internal historical losses and originations. The aggregate method relies upon the performance of an entire segment of the loan portfolio to best represent the behavior of these specific segments over time. In addition, modified open pool approach was used which utilizes our borrowers credit rankings for both construction and development loans. Internal risk-rating grades are assigned by the Company's management based on an analysis of financial and collateral strength and other credit attributes underlying each loan. Loan grades are A, B and C and Unsecured for both construction and development loans where A and C defines the highest and lowest scores, respectively. Unsecured loans in our portfolio do not hold underlying collateral.

Each loan pool is adjusted for qualitative factors not inherently considered in the quantitative analysis. The qualitative adjustments either increase or decrease the quantitative model estimation. We consider factors that are relevant within the qualitative framework which include the following: lending policy, changes in nature and volume of loans, staff experience, changes in volume and trends of non-performing loans, trends in underlying collateral values, quality of our loan review system and other economic conditions, including inflation.

Our Company construction loans are collateralized by land and real estate while our Company development loans are collateralized by land. Secured nonaccrual loans individually evaluated are also collateralized by land and real estate. Our Company has one unsecured loan that is not collateralized; however, it is fully reserved at \$86 as of December 31, 2023.

The following table presents the Company's gross loans receivable, commitment value and ACL for each respective credit risk loan pool category as of December 31, 2023.

	Loans Receivable Gross	Commitment Value	ACL
Construction Loans Collectively Evaluated:			
A Credit Risk	\$ 40,252	\$ 59,075	\$ 215
B Credit Risk	5,718	10,339	33
C Credit Risk	-	-	-
Development Loans Collectively Evaluated:			
A Credit Risk	\$ 8,787	\$ 9,793	\$ 4
B Credit Risk	172	511	-
C Credit Risk	452	454	10
Unsecured Nonaccrual Loans Individually Evaluated	\$ 86	\$ 81	\$ 86
Secured Nonaccrual loans Individually Evaluated:	\$ 5,826	\$ 6,303	\$ 351
Total	\$ 61,293	\$ 86,556	\$ 699

The following table presents the amortized cost basis of loans on nonaccrual status and loans past due over 89 days still accruing as of December 31, 2023:

	Nonaccrual with No Allowance for Credit Loss	Nonaccrual with Allowance for Credit Loss	Loans Past Due Over 89 Days Still Accruing
Unsecured Nonaccrual Loans Individually Evaluated	\$ -	\$ 86	\$ -
Secured Nonaccrual loans Individually Evaluated:	\$ 2,495	\$ 3,331	\$ -
Total	\$ 2,495	\$ 3,417	\$ -

For loans greater than 12 months in age that are individually evaluated, appraisals are ordered and prepared if the current appraisal is greater than 13 months old and construction is greater than 90% complete. If construction is less than 90% complete the Company uses the latest appraisal on file. At certain times the Company may choose to use a broker's opinions of value ("BOV") as a replacement for an appraisal if deemed more efficient by management. Appraised values are adjusted down for estimated costs associated with asset disposal. Broker's opinion of selling price, use currently valid sales contracts on the subject property, or representative recent actual closings by the builder on similar properties may be used in place of a broker's opinion of value.

Appraisers are state certified, and are selected by first attempting to utilize the appraiser who completed the original appraisal report. If that appraiser is unavailable or unreasonably expensive, we use another appraiser who appraises routinely in that geographic area. BOVs are created by real estate agents. We try to first select an agent we have worked with, and then, if that fails, we select another agent who works in that geographic area.

In addition, our loan portfolio includes performing, forbearance and non-accrual loans. The Company's policies with respect to placing loans on non-accrual and individually evaluated if they are past due greater than 90 days unless management deems the loan an exception. A fair market value analysis is performed and an allowance for credit loss is established based on the results of the analysis.

The following is an aging of our gross loan portfolio as of December 31, 2023:

	Gross Loan Value	Current 0 - 59	Past Due 60 - 89	Past Due 90 - 179	Past Due 180 - 269	Past Due >270
Performing Loans						
A Credit Risk	\$ 49,039	\$ 49,039	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
B Credit Risk	5,890	5,890	-	-	-	-
C Credit Risk	452	452	-	-	-	-
Forbearance Loans						
B Credit Risk	-	-	-	-	-	-
C Credit Risk	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unsecured Nonaccrual loans Individually Evaluated:	86	-	-	-	-	86
Secured Nonaccrual loans Individually Evaluated:	5,826	-	881	1,497	1,641	1,807
Total	\$ 61,293	\$ 55,381	\$ 881	\$ 1,497	\$ 1,641	\$ 1,893

Below is an aging schedule of loans receivable as of December 31, 2023, on a recency basis:

	No. Loans	Unpaid Balances	%
Current loans (current accounts and accounts on which more than 50% of an original contract payment was made in the last 59 days)	219	\$ 55,381	90.4%
60-89 days	3	881	1.4%
90-179 days	3	1,497	2.4%
180-269 days	4	1,641	2.7%
>270 days	7	1,893	3.1%
Subtotal	236	\$ 61,293	100.0%
Interest only accounts (Accounts on which interest, deferment, extension and/or default charges were received in the last 60 days)	-	-	-%
Partial Payment accounts (Accounts on which the total received in the last 60 days was less than 50% of the original contractual monthly payment. "Total received" to include interest on simple interest accounts, as well as late charges on deferment charges on pre-computed accounts.)	-	-	-%
Total	236	\$ 61,293	100.0%

Below is an aging schedule of loans receivable as of December 31, 2023, on a contractual basis:

