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**FORM 10-K**

**(Mark One)**

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011

OR

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

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission file number 001-32039

**CAPLEASE, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Maryland**

**52-2414533**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

Incorporation or Organization)

**1065 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10018**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip code)

**(212) 217-6300**

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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

<u>Title of each Class</u>	<u>Name of each exchange on which registered</u>
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	New York Stock Exchange
8.125% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, \$0.01 par value	New York Stock Exchange

**Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None**

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes  No

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 has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See definition of "accelerated filer," "large accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company   
(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

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

As of June 30, 2011, the aggregate market value of the common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, of CapLease, Inc. ("Common Stock"), held by non-affiliates (outstanding shares, excluding shares held by executive officers and directors) of the registrant was approximately \$319 million, based upon the closing price of \$4.91 on the New York Stock Exchange on such date.

As of February 23, 2012, there were 66,275,535 shares of Common Stock outstanding.

**DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

Portions of the registrant's definitive proxy statement for the registrant's 2012 Annual Meeting, to be filed within 120 days after the close of the registrant's fiscal year, are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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Note: Items 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 are incorporated by reference herein from the Proxy Statement.

Except where otherwise indicated or where the context is clear, the portfolio statistics in Items 1 and 1A of this Form 10-K represent or are calculated from our carry value for financial reporting purposes before depreciation and amortization. With respect to our loan portfolio, we have adjusted our carry value to exclude a \$0.5 million general loss reserve.

Throughout this Form 10-K, we disclose the credit rating of the tenants (or lease guarantors) underlying our investments and the actual rating on most of our CMBS securities. Credit ratings are one of the factors we evaluate in

assessing the likelihood of receipt of expected cash flows on our investments.

## PART I.

### Item 1. Business.

Explanatory Note for Purposes of the “Safe Harbor Provisions” of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended

This Annual Report on Form 10-K contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which involve certain risks and uncertainties. Our actual results or outcomes may differ materially from those projected. Important factors that we believe might cause such differences are discussed in Item 1A (Risk Factors) of this Form 10-K or otherwise accompany the forward-looking statements contained in this Form 10-K. In assessing all forward-looking statements, readers are urged to read carefully all cautionary statements contained in this Form 10-K. We undertake no obligation to publicly release the results of any revisions to these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

### Overview

We are a real estate investment trust, or REIT, that primarily owns and manages single tenant commercial real estate properties subject to long-term leases to high credit quality tenants. We focus on properties that are subject to a net lease, or a lease that requires the tenant to pay all or substantially all property operating expenses, such as utilities, real estate taxes, insurance and routine maintenance. We also have made and expect to continue to make investments in single tenant properties where the owner has exposure to property operating expenses when we determine we can sufficiently underwrite that exposure and isolate a predictable cash flow.

In addition to our portfolio of owned properties, we have a modest portfolio of first mortgage loans and other debt investments on single tenant properties. That debt portfolio was reduced significantly during 2011 as a result of our sale of the assets and associated liabilities comprising our collateralized debt obligation, or CDO, as well as the individual sale of certain other loans and securities. While the focus of our investment activity is expected to remain the ownership of real properties, we may continue to make debt investments from time to time on an opportunistic basis in the future.

Our tenants are primarily large public companies or their significant operating subsidiaries and governmental entities with investment grade credit ratings, defined as a published senior unsecured credit rating of BBB-/Baa3 or above from one or both of Standard & Poor's ("S&P") and Moody's Investors Service ("Moody's"). We also imply an investment grade credit rating for tenants that are not publicly rated by S&P or Moody's but (i) are 100% owned by an investment grade parent, (ii) for which we have obtained a private investment grade rating from either S&P or Moody's, (iii) for which we have evaluated the creditworthiness of the tenant and estimated a credit rating that is consistent with an investment grade rating from S&P or Moody's, or (iv) are governmental entity branches or units of another investment grade rated governmental entity.

Our portfolio produces stable, high quality cash flows generated by long-term leases to primarily investment grade tenants. As of December 31, 2011, we had an approximately \$1.8 billion investment portfolio, including the following assets by type:

	Investment(1) (in thousands)	Percentage	
Owned properties	\$ 1,682,424	94.7	%
Debt investments			
Loans			
Long-term mortgage loans	24,909	1.4	%
Corporate credit notes	8,800	0.5	%
Commercial mortgage loan securitizations	12,981	0.7	%
Certificated mortgage loan investments	46,454	2.6	%
Other	253	0.1	%
Total	\$ 1,775,821	100.0	%

(1) Here and elsewhere in Item 1 of this Form 10-K, references to our "Investment" represent our carry value for financial reporting purposes before depreciation and amortization. With respect to our loan portfolio, we have adjusted our carry value to exclude a \$0.5 million general loss reserve.

Our primary business objective is to generate stable, long-term and attractive returns based on the spread between the yields generated by our assets and the cost of financing our portfolio. We continued to grow our portfolio during 2011, as we purchased two single tenant properties for a total purchase price of \$53.5 million, completed the development of a build-to-suit project with a total investment of \$8.1 million, and commenced another build-to-suit project with an expected total investment of \$53 million. We also continued to strengthen our balance sheet and significantly reduced the number and size of our debt investments and significantly lowered our debt liabilities, primarily through the sale of the mortgage assets and associated liabilities comprising our CDO. During 2011, we reduced our debt investments by \$263 million and debt obligations by \$258 million, and brought down our leverage level by 600 basis points to 66%. During 2012, we expect to continue our portfolio growth momentum and continue to reduce our leverage.

## Multi-Tenant Properties

As described above and throughout this Annual Report on Form 10-K, we primarily own and manage single tenant commercial real estate properties. However, as a result of lease non-renewals, we have classified three properties as “multi-tenant properties,” as each is no longer leased primarily by a single tenant. We may have additional multi-tenant properties in the future. The first multi-tenant property is located in Johnston, Rhode Island, and is currently vacant. The other two multi-tenant properties are located in Omaha, Nebraska: one on West Dodge Road, which we call the “Dodge Building,” and the other on Farnam Street, which we call the “Landmark Building.” We refer to these three properties as the “Multi-Tenant Properties” in this Form 10-K and have excluded them from certain of our statistical measures. When we refer to our “Single Tenant Portfolio” in this Form 10-K, we mean our entire portfolio (e.g., all owned properties, loans and securities) other than the three Multi-Tenant Properties, and when we refer to our “Single Tenant Owned Property Portfolio,” we mean our owned property portfolio other than the three Multi-Tenant Properties. See “Our Portfolio—Owned Properties—Multi-Tenant Properties” for additional information about the Multi-Tenant Properties.

## Investment Strategy

We focus on the following core business strategies:

*High Credit Quality Tenants.* We primarily own and manage commercial real estate properties where the underlying tenant is of high credit quality. As of December 31, 2011, approximately 93% of our Single Tenant Portfolio was invested in properties leased to investment grade or implied investment grade tenants and the weighted average underlying tenant credit rating on our Single Tenant Portfolio was A-. Further, our top ten tenants, which comprise approximately 57% of our entire portfolio, were all rated investment grade or implied investment grade and had a weighted average credit rating of A+. As of December 31, 2011, our Single Tenant Portfolio had the following credit characteristics:

<b>Credit Rating</b> <sup>(1)</sup> <sup>(2)</sup>	Investment (in thousands)	Percentage	
Investment grade rating of A- or A3 and above	\$ 847,870	50.5	%
Investment grade rating of below A- or A3	481,091	28.6	%
Implied investment grade rating	233,388	13.9	%
Non-investment grade rating	117,382	7.0	%
Unrated	828	0.0	%
	\$ 1,680,559	100.00	%

(1)



Reflects the tenant's or lease guarantor's actual or implied S&P rating or equivalent rating if rated only by Moody's, or in the case of most of our CMBS securities, actual ratings of the securities. Table does not include the Multi-Tenant Properties.

Four of our owned real properties within the Single Tenant Owned Property Portfolio where our aggregate (2) investment is \$272,724 are leased to more than one tenant and, for purposes of determining the underlying tenant's credit rating on these properties, we have considered the credit rating of only our primary tenant.

*Long-Term Assets Held for Investment.* We invest in commercial real estate assets subject to long-term leases. As of December 31, 2011, the weighted average underlying tenant remaining lease term on our Single Tenant Portfolio was approximately 7 years, including approximately 7 years in the Single Tenant Owned Property Portfolio. We intend to hold our assets for the long-term, capturing the stable cash flows that will be produced from the underlying high credit quality tenants.

*Net Lease Focus.* We focus on properties that are subject to a net lease where the tenant is typically responsible for all or substantially all of the property's operating expenses. We believe that this asset class offers more stable and predictable returns than non-net leased properties and will allow us to grow our business more rapidly than we need to expand our general and administrative costs and headcount.

*Match-Fund with Long-Term, Fixed Rate, Non-Recourse Debt.* We seek to "match-fund" or substantially "match-fund" our assets with long-term, fixed rate, non-recourse financing. By "match-funded" debt, we mean the maturity of the debt matches as closely as possible the lease maturity of the asset financed. Our financing strategy allows us to invest in a greater number of assets and enhance our asset returns. The use of non-recourse debt enables us to isolate the default risk to solely the asset or assets financed. We also seek to employ amortizing debt on our assets, or debt that will diminish over time as we make scheduled principal payments.

## Our Competitive Strengths

*Established Investment and Portfolio Management Capabilities.* We have an experienced in-house team of investment professionals that source, structure, review and close our transactions. In addition, we have developed an extensive national network of property owners, developers, investment sale brokers, tenants, borrowers, mortgage brokers, lenders, institutional investors and other market participants that helps us to identify and evaluate a variety of single tenant investment opportunities. We have developed a highly skilled asset management function for our assets which among other things monitors lease expirations and property operations and manages the renewal or re-let process on our properties.

*Experienced Senior Management Team.* Our senior management team is comprised of individuals with expertise in commercial real estate, credit capital markets, asset management and legal, and has worked together for many years through various business cycles. We have substantial experience investing at all levels of the capital structure of single tenant properties. Since 1996, we have originated and underwritten more than \$4.5 billion in single tenant transactions, including debt, equity and mezzanine and involving more than 500 properties with more than 100 different tenants. Since our initial public offering in March 2004, we have purchased more than \$1.7 billion of single tenant properties.

*Stringent Underwriting Process.* Since the founding of our predecessor entity in 1994, we have built and maintain today a strong credit philosophy and underwriting discipline. We have a comprehensive underwriting and due diligence process that is overseen by our investment committee, which consists of our key employees, including the chief executive officer, president, chief financial officer and chief investment officer. Our investment committee formally reviews and approves each investment we make prior to funding and all portfolio divestitures. We also have an investment oversight committee of the Board of Directors that approves investments in excess of \$50 million.

*Financing Expertise.* We have substantial experience in financing single tenant assets. We have developed various financing structures that have enabled us to efficiently finance our assets, and we expect to continue to do so in the future as credit markets recover. The structures we have created have enabled us to enhance the returns on our portfolio without reducing credit quality in search of yield.

