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As a result of a foray in the mortgage business, the firm's stock fell 21% in the past year and off almost 40% since its peak in 2007. The firm's composite trading yesterday on the New York Stock Exchange was up one cent to \$18.76.

But some analysts and investors now believe that the Kansas City-based firm is on a path to recovery. They are counting on the firm's new chairman to lead the company back to profitability.



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