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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

**QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the Quarterly Period Ended September 30, 2007

Commission file number 000-50448

MARLIN BUSINESS SERVICES CORP.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania
(State of incorporation)

38-3686388
(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

300 Fellowship Road, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054
(Address of principal executive offices)
(Zip code)

(888) 479-9111
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer and a large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer ☐ Accelerated filer ☒ Non-accelerated filer ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934).
Yes ☐ No ☒

At October 31, 2007, 12,323,412 shares of Registrant's common stock, \$.01 par value, were outstanding.

MARLIN BUSINESS SERVICES CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES

**Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q
for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2007**

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PART I. Financial Information

Item 1. Financial Statements

MARLIN BUSINESS SERVICES CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES Consolidated Balance Sheets

	<u>September 30,</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>December 31,</u> <u>2006</u>
	<u>(Dollars in thousands, except per-share data)</u>	
	<u>(Unaudited)</u>	
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,964	\$ 26,663
Restricted cash	68,634	57,705
Net investment in leases and loans	755,928	693,911
Property and equipment, net	3,281	3,430
Property tax receivables	852	257
Fair value of cash flow hedge derivatives	43	456
Other assets	11,855	13,030
Total assets	<u>\$ 851,557</u>	<u>\$ 795,452</u>
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Revolving and term secured borrowings	\$ 659,561	\$ 616,322
Other liabilities:		
Fair value of cash flow hedge derivatives	4,172	1,607
Sales and property taxes payable	9,804	8,034
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	9,974	12,269
Deferred income tax liability	17,613	22,931
Total liabilities	<u>701,124</u>	<u>661,163</u>
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' equity:		
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value; 75,000,000 shares authorized; 12,288,036 and 12,030,259 shares issued and outstanding, respectively	123	120
Preferred Stock, \$0.01 par value; 5,000,000 shares authorized; none issued	—	—
Additional paid-in capital	85,645	81,850
Stock subscription receivable	(7)	(18)
Accumulated other comprehensive income (expense)	(1,006)	1,892
Retained earnings	65,678	50,445
Total stockholders' equity	<u>150,433</u>	<u>134,289</u>
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 851,557</u>	<u>\$ 795,452</u>

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

**MARLIN BUSINESS SERVICES CORP.
AND SUBSIDIARIES
Consolidated Statements of Operations**

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
	(Dollars in thousands, except per-share data)			
	(Unaudited)			
Income:				
Interest income	\$ 22,622	\$ 19,629	\$ 66,210	\$ 55,996
Fee income	5,685	5,241	16,486	15,245
Interest and fee income	28,307	24,870	82,696	71,241
Interest expense	8,768	6,888	24,735	18,389
Net interest and fee income	19,539	17,982	57,961	52,852
Provision for credit losses	3,966	3,082	10,826	7,096
Net interest and fee income after provision for credit losses	15,573	14,900	47,135	45,756
Insurance and other income	1,659	1,365	4,888	3,949
Operating income	17,232	16,265	52,023	49,705
Non-interest expense				
Salaries and benefits	5,257	5,171	16,087	15,570
General and administrative	3,447	2,868	10,080	8,692
Financing related costs	202	408	662	1,060
Non-interest expense	8,906	8,447	26,829	25,322
Income before income taxes	8,326	7,818	25,194	24,383
Income taxes	3,298	3,088	9,961	9,631
Net income	\$ 5,028	\$ 4,730	\$ 15,233	\$ 14,752
Basic earnings per share	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.40	\$ 1.26	\$ 1.25
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.39	\$ 1.24	\$ 1.22
Weighted average shares used in computing basic earnings per share	12,155,152	11,838,677	12,066,077	11,755,028
Weighted average shares used in computing diluted earnings per share	12,355,484	12,154,889	12,310,198	12,114,655

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

**MARLIN BUSINESS SERVICES CORP.
AND SUBSIDIARIES**
Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity

	<u>Common Shares</u>	<u>Stock Amount</u>	<u>Additional Paid-In Capital</u>	<u>Stock Subscription Receivable</u> (Dollars in thousands) (Unaudited)	<u>Other Comprehensive Income</u>	<u>Retained Earnings</u>	<u>Total Stockholders' Equity</u>
Balance, December 31, 2005	11,755,225	\$ 117	\$ 77,186	\$ (25)	\$ 3,520	\$ 31,811	\$ 112,609
Issuance of common stock	15,739	—	343	—	—	—	343
Exercise of stock options	156,494	2	688	—	—	—	690
Tax benefit on stock options exercised	—	—	1,048	—	—	—	1,048
Stock option compensation recognized	—	—	1,090	—	—	—	1,090
Payment of receivables	—	—	—	7	—	—	7
Restricted stock grant	102,801	1	—	—	—	—	1
Restricted stock compensation recognized	—	—	1,495	—	—	—	1,495
Unrealized losses on cash flow hedge derivatives, net of tax	—	—	—	—	(1,628)	—	(1,628)
Net income	—	—	—	—	—	18,634	18,634
Balance, December 31, 2006	12,030,259	\$ 120	\$ 81,850	\$ (18)	\$ 1,892	\$ 50,445	\$ 134,289
Issuance of common stock	7,568	—	171	—	—	—	171
Exercise of stock options	206,792	2	1,646	—	—	—	1,648
Tax benefit on stock options exercised	—	—	1,197	—	—	—	1,197
Stock option compensation recognized	—	—	360	—	—	—	360
Payment of receivables	—	—	—	11	—	—	11
Restricted stock grant	43,417	1	—	—	—	—	1
Restricted stock compensation recognized	—	—	421	—	—	—	421
Unrealized losses on cash flow hedge derivatives, net of tax	—	—	—	—	(2,898)	—	(2,898)
Net income	—	—	—	—	—	15,233	15,233
Balance, September 30, 2007	12,288,036	\$ 123	\$ 85,645	\$ (7)	\$ (1,006)	\$ 65,678	\$ 150,433

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

**MARLIN BUSINESS SERVICES CORP.
AND SUBSIDIARIES
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2007	2006
	(In thousands) (Unaudited)	
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 15,233	\$ 14,752
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	2,148	1,966
Stock-based compensation	781	1,632
Excess tax benefits from stock-based payment arrangements	(1,197)	(960)
Amortization of deferred gain on cash flow hedge derivatives	(1,826)	(1,149)
Provision for credit losses	10,826	7,096
Deferred taxes	(3,413)	(870)
Amortization of deferred initial direct costs and fees	11,847	9,677
Deferred initial direct costs and fees	(14,631)	(13,817)
Effect of changes in other operating items:		
Other assets	658	2,767
Other liabilities	(499)	3,326
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>19,927</u>	<u>24,420</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchases of equipment for direct financing lease contracts and funds used to originate loans	(294,790)	(281,882)
Principal collections on leases and loans	226,326	195,384
Security deposits collected, net of returns	(1,595)	(719)
Acquisitions of property and equipment	(773)	(702)
Change in restricted cash	(10,929)	(132,178)
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(81,761)</u>	<u>(220,097)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Issuances of common stock, net of terminations	182	165
Exercise of stock options	1,648	634
Excess tax benefits from stock-based payment arrangements	1,197	960
Debt issuance costs	(131)	(1,901)
Term securitization advances	—	380,182
Term securitization repayments	(204,180)	(209,066)
Secured bank facility advances	160,652	154,558
Secured bank facility repayments	(133,960)	(130,168)
Warehouse advances	242,046	217,168
Warehouse repayments	(21,319)	(217,168)
Net cash provided by financing activities	<u>46,135</u>	<u>195,364</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(15,699)	(313)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	26,663	34,472
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	<u>\$ 10,964</u>	<u>\$ 34,159</u>
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:		
Cash paid for interest	\$ 25,230	\$ 18,132
Cash paid for income taxes	13,366	8,161

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

MARLIN BUSINESS SERVICES CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 — Organization

Description

Marlin Leasing Corporation provides equipment leasing and working capital solutions nationwide, primarily to small businesses in a segment of the equipment leasing market commonly referred to as the "small-ticket" segment. The Company finances over 70 categories of commercial equipment important to its end user customers including copiers, telephone systems, computers and certain commercial and industrial equipment. Marlin Leasing Corporation is managed as a single business segment.

In November 2003, Marlin Leasing Corporation merged into a wholly-owned subsidiary of Marlin Business Services Corp., a Pennsylvania business corporation, as part of a corporate reorganization in connection with our initial public offering. Marlin Leasing Corporation is the principal operating subsidiary of Marlin Business Services Corp.

References to the "Company", "we", "us", and "our" herein refer to Marlin Business Services Corp. and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, unless the context otherwise requires.

NOTE 2 — Basis of Financial Statement Presentation and Critical Accounting Policies

In the opinion of the management, the accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements contain all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring items) necessary to present fairly the Company's financial position at September 30, 2007 and the results of operations for the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, and cash flows for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2007 and 2006. These condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and note disclosures included in the Company's Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 9, 2007. The consolidated results of operations for the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2007 and 2006 are not necessarily indicative of the results for the respective full years. All intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current presentation.

Use of Estimates. The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Estimates are used when accounting for income recognition, the residual values of leased equipment, the allowance for credit losses, deferred initial direct costs and fees, late fee receivables and income taxes. Actual results could differ from estimates.

Income recognition. Interest income is recognized under the effective interest method. The effective interest method of income recognition applies a constant rate of interest equal to the internal rate of return on the lease. When a lease is 90 days or more delinquent, the lease is classified as non-accrual and we do not recognize interest income on that lease until the lease is less than 90 days delinquent.

Fee income. Fee income consists of fees for delinquent lease payments, cash collected on early termination of leases and other administrative fees. Fee income also includes net residual income which includes income from lease renewals and gains and losses on the realization of residual values of equipment disposed of at the end of term.

Fee income from delinquent lease payments is recognized on the accrual basis based on anticipated collection rates. Other fees are recognized when received. Net residual income includes charges for the reduction in estimated residual values on equipment for leases in renewal and is recognized during the renewal period. Residual balances at lease termination which remain uncollected more than 120 days are charged against income.

Insurance and other income. Insurance income is recognized on an accrual basis as earned over the term of the lease. Payments that are 120 days or more past due are charged against income. Ceding commissions, losses and loss adjustment expenses are recorded in the period incurred and netted against insurance income. Other income includes fees received from lease syndications and gains on sales of leases which are recognized when received.

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Initial direct costs and fees. We defer initial direct costs incurred and fees received to originate our leases and loans in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 91, *Accounting for Nonrefundable Fees and Costs Associated with Originating or Acquiring Loans and Initial Direct Costs of Leases*. The initial direct costs and fees we defer are part of the net investment in leases and loans, and are amortized to interest income using the effective interest method. We defer third party commission costs as well as certain internal costs directly related to the origination activity. The costs include evaluating the prospective lessee's financial condition, evaluating and recording guarantees and other security arrangements, negotiating terms, preparing and processing documents and closing the transaction. The fees we defer are documentation fees collected at lease inception. The realization of the deferred initial direct costs, net of fees deferred, is predicated on the net future cash flows generated by our lease and loan portfolios.

Lease residual values. A direct financing lease is recorded at the aggregate future minimum lease payments plus the estimated residual values less unearned income. Residual values reflect the estimated amounts to be received at lease termination from lease extensions, sales or other dispositions of leased equipment. These estimates are based on industry data and on our experience. Management performs periodic reviews of the estimated residual values and any impairment, if other than temporary, is recognized in the current period.

Allowance for credit losses. We maintain an allowance for credit losses at an amount sufficient to absorb losses inherent in our existing lease and loan portfolios as of the reporting dates based on our projection of probable net credit losses. To project probable net credit losses, we perform a migration analysis of delinquent and current accounts. A migration analysis is a technique used to estimate the likelihood that an account will progress through the various delinquency stages and ultimately charge off. In addition to the migration analysis, we also consider other factors including recent trends in delinquencies and charge-offs; accounts filing for bankruptcy; recovered amounts; forecasting uncertainties; the composition of our lease and loan portfolios; economic conditions; and seasonality. We then establish an allowance for credit losses for the projected probable net credit losses based on this analysis. A provision is charged against earnings to maintain the allowance for credit losses at the appropriate level. Our policy is to charge-off against the allowance the estimated unrecoverable portion of accounts once they reach 121 days delinquent.