*Market Expertise.* We have been in the net lease business since 1994 and have recognized expertise in the net lease marketplace. We are highly skilled in analyzing single tenant leases and have developed a market leading franchise in our sector. Prior to our initial public offering in 2004, we were primarily a lender focused on originating first mortgage loans on net lease properties and selling substantially all of the loans we originated, either through whole-loan or small pool sales or through gain-on-sale commercial mortgage-backed securitizations.

## Our Portfolio

### Owned Properties

Owned properties comprise approximately 95% of our current portfolio on an investment basis. All of our owned properties have been acquired since the closing of our initial public offering in 2004. We invest in most commercial property types (e.g., office, warehouse, GSA and retail), and our investment analysis includes a thorough review of the credit quality of the underlying tenant and the strength of the related lease. We also analyze the property's real estate fundamentals, including location and type of the property, vacancy rates and trends in vacancy rates in the property's market, rental rates within the property's market, recent sales prices and demographics in the property's market. We believe that over time, the value of our owned real estate will appreciate. For more detail on our due diligence process, please see "Transaction Review Process" below. We target properties that have one or more of the following characteristics:

- located in primary metropolitan markets such as Philadelphia, Washington D.C., Chicago and New York/New Jersey;
- fungible asset type that will facilitate a re-let of the property if the tenant does not renew;
- barriers to entry in the property's market, such as zoning restrictions or limited land for future development; and
- core facility of the tenant.

As of December 31, 2011, we had an approximately \$1.7 billion owned property portfolio. We believe the strength of this portfolio is exhibited by the following:

- approximately 11.6 million rentable square feet with 96.1% occupancy;
- 64 properties in 26 states and leases with 34 different tenants across the Single Tenant Owned Property Portfolio;
- no tenant represents more than five percent of our entire portfolio, except Nestlé Holdings, Inc. at 11.2% (three properties), the United States Government at 11.0% (seven properties) and TJX Companies, Inc. at 5.2% (one property);
- 95% investment grade or implied investment grade tenants in the Single Tenant Owned Property Portfolio;
- weighted average tenant credit rating of A in the Single Tenant Owned Property Portfolio;
- weighted average remaining lease term of approximately 7 years in the Single Tenant Owned Property Portfolio; and
- well diversified portfolio by property type, geography, tenant and tenant industry.

The occupancy rate (at each year-end) and average annual rent per square foot (for each of the years) for our owned property portfolio for each of the last three years were as follows:

	2011	2010	2009
Occupancy rate	96.1 %	95.9 %	95.2 %
Average annual rent per square foot	\$11.42	\$11.77	\$12.84

#### Property Type Diversification

The following pie chart summarizes the property types comprising our owned property portfolio as of December 31, 2011.



Tenant Industry Diversification

The following table sets forth certain information regarding the tenant industry concentrations in our owned property portfolio as of December 31, 2011.

Industry	Weighted Average Credit Rating <sup>(1)</sup>	Investment <sup>(2)</sup> (in thousands)	Percent of Total	
Insurance	A	\$ 261,915	16.1	%
Food & Beverage	AA-	258,724	15.9	%
Government	AA+	212,461	13.0	%
Financial	BBB-	145,871	9.0	%
Grocery	BBB	108,986	6.7	%
Retail Department Stores	A	93,016	5.7	%
Building Materials	A	83,244	5.1	%
Retail Jewelry	A-	77,640	4.8	%
Automotive	BB+	67,900	4.2	%
Engineering	BBB-	57,433	3.5	%
Healthcare	AA-	49,084	3.0	%
Communications	BBB	47,499	2.9	%
Hotel	BBB	47,343	2.9	%
Energy	BBB	33,119	2.0	%
Publishing	BBB+	20,837	1.3	%
Retail Drug	BBB+	18,468	1.1	%
Other	N/A	44,938	2.8	%
Total	A	\$ 1,628,479	100.0	%

(1) Reflects actual or implied S&P rating (or equivalent rating if rated only by Moody's) of tenant(s) or lease guarantor(s).

(2) Table does not include the Johnston, Rhode Island property which is currently vacant. Table also does not include a portion of our investment attributed to vacant space in the Landmark building in Omaha, Nebraska.

Geographic Diversification

The following table sets forth certain information regarding the top twenty states where our owned properties are located as of December 31, 2011.

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State	Number of Properties	Investment (in Thousands)	Percent of Total	
PA	4	\$ 205,937	12.2	%
CA	7	202,197	12.0	%
TX	6	135,604	8.1	%
MD	4	130,766	7.8	%
NJ	2	127,871	7.6	%
IL	2	108,700	6.5	%
IN	3	91,477	5.4	%
VA	3	90,049	5.4	%
CO	2	70,018	4.2	%
KS	3	54,143	3.2	%
NE	2	52,306	3.1	%
RI	1	42,956	2.6	%
KY	6	41,686	2.5	%
AL	2	40,406	2.4	%
WA	1	39,612	2.4	%
GA	4	36,348	2.2	%
TN	3	34,170	2.0	%
LA	1	29,624	1.8	%
WI	1	29,165	1.7	%
FL	1	27,266	1.6	%
NC	1	27,236	1.6	%
NY	1	17,285	1.0	%
Other	4	47,605	2.8	%
Total	64	\$ 1,682,424	100.0	%

## Lease Expirations

The following table sets forth certain information regarding scheduled lease expirations in our owned property portfolio as of December 31, 2011.

Year of Lease Expiration	Square Feet Subject to Expiring Lease	Current Annualized Base Rent (in thousands)	Percent of Annual Rent (1)	
2012	2,757,308	\$ 21,615	17.1	%
2013	427,240	8,683	6.8	%
2014	90,870	852	0.7	%
2015	738,235	10,677	8.4	%
2016	1,195,424	15,685	12.4	%
2017	1,122,727	16,601	13.1	%
2018	130,303	1,877	1.5	%
2019	189,993	5,870	4.6	%
2020	518,145	8,879	7.0	%
2021	2,316,682	14,812	11.7	%
Thereafter	1,643,439	21,204	16.7	%

(1) Represents lease expiration dates as a percentage of current annualized rent on all properties other than the Johnston, Rhode Island property which is currently vacant.

The US Government (NIH) lease and the three Nestlé leases comprise virtually all of the square footage subject to expiring leases in 2012. We are in active discussions with the tenant and expect to extend or renew the leases at three of these four properties within the next few months. We do not expect to extend or renew the lease at the fourth property and are currently marketing that property for re-let at the conclusion of the existing lease term or sale. The four properties currently generate annual rental revenue in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) of \$22.4 million. Assuming we enter into the lease renewals or extensions as expected, we estimate that the three properties will generate annual rental revenue in accordance with GAAP of \$15.4 million (or \$17.5 million assuming we also re-tenant the fourth property at our current estimate of market rent for that location). While the foregoing represents our best estimates, we cannot make any assurance regarding the expected outcomes of our leasing efforts at these properties, including as to when and on what terms we will be able to lease or sell any property which we may need to re-tenant.



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The following is a tabular presentation of our owned property portfolio as of December 31, 2011:

Tenant or Guarantor	Location	Property Type	Square Feet	Purchase Date	Lease Maturity (1)	Form of Ownership	(in thousands) 2012 Estimated Annual Rent
Abbott Laboratories	6480 Busch Blvd, Columbus, OH	Office	111,776	11/2004	11/2016	Fee	\$ 1,010
Abbott Laboratories	1850 Norman Drive North, Waukegan, IL	Office	131,341	8/2005	8/2017	Fee	1,770
Aetna Life Insurance Company	1333 - 1385 East Shaw Avenue, Fresno, CA	Office	122,605	10/2006	11/2016	Fee	1,887
Allstate Insurance Company	401 McCullough Drive, Charlotte, NC	Office	191,681	12/2005	12/2015	Fee	2,167
Allstate Insurance Company	1819 Electric Road (aka State Hwy. 419), Roanoke, VA	Office	165,808	12/2005	12/2015	Fee	2,307
AMEC plc	10777 Clay Road, Houston, TX	Office	227,486	6/2011	12/2020	Fee	2,058
Aon Corporation(4)	1000 Milwaukee Ave, Glenview, IL	Office	412,409	8/2004	4/2017	Fee	7,126
Baxter International, Inc.	555 North Daniels Way, Bloomington, IN	Warehouse	125,500	10/2004	9/2016	Fee	872
Bunge North America, Inc.	6700 Snowden Road, Fort Worth, TX	Industrial	107,520	4/2007	4/2026	Fee	685
Cadbury Holdings Limited	945 Route 10, Whippany, NJ	Office	149,475	1/2005	3/2021	Fee	3,740
Capital One Financial	3905 N. Dallas	Office	159,000	6/2005	2/2015	Fee	2,353

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Corporation	Parkway, Plano, TX 10720, 10750						
Choice Hotels International, Inc.(5)	& 10770 Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD	Office	223,912	11/2004	5/2013	Fee	5,747
Cimarex Energy Company (Development Property)(6)	206 S. Cheyenne, Tulsa, OK	Office	N/A	7/2011	N/A	Joint Venture/Fee	–
Cooper Tire & Rubber Company	500 Bartram Parkway, Franklin, IN 25 North	Warehouse	807,042	12/2010	5/2021	Fee	2,596
County of Yolo, California	Cottonwood Street, Woodland, CA	Office	63,000	1/2007	6/2023	Fee	1,125
Crozer-Keystone Health System	8 Morton Avenue, Ridley, PA 100 Mazzeo	Medical Office	22,708	8/2004	4/2019	Ground Lease	457
CVS Corporation	Drive, Randolph, MA 3039-3041	Retail	88,420	9/2004	1/2014	Fee	771
Farmers Group, Inc.	Cochran Street, Simi Valley, CA 3003 77th	Office	271,000	1/2007	1/2017	Fee	3,192
Farmers New World Life Insurance Company	Avenue Southeast, Mercer Island, WA 4001	Office	155,200	12/2005	12/2020	Fee	2,740
General Motors Financial Company, Inc.	Embarcadero Drive, Arlington, TX 4340, 4346 &	Office	246,060	12/2006	8/2017	Fee	3,273
Invesco Holding Co. Ltd.	4350 South Monaco St., Denver, CO 12975	Office	263,770	3/2006	10/2016	Fee	5,381
ITT Corporation	Worldgate Drive, Herndon, VA 6750 Bryan	Office	167,285	5/2005	3/2019	Fee	5,520
Johnson Controls, Inc.	Dairy Road, Pinellas Park, FL	Warehouse	307,275	12/2006	8/2016	Fee	2,159