	No. Loans	Unpaid Balances	%
Contractual Terms - All current Direct Loans and Sales Finance Contracts with installments past due less than 60 days from due date.	219	\$ 55,381	90.4%
60-89 days	3	881	1.4%
90-179 days	3	1,497	2.4%
180-269 days	4	1,641	2.7%
>270 days	7	1,893	3.1%
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Partial Payment accounts (Accounts on which the total received in the last 60 days was less than 50% of the original contractual monthly payment. "Total received" to include interest on simple interest accounts, as well as late charges on deferment charges on pre-computed accounts.)	-	-	-%
Total	236	\$ 61,293	100.0%

Allowance for Credit Losses on Loans

The following table provides a roll forward of the allowance for credit losses:

	Performing Loans						Nonaccrual loans		Total
	Construction Loans A	Construction Loans B	Construction Loans C	Development Loans A	Development Loans B	Development Loans C	Secured Individually Evaluated	Unsecured Individually Evaluated	
	Credit Risk	Credit Risk	Credit Risk	Credit Risk	Credit Risk	Credit Risk			
ACL December 31, 2022	\$ (174)	(66)	(9)	(37)	(2)	(7)	(247)	(1,986)	\$ (2,527)
Impact of the adoption of ASC 326	(33)	(1)	(12)	35	2	(30)	-	(139)	(178)
Charge-offs	-	-	-	-	-	-	132	2,610	2,742
Reduction in ACL for loan participations	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Credit loss provision	(13)	35	21	(3)	(0)	26	(236)	(566)	(737)
ACL December 31, 2023	\$ (215)	(32)	-	(5)	-	(11)	(351)	(81)	\$ (695)

Allowance for Credit Losses on Unfunded Loan Commitments

Unfunded commitments to extend credit, which have similar collateral, credit and market risk to our outstanding loans, were \$25,263 and \$23,662 as of December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively. The allowance for credit losses is calculated at an estimated loss rate and the total commitment value for loans in our portfolio. Both the funded and unfunded portion of the allowance for credit losses are included in loans receivables, net on the Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2023. Other than unfunded commitments, we had no off-balance sheet transactions, nor do we currently have any such arrangements or obligations.

Concentrations

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of loans receivable. Our concentration risks for our top three customers listed by geographic real estate market are summarized in the table below:

	December 31, 2023		December 31, 2022	
	Borrower City	Percent of Loan Commitments	Borrower City	Percent of Loan Commitments
Highest concentration risk	Pittsburgh, PA	29%	Pittsburgh, PA	27%
Second highest concentration risk	Cape Coral, FL	7%	Orlando, FL	9%
Third highest concentration risk	Orlando, FL	6%	Spokane, WA	7%

The following disclosures are presented under GAAP in effect prior to the adoption of CECL. The Company has included these disclosures to address the applicable prior periods.

Finance Receivables – By risk rating:

	December 31, 2022
Pass	\$ 49,955
Special mention	3,842
Classified – accruing	-
Classified – non-accrual	7,177
Total	\$ 60,974

Finance Receivables – Method of impairment calculation:

	<u>December 31, 2022</u>
Performing loans evaluated individually	\$ 15,984
Performing loans evaluated collectively	37,813
Non-performing loans without a specific reserve	1,096
Non-performing loans with a specific reserve	6,081
Total evaluated collectively for credit losses	<u>\$ 60,974</u>

The following is a summary of our impaired non-accrual construction and development loans as of December 31, 2022.

	<u>December 31, 2022</u>
Unpaid principal balance (contractual obligation from customer)	\$ 7,628
Charge-offs and payments applied	(451)
Gross value before related allowance	7,177
Related allowance	(2,233)
Value after allowance	<u>\$ 4,944</u>

Below is an aging schedule of loans receivable as of December 31, 2022, on a recency basis:

	<u>No. Loans</u>	<u>Unpaid Balances</u>	<u>%</u>
Current loans (current accounts and accounts on which more than 50% of an original contract payment was made in the last 59 days)	236	\$ 53,797	88.2%
60-89 days	4	2,570	4.2%
90-179 days	–	–	–%
180-269 days	3	528	0.9%
>270 days	7	4,079	6.7%
Subtotal	<u>250</u>	<u>\$ 60,974</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
Interest only accounts (Accounts on which interest, deferment, extension and/or default charges were received in the last 60 days)	–	\$ –	–%
Partial Payment accounts (Accounts on which the total received in the last 60 days was less than 50% of the original contractual monthly payment. “Total received” to include interest on simple interest accounts, as well as late charges on deferment charges on pre-computed accounts.)	–	\$ –	–%
Total	<u>250</u>	<u>\$ 60,974</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Below is an aging schedule of loans receivable as of December 31, 2022, on a contractual basis:

	No. Loans	Unpaid Balances	%
Contractual Terms - All current Direct Loans and Sales Finance Contracts with installments past due less than 60 days from due date.	236	\$ 53,797	88.2%
60-89 days	4	2,570	4.2%
90-179 days	-	-	-
180-269 days	3	528	0.9%
>270 days	7	4,079	6.7%
Subtotal	250	\$ 60,974	100.0%
Interest only accounts (Accounts on which interest, deferment, extension and/or default charges were received in the last 60 days)	-	-	-
Partial Payment accounts (Accounts on which the total received in the last 60 days was less than 50% of the original contractual monthly payment. "Total received" to include interest on simple interest accounts, as well as late charges on deferment charges on pre-computed accounts.)	-	-	-
Total	250	\$ 60,974	100.0%