Our projections of probable net credit losses are inherently uncertain, and as a result we cannot predict with certainty the amount of such losses. Changes in economic conditions, the risk characteristics and composition of the portfolio, bankruptcy laws, and other factors could impact our actual and projected net credit losses and the related allowance for credit losses. To the degree we add new leases and loans to our portfolios, or to the degree credit quality is worse than expected, we will record expense to increase the allowance for credit losses for the estimated net losses expected in our portfolios. Actual losses may vary from current estimates.

Securitizations. Since inception, the Company has completed eight term note securitizations of which five have been repaid. In connection with each transaction, the Company has established a bankruptcy remote special-purpose subsidiary and issued term debt to institutional investors. Under SFAS No. 140, *Accounting for Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Extinguishments of Liabilities*, a replacement of Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Statement 125, the Company's securitizations do not qualify for sales accounting treatment due to certain call provisions that the Company maintains as well as the fact that the special purpose entities used in connection with the securitizations also hold the residual assets. Accordingly, assets and related debt of the special purpose entities are included in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets. The Company's leases and restricted cash are assigned as collateral for these borrowings and there is no further recourse to the general credit of the Company. Collateral in excess of these borrowings represents the Company's maximum loss exposure.

Derivatives. SFAS 133, as amended, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*, requires recognition of all derivatives at fair value as either assets or liabilities in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. The Company records the fair value of derivative contracts based on market value indications supplied by financial institutions that are also counterparty to the derivative contracts. The accounting for subsequent changes in the fair value of these derivatives depends on whether a contract has been designated and qualifies for hedge accounting treatment pursuant to the accounting standard. For derivatives not designated or qualifying for hedge accounting, the related gain or loss is recognized in earnings for each period and included in other income or financing related costs in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. For derivatives designated for hedge accounting, initial assessments are made as to whether the hedging relationship is expected to be highly effective and ongoing periodic assessments may be required to determine the ongoing effectiveness of the hedge. The gain or loss on derivatives qualifying for hedge accounting is recorded in other comprehensive income on the Consolidated Balance Sheets net of tax effects (unrealized gain or loss on cash flow hedge derivatives) or in current period earnings depending on the effectiveness of the hedging relationship.

Stock-Based Compensation. SFAS No. 123(R), *Share-Based Payments* requires companies to recognize all share-based payments, which include stock options and restricted stock, in compensation expense over the service period of the share-based payment award.

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SFAS No. 123(R) establishes fair value as the measurement method in accounting for share-based payment transactions with employees, except for equity instruments held by employee share ownership plans.

Income taxes. The Company accounts for income taxes under the provisions of SFAS No. 109, *Accounting for Income Taxes*. SFAS No. 109 requires the use of the asset and liability method under which deferred taxes are determined based on the estimated future tax effects of differences between the financial statement and tax bases of assets and liabilities, given the provisions of the enacted tax laws. In assessing the realizability of deferred tax assets, management considers whether it is more likely than not that some portion of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. The ultimate realization of deferred tax assets is dependent upon the generation of future taxable income during the periods in which those temporary differences become deductible. Management considers the scheduled reversal of deferred tax liabilities and projected future taxable income in making this assessment. Based upon the level of historical taxable income and projections for future taxable income over the periods which the deferred tax assets are deductible, management believes it is more likely than not the Company will realize the benefits of these deductible differences.

Significant management judgment is required in determining the provision for income taxes, deferred tax assets and liabilities and any necessary valuation allowance recorded against net deferred tax assets. The process involves summarizing temporary differences resulting from the different treatment of items, for example, leases for tax and accounting purposes. These differences result in deferred tax assets and liabilities, which are included within the Consolidated Balance Sheets. Our management must then assess the likelihood that deferred tax assets will be recovered from future taxable income or tax carry-back availability and, to the extent our management believes recovery is not likely, a valuation allowance must be established. To the extent that we establish a valuation allowance in a period, an expense must be recorded within the tax provision in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

The Company adopted the provisions of FASB Interpretation No. 48 ("FIN 48"), *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes*, on January 1, 2007. FIN 48 prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. Guidance is also provided on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure and transition. Based on our evaluation, we concluded that there are no significant uncertain tax positions requiring recognition in our financial statements. There was no effect on our financial condition or results of operations as a result of implementing FIN 48, and we did not have any unrecognized tax benefits. At September 30, 2007, there have been no changes to the liability for uncertain tax positions and no unrecognized tax benefits. The periods subject to examination for the Company's federal return include the 1997 tax year to the present.

The Company records penalties and accrued interest related to uncertain tax positions in income tax expense. Such adjustments have historically been minimal and immaterial to our financial results.

NOTE 3 — Net Investment in Leases and Loans

Net investment in leases and loans consists of the following:

	September 30, 2007	December 31, 2006
	(Dollars in thousands)	
Minimum lease payments receivable	\$ 859,139	\$ 797,697
Estimated residual value of equipment	50,620	48,188
Unearned lease income, net of initial direct costs and fees deferred	(137,696)	(128,252)
Security deposits	(15,929)	(17,524)
Loans, net of unamortized deferred fees and costs	9,189	2,003
Allowance for credit losses	(9,395)	(8,201)
	<u>\$ 755,928</u>	<u>\$ 693,911</u>

Substantially all of the Company's leases are assigned as collateral for borrowings.

Initial direct costs net of fees deferred were \$27.1 million and \$24.3 million as of September 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, respectively, and are netted in unearned income and will be amortized to income using the level yield method. At September 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, \$38.1 million and \$35.1 million, respectively, of residual assets retained on our Consolidated Balance Sheets

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were related to copiers. Minimum lease payments receivable under lease contracts and the amortization of unearned lease income, net of initial direct costs and fees deferred, is as follows as of September 30, 2007:

	Minimum Lease Payments Receivable (Dollars in thousands)	Income Amortization (Dollars in thousands)
Period Ending December 31:		
2007	\$ 93,616	\$ 20,548
2008	318,474	61,653
2009	226,653	34,085
2010	135,664	15,664
2011	69,175	5,179
Thereafter	15,557	567
	<u>\$ 859,139</u>	<u>\$ 137,696</u>

NOTE 4 — Other Assets

Other assets are comprised of the following:

	September 30, 2007	December 31, 2006
	(Dollars in thousands)	
Derivative collateral	\$ 4,195	\$ 3,099
Accrued fees receivable	3,046	2,687
Deferred transaction costs	1,306	2,427
Factoring receivables	95	1,760
Prepaid expenses	654	871
Other	2,559	2,186
	<u>\$ 11,855</u>	<u>\$ 13,030</u>

During the first quarter of 2007 the Company refinanced a real estate related factoring receivable of \$469,000 into a 42-month fully amortizing term loan at a market rate of 14.00%. Effective November 2007 the Company is discontinuing the origination of new factoring agreements, and plans to withdraw from its factoring business that was in the pilot phase.

NOTE 5 — Revolving and Term Secured Borrowings

Scheduled principal and interest payments on outstanding debt as of September 30, 2007 are as follows:

	Principal (Dollars in thousands)	Interest⁽¹⁾
2007	\$ 269,538	\$ 10,520
2008	190,508	13,237
2009	115,148	6,119
2010	56,575	2,279
2011	26,354	400
Thereafter	1,438	3
Total	<u>\$ 659,561</u>	<u>\$ 32,558</u>

⁽¹⁾ Includes interest on term note securitizations only. Excludes interest on \$247.4 million of revolving bank facilities and CP conduit warehouse facilities.

On October 24, 2007 the Company closed a \$440 million term securitization which is not included in the schedule above. In connection with the transaction, 7 classes of notes were issued to investors. We expect total interest expense on the 2007 term transaction to approximate an average of 6.32% over the term of the borrowing.

NOTE 6 — Derivative Financial Instruments

We use derivative financial instruments to manage exposure to the effects of changes in market interest rates and to fulfill certain covenants in our borrowing arrangements. All derivatives are recorded on the Consolidated Balance Sheets at their fair value as either assets or liabilities. Accounting for the changes in fair value of derivatives depends on whether the derivative has been designated and qualifies for hedge accounting treatment pursuant to SFAS 133, as amended, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*. The Company expects that its hedges will be highly effective in offsetting the changes in cash flows of the forecasted transactions over the terms of the hedges and has documented this expected relationship at the inception of each hedge. Hedge effectiveness is assessed using the dollar-offset "change in variable cash flows" method which involves a comparison of the present value of the cumulative change in the expected future cash flows on the variable side of the swap to the present value of the cumulative change in the expected future cash flows on the hedged floating-rate asset or liability. The Company will retrospectively measure ineffectiveness using the same methodology. The gain or loss from the effective portion of a derivative designated as a cash flow hedge is recorded in other comprehensive income and the gain or loss from the ineffective portion is reported in earnings.

The Company has entered into various forward starting interest rate swap agreements related to anticipated term note securitization transactions. These interest rate swap agreements are designated as cash flow hedges of specific term note securitization transactions. During the term of each agreement, the fair value is recorded in other assets or other liabilities on the Consolidated Balance Sheets, and unrealized gains or losses are recorded in the equity section of the Consolidated Balance Sheets. The Company expects to terminate each agreement simultaneously with the pricing of the related term securitization, and amortize any realized gain or loss as an adjustment to interest expense over the term of the related borrowing.

Certain of these agreements were terminated simultaneously with the pricing of the related term securitization transactions. For each terminated agreement, the realized gain or loss was deferred and recorded in the equity section of the Consolidated Balance Sheets, and is being amortized as an adjustment to interest expense over the term of the related borrowing.

We issued a term note securitization in July, 2004 with certain classes of notes issued at variable rates to investors. We simultaneously entered into interest rate swap contracts to convert these borrowings to a fixed interest cost to the Company for the term of the borrowing. These interest rate swap agreements are designated as cash flow hedges of the term note securitization. The fair value is recorded in other assets or other liabilities on the Consolidated Balance Sheets, and unrealized gains or losses are recorded in the equity section of the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

The ineffectiveness related to these interest rate swap agreements designated as cash flow hedges was not material for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2007. The following tables summarize specific information regarding the interest rate swap agreements described above:

For Active Agreements:

Inception Date Commencement Date	August, 2007 October, 2007	August, 2006 October, 2007	August, 2007 October, 2008	August, 2006 October, 2008	July, 2004 July, 2004
(Dollars in thousands)					
Notional amount	\$100,000	\$200,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$11,603
For active agreements:					
Fair value recorded in other assets (liabilities)					
September 30, 2007	\$ (275)	\$ (2,104)	\$ (572)	\$ (1,221)	\$ 43
December 31, 2006	\$ —	\$ (983)	\$ —	\$ (624)	\$ 456
Unrealized gains (losses), net of tax, recorded in equity					
September 30, 2007	\$ (166)	\$ (1,271)	\$ (346)	\$ (737)	\$ 26
December 31, 2006	\$ —	\$ (591)	\$ —	\$ (375)	\$ 274

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For Terminated Agreements:

Inception Date	June/September, 2005	October/December, 2004
Commencement Date	September, 2006	August, 2005
Termination Date	September, 2006	August, 2005
	(Dollars in thousands)	
Notional amount	\$225,000	\$250,000
Realized gain at termination	\$ 3,732	\$ 3,151
Deferred gain, net of tax, recorded in equity		
September 30, 2007	\$ 1,171	\$ 317
December 31, 2006	\$ 1,900	\$ 680
Amortization recognized as decrease in interest expense		
Nine months ended September 30, 2007	\$ (1,220)	\$ (605)
Twelve months ended December 31, 2006	\$ (573)	\$ (1,334)
Expected amortization during next 12 months as decrease in interest expense	\$ (1,198)	\$ (436)

The Company also uses interest-rate cap agreements that are not designated for hedge accounting treatment to fulfill certain covenants in its special purpose subsidiary's warehouse borrowing arrangements. Accordingly, these cap agreements are recorded at fair value in other assets at \$361,000 and \$193,000 as of September 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, respectively. Changes in the fair values of the caps are recorded in financing related costs in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Operations. The notional amount of interest-rate caps owned as of September 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006 was \$228.5 million and \$225.0 million, respectively.