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Koninklijke Ahold, N.V.	4001 New Falls Road, Levittown, PA	Retail	70,020	6/2006	4/2026	Fee	1,439
Lowes Companies, Inc.(7)	26501 Aliso Creek Rd., Aliso Viejo, CA	Retail	181,160	5/2005	8/2024	Fee	3,467
Lowes Companies, Inc.	2401/2501 Elysian Fields Ave., New Orleans, LA	Office	133,841	11/2011	5/2030	Fee	2,314
Michelin North America, Inc.	5600 Cane Run Rd, Louisville, KY	Warehouse	150,000	9/2010	5/2021	Fee	804
Multi-tenant (currently vacant)	1301 Atwood Avenue, Johnston, RI	Office	345,842	4/2007	N/A	Ground Lease	–
Multi-tenant (Dodge building)	9394 West Dodge Road, Omaha, NE	Office	133,685	4/2007	Various	Ground Lease	2,316
Multi-tenant (Landmark building)	1299 Farnam Street, Omaha, NE	Office	292,714	4/2007	Various	Ground Lease	3,217
Nestle Holdings, Inc.	555 Nestle Way, Breinigsville, PA	Warehouse	1,045,153	4/2007	12/2012	Estate for Years	9,451
Nestle Holdings, Inc.(8)	2909 Pleasant Center Road, Fort Wayne, IN	Warehouse	764,177	4/2007	12/2012	Estate for Years	5,643
Nestle Holdings, Inc.(9)	2 Nestle Way, Lathrop, CA	Warehouse	751,021	4/2007	12/2012	Estate for Years	6,010
Omnicom Group, Inc.	1660 North Westridge Circle, Irving, TX	Office	101,120	6/2005	5/2013	Fee	1,409
Pearson Plc.	3833 Greenway and 2201 Noria Road, Lawrence, KS	Office	194,665	4/2006	4/2021	Fee	1,529
The Kroger Co.	Various locations in KY (five), GA (four), and TN (two)	Retail	685,135	4/2007	1/2022	Estate for Years	5,364
Tiffany & Co.	15 Sylvan Way,	Office/Warehouse	367,740	9/2005	9/2025	Fee	4,982

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Time Warner Entertainment Company, L.P.	Parsippany, NJ 1320 North Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Milwaukee, WI 2760 Red Lion Road, Philadelphia, PA 695	Office	154,849	11/2006	12/2016	Fee	2,144
TJX Companies, Inc.	Grassmere Park, Nashville, TN 200 McCarty Avenue, Albany, NY	Warehouse	1,015,500	3/2006	6/2021	Fee	6,215
T-Mobile USA, Inc.	1029 Camino La Costa, Austin, TX	Office	69,287	11/2006	1/2017	Fee	1,434
United States Government (FBI)	1003 17th Street North, Birmingham, AL	GSA (US Government)	98,184	10/2006	9/2018	Fee	1,312
United States Government (SSA)	1100 18th Street, North, Birmingham, AL	GSA (US Government)	23,311	8/2005	2/2016	Fee	710
United States Government (DEA)	300 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, KS	GSA (US Government)	35,616	8/2005	12/2020	Fee	1,297
United States Government (FBI)	6116 Executive Bvd, Bethesda, MD	GSA (US Government)	96,278	8/2005	5/2020	Fee	2,797
United States Government (EPA)	Lot 37, Santiago De los Caballeros Avenue, Ponce, PR	GSA (US Government)	71,979	8/2005	3/2023	Fee	2,652
United States Government (NIH)(10)	700 Frederick Blvd, Portsmouth, VA	GSA (US Government)	207,055	9/2005	5/2012	Fee	3,486
United States Government (VA)		GSA (US Government)	56,500	11/2004	2/2015	Fee	1,300
Walgreen Co.		Retail Drug	13,905	11/2004	7/2018	Fee	356
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Except in the case of our Multi-Tenant Properties, includes lease maturity for our primary tenant. Four of our (1) owned properties within the Single Tenant Owned Property Portfolio are leased to more than one tenant (see footnotes (4), (5), (7) and (10) below).

Reflects scheduled base rent due for 2012 under our lease with the tenant or tenants. Does not reflect straight-line (2) rent adjustments required under GAAP. Also does not include expense recoveries or above or below market rent amortization adjustments required by GAAP.

(3) Includes carry value of any related intangible assets under GAAP.

(4) As of December 31, 2011, approximately 2% of the property was leased to one other tenant.

(5) As of December 31, 2011, approximately 22% of the property was leased to seven other tenants.

We are currently funding construction of the property through a joint venture with the developer. We will acquire (6) the developer's interest in the joint venture upon completion of construction (estimated in first quarter 2013), at which time the lease with the tenant, which is for a twelve year term, will commence.

(7) As of December 31, 2011, approximately 18% of the property was leased to two other tenants.

(8) Property is 100% subleased to General Mills Operations, Inc. through and until the scheduled lease maturity.

(9) Property is 100% subleased to Del Monte Corporation through and until the scheduled lease maturity.

(10) As of December 31, 2011, approximately 6% of the property was leased to three other tenants.

### Estate for Years and Ground Leased Properties

With respect to certain of our owned properties, we own the improvements on the land and control the land through an estate for years with an option to enter into a ground lease at the expiration of the estate for years (Nestlé and Kroger properties). A third party who we refer to as a remainderman owns the remaining interest. For each of these properties, we also have an option to purchase the land at the expiration of the estate for years and on the last day of the primary term and each renewal term of the ground lease from the remainderman for fair market value. If we exercise the purchase option, the fair market value will be agreed to by us and the remainderman or if the parties cannot agree determined through an appraisal process. For certain of our other owned properties, we own the improvements on the land and control the land through a ground lease (Crozer-Keystone Health System, Omaha, Nebraska properties and Johnston, Rhode Island property). A third party owns and leases the land to us. We have the right to transfer our interest in all of these properties at any time and our interest in all of these properties will revert to the remainderman or land owner at the expiration of the ground lease estate unless we have purchased the land or extended the leasehold estate. The approximate duration of our interest in these properties assuming the full estate for years term, if any, and all ground lease options are exercised, is as follows: Nestlé properties, 61 years; Kroger properties, 70 years; Omaha, Nebraska properties, 64 years; Crozer-Keystone Health System property, 35 years; and Johnston, Rhode Island property, 48 years.

### Multi-Tenant Properties

We have classified three owned properties within our portfolio as Multi-Tenant Properties, one in Johnston, Rhode Island, and two in Omaha, Nebraska.

The property in Johnston, Rhode Island is currently vacant and has been so since the prior tenant vacated in October 2009. We are actively marketing the building to prospective tenants and expect to re-let the property over time on a multi-tenant basis, though we cannot make any assurance as to when and on what terms we will be able to do so.

The following table summarizes certain additional information about the two Omaha, Nebraska properties (the Dodge Building and the Landmark Building) as of December 31, 2011:

Location	Pct Leased	Number of Tenants	Major Tenants (Lease Maturity (1))
9394 West Dodge Road, Omaha, NE	99%	6	Hayneedle Inc. (Feb 2016), The Maids International, Inc. (Aug 2016), Union Pacific Railroad Company (Jun 2018), Dex Media, Inc. (Jun 2013)
1299 Farnam Street, Omaha, NE	68%	14	

Pacific Life Insurance Company (Jun 2015), Adesta, LLC (Aug 2013), Stinson Morrison Hecker (Jun 2015), Booz Allen Hamilton (Jun 2013)

- (1) Reflects the date of the tenant's early termination option where applicable, which if exercised would require the tenant to pay an early termination fee.

We continue to actively market the remaining space in the Landmark Building to prospective tenants and expect to fill that space over time, though we cannot make any assurance as to when and on what terms will be able to do so.

#### Loan Investments

Loan investments comprise approximately 2% of our current portfolio, compared to 11% of our portfolio at December 31, 2010. During 2011, we significantly reduced the size of our loan investment portfolio, primarily through the sale of our CDO during September.

All of our existing loan investments were originated and underwritten by us and are secured by single tenant commercial real estate collateral. Our loan investments are comprised of:

Long-term mortgage loans: nine fully or nearly fully amortizing first mortgage loans on properties subject to long-term net leases.

Corporate credit notes: four fully amortizing notes, each of which represents one of two notes comprising a single first mortgage loan on a net lease property with loan cash flows allocated and priorities to the loan collateral established among the two notes. Each corporate credit note generally ranges from 10% to 20% of the original loan amount, and has a junior claim on the real estate mortgage, but a senior claim on the rents in the event of a tenant bankruptcy and lease rejection.

We expect our new investment activity will continue to consist primarily of the ownership of real properties. However, we may make long-term mortgage loans, corporate credit notes and other loan and loan type investments, including mezzanine loans, bridge loans, development loans and preferred equity financings, from time to time in the future.

As of December 31, 2011, we had an approximately \$33.7 million loan portfolio. We believe the strength of our loan portfolio is exhibited by the following:

- weighted average remaining lease term on the underlying leases of approximately 14 years;
- 77% investment grade or implied investment grade underlying tenants;
- loan investments on 13 properties in 12 states with 7 different underlying tenant obligors; and
- weighted average underlying tenant credit rating of BBB+.

The following is a tabular presentation of our loan portfolio as of December 31, 2011:

Tenant or Guarantor	Location	Property Type	Square Feet	Coupon	Lease	Loan	Principal Balance
					Expiration	Maturity	
<i>(in thousands)</i>							
Original							
Long-Term Mortgage Loans							
Bank Of America, N.A.	Mt. Airy, MD	Bank Branch	4,500	6.42	% 12/2026	12/2026	\$ 3
CVS Corporation	Evansville, IN	Retail Drug	12,900	6.22	% 1/2033	1/2033	3
CVS Corporation	Greensboro, GA	Retail Drug	11,970	6.52	% 1/2030	1/2030	1
CVS Corporation	Shelby Twp., MI	Retail Drug	11,970	5.98	% 1/2031	1/2031	2
Koninklijke Ahold, N.V.	Bensalem, PA	Retail	67,000	7.24	% 5/2020	5/2020	3
Lowes Companies, Inc. <sup>(2)</sup>	Framingham, MA	Retail	156,543	N/A	10/2031	9/2031	5
Walgreen Co.	Dallas, TX	Retail Drug	14,550	6.46	% 12/2029	12/2029	3
Walgreen Co.	Nacogdoches, TX	Retail Drug	14,820	6.80	% 9/2030	9/2030	3
Walgreen Co.	Rosemead, CA	Retail Drug	12,004	6.26	% 12/2029	12/2029	5
31							
Corporate Credit Notes							
Federal Express Corporation	Bellingham, WA	Warehouse	30,313	5.78	% 10/2018	3/2015	
Hercules Incorporated	Wilmington, DE	Office	518,409	9.32	% 5/2013	5/2013	20
Lowes Companies, Inc.	N. Windham, ME	Retail	138,134	5.28	% 1/2026	9/2015	1
Walgreen Co.	Jefferson City, TN	Retail Drug	14,266	5.49	% 3/2030	5/2015	
22							
Total							\$ 54.2

All percentages have been rounded to the nearest whole percentage. Loan to realty value is the ratio of the principal balance of the loan as of December 31, 2011 to the appraised value of the real estate that secures the loan at the time the loan was made. The current value of the real estate may be different. The loan to realty value for each corporate credit note includes the principal balance of the portion of the loan we have sold.

(1) The loan is a zero coupon note, with a balloon balance of \$9,784 due in full at the maturity date of September 2031.