6. Foreclosed Assets

Roll forward of foreclosed assets for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Beginning balance	\$ 1,582	\$ 2,724
Transferred from loans receivables, net	-	556
Transferred to loans receivables, net	-	(1,017)
Investments in foreclosed assets	125	316
Sale proceeds	(1,549)	(1,096)
Loss on sale of foreclosed assets	(34)	-
Gain on sale of foreclosed assets	8	101
Impairment loss on foreclosed assets	(2)	(2)
Ending balance	<u>\$ 130</u>	<u>\$ 1,582</u>

7. Borrowings

The following table displays our borrowings and a ranking of priority:

	Priority Rank	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Borrowing Source			
Purchase and sale agreements and other secured borrowings	1	\$ 21,196	\$ 23,142
Secured line of credit from affiliates	2	326	35
Unsecured line of credit (senior)	3	1,160	1,250
Other unsecured debt (senior subordinated)	4	1,094	1,094
Unsecured Notes through our public offering, gross	5	20,854	21,576
Other unsecured debt (subordinated)	5	8,006	5,649
Other unsecured debt (junior subordinated)	6	907	907
Less deferred financing fees		(238)	(370)
Total		<u>\$ 53,305</u>	<u>\$ 53,283</u>

<u>Year Maturing</u>	<u>Total Amount Maturing</u>	<u>Public Offering</u>	<u>Other Unsecured</u>	<u>Secured Borrowings</u>
2024	\$ 35,732	\$ 8,430	\$ 6,333	\$ 20,969
2025	8,296	7,079	1,198	19
2026	3,451	1,366	2,065	20
2027	4,371	3,979	371	21
2028	22	-	-	22
2029 and thereafter	1,671	-	1,200	471
Total	\$ 53,543	\$ 20,854	\$ 11,167	\$ 21,522

Loan Purchase and Sale Agreements

We have two loan purchase and sale agreements where we are the seller of portions of loans we create. The two purchasers are Builder Finance, Inc. (“Builder Finance”) and S.K. Funding, LLC (“S.K. Funding”). Generally, the purchasers buy between 50% and 85% of each loan sold. They receive interest rates ranging from our cost of funds to the interest rate charged to the borrower. The purchasers generally do not receive any of the loan fees we charge. We have the right to call some of the loans sold, with some restrictions. Once sold, the purchaser must fund their portion of the loans purchased. We service the loans. Also, there are limited put options in some cases, whereby the purchaser can cause us to repurchase a loan. The loan purchase and sale agreements are recorded as secured borrowings.

In March 2018, we entered into the Seventh Amendment (the “Seventh Amendment”) to our Loan Purchase and Sale Agreement with S.K. Funding. The purpose of the Seventh Amendment was to allow S.K. Funding to purchase a portion of loans sold to one borrower in Pennsylvania.

The timing of the Company’s principal and interest payments to S.K. Funding under the Seventh Amendment, and S.K. Funding’s obligation to fund the loans in Pennsylvania, vary depending on the total principal amount outstanding at any time, as follows:

- If the total principal amount exceeds \$1,000, S.K. Funding must fund the amount between \$1,000 and less than or equal to \$4,500.
- If the total principal amount is less than \$4,500, then the Company will also repay S.K. Funding’s principal as principal payments are received on the Pennsylvania Loans from the underlying borrowers in the amount by which the total principal amount is less than \$4,500 until S.K. Funding’s principal has been repaid in full.
- The interest rate accruing to S.K. Funding under the Seventh Amendment is 10.5% calculated on a 365/366-day basis.

The Seventh Amendment had a term of 24 months and automatically renews for additional six-month terms unless either party gives written notice of its intent not to renew at least six months prior to the end of a term. S.K. Funding will have a priority position as compared to the Company in the case of a default by any of the borrowers.

In April 2021, we entered into the Eleventh Amendment (the “Eleventh Amendment”) to our Loan Purchase and Sale Agreement with S.K. Funding. The purpose of the Eleventh Amendment was to allow a principal increase to \$2,000 from the original \$1,000 in the Tenth Amendment dated January 2019. In addition, if the collateral value drops then an unsecured portion or \$400 may be used until the collateral is increased back to \$2,000.

The Eleventh Amendment has a term of 12 months and will automatically renew for an additional six-month term unless either party gives written notice of its intent not to renew at least five months prior to the end of a term. S.K. Funding will have a priority position as compared to the Company in the case of a default by any of the borrowers.

In October of 2023, we entered into the Thirteenth Amendment (the “Thirteenth Amendment”) to our Loan Purchase and Sale Agreement with S.K. Funding. The purpose of the Thirteenth Amendment was to sell participating interests in a few of our loans with our largest customer. These sales are different than all of our other loan participations in that the buyer is not in a preferred risk position, and as such, the portions of the loans sold are treated as an actual loan sale. The balance of the portion sold is removed from our balance sheet. The interest on the portion sold is not reflected on our statement of operations, and there is no interest cost or loan loss related to the sold portion on our statement of operations. The fee we earn on these loans for origination and servicing is recognized over the expected life of the loan in the same way that all of our loans are.

Pursuant to the Thirteenth Amendment, the aggregate amount of the S.K. Funding’s commitment, either funded or unfunded, under certain loans purchased by S.K. Funding covered by the Thirteenth Amendment (the “Loans”) was increased to \$1,650. As of the effective date of the Thirteenth Amendment, S.K. Funding has funded \$1,400 and agreed to fund an additional \$250 upon notice from us that such additional amount is desired to fund the Loans. In addition, the amount of the portion of any Loan purchased by S.K. Funding was adjusted to the lesser of (i) 45% of our approved appraised value or a third-party sales price if the collateral property is under agreement for sale, as applicable, and (ii) 50% of the maximum principal of the loan after deducting the loan fee. The interest rate for the Loans is the lesser of (i) the interest rate on such Loan or (ii) 14%, calculated on a 365/366 day basis. For such amounts of the Loan amount that are unsecured, the interest rate for such amounts is 9.5%, calculated on a 365/366 day basis. The loan receivables gross principal balance of the sold portion of the Loans as of December 31, 2023 was \$990.