The Company also sells interest-rate caps to partially offset the interest-rate caps required to be purchased by the Company's special purpose subsidiary under its warehouse borrowing arrangements. These sales generate premium revenues to partially offset the premium cost of purchasing the required interest-rate caps. On a consolidated basis, the interest-rate cap positions sold partially offset the interest-rate cap positions owned. As of September 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, the notional amount of interest-rate cap sold agreements totaled \$206.3 million and \$176.9 million, respectively. The fair value of interest-rate caps sold is recorded in other liabilities at \$361,000 and \$190,000 as of September 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, respectively.

NOTE 7 — Comprehensive Income

The following table details the components of comprehensive income.

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
	(Dollars in thousands)			
Net income, as reported	\$ 5,028	\$ 4,730	\$ 15,233	\$ 14,752
Other comprehensive income:				
Changes in fair values of cash flow hedge derivatives	(4,366)	(3,486)	(2,978)	(762)
Amortization of deferred gain on cash flow hedge derivatives	(536)	(393)	(1,826)	(1,149)
Tax effect	1,940	1,544	1,906	761
Total other comprehensive income	(2,962)	(2,335)	(2,898)	(1,150)
Comprehensive income	\$ 2,066	\$ 2,395	\$ 12,335	\$ 13,602

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NOTE 8 – Earnings Per Common Share

The following is a reconciliation of net income and shares used in computing basic and diluted earnings per share:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
	(Dollars in thousands, except per-share data)			
Net income	\$ 5,028	\$ 4,730	\$ 15,233	\$ 14,752
Weighted average common shares outstanding used in computing basic EPS	12,155,152	11,838,677	12,066,077	11,775,028
Effect of dilutive securities:				
Stock options and restricted stock	200,332	316,212	244,121	339,627
Adjusted weighted average common shares used in computing diluted EPS	12,355,484	12,154,889	12,310,198	12,114,655
Net earnings per common share:				
Basic	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.40	\$ 1.26	\$ 1.25
Diluted	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.39	\$ 1.24	\$ 1.22

The shares used in computing diluted earnings per share exclude options to purchase 379,955 and 355,215 shares of common stock for the three-month periods ended September 30, 2007 and September 30, 2006, respectively, as inclusion of such shares would be anti-dilutive.

The shares used in computing diluted earnings per share exclude options to purchase 268,291 and 316,217 shares of common stock for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2007 and September 30, 2006, respectively, as inclusion of such shares would be anti-dilutive.

On November 2, 2007 the Board of Directors approved a stock repurchase plan. Under this program Marlin is authorized to repurchase up to \$15 million of its outstanding shares of common stock. This authority may be exercised from time to time and in such amounts as market conditions warrant. Any shares purchased under this plan would be returned to the status of authorized but unissued shares of common stock. The repurchases may be made on the open market, in block trades or otherwise. The program may be suspended or discontinued at any time. The stock repurchase will be funded using the Company's working capital.

NOTE 9 — Stock-Based Compensation

Under the terms of the Company's 2003 Equity Compensation Plan (as amended, the "2003 Plan"), employees, certain consultants and advisors, and non-employee members of the Company's board of directors have the opportunity to receive incentive and nonqualified grants of stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock and other equity-based awards as approved by the board. These award programs are used to attract, retain and motivate employees and to encourage individuals in key management roles to retain stock. The Company has a policy of issuing new shares to satisfy awards under the 2003 Plan. The aggregate number of shares under the 2003 Plan that may be issued pursuant to stock options or restricted stock grants is 2,100,000.

Stock Options

Option awards are generally granted with an exercise price equal to the market price of the Company's stock at the date of the grant and have 7- to 10-year contractual terms. All options issued contain service conditions based on the participant's continued service with the Company, and provide for accelerated vesting if there is a change in control as defined in the 2003 Plan.

Employee stock options generally vest over four years. The vesting of certain options is contingent on various Company performance measures, such as earnings per share and net income. Of the total options granted during the nine-month period ended September 30, 2007, 55,761 shares are contingent on performance factors. The Company has recognized expense related to performance options based on the most probable performance target as of September 30, 2007. Revised performance assumptions as of June 30, 2007 resulted in a reduction of \$140,000 in expense related to stock options during the nine-month period ended September 30, 2007.

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The Company also issues stock options to non-employee independent directors. These options generally vest in one year.

The fair value of each stock option granted during the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2007 and 2006 was estimated on the date of the grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. There were no stock options issued during the three-month periods ended September 30, 2007 and September 30, 2006. The weighted-average grant-date fair value of stock options issued for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2007 and 2006 was \$8.02 and \$8.50 per share, respectively. The following weighted average assumptions were used for valuing option grants made during the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2007 and 2006:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
Risk-free interest rate	n/a	n/a	4.51%	4.84%
Expected life (years)	n/a	n/a	5	5
Expected volatility	n/a	n/a	35%	35%
Expected dividends	—	—	—	—

The risk-free interest rate for periods within the contractual life of the option is based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of grant. The expected life for options granted during 2007 and 2006 represents the period the option is expected to be outstanding and was determined by applying the simplified method as allowed under the Securities and Exchange Commission's Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 107 ("SAB 107"). The expected volatility was determined using historical volatilities based on historical stock prices. The Company does not grant dividends, and therefore did not assume expected dividends.

The following is a summary of option activity for the nine months ended September 30, 2007:

Options	Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price
Outstanding at January 1, 2007	918,977	\$11.61
Granted	104,425	20.73
Exercised	(206,792)	7.97
Forfeited	(58,009)	19.75
Expired	—	—
Outstanding at September 30, 2007	758,601	13.23

During the three-month periods ended September 30, 2007 and September 30, 2006, the Company recognized total compensation expense related to options of \$100,000 and \$240,000 respectively. During the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2007 and September 30, 2006, the Company recognized total compensation expense related to options of \$360,000 and \$657,000, respectively.

The total pretax intrinsic value of stock options exercised was \$93,000 and \$504,000, respectively, for the three-month periods ended September 30, 2007 and September 30, 2006. The total pretax intrinsic value of stock options exercised was \$2.9 million and \$2.5 million, respectively, for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2007 and September 30, 2006. The related tax benefits realized from the exercise of stock options for the three-month periods ended September 30, 2007 and September 30, 2006 were \$37,000 and \$200,000, respectively. The related tax benefits realized from the exercise of stock options for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2007 and September 30, 2006 were \$1.2 million and \$960,000, respectively.

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The following table summarizes information about the stock options outstanding and exercisable as of September 30, 2007:

<i>Options Outstanding</i>					<i>Options Exercisable</i>			
Range of Exercise Prices	Number Outstanding	Weighted Average Remaining Life (Years)	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (In thousands)	Number Exercisable	Weighted Average Remaining Life (Years)	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (In thousands)
\$2.81 - 3.39	157,761	4.0	\$ 3.31	\$ 1,739	157,761	4.0	\$ 3.31	\$ 1,739
\$4.23 - 5.01	58,641	2.5	4.34	586	58,641	2.5	4.34	586
\$10.18	106,645	4.2	10.18	443	106,645	4.2	10.18	443
\$14.00-16.02	95,125	6.3	14.72	—	67,650	6.3	14.61	—
\$17.52-22.25	340,429	5.7	19.90	—	124,190	5.5	19.26	—
	<u>758,601</u>	<u>5.0</u>	<u>13.23</u>	<u>\$ 2,768</u>	<u>514,887</u>	<u>4.5</u>	<u>10.18</u>	<u>\$ 2,768</u>

The aggregate intrinsic value in the preceding table represents the total pretax intrinsic value, based on the Company's closing stock price of \$14.33 as of September 30, 2007, which would have been received by the option holders had all option holders exercised their options as of that date.

As of September 30, 2007, the total future compensation cost related to non-vested stock options not yet recognized in the Consolidated Statements of Operations was \$1.1 million and the weighted average period over which these awards are expected to be recognized was 2.7 years, based on the most probable performance target as of September 30, 2007. In the event maximum performance targets are achieved, an additional \$488,000 of compensation cost would be recognized over a weighted average period of 3.0 years.

Restricted Stock Awards

Restricted stock awards provide that, during the applicable vesting periods, the shares awarded may not be sold or transferred by the participant. The vesting period for restricted stock awards generally ranges from 3 to 10 years, though certain awards for special projects may vest in as little as one year depending on the duration of the project. All awards issued contain service conditions based on the participant's continued service with the Company, and may provide for accelerated vesting if there is a change in control as defined in the 2003 Plan.

The vesting of certain restricted shares may be accelerated to a minimum of 3 to 4 years based on achievement of various individual and Company performance measures. In addition, the Company has issued certain shares under a Management Stock Ownership Program. Under this program, restrictions on the shares lapse at the end of 10 years but may lapse (vest) in a minimum of three years if the employee continues employment at the Company and owns a matching number of other common shares in addition to the restricted shares.

Of the total restricted stock awards granted during the nine-month period ended September 30, 2007, 69,193 shares may be subject to accelerated vesting based on performance factors; 2,500 shares are contingent upon performance factors. The Company has recognized expense related to performance-based shares based on the most probable performance target as of September 30, 2007. Revised performance assumptions as of June 30, 2007 resulted in a reduction of \$203,000 in expense related to restricted stock awards during the nine-month period ended September 30, 2007.

The Company also issues restricted stock to non-employee independent directors. These shares generally vest in seven years from the grant date or six months following the director's termination from Board service.

The following table summarizes the activity of the non-vested restricted stock during the nine months ended September 30, 2007:

	Shares	Weighted Average Grant-Date Fair Value
Non-vested restricted stock at January 1, 2007	207,731	\$ 19.57
Granted	80,828	20.71
Vested	(47,117)	17.61
Forfeited	(37,411)	19.08
Non-vested restricted stock at September 30, 2007	<u>204,031</u>	<u>20.56</u>

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During the three-month periods ended September 30, 2007 and September 30, 2006 the Company granted restricted stock awards totaling \$165,000 and \$94,000, respectively. During the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2007 and September 30, 2006 the Company granted restricted stock awards totaling \$1.7 million and \$2.3 million, respectively.

As vesting occurs, or is deemed likely to occur, compensation expense is recognized over the requisite service period and additional paid-in capital is increased. The Company recognized \$49,000 and \$414,000 of compensation expense related to restricted stock for the three-month periods ended September 30, 2007 and September 30, 2006, respectively. The Company recognized \$421,000 and \$975,000 of compensation expense related to restricted stock for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2007 and September 30, 2006, respectively.

As of September 30, 2007, there was \$2.4 million of unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested restricted stock compensation to be recognized over a weighted average period of 3.0 years, based on the most probable performance target as of September 30, 2007. In the event maximum performance targets are achieved, an additional \$470,000 of compensation cost would be recognized over a weighted average period of 1.9 years.

There were 3,500 shares that vested during the three-month period ended September 30, 2007 and 47,117 shares that vested during the nine-month period ended September 30, 2007. The fair value of shares that vested during the three-month period ended September 30, 2007 was \$73,000. The fair value of shares that vested during the nine-month period ended September 30, 2007 was \$1.1 million.