Commercial Mortgage-Backed and Other Real Estate Securities

As of December 31, 2011, real estate securities aggregated approximately \$59.4 million, or approximately 3% of our portfolio. During 2011, we significantly reduced the size of our securities portfolio, primarily through the sale of our CDO during September.

Our securities investments are currently comprised primarily of pro rata investments in one or more first mortgage loans on properties net leased to a single tenant. While these investments are structurally similar to our long-term mortgage loan investments, we classify them as securities for financial reporting purposes because they have a CUSIP number. Our securities investments also include senior, subordinate and interest-only classes of primarily net lease loan securitizations.

The weighted average credit rating on our securities portfolio was BB+ as of December 31, 2011, with 55% of the portfolio rated investment grade or implied investment grade. These statistics reflect the actual ratings on our CMBS securities and underlying tenant ratings on our other real estate securities.

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Our securities investments as of December 31, 2011 are summarized in the following table:

Security Description	(in thousands)			Coupon	Maturity Date
	CUSIP No.	Face Amount	Carrying Value		
Investments in Commercial Mortgage Loan Securitizations					
BACM 2006-4, Class H (rated CCC)	05950 WAT5	\$4,000	\$ 800	\$ -	5.98 % Sep 2016
BACMS 2002-2, Class V-1 (7-Eleven, Inc.) (rated AA-)	05947 UJE9	656	555	555	8.44 % Sep 2019
BACMS 2002-2, Class V-2 (Sterling Jewelers) (not rated)	05947 UJF6	1,001	828	828	8.40 % Jan 2021
CALFS 1997-CTL1, Class D (rated B-)	140281 AF3	3,000	1,200	3,000	6.16 % Dec 2016
CapLease CDO 2005-1, Class A (rated BBB+)	140274 AA9	2,661	2,345	2,326	4.93 % Jan 2015
CapLease CDO 2005-1, Class B (rated BBB-)	140274 AC5	2,000	1,410	1,400	5.04 % Jan 2015
CMLBC 2001-CMLB-1, Class H (rated B-)	201736 AM7	11,907	2,639	7,139	6.25 % Mar 2024
CMLBC 2001-CMLB-1, Class J (rated D)	201736 AN5	6,383	672	756	6.25 % Oct 2025
NLFC 1999-LTL-1, Class X (IO) (rated AAA)	63859 CCG6	3,916	2,533	3,916	10.36 % Jan 2024
		35,523	12,981	19,918	
Investments in Certificated Mortgage Loan Transactions					
Certificated Mortgage Loan (with Alcatel-Lucent USA Inc. as tenant in Highlands Ranch, CO) (rated B)	72817#AA6	24,527	20,648	24,818	6.70 % Sep 2020
Certificated Mortgage Loan (with CVS Corporation as tenant / multi-property) (rated BBB+)	126650 BB5	16,867	17,410	16,867	5.88 % Jan 2028
Certificated Mortgage Loan (with Koninklijke Ahold, N.V. as tenant / multi-property) (rated BBB)	008686 AA5	7,489	8,395	7,578	7.82 % Jan 2019
		48,882	46,454	49,263	
Total		\$84,405	\$ 59,435	\$ 69,181	

(1) Represents face amount or, in the case of the NLFC 1999-LTL-1, Class X (IO) bond, our amortized cost.

We have adopted the cost-recovery method, in which all receipts are applied to reduce our cost basis, on a limited number of our securities investments.

The weighted average life of our securities portfolio as of December 31, 2011 was 6.7 years.

## Portfolio Financing

Our portfolio financing strategy is to finance our portfolio with long-term fixed rate debt, as soon as practicable after we invest, on a secured, non-recourse basis. We seek to finance the portfolio with “match-funded” or substantially “match-funded” debt, meaning that we obtain debt whose maturity matches as closely as possible the maturity of the asset financed. By doing so, we attempt to lock-in the positive spread on the assets (representing the difference between our yield and our cost of financing). We also employ amortizing debt on our assets, or debt that will diminish over time as we make scheduled principal payments. Through non-recourse debt, we seek to limit the overall company exposure in the event we default on the debt to the amount we have invested in the asset or assets financed.

As of December 31, 2011, our long-term asset financings were comprised of non-recourse first mortgage financings (on most of our owned real properties) and one non-recourse secured term loan (completed in December 2007). We sold another term financing structure, our March 2005 CDO, during September 2011. We also have financed certain of our assets on a floating rate revolving credit agreement with Wells Fargo Bank.

As of December 31, 2011, the following statistics summarize various aspects of our overall portfolio financing position:

overall leverage of approximately 66%;

\$972.9 million of non-recourse first mortgage debt at a weighted average coupon of 5.55% and a weighted average effective financing rate of 5.6%;

\$88.1 million of non-recourse secured term debt at a coupon of 5.81% and an effective financing rate of 6.0%; and

\$70.7 million of recourse debt to Wells Fargo Bank under a floating rate LIBOR based revolving credit agreement at an effective financing rate of 3.6%.

Since 2008, we have been lowering our overall leverage level and we expect to continue to do so in the future. As part of efforts to continue to reduce leverage, we may increase the number of assets we own without financing. Since 2008, we have reduced debt obligations by \$454 million and reduced overall leverage by 13 percentage points to 66%. We expect our leverage levels to decrease over time, primarily as a result of scheduled principal amortization on our debt and lower or no leverage on new asset acquisitions.

## Hedging Strategy

For assets that have not yet been financed with long-term fixed rate debt, we may employ a hedging strategy to manage our exposure to interest rate fluctuations prior to the time we obtain long-term fixed rate financing. We do so by entering into hedging transactions that we expect to offset the impact to us of changes in interest rates. As interest rates increase, the hedge transactions are intended to offset the increased interest cost on the expected future financing with gains on the hedge positions. Our hedging transactions have historically consisted primarily of forward starting interest rate swaps. Interest rate swaps are agreements between two parties to exchange, at particular intervals, payment streams calculated on a specified notional amount.

We do not hedge those assets that we have financed with long-term fixed rate debt, as our yields and spreads on those assets are fixed and, therefore, not impacted by fluctuations in interest rates.

We will continue to seek to manage our interest rate exposure taking into account market conditions, the cost of and risks associated with the hedging transactions and the limitations on hedging transactions imposed by the REIT tax rules. As of December 31, 2011, we had no open hedge transactions.

## Revenue Concentrations in 2011

The United States Government accounted for approximately 12.8% of our total revenue during 2011. The United States Government and Nestlé Holdings, Inc. accounted for approximately 14.6% and 10.3%, respectively, of our total revenue from our owned properties segment during 2011. Other than the foregoing, we had no greater than 10% revenue concentrations based on total revenue or on a total revenue by segment basis during 2011. Approximately 12.1% and 11.3%, respectively, of our total revenue from our debt investments segment during 2011 was obtained from investments where CVS Corporation and Kohl's Corporation is the tenant (or lease guarantor), but not our obligor.

## Investment Network

Our level of new investment activity is influenced by market conditions. During 2011, we purchased two single tenant properties for a total purchase price of \$53.5 million, completed the development of a build-to-suit project with a total investment of \$8.1 million, and commenced another build-to-suit project with an expected total investment of \$53 million. We expect to continue our portfolio growth momentum during 2012.

We maintain a comprehensive marketing, advertising and public relations program that supports our investment efforts. The objective of the program is to build our name recognition and reinforce our position as an industry leader in the single tenant market segment. We believe, based upon our experience and responses from customers, that we have been successful in achieving our objectives of market awareness and prominence.

We primarily source property acquisition opportunities through investment sale brokers and directly from a growing number of developers and owners or investors in real estate assets. We expect these same contacts will periodically identify loan business for us.

During 2010, we launched a development joint venture program designed to source build-to-suit investments at higher rates of return relative to completed projects. We believe that by entering into projects with established developer partners, we can provide the capital needed to get projects built, while at the same time, securing long-term investment assets for our company at yields significantly higher than those available for completed properties. The program is being met with significant interest from developers and tenants, and during 2011, we completed one project (for Michelin North America, Inc.) and commenced a second (for Cimarex Energy Co.) which is scheduled for completion during the first quarter of 2013.

#### Transaction Review Process

Once a prospective investment opportunity is identified, the potential transaction undergoes a comprehensive review and due diligence process that is overseen by our investment committee, which consists of our key employees, including the chief executive officer, president, chief financial officer and chief investment officer. The focus of our asset review falls into four primary areas:

- credit and financial analyses of the tenant as well as an assessment of the tenant's business, the overall industry segment and the tenant's market position within the industry;
- lease quality, including an analysis of the term, tenant termination and abatement rights, landlord obligations and other lease provisions;
- a real estate fundamentals review and analysis;
- an analysis of our ability to finance the asset; and
- an analysis of the risk adjusted returns on the investment.

Prior to entering into any transaction, our investment professionals, assisted by our chief investment officer and chief financial officer as necessary, conducts a review of the tenant's credit quality. This review may include reviews of publicly available information, including any public credit ratings, financial statements, debt and equity analyst reports, and reviews of corporate credit spreads, stock prices, market capitalization and other financial metrics.

While we have no defined minimum credit rating or balance sheet size for tenants, we anticipate that a majority of our tenants will have investment grade or implied investment grade credit ratings. For those tenants that either are below investment grade or are unrated, we may conduct additional due diligence, including additional financial reviews of the tenant and a more comprehensive review of the business segment and industry in which the tenant operates.

Assuming that the credit of the tenant under the lease is satisfactory, a thorough review is then conducted into the quality of the lease, focusing primarily on the landlord's obligations under the lease and those provisions of the lease that would permit the tenant to terminate or abate rent prior to the conclusion of the primary lease term. We analyze the lease to ensure that all or substantially all of the property expenses are borne by the tenant or that any property expenses not borne by the tenant are sufficiently underwritten to assure that we can isolate a predictable cash flow from the asset. Each lease is also reviewed by outside counsel and a lease summary is provided to our investment professionals for use in evaluating the transaction.

We conduct a review with respect to the quality of the real estate subject to the lease. The property is reviewed from a traditional real estate perspective, including quality of construction and maintenance, location and value of the real estate and technical issues such as title, survey and environmental. Appraisals, environmental and engineering reports are obtained from third-parties and reviewed by our investment professionals and/or legal counsel. We thoroughly review the property's real estate fundamentals, including location and type of the property, vacancy rates and trends in vacancy rates in the property's market, rental rates within the property's market, recent sales prices and demographics in the property's market. As described in detail under "Our Portfolio—Owned Properties" above, we target properties with one or more of the following: located in a primary metropolitan market, fungible asset type, barriers to entry in the market, and a core facility of the tenant. In addition, we may evaluate, or engage a third-party provider to evaluate, alternative uses for the real estate and the costs associated with converting to such alternative uses, as well as examine the surrounding real estate market in greater detail.

In addition to our review of the quality of any individual transaction, our investment committee also:

- evaluates our current portfolio, including consideration of how the subject transaction affects asset diversity and credit concentrations in the tenant, industry or credit level;
- determines whether we can implement appropriate legal and financial structures, including our ability to control the asset in a variety of circumstances, such as an event of default by the tenant or the borrower, as applicable;

evaluates the leveraged and unleveraged yield on the asset and how that yield compares to our target yields for that asset class and our analysis of the risk profile of the investment; and  
·  
· determines our plans for financing and hedging the asset.