The term of Thirteenth Amendment and S.K. Funding’s participation in the Loans, shall be through the repayment of the last Loan participated in by S.K. Funding pursuant to the terms of the Thirteenth Amendment.

Lines of Credit

Lines of Credit with Mr. Wallach and His Affiliates

During June 2018, we entered into the First Amendment to the line of credit with our Chief Executive Officer and his wife (the "Wallach LOC") which modified the interest rate on the Wallach LOC to generally equal the prime rate plus 3%. The interest rate for the Wallach LOC was 11.50% and 10.50% as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. As of December 31, 2023, and 2022, the amount outstanding pursuant to the Wallach LOC was \$160 and \$0, respectively. For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, interest expense was \$18 and \$0, respectively. The maximum amount outstanding on the Wallach LOC is \$1,250 and the loan is a demand loan.

During June 2018, we also entered into the First Amendment to the line of credit with the 2007 Daniel M. Wallach Legacy Trust, which is our CEO's trust (the "Wallach Trust LOC") which modified the interest rate on the Wallach Trust LOC to generally equal the prime rate plus 3%. The interest rate for this borrowing was 11.50% and 10.50% as of December 31, 2023 and 2022. As of December 31, 2023, and 2022, the amount outstanding pursuant to the Wallach Trust LOC was \$166 and \$0, respectively. For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, interest expense was \$20 and \$0, respectively. The maximum amount outstanding on the Wallach Trust LOC is \$250 and the loan is a demand loan.

Line of Credit with William Myrick

During June 2018, we entered into a line of credit agreement (the "Myrick LOC Agreement") with our Executive Vice President ("EVP"), William Myrick. Pursuant to the Myrick LOC Agreement, Mr. Myrick provides us with a line of credit (the "Myrick LOC") with the following terms:

- Principal not to exceed \$1,000;
- Secured by a lien against all of our assets;
- Cost of funds to us of prime rate plus 3%; and
- Due upon demand.

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the amount outstanding pursuant to the Myrick LOC was \$0 and \$35, respectively. For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, interest expense was \$2 and \$24, respectively.

Line of Credit with Shuman

During July 2017, we entered into a line of credit agreement (the "Shuman LOC Agreement") with Steven K. Shuman, which is now held by Cindy K. Shuman. Pursuant to the Shuman LOC Agreement, Shuman provides us with a revolving line of credit (the "Shuman LOC") with the following terms:

- Principal not to exceed \$1,325;
- Secured with assignments of certain notes and mortgages;
- Cost of funds to us of 10%; and
- Due in July 2024, but will automatically renew for additional 12-month periods, unless either party gives notice to not renew.

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the amount outstanding pursuant to the Shuman LOC was \$125. Interest expense was \$13 for both years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Line of Credit with Judith Swanson

During December 2021, the Swanson Line of Credit ("Swanson LOC") was assigned to Judith Swanson ("Judith Swanson LOC"), as trustee of a trust. Pursuant to the Swanson Modification Agreement, the Judith Swanson LOC provides us with a revolving line of credit with the following terms:

- Principal not to exceed \$7,000;
- Secured with assignments of certain notes and mortgages;
- Cost of funds to us of 6.75%; and
- Due in July 2024, but will automatically renew for additional 12-month periods, unless either party gives notice to not renew.

The Judith Swanson LOC was fully borrowed on the secured and unsecured portion of the line of credit as of December 31, 2023 and 2022. The secured balance on the Judith Swanson LOC was \$5,164 and \$6,473, as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Interest expense was \$556 and \$500 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

New Lines of Credit

During 2020 and 2019, we entered into one and four line of credit agreements, respectively (the "New LOC Agreements"). Pursuant to the New LOC Agreements, the lenders provide us with revolving lines of credit with the following terms:

- Principal not to exceed \$6,063;
- Secured with assignments of certain notes and mortgages;
- Cost of funds to us between 9.00% and 10.00%; and
- Terms generally allow the lenders to give one month notice after which the principal balance of a New LOC Agreement will reduce to a zero over the next six months.

The total balance of the New LOC Agreements was \$3,066 and \$2,790 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Interest expense was \$230 and \$287 for the year ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Mortgage Payable

During January 2018, we entered into a commercial mortgage on our office building with the following terms:

- Principal not to exceed \$660;
- Interest rate was 5.07% per annum until it increased 1.53% to 6.60% in January 2023 and is based on a year of 360 days; and
- Due in January 2033.

The principal amount of the Company's commercial mortgage was \$571 and \$587 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, interest expense was \$39 and \$31 respectively.

Community Loan

During June 2020, we entered into a business loan agreement with Community Bank ("Community Loan") with the following terms:

- Principal not to exceed \$362;
- Secured by certain of our foreclosed assets;
- Interest rate was 3.8% per annum based on a year of 360 days; and
- Due in July 2025.

During October 2022, we paid off the Community Loan principal of \$217, and the loan was terminated. Interest expense for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 was \$0 and \$10, respectively.