Item 2. Management's Discussion And Analysis Of Financial Condition And Results Of Operations

The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and the related notes thereto in our Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. This discussion contains certain statements of a forward-looking nature that involve risks and uncertainties.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements in this document may include the words or phrases "can be," "expects," "plans," "may," "may affect," "may depend," "believe," "estimate," "intend," "could," "should," "would," "if" and similar words and phrases that constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Forward-looking statements are subject to various known and unknown risks and uncertainties and the Company cautions that any forward-looking information provided by or on its behalf is not a guarantee of future performance. Statements regarding the following subjects are forward-looking by their nature: (a) our business strategy; (b) our projected operating results; (c) our ability to obtain external financing; (d) our understanding of our competition; and (e) industry and market trends. The Company's actual results could differ materially from those anticipated by such forward-looking statements due to a number of factors, some beyond the Company's control, including, without limitation:

- availability, terms and deployment of capital;
- general volatility of the securitization and capital markets;
- changes in our industry, interest rates or the general economy;
- changes in our business strategy;
- the degree and nature of our competition;
- availability of qualified personnel; and
- the factors set forth in the section captioned "Risk Factors" in our Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Forward-looking statements apply only as of the date made and the Company is not required to update forward-looking statements for subsequent or unanticipated events or circumstances.

Overview

We are a nationwide provider of equipment leasing and working capital solutions, primarily to small businesses. We finance over 70 categories of commercial equipment important to businesses including copiers, telephone systems, computers, and certain commercial and industrial equipment. We access our end user customers through origination sources comprised of our existing network of independent equipment dealers and, to a lesser extent, through relationships with lease brokers and through direct solicitation of our end user customers. Our leases are fixed-rate transactions with terms generally ranging from 36 to 60 months. At September 30, 2007,

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our lease portfolio consisted of approximately 115,000 accounts with an average original term of 47 months and average original transaction size of approximately \$10,700.

Since our founding in 1997, we have grown to \$851.6 million in total assets at September 30, 2007. Our assets are substantially comprised of our net investment in leases which totaled \$746.9 million at September 30, 2007. Our lease portfolio grew approximately 13.9% in the past twelve months. Personnel costs represent our most significant overhead expense and we have added to our staffing levels to both support and grow our lease portfolio. Since inception, we have also added four regional sales offices to help us penetrate certain targeted markets, with our most recent office opening in Salt Lake City, Utah in 2006. Growing the lease portfolio while maintaining asset quality remains the primary focus of management. We expect our ongoing investment in our sales teams and regional offices to drive continued growth in our lease portfolio.

In addition to our goal of lease portfolio growth, in November 2006 we announced the introduction of two new financial products targeting the small business market: factoring and business capital loans. Factoring provides small business customers working capital funding through the discounted sale of their accounts receivable to the Company. Business capital loans provide small business customers access to credit through term loans. Effective November 2007 the Company is discontinuing the origination of new factoring agreements, and plans to withdraw from its factoring business that was in the pilot phase.

We generally reach our lessees through a network of independent equipment dealers and lease brokers. The number of dealers and brokers that we conduct business with depends on, among other things, the number of sales account executives we have. Accordingly, growth indicators that management evaluates regularly are sales account executive staffing levels and the activity of our origination sources, which are shown below.

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	As of or For the Year Ended December 31,				
	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Number of sales account executives	105	100	103	100	84	67
Number of originating sources ⁽¹⁾	1,266	1,295	1,295	1,244	1,147	929

⁽¹⁾ Monthly average of origination sources generating lease volume

Our revenue consists of interest and fees from our leases and loans and, to a lesser extent, income from our property insurance program and other fee income. Our expenses consist of interest expense and operating expenses, which include salaries and benefits and other general and administrative expenses. As a credit lender, our earnings are also significantly impacted by credit losses. For the quarter ended September 30, 2007, our annualized net credit losses were 1.85% of our average total finance receivables. We establish reserves for credit losses which require us to estimate expected losses in our portfolio.

Our leases are classified under generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America as direct financing leases, and we recognize interest income over the term of the lease. Direct financing leases transfer substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership to the equipment lessee. Our net investment in direct finance leases is included in our consolidated financial statements in "net investment in leases and loans." Net investment in direct financing leases consists of the sum of total minimum lease payments receivable and the estimated residual value of leased equipment, less unearned lease income. Unearned lease income consists of the excess of the total future minimum lease payments receivable plus the estimated residual value expected to be realized at the end of the lease term plus deferred net initial direct costs and fees less the cost of the related equipment. Approximately 73% of our lease portfolio at September 30, 2007 amortizes over the term to a \$1 residual value. For the remainder of the portfolio, we must estimate end of term residual values for the leased assets. Failure to correctly estimate residual values could result in losses being realized on the disposition of the equipment at the end of the lease term.

Since our founding, we have funded our business through a combination of variable-rate borrowings and fixed-rate asset securitization transactions, as well as through the issuance from time to time of subordinated debt and equity. Our variable-rate financing sources consist of a revolving bank facility and two commercial paper ("CP") conduit warehouse facilities. We issue fixed-rate term debt through the asset-backed securitization market. Typically, leases are funded through variable-rate borrowings until they are refinanced through the term note securitization at fixed rates. All of our term note securitizations have been accounted for as on-balance sheet

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transactions and, therefore, we have not recognized gains or losses from these transactions. As of September 30, 2007, \$412.1 million or 62.5% of our borrowings were fixed-rate term note securitizations.

Since we initially finance our fixed-rate leases with variable-rate financing, our earnings are exposed to interest rate risk should interest rates rise before we complete our fixed-rate term note securitizations. We generally benefit in times of falling and low interest rates. We are also dependent upon obtaining future financing to refinance our warehouse lines of credit in order to grow our lease portfolio. We currently plan to complete a fixed-rate term note securitization at least once a year. Failure to obtain such financing, or other alternate financing, would significantly restrict our growth and future financial performance. We use derivative financial instruments to manage exposure to the effects of changes in market interest rates and to fulfill certain covenants in our borrowing arrangements. All derivatives are recorded on the Consolidated Balance Sheets at their fair value as either assets or liabilities. Accounting for the changes in fair value of derivatives depends on whether the derivative has been designated and qualifies for hedge accounting treatment pursuant to Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") 133, as amended, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*.

Critical Accounting Policies

Our discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations are based upon our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America ("GAAP"). Preparation of these financial statements requires us to make estimates and judgments that affect reported amounts of assets and liabilities, revenues and expenses, and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of our financial statements. On an ongoing basis, we evaluate our estimates, including credit losses, residuals, initial direct costs and fees, other fees and realization of deferred tax assets. We base our estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Critical accounting policies are defined as those that are reflective of significant judgments and uncertainties. Our consolidated financial statements are based on the selection and application of critical accounting policies, the most significant of which are described below.

Income recognition. Interest income is recognized under the effective interest method. The effective interest method of income recognition applies a constant rate of interest equal to the internal rate of return on the lease. When a lease is 90 days or more delinquent, the lease is classified as being on non-accrual and we do not recognize interest income on that lease until the lease is less than 90 days delinquent.

Fee income consists of fees for delinquent lease payments, cash collected on early termination of leases and other administrative fees. Fee income also includes net residual income which includes income from lease renewals and gains and losses on the realization of residual values of equipment disposed of at the end of term.

Fee income from delinquent lease payments is recognized on an accrual basis based on anticipated collection rates. Other fees are recognized when received. Net residual income includes charges for the reduction in estimated residual values on equipment for leases in renewal and is recognized during the renewal period. Residual balances at lease termination which remain uncollected more than 120 days are charged against income.

Insurance income is recognized on an accrual basis as earned over the term of the lease. Payments that are 120 days or more past due are charged against income. Ceding commissions, losses and loss adjustment expenses are recorded in the period incurred and netted against insurance income.

Initial direct costs and fees. We defer initial direct costs incurred and fees received to originate our leases and loans in accordance with SFAS No. 91, *Accounting for Nonrefundable Fees and Costs Associated with Originating or Acquiring Loans and Initial Direct Costs of Leases*. The initial direct costs and fees we defer are part of the net investment in leases and loans, and are amortized to interest income using the effective interest method. We defer third party commission costs as well as certain internal costs directly related to the origination activity. The costs include evaluating the prospective lessee's financial condition, evaluating and recording guarantees and other security arrangements, negotiating terms, preparing and processing documents and closing the transaction. The fees we defer are documentation fees collected at lease inception. The realization of the deferred initial direct costs, net of fees deferred, is predicated on the net future cash flows generated by our lease and loan portfolios.

Lease residual values. A direct financing lease is recorded at the aggregate future minimum lease payments plus the estimated residual values less unearned income. Residual values reflect the estimated amounts to be received at lease termination from lease extensions,

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sales or other dispositions of leased equipment. These estimates are based on industry data and on our experience. Management performs periodic reviews of the estimated residual values and any impairment, if other than temporary, is recognized in the current period.

Allowance for credit losses. We maintain an allowance for credit losses at an amount sufficient to absorb losses inherent in our existing lease and loan portfolio as of the reporting dates based on our projection of probable net credit losses. To project probable net credit losses, we perform a migration analysis of delinquent and current accounts. A migration analysis is a technique used to estimate the likelihood that an account will progress through the various delinquency stages and ultimately charge off. In addition to the migration analysis, we also consider other factors including recent trends in delinquencies and charge-offs; accounts filing for bankruptcy; recovered amounts; forecasting uncertainties; the composition of our lease and loan portfolios; economic conditions; and seasonality. We then establish an allowance for credit losses for the projected probable net credit losses based on this analysis. A provision is charged against earnings to maintain the allowance for credit losses at the appropriate level. Our policy is to charge-off against the allowance the estimated unrecoverable portion of accounts once they reach 121 days delinquent.

Our projections of probable net credit losses are inherently uncertain, and as a result we cannot predict with certainty the amount of such losses. Changes in economic conditions, the risk characteristics and composition of the portfolio, bankruptcy laws, and other factors could impact our actual and projected net credit losses and the related allowance for credit losses. To the degree we add new leases and loans to our portfolio, or to the degree credit quality is worse than expected, we will record expense to increase the allowance for credit losses for the estimated net losses expected in our lease and loan portfolios.

Securitizations. Since inception, we have completed eight term note securitizations of which five have been repaid. In connection with each transaction, we established a bankruptcy remote special-purpose subsidiary and issued term debt to institutional investors. Under SFAS No. 140, *Accounting for Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Extinguishments of Liabilities*, a replacement of Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Statement 125, our securitizations do not qualify for sales accounting treatment due to certain call provisions that we maintain as well as the fact that the special purpose entities used in connection with the securitizations also hold the residual assets. Accordingly, assets and related debt of the special purpose entities are included in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets. Our leases and restricted cash are assigned as collateral for these borrowings and there is no further recourse to our general credit. Collateral in excess of these borrowings represents our maximum loss exposure.

Derivatives. SFAS 133, as amended, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*, requires recognition of all derivatives at fair value as either assets or liabilities in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. The accounting for subsequent changes in the fair value of these derivatives depends on whether each has been designated and qualifies for hedge accounting treatment pursuant to the accounting standard. For derivatives not designated or qualifying for hedge accounting, the related gain or loss is recognized in earnings for each period and included in other income or financing related costs in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. For derivatives designated for hedge accounting, initial assessments are made as to whether the hedging relationship is expected to be highly effective and ongoing periodic assessments may be required to determine the ongoing effectiveness of the hedge. The gain or loss on derivatives qualifying for hedge accounting is recorded in other comprehensive income on the Consolidated Balance Sheets net of tax effects (unrealized gain or loss on cash flow hedge derivatives) or in current period earnings depending on the effectiveness of the hedging relationship.

Stock-Based Compensation. We issue both restricted shares and stock options to certain employees and directors as part of our overall compensation strategy. SFAS No. 123(R), *Share-Based Payments* requires companies to recognize all share-based payments, which include stock options and restricted stock, in compensation expense over the service period of the share-based payment award. SFAS No. 123(R) establishes fair value as the measurement method in accounting for share-based payment transactions with employees, except for equity instruments held by employee share ownership plans.

