

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **October 27, 2023**

AG Mortgage Investment Trust, Inc.

Maryland
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)
001-35151
(Commission File Number)

27-5254382
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

245 Park Avenue, 26th floor
New York, New York 10167
(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(212) 692-2000**

Not Applicable
(Former Name or Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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

<u>Title of each class:</u>	<u>Trading Symbols:</u>	<u>Name of each exchange on which registered:</u>	
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share	MITT	New York Stock Exchange	(NYSE)
8.25% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock	MITT PrA	New York Stock Exchange	(NYSE)
8.00% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock	MITT PrB	New York Stock Exchange	(NYSE)
8.000% Series C Fixed-to-Floating Rate Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock	MITT PrC	New York Stock Exchange	(NYSE)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

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

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On October 27, 2023, AG Mortgage Investment Trust, Inc., a Maryland corporation (“MITT”), issued a press release announcing that leading independent proxy advisory firm, Institutional Shareholder Services Inc., has recommended that MITT's stockholders vote “FOR” the proposals to be voted on at the special meeting of MITT stockholders to be held on November 7, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Time (the “MITT Special Meeting”), in connection with the Agreement and Plan of Merger (the “Merger Agreement”), by and among MITT, AGMIT Merger Sub, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and wholly owned subsidiary of MITT (“Merger Sub”), Western Asset Mortgage Capital Corporation, a Delaware corporation (“WMC”), and, solely for the limited purposes set forth in the Merger Agreement, AG REIT Management, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release, dated October 27, 2023
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as Inline XBRL)

Important Additional Information and Where to Find It

In connection with the proposed merger (the “Merger”) of WMC with and into Merger Sub, with Merger Sub continuing as the surviving company, MITT has filed a registration statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-274319) (the “Registration Statement”) with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) which was declared effective by the SEC on September 29, 2023. The Registration Statement includes a prospectus of MITT and a joint proxy statement of MITT and WMC (the “joint proxy statement/prospectus”). The joint proxy statement/prospectus contains important information about MITT, WMC, the proposed Merger and related matters. MITT and WMC may file with the SEC other documents regarding the Merger. The definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus has been sent to the stockholders of MITT and WMC, and contains important information about MITT, WMC, the proposed Merger and related matters. This communication is not a substitute for any proxy statement, registration statement, tender or exchange offer statement, prospectus or other document MITT or WMC has filed or may file with the SEC in connection with the proposed Merger and related matters. **INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE ADVISED TO READ THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON FORM S-4 AND THE RELATED JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS (INCLUDING ALL AMENDMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTS THERETO) AND OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS THAT ARE FILED OR MAY BE FILED BY MITT AND WMC WITH THE SEC CAREFULLY AND IN THEIR ENTIRETY BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT MITT, WMC AND THE PROPOSED MERGER.** Investors and security holders may obtain copies of these documents free of charge through the website maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov. Copies of the documents filed by MITT with the SEC are also available free of charge on MITT's website at www.agmit.com. Copies of the documents filed by WMC with the SEC are also available free of charge on WMC's website at www.westernassetmcc.com.

Participants in the Solicitation Relating to the Merger

MITT, WMC and certain of their respective directors and executive officers and certain other affiliates of MITT and WMC may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the common stockholders of WMC and MITT in respect of the proposed Merger. Information regarding WMC and its directors and executive officers and their ownership of common stock of WMC can be found in WMC's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022, filed with the SEC on March 13, 2023, and in its definitive proxy statement relating to its 2023 annual meeting of stockholders, filed with the SEC on May 2, 2023. Information regarding MITT and its directors and executive officers and their ownership of common stock of MITT can be found in MITT's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022, filed with the SEC on February 27, 2023, and in its definitive proxy statement relating to its 2023 annual meeting of stockholders, filed with the SEC on March 22, 2023. Additional information regarding the interests of such participants in the Merger is included in the joint proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant documents relating to the proposed Merger filed with the SEC. These

documents are available free of charge on the SEC's website and from MITT or WMC, as applicable, using the sources indicated above.