Secured Deferred Financing Costs

The Company had secured deferred financing costs of \$3 and \$4 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Secured Borrowings Secured by Loan Assets

Borrowings secured by loan assets are summarized below:

	December 31, 2023		December 31, 2022	
	Book Value of Loans which Served as Collateral	Due from Shepherd's Finance to Loan Purchaser or Lender	Book Value of Loans which Served as Collateral	Due from Shepherd's Finance to Loan Purchaser or Lender
Loan Purchaser				
Builder Finance	\$ 7,615	\$ 5,770	\$ 8,232	\$ 6,065
S.K. Funding	7,358	6,500	9,049	7,100
Lender				
Shuman	358	125	724	125
Jeff Eppinger	3,496	1,500	2,761	1,500
R. Scott Summers	2,177	1,003	1,334	728
John C. Solomon	598	563	1,172	563
Judith Swanson	10,038	5,164	9,571	6,473
Total	<u>\$ 31,640</u>	<u>\$ 20,625</u>	<u>\$ 32,843</u>	<u>\$ 22,554</u>

Unsecured Borrowings

Unsecured Notes through the Public Offering ("Notes Program")

The effective interest rate on borrowings through our Notes Program at December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022 was 9.01% and 8.60%, respectively, not including the amortization of deferred financing costs.

We generally offer four durations at any given time, ranging from 12 to 48 months from the date of issuance. Our fourth public notes offering, which was declared effective on September 16, 2022, includes a mandatory early redemption option on all Notes, provided that the proceeds are reinvested. In our historical offerings, there were limited rights of early redemption. Our 36-month Note sold in our third public notes offering had a mandatory early redemption option, subject to certain conditions.

The following table is a roll forward of our Notes Program:

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Gross notes outstanding, beginning of period	\$ 21,576	\$ 20,636
Notes issued	1,353	7,245
Note repayments / redemptions	(2,075)	(6,305)
Gross notes outstanding, end of period	20,854	21,576
Less deferred financing costs, net	(235)	(367)
Notes outstanding, net	<u>\$ 20,619</u>	<u>\$ 21,209</u>

The following is a roll forward of deferred financing costs:

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Deferred financing costs, beginning balance	\$ 835	\$ 1,061
Additions	103	223
Disposals	-	(449)
Deferred financing costs, ending balance	\$ 939	\$ 835
Less accumulated amortization	(703)	(468)
Deferred financing costs, net	<u>\$ 235</u>	<u>\$ 367</u>

The following is a roll forward of the accumulated amortization of deferred financing costs:

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Accumulated amortization, beginning balance	\$ 468	\$ 694
Additions	235	223
Disposals	-	(449)
Accumulated amortization, ending balance	<u>\$ 703</u>	<u>\$ 468</u>

Other Unsecured Debts

Our other unsecured debts are detailed below:

Loan	Maturity Date	Interest Rate ⁽¹⁾	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Unsecured Note with Seven Kings Holdings, Inc. Senior Subordinated	Demand ⁽²⁾	9.5%	\$ 410	\$ 500
Unsecured Line of Credit from Judith Swanson	October 2023	10.0%	1,836	527
Unsecured Line of Credit from Builder Finance, Inc. Senior Subordinated	January 2024	10.0%	750	750
Subordinated Promissory Note	April 2024	10.0%	100	100
Subordinated Promissory Note	February 2025	9.0%	600	600
Subordinated Promissory Note	October 2023	10.0%	-	400
Subordinated Promissory Note	March 2024	9.75%	500	500
Subordinated Promissory Note	December 2027	10.0%	20	20
Subordinated Promissory Note	February 2024	11.0%	20	20
Subordinated Promissory Note	January 2025	10.0%	15	15
Subordinated Promissory Note	January 2026	8.0%	-	10
Subordinated Promissory Note	March 2027	10.0%	26	-
Subordinated Promissory Note	November 2026	9.5%	200	200
Subordinated Promissory Note	October 2024	10.0%	700	700
Subordinated Promissory Note	December 2024	10.0%	100	100
Subordinated Promissory Note	April 2025	10.0%	202	202
Subordinated Promissory Note	July 2023	8.0%	-	100
Subordinated Promissory Note	July 2025	8.0%	100	-
Subordinated Promissory Note	September 2023	7.0%	-	94
Subordinated Promissory Note	September 2027	10%	108	-
Subordinated Promissory Note	October 2025	8.0%	100	100
Subordinated Promissory Note	December 2025	8.0%	180	180
Senior Subordinated Promissory Note	March 2026 ⁽³⁾	8.0%	374	374
Subordinated Promissory Note	August 2026	8.0%	291	291
Subordinated Promissory Note	July 2026 ⁽⁴⁾	1.0%	740	740
Junior Subordinated Promissory Note	July 2026 ⁽⁴⁾	20.0%	460	460
Senior Subordinated Promissory Note	October 2024 ⁽⁴⁾	1.0%	720	720
Junior Subordinated Promissory Note	October 2024 ⁽⁴⁾	20.0%	447	447
Subordinated Promissory Note	March 2029	10.0%	1,200	-
Subordinated Promissory Note	April 2024	10.0%	750	750
Subordinated Promissory Note	May 2027	10.0%	98	-
Subordinated Promissory Note	November 2027	10.0%	120	-
			<u>\$ 11,167</u>	<u>\$ 8,900</u>

(1) Interest rate per annum, based upon actual days outstanding and a 365/366-day year.

(2) Due six months after lender gives notice.

(3) Lender may require us to repay \$20 of principal and all unpaid interest with 10 days' notice.

(4) These notes were issued to the same holder and, when calculated together, yield a blended rate of 11% per annum.