Income taxes. Significant management judgment is required in determining the provision for income taxes, deferred tax assets and liabilities and any necessary valuation allowance recorded against net deferred tax assets. The process involves summarizing temporary differences resulting from the different treatment of items, for example, leases for tax and accounting purposes. These differences result in deferred tax assets and liabilities, which are included within the Consolidated Balance Sheets. Our management must then assess the likelihood that deferred tax assets will be recovered from future taxable income or tax carry-back availability and, to the extent our management believes recovery is not likely, a valuation allowance must be established. To the extent that we establish a valuation allowance in a period, an expense must be recorded within the tax provision in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

The Company adopted the provisions of FASB Interpretation No. 48 ("FIN 48"), *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes*, on January 1, 2007. FIN 48 prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and

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measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. Guidance is also provided on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure and transition. Based on our evaluation, we concluded that there are no significant uncertain tax positions requiring recognition in our financial statements. There was no effect on our financial condition or results of operations as a result of implementing FIN 48, and we did not have any unrecognized tax benefits. At September 30, 2007, there have been no changes to the liability for uncertain tax positions and no unrecognized tax benefits. The periods subject to examination for the Company's federal return include the 1997 tax year to the present.

The Company records penalties and accrued interest related to uncertain tax positions in income tax expense. Such adjustments have historically been minimal and immaterial to our financial results.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Comparison of the Three Months Ended September 30, 2007 and 2006

Net income. Net income was \$5.0 million for the three-month period ended September 30, 2007, resulting in diluted earnings per share of \$0.41. Net income for the same period in 2006 was \$4.7 million, or \$0.39 diluted earnings per share.

Net income for the third quarter of 2007 increased 6.3%, or \$298,000, compared to third quarter 2006 net income. Diluted earnings per share for the third quarter of 2007 increased 5.1%, or \$0.02, compared to third quarter 2006. During the three months ended September 30, 2007, net interest and fee income increased primarily due to growth in our investment in direct financing leases and loans, partially offset by increased interest expense.

During the three months ended September 30, 2007, we generated 7,609 new leases with a cost of \$86.2 million compared to 8,824 leases with a cost of \$101.0 million generated for the three months ended September 30, 2006. Overall, our average net investment in total finance receivables at September 30, 2007 increased 17.4% to \$733.3 million compared to \$624.7 million at September 30, 2006.

	Three Months Ended September 30,	
	2007	2006
	(Dollars in thousands)	
Interest income	\$ 22,622	\$ 19,629
Fee income	5,685	5,241
Interest and fee income	28,307	24,870
Interest expense	8,768	6,888
Net interest and fee income	<u>\$ 19,539</u>	<u>\$ 17,982</u>
Average total finance receivables ⁽¹⁾	\$ 733,304	\$ 624,711
Percent of average total finance receivables:		
Interest income	12.34%	12.57%
Fee income	3.10	3.35
Interest and fee income	15.44	15.92
Interest expense	4.78	4.41
Net interest and fee margin	<u>10.66%</u>	<u>11.51%</u>

⁽¹⁾ Total finance receivables includes net investment in direct financing leases, loans and factoring receivables. For the calculations above, the effects of (1) the allowance for credit losses, and (2) initial direct costs and fees deferred, are excluded.

Net interest and fee margin. Net interest and fee income increased \$1.5 million, or 8.3%, to \$19.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007 from \$18.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2006. The annualized net interest and fee margin decreased 85 basis points to 10.66% in the three-month period ended September 30, 2007 from 11.51% for the same period in 2006.

Interest income, net of amortized initial direct costs and fees, increased \$3.0 million, or 15.3%, to \$22.6 million for the three-month period ended September 30, 2007 from \$19.6 million for the three-month period ended September 30, 2006. The increase in interest income was due principally to a 17.4% growth in average total finance receivables, which increased \$108.6 million to \$733.3 million at September 30, 2007 from \$624.7 million at September 30, 2006. The weighted average implicit interest rate on new leases originated

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increased 33 basis points to 13.06% for the three-month period ended September 30, 2007 compared to 12.73% for the three month period ended September 30, 2006.

Fee income increased \$444,000, or 9.6%, to \$5.7 million for the three-month period ended September 30, 2007 from \$5.2 million for the same period in 2006. The largest increase came from higher administrative and late fee income that grew \$636,000 to \$3.6 million for the three-month period ended September 30, 2007, compared to \$3.0 million for the same period in 2006, partially offset by net residual income that declined \$186,000 to \$1.6 million for the three-month period ended September 30, 2007, compared to \$1.7 million for the same period in 2006. The increase in administrative and late fee income is primarily attributable to the continued growth of our lease and loan portfolios. The decline in residual income is primarily due to lower proceeds received from the sale of returned equipment. Fee income, as an annualized percentage of average total finance receivables, decreased 25 basis points to 3.10% for the three-month period ended September 30, 2007 from 3.35% for the same period in 2006, primarily due to lower net residual income.

Interest expense increased \$1.9 million to \$8.8 million for the three-month period ended September 30, 2007 from \$6.9 million for the same period in 2006. The dollar increase in interest expense is attributed to a combination of higher borrowings needed to fund the continued growth of the Company and increased interest rates on the Company's borrowed monies. Interest expense, as an annualized percentage of average total finance receivables, increased 37 basis points to 4.78% for the three-month period ended September 30, 2007, from 4.41% for the same period in 2006. This increase is primarily due to higher interest rates on the Company's borrowings due to increased market interest rates.

Interest expense as an annualized percentage of weighted average borrowings was 5.39% for the quarter ended September 30, 2007 compared to 4.98% for the same period in 2006. The higher interest costs reflect a generally rising interest rate environment which may affect both our variable-rate warehouse lines and our fixed-rate term securitizations. The average balance for our warehouse facilities was \$207.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007 compared to \$155.1 million for the same period ended September 30, 2006. The average borrowing cost for our warehouse facilities was 6.07% for the quarter ended September 30, 2007, unchanged from the quarter ended September 30, 2006.

Interest costs on our August 2005 and September 2006 issued term securitization borrowings increased over those issued in 2003 and 2004 due to the rising interest rate environment. For the three months ended September 30, 2007, average term securitization borrowings outstanding were \$443.3 million at a weighted average coupon of 4.72% compared with \$397.9 million at a weighted average coupon of 4.23% for the same period in 2006. On August 18, 2005 we closed on the issuance of our seventh term note securitization transaction in the amount of \$340.6 million at a weighted average interest coupon approximating 4.81% over the term of the financing. After the effects of hedging and other transaction costs are considered, we expect total interest expense on the 2005 term transaction to approximate an average of 4.50% over the term of the borrowing. On September 21, 2006 we closed on the issuance of our eighth term note securitization transaction in the amount of \$380.2 million at a weighted average interest coupon approximating 5.51% over the term of the financing. After the effects of hedging and other transaction costs are considered, we expect total interest expense on the 2006 term transaction to approximate an average of 5.21% over the term of the borrowing.

On September 15, 2006 we elected to exercise our call option and pay off the remaining \$31.5 million of our 2003 term securitization, which carried a coupon rate of approximately 3.19%.

Insurance and other income. Insurance and other income was \$1.7 million for the three-month period ended September 30, 2007, compared to \$1.4 million for the same period ended September 30, 2006, primarily due to higher insurance billings.

Salaries and benefits expense. Salaries and benefits expense increased \$86,000, or 1.9%, to \$5.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007 from \$5.2 million for the same period in 2006. Expense related to stock-based compensation decreased by \$509,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2007 compared to the same period in 2006, primarily due to revised performance and forfeiture assumptions. For the three months ended September 30, 2007 sales related compensation decreased \$174,000 compared to the same period in 2006, primarily due to decreased commissions earned for the period. Compensation related to the factoring business totaled \$73,000, compared to \$58,000 for the same period in 2006. Compensation related to Marlin Business Bank (in organization) totaled \$118,000, comparable to \$144,000 for the same period in 2006. Total personnel increased to 331 at September 30, 2007 from 310 at September 30, 2006.

General and administrative expense. General and administrative expenses increased \$579,000, or 17.2%, to \$3.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007 from \$2.9 million for the same period in 2006. Of this increase, \$213,000 relates to increased marketing expenses. General and administrative expense as an annualized percentage of average total finance receivables was 1.88% for the three-month period ended September 30, 2007, compared to 1.84% for the three-month period ended September 30, 2006.

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Financing related costs. Financing related costs include commitment fees paid to our financing sources and costs pertaining to our derivative contracts used to manage interest rate exposure that do not qualify for hedge accounting treatment. Financing related costs decreased \$206,000, to \$202,000 for the three-month period ended September 30, 2007 compared to the same period in 2006, primarily due to decreased mark-to-market expense. Mark-to-market expense of \$2,000 was recorded on our interest rate caps for the three-month period ended September 30, 2007 compared to \$170,000 of expense for the three-month period ended September 30, 2006. Commitment fees were \$200,000 for the three-month period ended September 30, 2007 compared with \$238,000 for the three-month period ended September 30, 2006.

Provision for credit losses. The provision for credit losses increased \$884,000, or 29.0%, to \$4.0 million for the three-month period ended September 30, 2007 from \$3.1 million for the same period in 2006. The increase in the provision for credit losses was primarily the result of higher net charge-offs. Net charge-offs were \$3.4 million for the three-month period ended September 30, 2007, compared to \$2.7 million for the same period in 2006.

Provision for income taxes. The provision for income taxes increased 6.5% to \$3.3 million for the three-month period ended September 30, 2007 from \$3.1 million for the same period in 2006. The increase is primarily attributable to the increase in pretax income. Our effective tax rate was 39.6% for the three-month period ended September 30, 2007, compared to 39.5% for the three-month period ended September 30, 2006.

Comparison of the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2007 and 2006

Net income. Net income was \$15.2 million for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2007, resulting in diluted earnings per share of \$1.24. Net income for the same period in 2006 was \$14.8 million, or \$1.22 diluted earnings per share.

Due to better than expected collections on leases in areas affected by Hurricane Katrina, net income for the second quarter of 2006 was positively impacted by an after-tax reduction of the allowance for credit losses of \$545,000, or \$0.045 diluted earnings per share. Excluding the favorable impact of this allowance reduction, net income for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2006, was \$14.2 million and diluted earnings per share was \$1.17.

Net income for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2007 increased 7.0%, or \$1.0 million, compared to net income for the same period of 2006 excluding the impact of the allowance reduction. Diluted earnings per share for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2007 increased 6.0%, or \$0.07, compared to the same period of 2006 excluding the impact of the allowance reduction. During the nine months ended September 30, 2007, net interest and fee income increased due to growth in our investment in direct financing leases and loans, partially offset by increased interest expense.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2007, we generated 24,671 new leases with a cost of \$286.1 million compared to 25,111 leases with a cost of \$280.9 million generated for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. Overall, our average net investment in total finance receivables at September 30, 2007 increased 20.0% to \$714.2 million compared to \$595.0 million at September 30, 2006.

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2007	2006
	(Dollars in thousands)	
Interest income	\$ 66,210	\$ 55,996
Fee income	16,486	15,245
Interest and fee income	82,696	71,241
Interest expense	24,735	18,389
Net interest and fee income	<u>\$ 57,961</u>	<u>\$ 52,852</u>
Average total finance receivables ⁽¹⁾	\$ 714,150	\$ 594,955
Percent of average total finance receivables:		
Interest income	12.36%	12.55%
Fee income	3.08	3.41
Interest and fee income	15.44	15.96
Interest expense	4.62	4.12
Net interest and fee margin	<u>10.82%</u>	<u>11.84%</u>

⁽¹⁾ Total finance receivables includes net investment in direct financing leases, loans and factoring receivables. For the calculations above, the effects of (1) the allowance for credit losses, and (2) initial direct costs and fees deferred, are excluded.

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Net interest and fee margin. Net interest and fee income increased \$5.1 million, or 9.6%, to \$58.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 from \$52.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. The annualized net interest and fee margin decreased 102 basis points to 10.82% in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2007 from 11.84% for the same period in 2006.

