

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

SCHEDULE 13G  
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No.   )\*

CHIMERA INVESTMENT CORP.

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(Name of Issuer)

Common Shares

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(Title of Class of Securities)

16934Q109

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(CUSIP Number)

February 1, 2013

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(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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- Rule 13d-1(b)  
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1. Names of Reporting Persons/ I.R.S. Identification Nos. of Above Persons (entities only):

LEON G. COOPERMAN

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2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

- (a)   
(b)

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3. SEC Use Only  
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4. Citizenship or Place of Organization: UNITED STATES  
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Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With

5. Sole Voting Power:	37,959,486
6. Shared Voting Power	17,161,489
7. Sole Dispositive Power:	37,959,486
8. Shared Dispositive Power	17,161,489

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9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person:

55,120,975

10. Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares [ ]

11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9): 5.4%

12. Type of Reporting Person: IN

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Item 1(a) Name of Issuer:

CHIMERA INVESTMENT CORP. (the "Issuer").

Item 1(b) Address of the Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

1211 Avenue of the Americas  
Suite 2902  
New York NY 10036

Item 2 (a) Name of Person Filing:

This statement is filed on behalf of Leon G. Cooperman ("Mr. Cooperman").

Mr. Cooperman is the Managing Member of Omega Associates, L.L.C. ("Associates"), a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Delaware. Associates is a private investment firm formed to invest in and act as general partner of investment partnerships or similar investment vehicles. Associates is the general partner of limited partnerships organized under the laws of Delaware known as Omega Capital Partners, L.P. ("Capital LP"), Omega Capital Investors, L.P. ("Investors LP"), and Omega Equity Investors, L.P. ("Equity LP"). These entities are private investment firms engaged in the purchase and sale of securities for investment for their own accounts.

Mr. Cooperman is the President and majority stockholder of Omega Advisors, Inc. ("Advisors"), a Delaware corporation, engaged in providing investment management services and is deemed to control said entity. Advisors serves as the investment manager to Omega Overseas Partners, Ltd. ("Overseas"), a Cayman Island exempted company, with a business address at British American Tower, Third Floor, Jennrett Street, Georgetown, Grand Cayman Island, British West Indies. Mr. Cooperman has investment discretion over portfolio investments of Overseas and is deemed to control such investments.

Advisors also serves as a discretionary investment advisor to a limited number of institutional clients (the "Managed Accounts"). As to the Shares owned by the Managed Accounts, there would be shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of such Shares because the owners of the Managed Accounts may be deemed beneficial owners of such Shares pursuant to Rule 13d-3 under the Act as a result of their right to terminate the discretionary account within a period of 60 days.

Mr. Cooperman is the ultimate controlling person of Associates, Capital LP, Investors LP, Equity LP, and Advisors.

Mr. Cooperman is married to an individual named Toby Cooperman. Mr. Cooperman has an adult son named Michael S. Cooperman and a minor grandchild named Asher Silvin Cooperman. The Michael S. Cooperman WRA Trust (the "WRA Trust"), is an irrevocable trust for the benefit of Michael S. Cooperman. Mr. Cooperman has investment authority over the Michael S. Cooperman, the UTMA account for Asher Silvin Cooperman, and the WRA Trust accounts.

Mr. Cooperman helps manage the investments of JCF Metrowest of NJ ("JCF") a charitable organization, and JCF is the sponsoring organization of the Cooperman Family Fund for a Jewish Future ("Family Fund"), a Type 1 charitable supporting foundation. Mr. Cooperman is one of the Trustees of the Family Fund.

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Item 2(b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if None, Residence:

The address of the principal business office of Mr. Cooperman is 2700 No. Military Trail, Suite 230, Boca Raton FL 33431 and the principal business office of each Capital LP, Equity LP, Investors LP, Overseas, and Advisors is 88 Pine Street, Wall Street Plaza - 31st Floor, New York, NY 10005.

Item 3. Statement is filed pursuant to Sections 240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c):

This Item 3 is not applicable.

Item 4. Ownership:

Item 4(a) (b) Amount Beneficially Owned and Percent of Class:

Mr. Cooperman may be deemed the beneficial owner of 55,120,975 Shares which constitutes approximately 5.4% of the total number of Shares deemed outstanding.

This consists of 9,598,400 Shares owned by Capital LP; 2,706,053 Shares owned by Investors LP; 3,920,380 Shares owned by Equity LP; 8,989,553 Shares owned by Overseas; 17,161,489 Shares owned by the Managed Accounts; 50,000 Shares owned by the Family Fund; 10,019,200 Shares owned by Mr. Cooperman; 600,000 Shares owned by Toby Cooperman; 11,900 Shares owned by the UTMA account for Asher Silvin Cooperman; 64,000 Shares owned by JCF; 1,000,000 Shares owned by Michael S. Cooperman; and 1,000,000 Shares owned by the WRA Trust.

Item 4(c). Number of Shares as to which such person has:

- (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 37,959,486
- (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 17,161,489
- (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 37,959,486
- (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 17,161,489

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:

This Item 5 is not applicable.

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Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person:

This Item 6 is not applicable.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company:

This Item 7 is not applicable.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:

This Item 8 is not applicable.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group:

This Item 9 is not applicable.

Item 10. Certification:

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the Issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purpose or effect.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

DATED: February 11, 2013

LEON G. COOPERMAN

By /s/ ALAN M. STARK

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Alan M. Stark  
Attorney-in-Fact  
Power of Attorney on file

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