8. Redeemable Preferred Equity

Series C cumulative preferred units (“Series C Preferred Units”) are redeemable by the Company at any time, upon a change of control or liquidation, or by the investor any time after 6 years from the initial date of purchase. The Series C Preferred Units have a fixed value which is their purchase price and preferred liquidation and distribution rights. Yearly distributions of 12% of the Series C Preferred Units’ value (provided profits are available) will be made on a quarterly basis. This rate may increase if any interest rate on our public Notes offering rises above 12%. Dividends may be reinvested monthly into additional Series C Preferred Units. The Series C Preferred Units have the same preferential rights as the Series B Preferred Units as more fully described in the following note.

Roll forward of redeemable preferred equity:

	<u>December 31,</u> <u>2023</u>	<u>December 31,</u> <u>2022</u>
Beginning balance	\$ 5,725	\$ 5,014
Additions from new investment	-	200
Distributions	(1,539)	(131)
Additions from reinvestment	587	642
Ending balance	<u>\$ 4,773</u>	<u>\$ 5,725</u>

The following table shows the earliest redemption options for investors in Series C Preferred Units as of December 31, 2023:

<u>Year Maturing</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Amount</u> <u>Redeemable</u>
2024	\$ 2,486
2025	510
2026	309
2027	1,262
2028	206
Total	<u>\$ 4,773</u>

During March 2023, the Company redeemed 11.78109 of the Series C Preferred Units, held by our CEO and his wife, at a redemption price of \$1,178, all of which was reinvested in Common Units.

9. Members’ Capital

The Company has two classes of equity units that it classifies as Members’ Capital: Class A common units (“Class A Common Units”) and Series B cumulative preferred units (“Series B Preferred Units”). As of December 31, 2023, the Class A Common Units are held by 10 members, all of whom have no personal liability. All Class A common members have voting rights in proportion to their capital account.

During March 2023, the Company issued 17,371 Class A Common Units for \$1,460. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, Class A Common Units outstanding were 20,000 and 2,629, respectively.

The Series B Preferred Units were issued to the Hoskins Group through a reduction in a loan issued by the Hoskins Group to the Company. In December 2015, the Hoskins Group agreed to purchase 0.1 Series B Preferred Units for \$10 at each closing of a lot to a third party in the land securing certain development loans.

During March 2023, the Company redeemed 100% of the outstanding Series B Preferred Units constituting 19 units, at a redemption price of \$1,900. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Hoskins Group owned a total of 0 and 19.0 Series B Preferred Units, which were issued for a total of \$0 and \$1,900, respectively.

On October 1, 2023, the Company entered into restricted unit agreements with Mark Reynolds, the Executive Vice President of Sales, and Catherine Loftin, the Chief Financial Officer, pursuant to which the Company issued 200 restricted common units to each of Mark Reynolds and Catherine Loftin. Vesting of the restricted common units commences from the grant date and occur thereafter on the first day of each subsequent calendar month subject to the Company satisfying monthly earnings goals, measured two months in arrears in accordance with the vesting schedule.

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, 14 and 0 restricted common units vested and 386 and 0 restricted common units were outstanding, respectively. In addition, stock compensation expense was \$7 and \$0 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

There are two additional authorized unit classes: Class A preferred units and Class B profit units. Once Class B profit units are issued, the existing Class A common units will become Class A preferred units. Class A Preferred units will receive preferred treatment in terms of distributions and liquidation proceeds.

Both the Series B Preferred Units and the Series C Preferred Units have the same basic preferential status as compared to the Class A Common Units, and are pari passu with each other. Both Preferred Unit types include a liquidation preference and a dividend preference, as well as a 12-month recovery period for a shortfall in earnings.

10. Related Party Transactions

The Company has two loan agreements with Daniel M. Wallach, our CEO, and his wife, pursuant to which they provide the Company with the Wallach LOC and the Wallach Trust LOC. The agreements lay out the terms under which those members can lend money to us, providing that we desire the funds and the members wish to lend. The interest rate on both the Wallach LOC and the Wallach Trust LOC generally equals prime plus 3%, as more fully described in Note 7.

The Company has a loan agreement with William Myrick, our EVP (the "Myrick LOC Agreement"), pursuant to which Mr. Myrick provides us with the Myrick LOC. The Myrick LOC Agreement lays out the terms under which Mr. Myrick can lend money to us, providing that we desire the funds and Mr. Myrick wish to lend. The rate on the Myrick LOC generally equals prime plus 3%, as more fully described in Note 7.

Two of our managers, Catherine Loftin our CFO and Mark Reynolds our EVP of Sales each own 1% of our Class A common units. Barbara L. Harshman, our EVP of Operations, owns 2% of our Class A common units. Mr. Myrick owns 15.3% of our Class A common units.

Mr. Wallach and his wife's parents own 33.29 and 5.42 of our Series C Preferred Units, respectively. One of our managers, Gregory L. Sheldon, owns 23.58 of our Series C Preferred Units.

The Company has a Senior Subordinated Promissory Note with the parents of Mr. Wallach for \$375. The interest rate on the promissory note is 10% and the lender may require us to repay \$20 of principal and all unpaid interest with 10 days' notice, as more fully described in Note 7.

A son of one of our Managers' is a minor participant in the Shuman LOC, which is more fully described in Note 7. In addition, Mr. Summers' son is a lender to the Company pursuant to a New LOC Agreement, with principal not to exceed \$2,000.

During 2021, Mr. Myrick purchased two loans from the Company for approximately \$141 and both loans were serviced by the company as of December 31, 2021. One loan paid off during 2022 and the second loan paid off in 2023.

During 2021, one of our managers purchased one loans from the Company for \$405. The loan paid off during 2022 and the proceeds were used to purchase another loan for \$417. The loan was serviced by the company and paid off in 2023.

The Hoskins Group had a preferred equity interest in the Company as of December 31, 2022 which was paid off in 2023. The Series B Preferred Units to the Hoskins Group, as more fully described in Note 9 – Members' Capital.