Interest income, net of amortized initial direct costs and fees, increased \$10.2 million, or 18.2%, to \$66.2 million for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2007 from \$56.0 million for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2006. The increase in interest income was due principally to a 20.0% growth in average total finance receivables, which increased \$119.2 million to \$714.2 million at September 30, 2007 from \$595.0 million at September 30, 2006. The weighted average implicit interest rate on new leases originated was 12.96% for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2007, representing an increase of 22 basis points compared to 12.74% for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2006.

Fee income increased \$1.3 million, or 8.6%, to \$16.5 million for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2007 from \$15.2 million for the same period in 2006. The largest increase came from higher administrative and late fee income that grew \$2.0 million to \$10.4 million for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2007, compared to \$8.4 million for the same period in 2006, partially offset by net residual income that declined \$747,000 to \$4.5 million for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2007, compared to \$5.3 million for the same period in 2006. The increase in administrative and late fee income is primarily attributable to the continued growth of our lease and loan portfolios. The decline in residual income is primarily due to lower proceeds received from the sale of returned equipment. Fee income, as an annualized percentage of average total finance receivables, decreased 33 basis points to 3.08% for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2007 from 3.41% for the same period in 2006, primarily due to lower net residual income.

Interest expense increased \$6.3 million to \$24.7 million for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2007, from \$18.4 million for the same period in 2006. The dollar increase in interest expense is attributed to a combination of higher borrowings needed to fund the continued growth of the Company and increased interest rates on the Company's borrowed monies. Interest expense, as an annualized percentage of average total finance receivables, increased 50 basis points to 4.62% for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2007, from 4.12% for the same period in 2006. This increase is primarily due to higher interest rates on the Company's borrowings due to increased market interest rates.

Interest expense as an annualized percentage of weighted average borrowings was 5.21% for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2007 compared to 4.70% for the same period in 2006. The higher interest costs reflect a generally rising interest rate environment which may affect both our variable-rate warehouse lines and our fixed-rate term securitizations. The average balance for our warehouse facilities was \$122.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 compared to \$87.4 million for the same period ended September 30, 2006. The average borrowing cost for our warehouse facilities was 5.98% for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2007 and 5.97% for the nine-month period September 30, 2006.

Interest costs on our August 2005 and September 2006 issued term securitization borrowings increased over those issued in 2003 and 2004 due to the rising interest rate environment. For the nine months ended September 30, 2007, average term securitization borrowings outstanding were \$510.3 million at a weighted average coupon of 4.70% compared with \$434.4 million at a weighted average coupon of 4.10% for the same period in 2006. On August 18, 2005 we closed on the issuance of our seventh term note securitization transaction in the amount of \$340.6 million at a weighted average interest coupon approximating 4.81% over the term of the financing. After the effects of hedging and other transaction costs are considered, we expect total interest expense on the 2005 term transaction to approximate an average of 4.50% over the term of the borrowing. On September 21, 2006 we closed on the issuance of our eighth term note securitization transaction in the amount of \$380.2 million at a weighted average interest coupon approximating 5.51% over the term of the financing. After the effects of hedging and other transaction costs are considered, we expect total interest expense on the 2006 term transaction to approximate an average of 5.21% over the term of the borrowing.

On September 15, 2006 we elected to exercise our call option and pay off the remaining \$31.5 million of our 2003 term securitization, which carried a coupon rate of approximately 3.19%.

Insurance and other income. Insurance and other income increased \$939,000, or 25.6%, to \$4.9 million for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2007, compared to \$3.9 million for the same period ended September 30, 2006, primarily due to higher insurance billings.

Salaries and benefits expense. Salaries and benefits expense increased \$517,000, or 3.2%, to \$16.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 from \$15.6 million for the same period in 2006. Expense related to stock-based compensation decreased by \$809,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 compared to the same period in 2006, primarily due to revised performance

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and forfeiture assumptions. For the nine months ended September 30, 2007 sales related compensation increased \$253,000 compared to the same period in 2006, primarily due to an increased number of sales and marketing representatives during 2007. Compensation related to the factoring business totaled \$302,000, compared to \$75,000 for the same period in 2006. Compensation related to Marlin Business Bank (in organization) totaled \$365,000, compared to \$391,000 for the same period in 2006. Total personnel increased to 331 at September 30, 2007 from 310 at September 30, 2006.

General and administrative expense. General and administrative expenses increased \$1.4 million, or 16.1%, to \$10.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 from \$8.7 million for the same period in 2006. General and administrative expense as an annualized percentage of average total finance receivables was 1.88% for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2007, compared to 1.95% for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2006.

Financing related costs. Financing related costs include commitment fees paid to our financing sources and costs pertaining to our derivative contracts used to manage interest rate exposure that do not qualify for hedge accounting treatment. Financing related costs decreased \$398,000 to \$662,000 for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2007 from \$1.1 million for the same period in 2006. Mark-to-market expense of \$10,000 was recorded on our interest rate caps for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2007 compared to \$100,000 for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2006. Commitment fees were \$652,000 for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2007 compared with \$960,000 for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2006.

Provision for credit losses. The provision for credit losses increased \$3.7 million, or 52.1%, to \$10.8 million for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2007 from \$7.1 million for the same period in 2006. A significant portion of the increase in our provision for credit losses was the result of a second quarter 2006 provision reduction of \$901,000, due to lower losses than originally anticipated in areas affected by Hurricane Katrina. The remainder of the increase in the provision for credit losses resulted primarily from higher net charge-offs. Net charge-offs increased \$2.5 million to \$9.6 million for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2007, from \$7.1 million for the same period in 2006.

Provision for income taxes. The provision for income taxes increased 4.2% to \$10.0 million for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2007 from \$9.6 million for the same period in 2006. The increase is primarily attributable to the increase in pretax income. Our effective tax rate was 39.5% for both nine-month periods ended September 30, 2007 and September 30, 2006.

FINANCE RECEIVABLES AND ASSET QUALITY

Our net investment in leases and loans grew \$62.0 million or 8.9% to \$755.9 million at September 30, 2007, from \$693.9 million at December 31, 2006. The Company continues to pursue growth strategies designed to increase the number of independent equipment dealers and other origination sources that generate and develop lease customers. The Company's leases are generally assigned as collateral for borrowings as described below in Liquidity and Capital Resources.

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The activity of the allowance for credit losses and delinquent accounts follows:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended September 30,		Year Ended
	September 30,		September 30,		December 31,
	2007	2006	2007	2006	2006
	(Dollars in thousands)				
Allowance for credit losses, beginning of period	\$ 8,829	\$ 7,370	\$ 8,201	\$ 7,813	\$ 7,813
Provision for credit losses	3,966	3,082	10,826	7,096	9,934
Charge-offs, net	(3,400)	(2,685)	(9,632)	(7,142)	(9,546)
Allowance for credit losses, end of period	<u>\$ 9,395</u>	<u>\$ 7,767</u>	<u>\$ 9,395</u>	<u>\$ 7,767</u>	<u>\$ 8,201</u>
Annualized net charge-offs to average total finance receivables ⁽¹⁾	1.85%	1.72%	1.80%	1.60%	1.56%
Allowance for credit losses to total finance receivables, end of period ⁽¹⁾	1.27%	1.21%	1.27%	1.21%	1.21%
Average net investment in total finance receivables ⁽¹⁾	\$733,304	\$624,711	\$ 714,150	\$ 594,955	\$ 611,348
Net investment in total finance receivables, end of period ⁽¹⁾	\$738,373	\$642,419	\$ 738,373	\$ 642,419	\$ 679,621
Delinquencies 60 days or more past due	\$ 7,951	\$ 4,411	\$ 7,951	\$ 4,411	\$ 5,715
Delinquencies 60 days or more past due ⁽²⁾	0.91%	0.58%	0.91%	0.58%	0.71%
Allowance for credit losses to delinquent accounts 60 days or more past due ⁽²⁾	118.16%	176.08%	118.16%	176.08%	143.50%
Non-accrual leases and loans	\$ 3,438	\$ 1,876	\$ 3,438	\$ 1,876	\$ 2,250
Renegotiated leases and loans	\$ 5,042	\$ 3,859	\$ 5,042	\$ 3,859	\$ 3,819

⁽¹⁾ Net investment in total finance receivables includes net investment in direct financing leases, loans and factoring receivables. For purposes of asset quality and allowance calculations the effects of (1) the allowance for credit losses, and (2) initial direct costs and fees deferred, are excluded.

⁽²⁾ Calculated as a percent of minimum lease payments receivable for leases and as a percent of principal outstanding for loans and factoring receivables.

Net investments in finance receivables are charged-off when they are contractually past due 121 days and are reported net of recoveries. Income is not recognized on leases or loans when a default on monthly payment exists for a period of 90 days or more. Income recognition resumes when a lease or loan becomes less than 90 days delinquent.

Delinquent accounts 60 days or more past due as a percentage of minimum lease payments receivable increased to 0.91% at September 30, 2007 from 0.71% at December 31, 2006.

Residual Performance

Our leases offer our end user customers the option to own the purchased equipment at lease expiration. As of September 30, 2007, approximately 72% of our leases were one dollar purchase option leases, 22% were fair market value leases and 6% were fixed purchase option leases, the latter of which typically are 10% of the original equipment cost. As of September 30, 2007, there were \$50.6 million of residual assets retained on our Consolidated Balance Sheet, of which \$38.1 million were related to copiers.

Our leases generally include automatic renewal provisions and many leases continue beyond their initial contractual term. We consider renewal income a component of residual performance. Renewal income net of depreciation totaled \$1.7 million for both three-month periods ended September 30, 2007 and September 30, 2006. Renewal income net of depreciation totaled \$4.9 million for both nine-month periods ended September 30, 2007 and September 30, 2006. For the three months ended September 30, 2007 net losses on residual values disposed at end of term totaled \$162,000, compared to gains of \$68,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2006. For the nine months ended September 30, 2007 net losses on residual values disposed at end of term totaled \$345,000, compared to gains of \$360,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2006.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Our business requires a substantial amount of cash to operate and grow. Our primary liquidity need is for new lease originations. In addition, we need liquidity to pay interest and principal on our borrowings, to pay fees and expenses incurred in connection with our securitization transactions, to fund infrastructure and technology investment and to pay administrative and other operating expenses. We are dependent upon the availability of financing from a variety of funding sources to satisfy these liquidity needs. Historically, we have relied upon four principal types of third party financing to fund our operations:

- borrowings under a revolving bank facility;
- financing of leases in CP conduit warehouse facilities;
- financing of leases through term note securitizations; and
- equity and debt securities with third party investors.

We used net cash in investing activities of \$81.8 million for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2007, and \$220.1 million for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2006. Investing activities primarily relate to lease origination activity.

Net cash provided by financing activities was \$46.1 million for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2007, and \$195.4 million for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2006. Financing activities include net advances and repayments on our various borrowing sources.

Additional liquidity is provided by or used by our cash flow from operations. Net cash provided by operating activities was \$19.9 million for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2007, compared to \$24.4 million for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2006.

We expect cash from operations, additional borrowings on existing and future credit facilities, and the completion of additional on-balance-sheet term note securitizations to be adequate to support our operations and projected growth.

Cash and Cash Equivalents. Our objective is to maintain a low cash balance, investing any free cash in leases and loans. We generally fund our lease originations and growth using advances under our revolving bank facility and our CP conduit warehouse facilities. Total cash and cash equivalents as of September 30, 2007 was \$11.0 million compared to \$26.7 million at December 31, 2006.

As of September 30, 2007, we also had \$68.6 million of cash that was classified as restricted cash, compared to \$57.7 million at December 31, 2006. Restricted cash consists primarily of the pre-funding cash reserve, and advance payment accounts related to our term note securitizations.