No Offer or Solicitation

This communication and the information contained herein shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. No offering of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). This communication may be deemed to be solicitation material in respect of the proposed Merger.

Forward-Looking Statements

This document contains certain "forward-looking" statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. MITT and WMC intend such forward-looking statements to be covered by the safe harbor provisions for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and include this statement for purposes of complying with the safe harbor provisions. Words such as "expects," "anticipates," "intends," "plans," "believes," "seeks," "estimates," "will," "should," "may," "projects," "could," "estimates" or variations of such words and other similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements, which generally are not historical in nature, but not all forward-looking statements include such identifying words. Forward-looking statements regarding MITT and WMC include, but are not limited to, statements related to the proposed Merger, including the anticipated timing, benefits and financial and operational impact thereof; other statements of management's belief, intentions or goals; and other statements that are not historical facts. These forward-looking statements are based on each of the companies' current plans, objectives, estimates, expectations and intentions and inherently involve significant risks and uncertainties. Actual results and the timing of events could differ materially from those anticipated in such forward-looking statements as a result of these risks and uncertainties, which include, without limitation, risks and uncertainties associated with: MITT's and WMC's ability to complete the proposed Merger on the proposed terms or on the anticipated timeline, or at all, including risks and uncertainties related to securing the necessary stockholder approval from WMC's and MITT's respective stockholders and satisfaction of other closing conditions to consummate the proposed Merger; the occurrence of any event, change or other circumstance that could give rise to the termination of the Merger Agreement; risks related to diverting the attention of MITT and WMC management from ongoing business operations; failure to realize the expected benefits of the proposed Merger; significant transaction costs and/or unknown or inestimable liabilities; the risk of stockholder litigation in connection with the proposed Merger, including resulting expense or delay; the risk that MITT's and WMC's respective businesses will not be integrated successfully or that such integration may be more difficult, time-consuming or costly than expected; and effects relating to the announcement of the proposed Merger or any further announcements or the consummation of the proposed Merger on the market price of MITT's or WMC's common stock. Additional risks and uncertainties related to MITT's and WMC's business are included under the headings "Forward-Looking Statements" and "Risk Factors" in MITT's and WMC's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022, MITT's and WMC's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2023, the joint proxy statement/prospectus and in other reports and documents filed by either company with the SEC from time to time. Moreover, other risks and uncertainties of which MITT or WMC are not currently aware may also affect each of the companies' forward-looking statements and may cause actual results and the timing of events to differ materially from those anticipated. The forward-looking statements made in this communication are made only as of the date hereof or as of the dates indicated in the forward-looking statements, even if they are subsequently made available by MITT or WMC on their respective websites or otherwise. Neither MITT nor WMC undertakes any obligation to update or supplement any forward-looking statements to reflect actual results, new information, future events, changes in its expectations or other circumstances that exist after the date as of which the forward-looking statements were made, except as required by law.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

Date: October 27, 2023

AG MORTGAGE INVESTMENT TRUST, INC.

By: /s/ JENNY B. NESLIN

Name: Jenny B. Neslin

Title: General Counsel and Secretary



LEADING INDEPENDENT PROXY ADVISORY FIRM ISS RECOMMENDS AG MORTGAGE INVESTMENT TRUST STOCKHOLDERS VOTE "FOR" THE PROPOSED MERGER WITH WESTERN ASSET MORTGAGE CAPITAL CORPORATION

AG Mortgage Investment Trust Encourages Stockholders to Vote "FOR" the Merger

NEW YORK, NY – October 27, 2023 – AG Mortgage Investment Trust, Inc. (the "Company," "we," or "MITT") (NYSE: MITT) announced today that leading proxy advisory firm Institutional Shareholder Services Inc. ("ISS") recommends that stockholders vote "FOR" the proposed merger with Western Asset Mortgage Capital Corporation ("WMC"), in which each outstanding share of WMC common stock will be converted into the right to receive (i) 1.498 shares of MITT common stock and (ii) the per share portion of a cash payment equal to the lesser of \$7,000,000 or approximately 9.9% of the aggregate per share merger consideration. Any difference between \$7,000,000 and such smaller amount will be used to benefit the combined company post-closing by offsetting reimbursable expenses that would otherwise be payable to AG REIT Management, LLC, which would be the manager of the combined company.