The Company has accepted investments under the Notes Program from employees, managers, members, and relatives of managers and members, with \$5,454 outstanding at December 31, 2023. For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 our investments from affiliates which exceed \$120 through our Notes Program and other unsecured debt are detailed below:

Investor	Relationship to Shepherd's Finance	Amount invested as of December 31,		Weighted average interest rate as of December 31,	Interest earned during the year ended December 31,	
		2023	2022		2023	2022
Eric A. Rauscher	Independent Manager	\$ 475	\$ 475	10.00%	\$ 48	\$ 48
Wallach Educational Trust	Member	-	162	-%	-	11
David Wallach Living Trust	Father of Member	377	366	8.94%	34	66
Gregory L. Sheldon	Independent Manager	828	598	9.60%	79	41
Joseph Rauscher	Parent of Independent Manager	144	144	7.00%	10	7
Kenneth Summers	Independent Manager	235	208	6.29%	15	4
Schultz Family Revocable Living Trust	Trustee is Mother -in-Law of Member	183	178	8.56%	16	13
Barbara Harshman	Member	129	-	8.87%	11	-
Lamar Sheldon	Parent of Independent Manager	274	253	10.0%	27	23
Daniel and Joyce Wallach	Member	135	-	10%	14	-
Scott Summers	Son of Independent Manager	250	500	8.00%	20	10
Madison Trust Company FBO Bruce Eppinger	5% Member	1,825	-	10.5%	192	-
Miguel Ascencio	5% Member	400	-	10.0%	40	-
Paula Eppinger	Parent of 5% Member	200	-	10.0%	20	-

11. Commitments and Contingencies

In the normal course of business there may be outstanding commitments to extend credit that are not included in the consolidated financial statements. Commitments to extend credit are agreements to lend to a customer as long as there is no violation of any condition established in the contract. Commitments generally have fixed expiration dates or other termination clauses and may require payment of a fee. Since many of the commitments are expected to expire without being drawn upon and some of the funding may come from the earlier repayment of the same loan (in the case of revolving lines), the total commitment amounts do not necessarily represent future cash requirements. The financial instruments involve, to varying degrees, elements of credit and interest rate risk in excess of amounts recognized in the consolidated financial statements. The Company evaluates each customer's creditworthiness on a case-by-case basis. Unfunded commitments to extend credit, which have similar collateral, credit risk and market risk to our outstanding loans, were \$25,263 and \$23,662 at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

12. Selected Quarterly Condensed Consolidated Financial Data (Unaudited)

Summarized unaudited quarterly condensed consolidated financial data for the quarters of 2023 and 2022 are as follows:

	Quarter 4 2023	Quarter 3 2023	Quarter 2 2023	Quarter 1 2023	Quarter 4 2022	Quarter 3 2022	Quarter 2 2022	Quarter 1 2022
Net interest and fee income	\$ 1,606	\$ 1,464	\$ 1,509	\$ 1,451	\$ 1,407	\$ 1,424	\$ 1,242	\$ 1,041
Credit loss provision	443	131	43	120	451	271	134	74
Net interest income after credit loss provision	1,163	1,333	1,466	1,331	956	1,153	1,108	967
Gain on sale of foreclosed assets	-	-	8	-	-	-	101	-
Gain on the sale of real estate assets	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-
Dividend or other income	24	16	19	21	90	31	25	70
SG&A expense	662	591	617	826	672	603	713	695
Depreciation and amortization	20	21	20	20	20	12	12	12
Loss on sale of foreclosed assets	-	-	-	34	-	-	-	-
Impairment (gain) loss on foreclosed assets	9	-	(9)	2	(33)	35	-	-
Net income	<u>\$ 496</u>	<u>\$ 737</u>	<u>\$ 875</u>	<u>\$ 470</u>	<u>\$ 387</u>	<u>\$ 534</u>	<u>\$ 509</u>	<u>\$ 330</u>

13. Non-Interest Expense Detail

The following table displays our selling, general and administrative expenses for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	2023	2022
Selling, general and administrative expenses		
Legal and accounting	\$ 274	\$ 244
Salaries and related expenses	1,708	1,611
Board related expenses	108	103
Advertising	40	134
Rent and utilities	61	74
Loan and foreclosed asset expenses	87	163
Travel	182	167
Other	236	187
Total SG&A	<u>\$ 2,696</u>	<u>\$ 2,683</u>

14. Subsequent Events

Management of the Company has evaluated subsequent events through March 15, 2024, the date these consolidated financial statements were issued.

On February 15, 2024, the Company entered into a certain Membership Interest Purchase Agreement (the "Agreement") with Mark L. Hoskins and Barrett Hoskins, pursuant to which Mark L. Hoskins and Barrett Hoskins agreed to sell to the Company and the Company agreed to purchase from Mark L. Hoskins and Barrett Hoskins 100% of the membership interests (the "Acquisition") in 339 Justabout Land Co., LLC ("339"), a land development company, for a purchase price of approximately \$3,892 (the "Purchase Price"). 339 was formed in 2022 and, in 2022, purchased a large tract of land in Peters Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, a suburb of Pittsburgh. The property has since been subdivided into two parcels. One parcel is being developed into 37 lots which should be available for construction of homes starting in the summer of 2024, of which one lot was purchased and is currently owned by Benjamin Marcus Homes, LLC ("BMH"), and the other parcel will be developed into 24 lots, which should be available for construction later this year or early next year (36 lots owned by 339 which should be available for construction, together with 24 lots owned by 339 which should be available for construction, the "60 Lots"). The total expected selling price of the lots is \$17,800. The Purchase Price was then deposited by Mark L. Hoskins and BMH, which they also own, as equity. BMH immediately repaid an intercompany debt to 339 of \$892, which in turn was returned to the Company, leaving the net investment at \$3,000. 339 was purchased subject to the debt owed by 339, which included a first position development loan from the Company, and two subordinate financings from lenders outside of the Company. After the Acquisition, the Company will have approximately \$9,100 invested in 339 and 339 will have an additional approximately \$1,900 in debt. The Company anticipates further expenditures of \$2,700 for development, not including capitalized interest.