Borrowings. Our primary borrowing relationships each require the pledging of eligible lease receivables to secure amounts advanced. Borrowings outstanding under the Company's revolving credit facilities and long-term debt consist of the following:

	For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2007				As of September 30, 2007		
	Maximum Facility Amount	Maximum Month End Amount Outstanding	Average Amount Outstanding	Weighted Average Coupon	Amounts Outstanding	Weighted Average Coupon	Unused Capacity
	(Dollars in thousands)						
Revolving bank facility ⁽¹⁾	\$ 40,000	\$ 26,692	\$ 5,839	7.84%	\$ 26,692	7.70%	\$ 13,308
CP conduit warehouse facilities ⁽¹⁾	300,000	220,727	116,893	5.88%	220,727	6.03%	79,273
Term note securitizations ⁽²⁾	—	591,501	510,277	4.70%	412,142	4.76%	—
	<u>\$ 340,000</u>		<u>\$ 633,009</u>	4.95%	<u>\$ 659,561</u>	5.30%	<u>\$ 92,581</u>

⁽¹⁾ Subject to lease eligibility and borrowing base formula.

⁽²⁾ Our term note securitizations are one-time fundings that pay down over time without any ability for us to draw down additional amounts.

Revolving Bank Facility

As of September 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, the Company has a committed revolving line of credit with several participating banks to provide up to \$40.0 million in borrowings at LIBOR plus 1.87%. The credit facility was scheduled to expire on August 31, 2007. On April 2, 2007, the Company renewed this facility and extended the expiration date to March 31, 2009. There was \$26.7 million outstanding under this facility at September 30, 2007 and no balance outstanding at December 31, 2006. For the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and the year ended December 31, 2006, the Company incurred commitment fees on the unused portion of the credit facility of \$142,000 and \$184,000, respectively.

CP Conduit Warehouse Facilities

We have two Commercial Paper ("CP") conduit warehouse facilities that allow us to borrow, repay and re-borrow based on a borrowing base formula. In these transactions, we transfer pools of leases and interests in the related equipment to special purpose, bankruptcy remote subsidiaries. These special purpose entities in turn pledge their interests in the leases and related equipment to an unaffiliated conduit entity, which generally issues commercial paper to investors. The warehouse facilities allow the Company on an ongoing basis to transfer lease receivables to a wholly-owned, bankruptcy remote, special purpose subsidiary of the Company, which issues variable-rate notes to investors carrying an interest rate equal to the rate on commercial paper issued to fund the notes during the interest period. These facilities require that the Company limit its exposure to adverse interest rate movements on the variable-rate notes through entering into interest-rate cap agreements.

00-A Warehouse Facility — This facility totals \$125 million, was renewed in September 2007, and expires in March 2008. For the nine-month period ended September 30, 2007 and the year ended December 31, 2006, the weighted average interest rates were 5.68% and 5.89%, respectively. There was \$114.8 million outstanding under this facility at September 30, 2007 and there were no outstanding borrowings under this facility at December 31, 2006.

02-A Warehouse Facility — At the beginning of the current quarter, this facility totaled \$100 million and expires in March 2009. In September 2007 the facility was amended to increase the available amount to \$175 million and to add Marlin's business capital loan product to the borrowing base. For the nine-month period ended September 30, 2007 and the year ended December 31, 2006, the weighted average interest rate was 6.09% and 5.75%, respectively. There was \$105.9 million outstanding under this facility at September 30, 2007 and there were no outstanding borrowings under this facility at December 31, 2006.

Term Note Securitizations

Since our founding, we have completed eight on-balance-sheet term note securitizations of which three remain outstanding. In connection with each securitization transaction, we have transferred leases to our wholly-owned, special purpose bankruptcy remote subsidiaries and issued term debt collateralized by such commercial leases to institutional investors in private securities offerings. Our term note securitizations differ from our CP conduit warehouse facilities primarily in that our term note securitizations have fixed terms, fixed interest rates and fixed principal amounts. Our securitizations do not qualify for sales accounting treatment due to certain call provisions that we maintain and because the special purpose entities also hold residual assets. Accordingly, assets and the related debt of the special purpose entities are included in our Consolidated Balance Sheets. Our leases and restricted cash are assigned as collateral for these borrowings and there is no further recourse to the general credit of the Company. By entering into term note securitizations, we reduce outstanding borrowings under our CP conduit warehouse facilities and revolving bank facility, which increases the amounts available to us under these facilities to fund additional lease originations. Failure to periodically pay down the outstanding borrowings under our warehouse facilities, or increase such facilities, would significantly limit our ability to grow our lease portfolio. At September 30, 2007 and at December 31, 2006, outstanding term securitizations amounted to \$412.1 million and \$616.3 million, respectively.

On September 21, 2006 we closed on the issuance of our eighth term note securitization transaction in the amount of \$380.2 million. This issuance has a similar structure to our 2005 term securitization with six different classes of notes. Each class of notes has its own interest rate, repayment term and rating. The weighted average interest coupon of the 2006 term securitization will approximate 5.51% over the term of the financing. We entered into forward-starting interest rate swap agreements in advance of pricing our 2006 term securitization to hedge against rising interest rates. The Company terminated these swap agreements simultaneously with the pricing of the term securitization issued in September 2006 and is amortizing the realized gains of \$3.7 million to reduce recorded interest expense over the term of the related borrowing. As a result of hedging activity and other transaction costs, we expect total interest expense on the 2006 term transaction to approximate an average of 5.21% over the term of the borrowing.

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On September 15, 2006 we elected to exercise our call option and pay off the remaining \$31.5 million of our 2003-1 term securitization, which carried a coupon rate of approximately 3.19%. At September 30, 2007 the Company had three remaining term securitization transactions outstanding.

On August 18, 2005 we closed on the issuance of our seventh term note securitization transaction in the amount of \$340.6 million. This issuance has a similar structure to our 2004 term securitization with six different classes of notes. Each class of notes has its own interest rate, repayment term and rating. The weighted average interest coupon of the 2005 term securitization will approximate 4.81% over the term of the financing. We entered into forward-starting interest rate swap agreements in advance of pricing our 2005 term securitization to hedge against rising interest rates. The Company terminated these swap agreements simultaneously with the pricing of the term securitization issued in August 2005 and is amortizing the realized gains of \$3.2 million to reduce recorded interest expense over the term of the related borrowing. As a result of this hedging activity, we expect total interest expense on the 2005 term transaction to approximate an average of 4.50% over the term of the borrowings. Our borrowings, including our term note securitizations, are collateralized by the Company's direct financing leases. The Company is restricted from selling, transferring, or assigning the leases or placing liens or pledges on these leases.

Under the revolving bank facility, warehouse facilities and term securitization agreements, the Company is subject to numerous covenants, restrictions and default provisions relating to, among other things, maximum lease delinquency and default levels, a minimum net worth requirement of \$92.7 million and a maximum debt to equity ratio of 10 to 1. A change in the Chief Executive Officer or Chief Operating Officer is an event of default under the revolving bank facility and warehouse facilities unless a replacement acceptable to the Company's lenders is hired within 90 days. Such an event is also an immediate event of service termination under the term securitizations. A merger or consolidation with another company in which the Company is not the surviving entity is an event of default under the financing facilities. In addition, the revolving bank facility and warehouse facilities contain cross default provisions whereby certain defaults under one facility would also be an event of default on the other facilities. An event of default under the revolving bank facility or warehouse facilities could result in termination of further funds being available under such facility. An event of default under any of the facilities could result in an acceleration of amounts outstanding under the facilities, foreclosure on all or a portion of the leases financed by the facilities and/or the removal of the Company as servicer of the leases financed by the facility. As of September 30, 2007, the Company was in compliance with the terms of the revolving bank facility, the warehouse facilities and the term securitization agreements. None of the Company's debt facilities contain subjective acceleration clauses allowing the creditor to accelerate the scheduled maturities of the obligation under conditions that are not objectively determinable (for example, "if the debtor fails to maintain satisfactory operations" or "if a material adverse change occurs").

Items Subsequent to September 30, 2007

On October 24, 2007 the Company closed a \$440 million term securitization resulting in the issuance of 7 classes of notes to investors. This transaction represents our ninth term debt securitization, and will result in making available the full \$340 million of bank and warehouse facilities for future growth. In connection with the transaction, 7 classes of notes were issued to investors. We expect total interest expense on the 2007 term transaction to approximate an average of 6.32% over the term of the borrowing.

On November 2, 2007 the Board of Directors approved a stock repurchase plan. Under this program Marlin is authorized to repurchase up to \$15 million of its outstanding shares of common stock. This authority may be exercised from time to time and in such amounts as market conditions warrant. Any shares purchased under this plan would be returned to the status of authorized but unissued shares of common stock. The repurchases may be made on the open market, in block trades or otherwise. The program may be suspended or discontinued at any time. The stock repurchase will be funded using the Company's working capital.

Other

In October 2005, the Company submitted an application for an Industrial Bank Charter with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") and the State of Utah Department of Financial Institutions. On March 26, 2007, the Company announced that it received correspondence from the FDIC approving the application for FDIC deposit insurance made by the Company's proposed Utah Industrial Bank (Marlin Business Bank), subject to the conditions set forth in the Order issued by the FDIC. The Company has filed a request to modify its initial approved plan for the bank. Subject to FDIC approved of the modifications, Marlin plans to proceed with the launch of Marlin Business Bank in 2008. The FDIC's Order, the conditions of the approval and other related documents are available on the FDIC's website at www.fdic.gov.

Contractual Obligations

In addition to our scheduled maturities on our credit facilities and term debt, we have future cash obligations under various types of contracts. We lease office space and office equipment under long-term operating leases. The contractual obligations under our

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agreements, credit facilities, term securitizations, operating leases and commitments under non-cancelable contracts as of September 30, 2007 were as follows:

	Contractual Obligations as of September 30, 2007					
	Borrowings	Interest ⁽¹⁾	Operating Leases	Leased Facilities	Capital Leases	Total
	(Dollars in thousands)					
2007	\$ 269,538	\$ 10,520	\$ 2	\$ 434	\$ 20	\$280,514
2008	190,508	13,237	3	1,548	45	205,341
2009	115,148	6,119	—	1,394	11	122,672
2010	56,575	2,279	—	1,323	3	60,180
2011	26,354	400	—	1,223	—	27,977
Thereafter	1,438	3	—	2,193	—	3,634
Total	<u>\$ 659,561</u>	<u>\$ 32,558</u>	<u>\$ 5</u>	<u>\$ 8,115</u>	<u>\$ 79</u>	<u>\$700,318</u>

(1) Includes interest on term note securitizations only. Excludes interest on \$247.4 million of revolving bank facilities and CP conduit warehouse facilities.

MARKET INTEREST RATE RISK AND SENSITIVITY

Market risk is the risk of losses arising from changes in values of financial instruments. We engage in transactions in the normal course of business that expose us to market risks. We attempt to mitigate such risks through prudent management practices and strategies such as attempting to match the expected cash flows of our assets and liabilities.

We are exposed to market risks associated with changes in interest rates and our earnings may fluctuate with changes in interest rates. The lease assets we originate are almost entirely fixed-rate. Accordingly, we generally seek to finance these assets with fixed interest cost term note securitization borrowings that we issue periodically. Between term note securitization issues, we finance our new lease originations through a combination of variable-rate warehouse facilities and working capital. Our mix of fixed- and variable-rate borrowings and our exposure to interest rate risk changes over time. Over the past twelve months, the mix of variable-rate borrowings has ranged from zero to 37.5% of total borrowings and averaged 14.9%. Our highest exposure to variable-rate borrowings generally occurs just prior to the issuance of a term note securitization.

We use derivative financial instruments to attempt to further reduce our exposure to changing cash flows caused by possible changes in interest rates. We use forward starting interest rate swap agreements to reduce our exposure to changing market interest rates prior to issuing a term note securitization. In this scenario we usually enter into a forward starting swap to coincide with the forecasted pricing date of future term note securitizations. The intention of this derivative is to reduce possible variations in future cash flows caused by changes in interest rates prior to our forecasted securitization. The value of the derivative contract correlates with the movements of interest rates, and we may choose to hedge all or a portion of forecasted transactions.