We use integrated systems such as customized software and models to support our decisions on pricing and structuring investments. Before issuing any form of commitment to fund an investment transaction, the transaction must be approved by our investment committee. The committee meets frequently and on an as-needed basis to evaluate potential investments.

In addition, we have a three-member investment oversight committee of our Board of Directors, which approves all transactions in excess of \$50 million. Our chief executive officer is the only member of this committee who is an employee of our company.

We believe that we can continue to grow our business more rapidly than we need to expand our general and administrative costs and headcount.

#### Asset Management

We manage a diverse portfolio of primarily single tenant commercial real estate assets. For our owned properties where we are responsible for day-to-day management of the property, we typically hire third party property managers who are overseen by employees of our company. Our owned property investments also require that we perform a variety of asset management functions, such as:

· meeting periodically with our tenants;  
· monitoring lease expirations and tenant space requirements and renewing leases as they mature or re-letting space;

- monitoring the financial condition and credit ratings of our tenants;
  - performing physical inspections of our properties;
  - making periodic improvements to properties where required;
  - monitoring portfolio concentrations (e.g., tenant, industry); and
  - monitoring real estate market conditions where we own properties.
- Asset Surveillance System

We also have created an on-going asset surveillance system that:

- tracks the status of our investments and investment opportunities;
  - links into a management program that includes the underlying asset acquisition documents;
  - loads expected asset cash flows from our investment files into the system;
  - imports data from the system into our financial accounting system;
  - monitors actual cash flows on each asset through servicer reports;
- immediately identifies issues such as non-payment of rent and servicer advances of rent or debt service through servicer exception reports; and
- automatically generates system e-mail notifications when the credit ratings of underlying tenants change.

Through this single system we are able to track and document the entire lifecycle of our assets.

### Closing Process

From the time we begin to consider an investment until the investment is closed, the prospective transaction undergoes a variety of defined steps and procedures. In connection with the closing process, we will typically need to rely on certain third parties not under our control, including tenants, sellers, lenders, brokers, outside counsel, title companies, environmental consultants, appraisers, engineering consultants and other product or service providers. Our personnel carefully manage the closing process and have developed a streamlined set of procedures, checklists and relationships with many of the third-party providers with whom we do business on an on-going basis.

As set forth under “Transaction Review Process” above, each transaction goes through a multi-stage review overseen by our investment committee. Transaction review and the documentary process surrounding it is supported by the use of standardized transaction documents, including closing checklists and form acquisition documents. All of our transactions are closed by our in-house closing staff. That staff seeks to close our property acquisitions four to eight weeks after a purchase and sale agreement is signed, while at the same time maintaining our transaction review standards.



## Competition

We are subject to significant competition. Our competitors include other public and private REITs, private real estate companies, pension funds and individuals. We may face new competitors and, due to our focus on single tenant properties located throughout the United States, and because many of our competitors are locally and/or regionally focused, we will not encounter the same competitors in each region of the United States.

Many of our competitors have greater financial and other resources and may have other advantages over our company. Our competitors may be willing to accept lower returns on their investments and may succeed in buying the assets that we have targeted for acquisition. We may also incur costs on unsuccessful acquisitions that we will not be able to recover.

## Environmental Matters

Under various federal, state and local environmental laws, a current owner of real estate may be required to investigate and clean up contaminated property. Under these laws, courts and government agencies have the authority to impose cleanup responsibility and liability even if the owner did not know of and was not responsible for the contamination. For example, liability can be imposed upon us based on the activities of our tenants or a prior owner. In addition to the cost of the cleanup, environmental contamination on a property may adversely affect the value of the property and our ability to sell, rent or finance the property, and may adversely impact our investment in that property.

Prior to acquisition of a property, we obtain Phase I environmental reports. These reports are prepared in accordance with an appropriate level of due diligence and generally include a physical site inspection, a review of relevant federal, state and local environmental and health agency database records, one or more interviews with appropriate site-related personnel, review of the property's chain of title and review of historic aerial photographs and other information on past uses of the property and nearby or adjoining properties. We may also obtain a Phase II investigation which may include limited subsurface investigations and tests for substances of concern where the results of the Phase I environmental reports or other information indicates possible contamination or where our consultants recommend such procedures.

We believe that our portfolio is in compliance in all material respects with all federal, state and local laws and regulations regarding hazardous or toxic substances and other environmental matters.

At December 31, 2011, we were not aware of any environmental concerns that would have a material adverse effect on our financial position or results of operations.

#### Employees

As of December 31, 2011, we had 19 full-time employees. We have an experienced staff, many of the members of which have been previously employed by the real estate departments from major financial institutions, law firms and rating agencies. We believe that our relations with our employees are good. None of our employees are unionized.

#### Available Information

We are required to file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Investors may read and copy any document that we file, including this Annual Report on Form 10-K, at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Investors may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. In addition, the SEC maintains an Internet site at <http://www.sec.gov> that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the SEC, from which investors can electronically access our SEC filings.

We also make available free of charge on or through our Web site ([www.caplease.com](http://www.caplease.com)), our Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with, or furnish it to, the SEC. Investors can access our filings with the SEC by visiting the "Investors" section of our web site at [www.caplease.com](http://www.caplease.com).

The information on our web site is not, and shall not be deemed to be, a part of this report or incorporated into any other filings we make with the SEC.

Item 1A. Risk Factors.

Set forth below and elsewhere in this annual report on Form 10-K and in other documents we file or furnish with the SEC are risks and uncertainties that could adversely affect our business and operations and cause actual results to differ materially from the results contemplated by any forward-looking statements made by us or on our behalf.

Risks Related to Operations

Current market conditions expose us to a variety of risks.

Current economic and commercial real estate conditions continue to show signs of weakness and uncertainty and could negatively impact our ability to execute on our business plan. For example, these conditions could adversely impact our ability to:

- add new assets to the portfolio, which could cause our common stock price to decline;
- retain tenants or promptly re-let vacant space on favorable terms as leases mature, which could result in a reduction of our funds from operations and cash available for distribution;
- sell assets or refinance debt on favorable terms or at all, which could result in a reduction of our results of operations and weaken our liquidity and financial condition; and
- raise additional equity capital to support our business on favorable terms or at all, which could cause our common stock price to decline.

If we lower or eliminate our dividend, the market value of our common stock may decline.

The level of our common stock dividend is established by our Board of Directors from time to time based on a variety of factors, including market conditions, our cash available for distribution, our funds from operations and our maintenance of REIT status. Various factors could cause our Board of Directors to decrease or eliminate our common stock dividend level, including our desire due to market conditions or otherwise to maintain higher levels of liquidity, tenant defaults resulting in a material reduction in our cash flows or a material loss resulting from an adverse change in one or more of the tenants underlying our investments. We have not established a minimum dividend payment level and we cannot assure you that we will be able to pay dividends in the future. If we lower or eliminate our common stock dividend, the market value of common stock in our company could be adversely affected.

We conduct a significant part of our business with Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. and its affiliates, and their continued business with us is not guaranteed.

We rely on Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. and its affiliates in various aspects of our business. For example:

- Wells Fargo Bank and its affiliates provide us with asset financing through a revolving credit agreement. We have obtained mortgage financing on our owned properties from Wells Fargo Bank (as successor to Wachovia Bank, N.A.) in the past, and we expect to continue to do so in the future.

Affiliates of Wells Fargo Bank have performed investment banking services for us, including in connection with our initial public offering, our CDO transaction and each of our follow-on public equity offerings. These parties are not obligated to do business with us, and any adverse developments in their business or in our relationship with them could result in these parties choosing not to do business with us or a significant reduction in our business with them. Termination of our business or a significant reduction in our business with these parties could have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results, financial condition and liquidity.

The market price of our stock may be adversely impacted by our pace of investment activity.

The markets in which we compete for investments are competitive and our pace of investment activity continues to be impacted by competitive and market conditions. If our pace of investment activity does not match market expectations the market price of our stock could be adversely affected.

#### Risks Related to Portfolio Assets

Single tenant leases involve significant risks of tenant default.

We primarily own and manage commercial real estate properties that are leased to a single tenant. Therefore, the financial failure of, or other default in payment by, a single tenant under its lease is likely to cause a complete reduction in the operating cash flows from that property and a significant reduction in the value of that property, and could cause a significant reduction in our revenues, cash flows and hence our liquidity, and a significant impairment loss recorded directly to our Statement of Operations.

Credit ratings may prove to be inaccurate.

We consider credit ratings assigned by S&P and/or Moody's to our tenants, their guarantors or parent companies and to our structured CMBS securities when making investment and leasing decisions. A credit rating is not a guarantee of continued financial performance and only reflects the rating agency's opinion of an entity's ability to meet its financial commitments, such as its senior unsecured obligations, in accordance with their stated terms. A rating may ultimately prove not to accurately reflect the credit risk associated with a particular tenant. In addition, ratings may be changed, qualified, suspended, placed on watch or withdrawn over time. If a tenant's rating is downgraded, qualified, suspended, placed on watch or withdrawn, such tenant may be more likely to default in its obligations to us, and investors may view our cash flows as less stable.

An adverse change in the financial condition of one or more tenants could have a material adverse impact on us.

We rely on rent payments from our tenants for our cash flows and make property investments based on the financial strength of such tenant and our expectations of their continued payment of rent under the lease. Therefore, adverse changes in the financial condition of the tenants or the certainty of their ability to pay rents could have a material adverse impact on us. For example:

The bankruptcy or insolvency of any of our tenants could result in that tenant ceasing to make rental payments, resulting in a reduction of our cash flows and losses to our company. In addition to the rent loss, due to our focus on net leased properties, our expenses will likely increase as the tenant will no longer pay or reimburse us for the operating costs at the property.

The credit quality of the tenant or tenants is frequently a significant factor in determining the value of our properties, and an adverse change in the subject tenant's financial condition or a decline in the credit rating of such tenant may result in a decline in the value of our properties and a resulting impairment charge directly to our Statement of Operations.

An adverse change in the financial condition of one or more of our tenants or a decline in the credit rating of one or more of our tenants could result in a margin call if the related asset is being financed on our Wells Fargo Bank credit agreement, and could make it more difficult for us to arrange long-term financing for that asset, including by increasing our cost of financing.

Our assets may be subject to impairment charges, which could materially adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

We periodically evaluate our investments for impairment indicators. If we determine that an impairment has occurred (and solely in the case of our securities investments, the impairment is due to credit factors), we would be required to reduce the carrying value of the investment, and record a loss directly to the Statement of Operations in the applicable period. The judgment regarding the existence of impairment indicators is based on a variety of factors such as market conditions, the status of significant leases, the financial condition of major tenants, our expectations regarding future cash flows and the estimated fair value of our investment and/or related collateral. We incurred substantial impairment charges in each of the last three years, including \$7.7 million of other-than-temporary impairment losses on one of our securities investments during 2010, and \$11.9 million of impairment losses on an owned property in 2009. We may continue to take similar impairment charges in the future. These impairments could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

Bankruptcy laws will limit our remedies if a tenant becomes bankrupt and rejects the lease.

