

Freddie Mac Prices Final 2018 Low LTV STACR Deal

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New Program Enhancements Deepen Commitment to the CRT Market

MCLEAN, Va., Sept. 12, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Freddie Mac (OTCQB: FMCC) today announced the pricing of \$820 million Structured Agency Credit Risk (STACR®) Trust 2018-DNA3, its third and final 60-80 loan-to-value (LTV) deal of the year. As with the previous two STACR transactions, the notes are issued by a trust rather than as Freddie Mac debt. Through its STACR offerings, Freddie Mac transfers a significant portion of its mortgage credit risk on certain groups of loans to private investors.

Freddie Mac rolled out multiple program enhancements for STACR 2018-DNA3:

- Extended the term from 12.5-year to 30-year legal maturity
- Introduced new credit enhanced B-2 class offerings
- Offered new MAC notes for M-2, B-1, and B-2 classes

"This low LTV STACR Trust transaction builds on the progress we have made throughout the year, featuring a number of enhancements designed to make it more attractive to our growing list of investors," said Mike Reynolds, Freddie Mac's vice president of credit risk transfer. "More importantly, it deepens our commitment to the credit-risk transfer market, and we look forward to announcing additional improvements to this flagship offering in the coming months."

Pricing for STACR Trust Series 2018-DNA3:

- M-1 class was one-month LIBOR plus a spread of 75 basis points.
- M-2 class was one-month LIBOR plus a spread of 210 basis points.
- B-1 class was one-month LIBOR plus a spread of 390 basis points.
- B-2 class was one-month LIBOR plus a spread of 775 basis points.

STACR Trust 2018-DNA3 has a reference pool of single-family mortgages with an unpaid principal balance (UPB) of approximately \$30 billion, consisting of a subset of fixed-rate, single-family mortgages with LTVs ranging from 60 to 80 percent. The loans were acquired by Freddie Mac between Dec. 1, 2017, and March 31, 2018 and have an original term of 241 to 360 months.

As with STACR debt, a hypothetical structure of classes of reference tranches has been established which is backed by the mortgage loans in the reference pool. Freddie Mac holds in its entirety the senior loss risk A-H reference tranche and the first loss B-3H reference tranche in the capital structure. Freddie Mac also retains a portion of the risk in the class M-1, M-2, B-1, and B-2 reference tranches.

J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC are co-lead managers and joint bookrunners.

Freddie Mac has led the market in introducing new <u>credit risk transfer offerings</u>. Since 2013, the company has transferred a significant portion of credit risk on approximately \$1.1 trillion of UPB on single-family mortgages. The company has grown its investor base to more than 220 unique investors. Freddie Mac has a <u>STACR issuance calendar</u> to help investors plan their allocations.

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