These interest rate swap agreements are designated as cash flow hedges of specific term note securitization transactions. During the term of each agreement, the fair value is recorded in other assets or other liabilities on the Consolidated Balance Sheets, and unrealized gains or losses are recorded in the equity section of the Consolidated Balance Sheets. The Company expects to terminate each agreement simultaneously with the pricing of the related term securitization, and amortize any realized gain or loss as an adjustment to interest expense over the term of the related borrowing.

Certain of these agreements were terminated simultaneously with the pricing of the related term securitization transactions. For each terminated agreement, the realized gain or loss was deferred and recorded in the equity section of the Consolidated Balance Sheets, and is being amortized as an adjustment to interest expense over the term of the related borrowing.

We issued a term note securitization in July, 2004 with certain classes of notes issued at variable rates to investors. We simultaneously entered into interest rate swap contracts to convert these borrowings to a fixed interest cost to the Company for the term of the borrowing. These interest rate swap agreements are designated as cash flow hedges of the term note securitization. The fair value is recorded in other assets or other liabilities on the Consolidated Balance Sheets, and unrealized gains or losses are recorded in the equity section of the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

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The ineffectiveness related to these interest rate swap agreements designated as cash flow hedges was not material for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2007. The following tables summarize specific information regarding the interest rate swap agreements described above:

For Active Agreements:

Inception Date Commencement Date	August, 2007 October, 2007	August, 2006 October, 2007	August, 2007 October, 2008	August, 2006 October, 2008	July, 2004 July, 2004
	(Dollars in thousands)				
Notional amount	\$100,000	\$200,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$11,603
For active agreements:					
Fair value recorded in other assets (liabilities)					
September 30, 2007	\$ (275)	\$ (2,104)	\$ (572)	\$ (1,221)	\$ 43
December 31, 2006	\$ —	\$ (983)	\$ —	\$ (624)	\$ 456
Unrealized gains (losses), net of tax, recorded in equity					
September 30, 2007	\$ (166)	\$ (1,271)	\$ (346)	\$ (737)	\$ 26
December 31, 2006	\$ —	\$ (591)	\$ —	\$ (375)	\$ 274

For Terminated Agreements:

Inception Date Commencement Date Termination Date	June/September, 2005 September, 2006 September, 2006	October/December, 2004 August, 2005 August, 2005
	(Dollars in thousands)	
Notional amount	\$225,000	\$250,000
Realized gain at termination	\$ 3,732	\$ 3,151
Deferred gain, net of tax, recorded in equity		
September 30, 2007	\$ 1,171	\$ 317
December 31, 2006	\$ 1,900	\$ 680
Amortization recognized as decrease in interest expense		
Nine months ended September 30, 2007	\$ (1,220)	\$ (605)
Twelve months ended December 31, 2006	\$ (573)	\$ (1,334)
Expected amortization during next 12 months as decrease in interest expense	\$ (1,198)	\$ (436)

The Company also uses interest-rate cap agreements that are not designated for hedge accounting treatment to fulfill certain covenants in its special purpose subsidiary's warehouse borrowing arrangements. Accordingly, these cap agreements are recorded at fair value in other assets at \$361,000 and \$193,000 as of September 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, respectively. Changes in the fair values of the caps are recorded in financing related costs in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Operations. The notional amount of interest-rate caps owned as of September 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006 was \$228.5 million and \$225.0 million, respectively.

The Company also sells interest-rate caps to partially offset the interest-rate caps required to be purchased by the Company's special purpose subsidiary under its warehouse borrowing arrangements. These sales generate premium revenues to partially offset the premium cost of purchasing the required interest-rate caps. On a consolidated basis, the interest-rate cap positions sold partially offset the interest-rate cap positions owned. As of September 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, the notional amount of interest-rate cap sold agreements totaled \$206.3 million and \$176.9 million, respectively. The fair value of interest-rate caps sold is recorded in other liabilities at \$361,000 and \$190,000 as of September 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, respectively.

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The following table presents the scheduled principal repayment of our debt and the related weighted average interest rates as of September 30, 2007.

	Scheduled Maturities by Calendar Year					Total Carrying Amount
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011 & Thereafter	
	(Dollars in thousands)					
Debt:						
Fixed-rate debt	\$ 22,119	\$190,508	\$115,147	\$ 56,575	\$ 27,793	\$412,142
Average fixed rate	4.33%	4.73%	4.83%	4.97%	5.49%	4.82%
Variable-rate debt	\$247,419	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$247,419
Average variable rate	6.21%	—	—	—	—	6.21%

Our warehouse facilities charge variable rates of interest based on LIBOR, prime rate or commercial paper interest rates. Because our assets are predominately fixed-rate, increases in these market interest rates would negatively impact earnings and decreases in the rates would positively impact earnings because the rate charged on our borrowings would change faster than our assets could reprice. We would have to offset increases in borrowing costs by adjusting the pricing under our new leases or our net interest margin would be reduced. There can be no assurance that we will be able to offset higher borrowing costs with increased pricing of our assets.

For example, the impact of a hypothetical 100 basis point, or 1.00%, increase in the market rates for which our borrowings are indexed for the twelve month period ended September 30, 2007 would have been to reduce net interest and fee income by approximately \$956,000 based on our average variable-rate borrowings of approximately \$95.6 million for the twelve months then ended, excluding the effects of any changes in the value of derivatives and possible increases in the yields from our lease portfolio due to the origination of new leases at higher interest rates.

We manage and monitor our exposure to interest rate risk using balance sheet simulation models. Such models incorporate many of our assumptions about our business including new asset production and pricing, interest rate forecasts, overhead expense forecasts and assumed credit losses. Past experience drives many of the assumptions we use in our simulation models and actual results could vary substantially.

RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

In February 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 155, *Accounting for Certain Hybrid Financial Instruments - an amendment of SFAS No. 133 and No. 140*. This Statement, which became effective for fiscal years beginning after September 15, 2006, addresses certain beneficial interests in securitized financial assets. The adoption of SFAS No. 155 did not have a material impact on the consolidated earnings or financial position of the Company.

In June 2006, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation No. 48 ("FIN 48"), *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes*. This Interpretation clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in a company's financial statements in accordance with FASB Statement No. 109, *Accounting for Income Taxes*. FIN 48 prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. Guidance is also provided on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure and transition. FIN 48 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006. In May 2007, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position No. FIN 48-1, *Definition of Settlement in FASB Interpretation No. 48* ("FSP FIN 48-1"), which clarifies when a tax position is considered settled under FIN 48. FSP FIN 48-1 is applicable at the adoption of FIN 48. The adoption of FIN 48 and the subsequent guidance in FSP FIN 48-1 did not have a material impact on the consolidated earnings or financial position of the Company.

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements*. This Statement defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"), and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS 157 applies under other accounting pronouncements that require or permit fair value measurements, in which the Board previously concluded in those pronouncements that fair value is the relevant measurement attribute. Accordingly, SFAS 157 does not require any new fair value measurements. The changes to current practice resulting from the application of this Statement relate to the definition of fair value, the methods used to measure fair value, and the expanded disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS 157, however, does not apply under accounting pronouncements that address share-based payment transactions,

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including SFAS 123(R) and its related interpretative pronouncements. SFAS 157 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. The adoption of SFAS No. 157 is not expected to have a material impact on the consolidated earnings or financial position of the Company.

In September 2006, the SEC staff issued SEC Staff Accounting Bulletin Topic 1N, *Financial Statements — Considering the Effects of Prior Year Misstatements When Quantifying Misstatements in Current Year Financial Statements* ("SAB 108"). In SAB 108 the SEC staff concluded that a dual approach should be used to compute the amount of a misstatement. Specifically, the amount should be computed using both a current year income statement perspective ("roll-over" method) and a year-end balance sheet perspective ("iron-curtain" method.) This dual approach must be adopted for fiscal years ending after November 15, 2006. The implementation of SAB 108 did not have a material impact on the consolidated earnings or financial position of the Company.

On February 15, 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159, *The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities — Including an Amendment of FASB Statement No. 115*. This Statement permits an entity to irrevocably elect to report selected financial assets and liabilities at fair value, with subsequent changes in fair value reported in earnings. The election may be applied on an instrument-by-instrument basis. The Statement also establishes additional presentation and disclosure requirements for items measured using the fair value option. SFAS 159 is effective for all financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. Marlin is currently evaluating this Statement. However, the Statement is not expected to have a material impact on the consolidated earnings or financial position of the Company.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

The information appearing in the section captioned "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations — Market Interest Rate Risk and Sensitivity" under Item 2 of this Form 10-Q is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Our management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer ("CEO"), and Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report.

Based on that evaluation, the CEO and CFO concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report are designed and functioning effectively to provide reasonable assurance that the information required to be disclosed by us in reports filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is (i) recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms and (ii) accumulated and communicated to our management, including the CEO and CFO, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding disclosure.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the Company's third fiscal quarter of 2007 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. Other Information

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

We are party to various legal proceedings, which include claims and litigation arising in the ordinary course of business. In the opinion of management, these actions will not have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

There have been no material changes in the risk factors from those disclosed in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

None

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None

Item 4. Submission of Matters To A Vote Of Security Holders

None

Item 5. Other Information

None

Item 6. Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description
31.1	Certification of the Chief Executive Officer of Marlin Business Services Corp. required by Rule 13a-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. (Filed herewith)
31.2	Certification of the Chief Financial Officer of Marlin Business Services Corp. required by Rule 13a-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. (Filed herewith)
32.1	Certification of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of Marlin Business Services Corp. required by Rule 13a-14(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. (This exhibit shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section. Further, this exhibit shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Exchange Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.) (Furnished herewith)

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.

MARLIN BUSINESS SERVICES CORP.

(Registrant)

By: /s/ Daniel P. Dyer *Chief Executive Officer*
Daniel P. Dyer *(Chief Executive Officer)*

By: /s/ Lynne C. Wilson *Chief Financial Officer & Senior Vice President*
Lynne C. Wilson *(Principal Financial Officer)*

Date: November 7, 2007

Section 2: EX-31.1 (RULE 13A-14(A) CERTIFICATION OF CEO)

**CERTIFICATION REQUIRED BY RULE 13a-14(a) OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

I, Daniel P. Dyer, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Marlin Business Services Corp.;
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. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are 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 our 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 our 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 based on our evaluation 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 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.
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 the 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 data; 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.

Date: November 7, 2007

/s/ Daniel P. Dyer

Daniel P. Dyer

Chief Executive Officer

Section 3: EX-31.2 (RULE 13A-14(A) CERTIFICATION OF CFO)

**CERTIFICATION REQUIRED BY RULE 13a-14(a) OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

I, Lynne C. Wilson, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Marlin Business Services Corp.;
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. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are 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 our 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 our 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 based on our evaluation 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 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.
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 the 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 data; 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.

Date: November 7, 2007

/s/ Lynne C. Wilson

Lynne C. Wilson

Chief Financial Officer & Senior Vice President

(Principal Financial Officer)

Section 4: EX-32.1 (RULE 13A-14(B) CERTIFICATION OF CEO AND CFO)

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the accompanying Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Marlin Business Services Corp. for the quarter ended September 30, 2007 (the "Quarterly Report"), Daniel P. Dyer, as Chief Executive Officer and Lynne C. Wilson, as Chief Financial Officer of the Company, each hereby certifies, that pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to the best of his or her knowledge:

- (1) The Quarterly Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Quarterly Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of Marlin Business Services Corp.

Date: November 7, 2007

/s/ Daniel P. Dyer

Daniel P. Dyer

Chief Executive Officer

/s/ Lynne C. Wilson

Lynne C. Wilson

*Chief Financial Officer & Senior Vice President
(Principal Financial Officer)*