We rely on rent payments from the tenant to service our financing of the asset and generate the return we expect to earn. If the tenant becomes insolvent or bankrupt, they have the right under the United States Bankruptcy Code to reject the lease and rent payments could cease. In such a case, our remedies will be limited under the Bankruptcy Code. The premises may not be recoverable promptly from the tenant and our claim for damages, which will be unsecured and is limited to rent under the lease for the greater of one year or 15 percent (but not more than three years) of the remaining term, plus rent already due but unpaid, may not be sufficient to cover our debt service and any other expenses with respect to the property.

We are subject to tenant credit concentrations that make us more susceptible to adverse events with respect to certain tenants.

We are subject to tenant credit concentrations, the most significant of which are the following as of December 31, 2011:

approximately \$198.2 million, or 11.2%, of our assets represent investments in three properties leased to, or leases guaranteed by, Nestlé Holdings, Inc.;

approximately \$195.2 million, or 11.0%, of our assets represent investments in seven properties leased to the United States Government; and

approximately \$93.0 million, or 5.2%, of our assets represent investments in one property leased to, or lease guaranteed by, TJX Companies, Inc.

Any bankruptcy, insolvency or failure to make rental payments by, or any adverse change in the financial condition of, one or more of these tenants, or any other tenant to whom we may have a significant credit concentration now or in the future, could result in a material reduction of our cash flows and hence our liquidity or material losses to our company.

We are subject to tenant industry concentrations that make us more susceptible to adverse events with respect to certain industries.

We are subject to industry concentrations, the most significant of which are the following as of December 31, 2011:

- approximately \$261.9 million, or 16.2%, of our assets represent investments in properties leased to, or leases guaranteed by, companies in the insurance industry (e.g., Aon Corporation, Allstate Insurance Company, Farmers New World Life Insurance Company and Aetna Life Insurance Company);

- approximately \$258.7 million, or 16.0%, of our assets represent investments in properties leased to, or leases guaranteed by, companies in the food and beverage industry (e.g., Nestlé Holdings, Inc. and Cadbury Holdings Limited);

approximately \$212.5 million, or 13.1%, of our assets represent investments in properties leased to, or leases guaranteed by, federal or state governmental entities or branches or units thereof (e.g., United States Government and County of Yolo, California);

approximately \$145.9 million, or 9.0%, of our assets represent investments in properties leased to, or leases guaranteed by, companies in the financial industry (e.g., Capital One Financial Corporation, General Motors Financial Company, Inc. and Invesco Holding Co. Ltd.);

approximately \$109.0 million, or 6.7%, of our assets represent investments in properties leased to, or leases guaranteed by, companies in the retail grocery industry (e.g., The Kroger Co. and Koninklijke Ahold, N.V.);

- approximately \$93.0 million, or 5.2%, of our assets represent investments in properties leased to, or leases guaranteed by, companies in the retail department stores industry (TJX Companies, Inc.); and

- approximately \$83.2 million, or 5.1%, of our assets represent investments in properties leased to, or leases guaranteed by, companies in the building materials industry (Lowe's Companies, Inc.).

Any downturn in one or more of these industries, or in any other industry in which we may have a significant credit concentration now or in the future, could result in a material reduction of our cash flows and hence our liquidity or material losses to our company.

We are subject to geographic concentrations that make us more susceptible to adverse events in these areas.

We are subject to geographic concentrations, the most significant of which are the following as of December 31, 2011:

approximately \$208.4 million, or 11.8%, of our assets represent investments in properties located in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania metropolitan area;

approximately \$187.5 million, or 10.6%, of our assets represent investments in properties located in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area;

approximately \$127.9 million, or 7.2%, of our assets represent investments in properties located in the New York City and Northern New Jersey area;



approximately \$108.7 million, or 6.1%, of our assets represent investments in properties located in the Chicago, Illinois metropolitan area;

approximately \$106.2 million, or 6.0%, of our assets represent investments in properties located in the Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas metropolitan area; and

approximately \$100.2 million, or 5.7%, of our assets represent investments in properties located in the Southern California area.

An economic downturn or other adverse events or conditions such as terrorist attacks or natural disasters in one or more of these areas, or any other area where we may have a significant credit concentration now or in the future, could result in a material reduction of our cash flows and hence our liquidity or material losses to our company.

Our investments in assets backed by below investment grade credits have a greater risk of default.

We invest in assets where the underlying tenant's credit rating is below investment grade (approximately \$117.4 million, or 7.0%, of our portfolio as of December 31, 2011). Investments backed by below investment grade tenants comprised a larger percentage of our new investment activity during 2010 and 2011 and may continue to do so in the future. These investments will have a greater risk of default and bankruptcy than investments in properties leased exclusively to investment grade tenants.

Our investments in assets where the underlying tenant does not have a publicly available credit rating expose us to certain risks.

We have historically been successful at obtaining attractively priced long-term financing for our assets due in part to the high credit quality of the underlying tenant. When we invest in a property where the underlying tenant does not have a publicly available credit rating, we rely on our own estimates of the tenant's credit rating. If our lender disagrees with our ratings estimates, we may not be able to obtain our desired level of leverage and/or our financing costs may exceed those that we projected. This outcome could have an adverse impact on our returns on that asset and hence our operating results.

Real estate investments are relatively illiquid and their values may decline.

Real estate investments are relatively illiquid. Our ability to vary our portfolio by selling and buying investments in response to changes in economic and other conditions is limited. We may encounter difficulty in disposing of properties when tenants vacate either at the expiration of the applicable lease or otherwise. If we decide to sell any of our investments, our ability to do so and the prices we receive upon sale may be affected by many factors, including debt structures in place on the investment, any limits of our form of property ownership such as an estate for years or ground lease, the number of potential buyers, the number of competing properties on the market and other market conditions, as well as whether the property is leased and if it is leased, the terms of the lease. As a result, we may be unable to sell our investments for an extended period of time or without incurring a loss, which would adversely affect our results of operations, liquidity and financial condition.

Our real estate investments are subject to risks particular to real property.

We are subject to general risks of investing in real estate. These risks may include those listed below:

- non-performance of lease obligations by tenants;
- civil unrest, acts of God, including earthquakes, floods and other natural disasters, which may result in uninsured losses, and acts of war or terrorism, including the consequences of terrorist attacks, such as those that occurred on September 11, 2001;
- adverse changes in national and local economic and market conditions;
- the costs of complying or fines or damages as a result of non-compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act;
- changes in governmental laws and regulations, fiscal policies and zoning ordinances and the related costs of compliance with laws and regulations, fiscal policies and ordinances;
- the ongoing need for capital improvements, particularly in older structures; and
- other circumstances beyond our control.

Should any of these events occur, our financial condition, liquidity and operating results could be adversely affected.

#### Risks Related to Ownership of Real Estate

We may not be able to renew our leases or re-lease our properties.

Upon the maturity of leases at our properties, we may not be able to renew the leases or re-let all or a portion of that property, or the terms of renewal or re-letting (including the cost of concessions to tenants) may be less favorable to us than the current lease terms. We focus on single tenant properties and non-renewal of the lease by the tenant is likely to result in some downtime before the property is re-leased and a complete reduction in the cash flows from the property until the property is re-let. In addition, we will be responsible for all of the operating costs following a vacancy at a single tenant building. If we are unable to renew existing leases or re-let promptly all or a substantial portion of the space located in our properties, or if the rental rates upon renewal or re-letting are significantly lower than the current rates, our funds from operations and cash available for distribution to stockholders will be adversely affected due to the resulting reduction in rental receipts and increase in property operating costs.

Current economic weakness could adversely impact our ability or the terms under which we are able to renew leases as they mature or re-let vacant space.

Operating expenses of our properties could reduce our cash flow and funds available for future dividends.

For certain of our owned properties, we are responsible for operating costs of the property. In these instances, our lease requires the tenant to reimburse us for all or a portion of these costs, either in the form of an expense reimbursement or increased rent. Our reimbursement may be limited to a fixed amount or a specified percentage annually. To the extent operating costs exceed our reimbursement, our returns and net cash flows from the property and hence our overall operating results and cash flows could be materially adversely affected.

We have greater exposure to operating costs when we invest in owned properties leased to the United States Government.

Our leases with the United States Government are typical Government Services Administration, or GSA, type leases. These leases do not provide that the United States Government is wholly responsible for operating costs of the property, but include an operating cost component within the rent we receive that increases annually by an agreed upon percentage based upon the Consumer Price Index, or CPI. Thus, we have greater exposure to operating costs on our properties leased to the United States Government because if the operating costs of the property increase faster than the CPI, we will bear those excess costs.

We are subject to risks associated with the development of properties.

We have begun and expect to continue to make new investments through our construction to acquisition program, where we fund all or substantially all of the construction costs for a build-to-suit project through a joint venture with a developer partner. As of December 31, 2011, we had one project in process (scheduled for completion in the first quarter of 2013) where we have funded \$8.2 million toward a total expected investment including amounts borrowed of approximately \$53 million. We are subject to certain risks associated with the development of this or any other property we intend to develop, including the following:

Completion of the project in a timely and workmanlike manner will be dependent upon the efforts of various parties outside of our control, such as our developer partner and the general contractor and any subcontractors. Construction could be delayed if these parties fail to perform their obligations or for a variety of other reasons outside of our control, which could subject us to losses for failure to timely deliver the completed project to the tenant or result in a termination of the underlying lease.

Unanticipated environmental conditions at the property could also delay completion of the project or force us to abandon the project if we determine that remediation of the conditions would be too expensive.

Construction costs may exceed original estimates, which could adversely impact our expected return from the investment.

Our investments in properties subject to an estate for years or ground lease are subject to various unique risks.

Our ownership interest in certain properties includes an estate for years in or a ground lease of the land, along with fee title to the improvements on the land. An estate for years and a ground lease are more limited forms of ownership than a fee interest, as they generally mean that another unrelated party has a present or future interest in the land. Our estate for years and ground lease investments are subject to a variety of risks which could materially adversely impact the value of our investment, such as:

the existence of the estate for years or ground lease and the interest of a third party in the property could reduce the value of our investment or make it more difficult or more expensive to sell or obtain financing for our investment;  
and

unless we have purchased the land, we will lose any remaining investment in these properties when the estate for years and/or ground lease expires.

An uninsured loss or a loss that exceeds the insurance policy limits on our owned properties could subject us to lost capital or revenue on those properties.

Our comprehensive loss insurance policies may include substantial deductibles and certain exclusions. For example, our earthquake insurance coverage for properties we own in California will typically include a customary deductible of five percent of our insurable value. If we are subject to an uninsured loss or a loss that is subject to a substantial deductible, we could lose part of our capital invested in, and anticipated revenue from, the property, which could harm our operating results and financial condition and our ability to pay dividends.

Noncompliance with environmental laws could adversely affect our financial condition and operating results.