On February 15, 2024, the Company completed the Acquisition of 339. In connection with the Acquisition, the Company caused 339 to enter into an agreement with BMH which gives BMH the option to purchase certain 37 lots owned by 339 for a period of one year at specified prices (the "Option Agreement"). BMH may exercise two additional one-year extensions 60 days prior to the expiration of the current option period or extension period subject to certain conditions. BMH incurred an option fee of \$890 for the first year of the option agreement. The Company is also working with BMH to sell some lots to a third party. The Company also caused 339 to enter into a management services agreement (the "Management Services Agreement") with BMH to manage the development of 60 Lots for a period of three years. The Management Services Agreement only pays BMH if all of the 60 Lots are sold within three years. If that is achieved, BMH will receive 67% of the profit from the sale of the 60 Lots.

As a result of the Acquisition, the Company has lowered the amount it is lending to BMH, its largest customer, which is owned by Mark Hoskins, and anticipates having direct sales contracts with third party builders for some of the lots, further reducing its exposure to its largest customer.

**AMENDMENT NO. 3
TO THE
SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AGREEMENT
OF
SHEPHERD'S FINANCE, LLC**

In accordance with Section 14.09 of the Second Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement, effective as of March 16, 2017, as amended (the "**Operating Agreement**"), of Shepherd's Finance, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "**Company**"), the Operating Agreement is hereby amended by this Amendment No. 3 (this "**Third Amendment**"). Capitalized Terms used and not otherwise defined in this Third Amendment shall have the meaning set forth in the Operating Agreement.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Members now desire to amend the Operating Agreement by this Third Amendment to reflect the agreement of the Members.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the matters set forth above, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Members hereto agree as follows:

1. Amendment to § 11.03. Section 11.03 of the Operating Agreement is hereby amended to add a new subsection Section 11.03(f) as follows:

The Tax Matters Member has full authority to allocate state income between Members in any manner that the Tax Matters Member, in its sole discretion, deems most efficient for combined Members, as a whole. Such authority may be exercised retroactively with regards to any report or tax return which is due but has not yet been filed with any Taxing Authority.

2. Continuation of Operating Agreement. The Operating Agreement and this Third Amendment shall be read together and shall have the same force and effect as if the provisions of the Operating Agreement and this Third Amendment were contained in one document. Any provision(s) of the Operating Agreement not amended by this Third Amendment shall remain in force and effect as provided in the Operating Agreement immediately prior to the date hereof. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of this Third Amendment and the Operating Agreement, the provisions of this Third Amendment shall control. This Third Amendment shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the Members hereto, their respective heirs, legal representatives and assigns.

3. Governing Law. All issues and questions concerning the application, construction, validity, interpretation and enforcement of this Third Amendment shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of Delaware, without giving effect to any choice or conflict of law provision or rule (whether of the State of Delaware or any other jurisdiction) that would case the application of laws of any jurisdiction other than those of the State of Delaware.

4. Counterparts. This Third Amendment may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall for all purposes be deemed an original, and all such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument. A signed copy of this Third Amendment delivered by facsimile, e-mail, or other means of Electronic Transmission shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original signed copy of this Third Amendment. The signature pages to this Third Amendment shall be deemed and may be used as counterpart signature pages to the Operating Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties to this Third Amendment have executed this Third Amendment effective as of January 9, 2024.

THE COMPANY:

Shepherd's Finance, LLC

By: /s/ Daniel M. Wallach
Name: Daniel M. Wallach
Title: Chief Executive Officer

THE MEMBERS (COMMON)

Daniel M. Wallach and Joyce S. Wallach

/s/ Daniel M. Wallach
Daniel M. Wallach

/s/ Joyce S. Wallach
Joyce S. Wallach

2007 Daniel M. Wallach Legacy Trust

By: /s/ Daniel M. Wallach
Daniel M. Wallach, Trustee

/s/ Eric A. Rauscher
Eric A. Rauscher

/s/ William Myrick
William Myrick

/s/ Kenneth R. Summers
Kenneth R. Summers

/s/ Barbara L. Harshman
Barbara L. Harshman

CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER
Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

I, Catherine Loftin, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K of Shepherd's Finance, LLC;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. I am responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under my supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b. Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under my supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d. Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Dated: March 15, 2024

By: _____
/s/ Catherine Loftin
Catherine Loftin
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as created by Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, the undersigned officer of Shepherd's Finance, LLC, (the "Company"), in connection with the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the period ended December 31, 2023 (the "Report") hereby certifies, to his knowledge, that:

- (i) the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and
- (ii) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Dated: March 15, 2024

By: _____
/s/ Daniel M. Wallach
Daniel M. Wallach
Chief Executive Officer and Manager
(Principal Executive Officer)

CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER
Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as created by Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, the undersigned officer of Shepherd's Finance, LLC, (the "Company"), in connection with the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the period ended December 31, 2023 (the "Report") hereby certifies, to her knowledge, that:

- (i) the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and
- (ii) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Dated: March 15, 2024

By: _____
/s/ Catherine Loftin
Catherine Loftin
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)