In its October 26, 2023 report, ISS notes, among other things:¹

- *"The combined company will have enhanced scale relative to MITT on a standalone basis, with increased cash resources, enhanced trading liquidity, and greater portfolio diversification."*
- *"The merger will reset the current WMC management fee, resulting in material annual expense savings of approximately \$5 million to \$7 million exclusive of MITT's manager waiving \$2.4 million in fees in the first year following the transaction close. Lastly, the merger is expected to be accretive to 2024 EPS and result in a 38 percent growth in adjusted book value."*
- *"The strategic rationale appears sound, as the company will have increased scale, portfolio diversity, and trading liquidity. Further, the merger is expected to generate cost savings and be accretive to earnings. As such, support for the proposed transaction is warranted."*

T.J. Durkin, Chief Executive Officer, President and Director of MITT, said, "We are pleased that ISS has recommended that stockholders vote "FOR" our proposed acquisition of WMC. The report clearly recognizes the attractive strategic and financial rationale for the transaction, which serves the interests of stockholders of both companies. We encourage both MITT and WMC stockholders to vote in favor of this compelling transaction at their respective special stockholder meetings on November 7, 2023."

The transaction is expected to close on November 9, 2023, subject to customary closing conditions, including approval by MITT and WMC stockholders. As previously announced, MITT's and WMC's special meetings of stockholders are scheduled to take place on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time and 9:00 a.m. Pacific Time, respectively.

If MITT stockholders have any questions or need assistance in voting their shares, they should contact MITT's proxy solicitor, Innisfree M&A Incorporated, by calling +1 (877) 750-8312.

Additional information regarding the proposed merger is included in the joint proxy statement/prospectus relating to the merger that was declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on September 29, 2023 and mailed to stockholders on or about October 3, 2023.

About AG Mortgage Investment Trust, Inc.

AG Mortgage Investment Trust, Inc. is a residential mortgage REIT with a focus on investing in a diversified risk-adjusted portfolio of residential mortgage-related assets in the U.S. mortgage market. AG Mortgage Investment Trust, Inc. is externally managed and advised by AG REIT Management, LLC, a subsidiary of Angelo, Gordon & Co., L.P., a leading alternative investment firm focusing on credit and real estate strategies.

¹ Permission to use quotations was neither sought nor obtained.

Additional information can be found on MITT's website at www.agmit.com.

About Angelo, Gordon & Co., L.P.

Angelo, Gordon & Co., L.P. is a leading alternative investment firm founded in November 1988. The firm currently manages approximately \$74 billion* with a primary focus on credit and real estate strategies. Angelo Gordon has over 700 employees, including more than 230 investment professionals, and is headquartered in New York, with associated offices elsewhere in the U.S., Europe and Asia. For more information, visit www.angelogordon.com.

**Angelo Gordon's (the "firm") currently stated assets under management ("AUM") of approximately \$74 billion as of June 30, 2023 reflects fund-level asset-related leverage. Prior to May 15, 2023, the firm calculated its AUM as net assets under management excluding leverage, which resulted in firm AUM of approximately \$53 billion as of December 31, 2022. The difference reflects a change in the firm's AUM calculation methodology and not any material change to the firm's investment advisory business. For a description of the factors the firm considers when calculating AUM, please see the disclosure at www.angelogordon.com/disclaimers/.*

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