The real properties we own are subject to various federal, state and local environmental laws. Under these laws, courts and government agencies have the authority to require the current owner of a contaminated property to clean up the property, even if the owner did not know of and was not responsible for the contamination. For example, liability can be imposed upon us based on activities of one of our tenants or a prior owner.

Prior to acquisition of a property, we obtain Phase I environmental reports and, in some cases, a Phase II environmental report. However, these reports may not reveal all environmental conditions at a property and we may incur material environmental liabilities of which we are unaware. The costs incurred to clean up a contaminated property, to defend against a claim, or to comply with environmental laws could be material and could adversely affect our financial condition, liquidity and operating results.

New rules relating to the accounting for leases could adversely affect our business.

The Financial Accounting Standards Board and International Accounting Standards Board have proposed accounting rules that may be adopted in 2012 or 2013 and would require tenants (but not landlords) to capitalize all leases on their balance sheets by recognizing their rights and obligations. Because landlords are exempted from the rules in their current form, our financial statements are not expected to be materially impacted. However, there can be no assurance that landlords will continue to be exempted from any final rules that may be adopted. If any final rules do not exempt landlords, our financial statements could be materially impacted such as by capitalizing our leases and changing the timing of recognition of lease income. If the proposal is adopted in its current form, it could adversely affect us by causing tenants to approach their leasing decisions differently. Tenants may favor owning as opposed to leasing properties, because this accounting change would remove many of the differences in the way tenants account for owned property versus leased property. Tenants may also prefer shorter lease terms, in an effort to reduce the lease liability required to be recorded on the balance sheet. The proposal could also make lease renewal options less attractive, as, under certain circumstances, the rules would require a tenant to assume that a renewal right would be exercised and accrue a liability relating to the longer lease term.

#### Risks Related to Debt Assets

We invest in CMBS securities, including subordinate securities, which entail significant risks.

We invest in commercial mortgage-backed securities, or CMBS. CMBS securities entitle the holder to receive payments that depend primarily on the cash flow from a specified pool of commercial mortgage loans. Our CMBS investments primarily include classes of securities backed by pools of first mortgage loans on net lease properties (with most of the underlying loan collateral originated by us in the mid to late 1990s). Generally, we have invested in subordinate classes of the securitization pool, or securities that are in a near “first loss” position in the event of losses on the assets within the pool. Consequently, in the event of a loss on one or more commercial real estate loans contained in a securitization, we could lose all or a substantial portion of our investment in the related security.

We have limited recourse in the event of a default on any of our mortgage loans.

Our mortgage loan investments are non-recourse obligations of the property owner, and, in the event of default, we are generally dependent entirely on the loan collateral to recover our investment. Our loan collateral consists primarily of a mortgage on the underlying property and an assignment of the tenant’s lease. In the event of a default, we may not be able to recover the premises promptly and the proceeds we receive upon sale of the property may be adversely affected by risks generally incident to interests in real property, including changes in general or local economic conditions and/or specific industry segments, declines in real estate values, increases in interest rates, real estate tax rates and other operating expenses including energy costs, changes in governmental rules, regulations and fiscal policies, including environmental legislation, acts of God, and other factors which are beyond our or our borrower’s control. As discussed above, bankruptcy laws will limit our remedies with respect to the tenant’s lease. There can be no assurance that our remedies with respect to the loan collateral will provide us with a recovery adequate to recover our investment.

We may experience losses on our mortgage loans.

Our portfolio includes mortgage loans on properties subject to a net lease. The typical net lease requires the borrower or tenant to maintain casualty insurance on the underlying property. These insurance policies may include substantial deductibles and certain exclusions. If the underlying property is subject to a casualty loss that is uninsured or subject to a substantial deductible, rent payments on the related lease may cease, our loan may default and we could lose some or all of our investment.

Our collateral rights under our corporate credit notes are limited.

Our collateral rights on our corporate credit notes are more limited than the collateral rights we have under our long-term mortgage loans. Our corporate credit notes represent one of two notes comprising a single first mortgage loan on a net lease property. Both notes are secured by the same first mortgage and assignment of the tenant's lease and rents, and the note holders have agreed amongst themselves that the corporate credit note holder will have a junior claim on the real estate mortgage and a senior claim on the rents in the event of a tenant bankruptcy and lease rejection. So our collateral rights with respect to the real estate mortgage will be junior to the holder of the related real estate note. Further, while we will have a senior claim on the lease assignment in a tenant bankruptcy, as discussed above, our claim for damages will be unsecured and limited to an amount defined under the Bankruptcy Code (the greater of one year's rent or 15% (but not more than three years) of rent over the remaining lease term, plus rent already due but unpaid). Therefore, there can be no assurance that our remedies with respect to the loan collateral will provide us with a recovery adequate to recover our investment.

We may make mezzanine investments and they will likely have a greater risk of loss than mortgage loans.

We have made and may continue to make in the future mezzanine and other generally subordinate investments. These investments generally involve a higher degree of risk than our first mortgage loans. We may not be able to recover some or all of any future mezzanine investments.

We may be required to repurchase assets that we have sold or to indemnify holders of the debt issued in our term financings.

If any of the assets we have pledged to obtain long-term financing do not comply with representations and warranties that we make about certain characteristics of the assets, the borrowers and the underlying properties, we may be required to repurchase those assets, repay the related borrowings or replace the assets with substitute assets. In addition, in the case of assets that we have sold such as those in our CDO, we may be required to indemnify persons for losses or expenses incurred as a result of a breach of a representation or warranty. Repurchased assets may require a significant allocation of working capital to carry on our books, and our ability to borrow against such assets may be limited. Any significant repurchases, repayments or indemnification payments could materially and adversely affect our financial condition, liquidity and operating results.

#### Risks Related to Borrowings

Our use of debt financing could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition.

We are subject to the risks normally associated with debt financing, including the risk that our cash flows will be insufficient to meet required principal and interest payments on the debt, and the risk that we will be unable to refinance our existing indebtedness, or that the terms of such refinancing will not be as favorable as the terms of our existing indebtedness. As of December 31, 2011, the scheduled principal payments on our long-term debt over the next five years and thereafter were as follows:

	Expected Maturity Dates					
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Thereafter
	(in thousands, notional amounts)					
Mortgages on real estate investments	\$136,077	\$74,371	\$79,534	\$270,668	\$281,147	\$127,207
Credit agreement	3,271	67,397	—	—	—	—
Secured term loan	15,380	13,602	12,349	13,405	12,528	20,878
Convertible senior notes	35,009	—	—	—	—	—
Other long-term debt	—	—	—	—	30,930	—

Included in the above amounts are balloon payments on our debt instruments, including \$117 million of non-recourse mortgage debt due in August 2012 on our three Nestlé properties and \$35 million of convertible senior notes that may be put to us by the holders in October 2012. Most of our debt provides for balloon payments that are payable at maturity. Our ability to make these balloon payments will depend upon our ability to refinance the related debt, raise additional equity capital and/or sell assets or any related collateral. Our ability to accomplish these goals will be



affected by various factors existing at the relevant time, such as capital and credit market conditions, the state of the national and regional economies, local real estate conditions, available interest rate levels, the lease terms for and equity in and value of any related collateral, our financial condition and the operating history of the collateral, if any. We cannot provide any assurance that we will be able to repay our debt or refinance it on terms as favorable as the existing indebtedness or at all. If we are unable to obtain sufficient financing to fund the scheduled balloon payments or to sell the related collateral at a price that generates sufficient proceeds to make the scheduled balloon payments, we could lose all or a substantial portion of our investment in the asset financed.

Our convertible senior notes and other long-term debt referenced in the table above are unsecured and, therefore, it may be more difficult to generate sufficient proceeds to repay these obligations in the future. These obligations are also recourse, meaning that our lender will have general recourse against our assets if we fail to make required payments on the debt.

Our debt obligations could adversely affect our ability to execute on our growth strategy as we may need to utilize the liquidity we could otherwise use to add new assets to repay our debt obligations.

If our debt cannot be repaid, refinanced or extended, we may not be able to make distributions to stockholders at expected levels or at all. Further, if prevailing interest rates or other factors at the time of a refinancing result in higher interest rates or other restrictive financial covenants upon the refinancing, then such refinancing would adversely affect our cash flows and funds available for operation and distribution.

Our credit agreement with Wells Fargo Bank is a secured, recourse obligation and exposes us to interest rate and margin call risks.

We have financed certain of our investments pursuant to a credit agreement we have entered into with Wells Fargo Bank. This borrowing agreement exposes us to a variety of risks, including the following:

It is priced at floating rates based on one-month LIBOR, or the London Interbank Offered Rate. Therefore, increases in the one-month LIBOR rate will cause our borrowing costs to increase and our net income to decrease.

The agreement is recourse to all of our other assets. In the event we are unable to satisfy our payment obligations under the agreement from the assets securing our borrowings, we will remain obligated to satisfy these obligations out of other assets of our company.

We are subject to margin call risk under the credit agreement documents. Wells Fargo Bank has the right in its sole discretion to revalue our collateral, provided that Wells Fargo Bank may not reduce the value of any of our collateral other than CMBS securities due to general credit spread or interest rate fluctuations. In the event Wells Fargo Bank determines that the value of our collateral has decreased, it has the right to make a margin call. A margin call would require us to make up any collateral shortfall with cash or additional portfolio assets. We may not have sufficient cash or portfolio assets to do so. A failure to meet a margin call could cause us to default under the agreement and otherwise have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and operating results.

We have borrowed the full amount permitted under the loan documents based on the lender's current valuation of our collateral. In order to borrow any additional amounts under the credit agreement, we will be required to post additional collateral. Further, Wells Fargo Bank has the right to reject any asset that we seek to finance pursuant to the credit agreement.

Leveraging our portfolio is an important component of our strategy and subjects us to increased risk of loss.

A key component of our strategy is to borrow against, or leverage, our assets to allow us to invest in a greater number of assets and enhance our asset returns. However, leverage also subjects us to increased risk of loss. We are more highly leveraged compared to certain of our competitors. The use of leverage may result in increased losses to us in the following ways:

We rely on the cash flows from the assets financed to fund our debt service requirements. Therefore, in the event of a tenant default on its rent payments, our losses are expected to increase as we will need to fund our debt service requirements from other sources.

To the extent we have financed our assets under our variable rate credit agreement with Wells Fargo Bank, our debt service requirements will increase as short-term interest rates rise. In addition, if short-term interest rates rise in excess of the yields on our assets financed, we will be subject to losses.

Our lenders will have a first priority claim on the collateral we pledge and the right to foreclose on the collateral. Therefore, if we default on our debt service obligations, we would be at risk of losing the related collateral.

Our credit agreement with Wells Fargo Bank is a fully recourse lending arrangement. Therefore, if we default on this agreement, our lenders will have general recourse to our company's assets, rather than limited recourse to just the assets financed.

We may not be able to implement our long-term financing strategy.

Part of our business strategy is to secure long-term financing of our assets to enable us to invest in a greater number of assets and enhance our asset returns. Our ability to implement our long-term financing strategy is subject to the following risks:

We may not be able to achieve our desired leverage level due to market conditions, decreases in the market value of our assets, increases in interest rates and other factors.

We are subject to conditions in the mortgage and other long-term financing markets which are beyond our control, including the liquidity of these markets and maintenance of attractive credit spreads.

In the event of an adverse change in the financial condition of our underlying tenant, it may not be possible or it may be uneconomical for us to obtain long-term financing for the subject asset.

Our inability to implement our long-term financing strategy may cause us to experience lower leveraged returns on our assets than would otherwise be the case, and could have a material adverse effect on our operating results.

Certain of our assets are cross-collateralized, and certain of our indebtedness is cross-defaulted.

As of December 31, 2011, our three Nestlé properties all serve as collateral for a single mortgage note on the three properties. In addition, (1) our secured term loan is secured by interests in 28 of our investments and (2) our credit agreement with Wells Fargo Bank is secured by interests in 19 of our investments. To the extent that any of our investments are cross-collateralized, the lender will have recourse to any and all of the assets that secure the debt in the event that we default under the loan documents. Therefore, cross-collateralizing our investments generally exposes us to increased risk of loss under the related financing arrangement.

In addition, our credit agreement with Wells Fargo Bank and our convertible senior notes contain cross-default provisions, meaning that a default under one obligation could result in the other lender accelerating the maturity of our obligations to them.

We may not be able to finance our investments on a long-term basis on attractive terms, which may require us to seek more costly financing for our investments or to liquidate assets.

As part of our investment strategy, we may acquire new assets and finance them on a floating rate, recourse borrowing agreement with the expectation that we will obtain long-term, fixed rate, non-recourse financing in the future. During the period we finance these assets on a recourse facility, we bear the risk of being unable to finance the assets on a non-recourse basis at attractive prices or in a timely matter, or at all. If it is not possible or economical for us to finance such assets on a non-recourse basis, we may be unable to pay down our recourse borrowings, or be required to liquidate the assets at a loss in order to do so. If we sell an asset at less than what the lender has advanced to us against that asset, we will remain liable to the lender for the shortfall because of the recourse nature of the facility.

Hedging transactions may not effectively protect us against anticipated risks and may subject us to certain other risks and costs.

We may enter into hedging transactions to manage our exposure to interest rate fluctuations prior to the time we obtain long-term fixed rate financing for our assets. Our hedging strategy exposes us to certain risks, among them the following:

- If we do not complete the long-term financing or obtain it in the time frame we designate at the time of the hedge transaction, our hedging strategy may not have the desired beneficial impact on our results of operations or financial condition.
- Our hedging strategy may serve to reduce the returns which we could possibly achieve if we did not utilize the hedge.
  - Our hedging transactions may not perform as expected, including during periods of market dislocation.

No hedging activity can completely insulate us from the risks associated with changes in interest rates and, therefore, our hedging strategy may not have the desired beneficial impact on our results of operations or financial condition. Hedging transactions are entered into at the discretion of our management team and they may conclude that it is not in our company's best interest to hedge the interest rate risks with respect to certain expected long-term financings, particularly during periods of market dislocation. We are not currently carrying an open interest rate hedge to manage our exposure to interest rate fluctuations for assets for which we may obtain long-term financing for in the future. Our decision to do so leaves us exposed to increases in long-term interest rates for those assets and, therefore, may make it more difficult or more costly to obtain long-term financing.

Hedging costs increase as the period covered by the hedge increases and during periods of rising and volatile interest rates. We may increase our hedging activity and thus increase our hedging costs during periods when interest rates are volatile or rising.

We may fail to qualify for hedge accounting treatment.

We record derivative and hedge transactions in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles. Under these standards, we may fail to qualify for hedge accounting treatment for a number of reasons, including if we use instruments that do not meet the applicable accounting definition of a derivative (such as short sales), we fail to satisfy applicable accounting hedge documentation requirements or we fail initial or subsequent quarterly hedge effectiveness assessment requirements. If we fail to qualify for hedge accounting treatment, our operating results may suffer because any losses on the derivatives we enter into would be charged to our Statement of Operations without any offset from the change in fair value of the related hedged transaction.

## Risks Related to Business Strategy and Policies

We face significant competition that could harm our business.

We are subject to significant competition. Our competitors include other public and private REITs, private real estate companies, pension funds and individuals. We may face new competitors and, due to our focus on single tenant properties located throughout the United States, and because many of our competitors are locally and/or regionally focused, we will not encounter the same competitors in each region of the United States. Many of our competitors have greater financial and other resources and may have other advantages over our company. Our competitors may be willing to accept lower returns on their investments, may have access to lower cost capital and may succeed in buying the assets that we target for acquisition. We may incur costs on unsuccessful acquisitions that we will not be able to recover. Our failure to compete successfully could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, liquidity and operating results.

Our network of investment sale brokers and independent mortgage brokers may sell investment opportunities to our competitors.

An important source of our investments is our network of investment sale brokers and independent mortgage brokers. These brokers are not contractually obligated to do business with us. Further, our competitors also have relationships with many of these brokers and actively compete with us in our efforts to obtain investments from these brokers. As a result, we may lose potential transactions to our competitors, causing our investment pace to fail to meet market expectations, which could have a material adverse effect on the market price of our stock.

Joint venture investments will expose us to certain risks.

We may from time to time enter into joint venture transactions for portions of our existing or future portfolio assets, which may include certain of our real properties and/or some or all of our loan and securities investments. Investing in this manner subjects us to certain risks, among them the following:

We will not exercise sole decision-making authority regarding the joint venture's business and assets and, thus, we may not be able to take actions that we believe are in our company's best interests.

We may be required to accept liability for obligations of the joint venture (such as recourse carve-outs on mortgage debt obligations) beyond our economic interest.

Our returns on joint venture assets may be adversely affected if the assets are not held for the long-term, or a period of about ten years.

Our ability to grow our business will be limited by our ability to attract debt or equity financing, and we may have difficulty accessing capital on attractive terms.

We expect to fund future investments primarily from debt or equity capital. Therefore, our ability to grow is dependent upon the availability of debt or equity capital from public or institutional investors. Further, additional debt and/or equity capital may not be available to us at an acceptable cost. The capital markets also have been, and in the future may be, adversely affected by various other events or conditions beyond our control, such as the United States' military involvement in the Middle East and elsewhere, the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, the ongoing War on Terrorism by the United States and the bankruptcy of major companies, such as Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. and Enron Corp. Events such as an escalation in the War on Terrorism, new terrorist attacks, or additional bankruptcies in the future, as well as other events beyond our control, could adversely affect the availability and cost of capital for our business. As a REIT, we will also be dependent upon the availability and cost of capital in the REIT markets specifically, which can be impacted by various factors such as interest rate levels, the strength of real estate markets and investors' appetite for REIT investments. We cannot assure you that we will be successful in attracting sufficient debt or equity financing to fund future investments, or at an acceptable cost.

Future offerings of debt and equity may not be available to us or may adversely affect the market price of our common stock.

We expect to continue to increase our capital resources by making additional offerings of equity and debt securities in the future, which would include classes of preferred stock, common stock and senior or subordinated notes. All debt securities and other borrowings, as well as all classes of preferred stock, will be senior to our common stock in a liquidation of our company. Additional equity offerings could dilute our stockholders' equity, reduce the market price of shares of our common stock, or be of preferred stock having a distribution preference that may limit our ability to make distributions on our common stock. Market conditions could cause us to seek sources of potentially less attractive capital. Our ability to estimate the amount, timing or nature of additional offerings is limited as these factors will depend upon market conditions and other factors.

The concentration of our company's common stock could have an adverse impact on the value of your investment.

As of December 31, 2011, approximately 48.1% of our common stock was owned by eight different institutional investors (based on SEC filings made by these investors). This concentration of ownership could have an adverse impact on the value of your investment, including as a result of the following:

- Trading volume in our stock may be limited, which will reduce the liquidity of your investment. The sale of a significant number of our shares in the open market by a significant stockholder or otherwise could cause our stock price to decline.
- Although none of these investors on its own controls a majority of our common stock, these owners could determine to act together and given their significant concentration may be able to take actions that are not in your best interest. REIT distribution requirements could adversely affect our ability to execute our business plan and may require us to incur debt or sell assets to make such distributions.

To maintain our status as a REIT, we must distribute annually at least 90% of our taxable income. To the extent we satisfy this requirement but distribute less than 100% of our taxable income, we will be subject to federal corporate income tax and may be subject to a 4% nondeductible excise tax on our undistributed taxable income. We generally intend to distribute each year all or substantially all of our taxable income so as to comply with the REIT requirements and to avoid federal income tax and nondeductible excise tax.

From time to time, we may generate less cash flow than taxable income, for example, if we are required to use cash income we receive from our assets to make principal payments on our indebtedness or due to timing differences in when we record income for tax purposes.

As a result of the foregoing, we may be required to take one or more of the following steps in order to comply with the REIT distribution requirements and to avoid corporate income tax and the 4% nondeductible excise tax:

- sell assets in adverse market conditions;
- borrow on unfavorable terms;
- distribute amounts that would otherwise be invested in future investments, capital expenditures or repayment of debt;
- distribute shares of our common stock rather than cash; or
- utilize cash on hand to fund distributions.

Thus, compliance with the REIT distribution requirements may hinder our ability to grow, which could adversely affect the value of our common stock.

The federal income tax laws governing REITs are complex, and our failure to qualify as a REIT under the federal tax laws will result in adverse tax consequences.

We intend to continue to operate in a manner that will allow us to qualify as a REIT under the federal income tax laws. The REIT qualification requirements are extremely complex, however, and interpretations of the federal income tax laws governing qualification as a REIT are limited. Accordingly, we cannot be certain that we will be successful in qualifying as a REIT. At any time, new laws, interpretations, or court decisions may change the federal tax laws or the federal income tax consequences of our qualification as a REIT.



If we fail to qualify as a REIT in any taxable year, we will be subject to federal income tax on our taxable income. Our taxable income would be determined without deducting any distributions to our stockholders. We might need to borrow money or sell assets in order to pay any such tax. If we cease to qualify as a REIT, we no longer would be required to distribute most of our taxable income to our stockholders. Unless the federal income tax laws excused our failure to qualify as a REIT, we could not re-elect REIT status until the fifth calendar year after the year in which we failed to qualify as a REIT.

Our ownership limitations may restrict or prevent you from engaging in certain transfers of our stock.

In order to maintain our REIT qualification, no more than 50% in value of our outstanding stock may be owned, directly or indirectly, by five or fewer individuals (as defined in the federal income tax laws to include various kinds of entities) during the last half of any taxable year. "Individuals" for this purpose include natural persons, private foundations, some employee benefit plans and trusts, and some charitable trusts. In order to preserve our REIT qualification, our charter generally prohibits any person from directly or indirectly owning more than 9.9% in value or in number of shares, whichever is more restrictive, of any class or series of the outstanding shares of our capital stock.

If anyone transfers shares in a way that would violate our ownership limits, or prevent us from continuing to qualify as a REIT under the federal income tax laws, we will consider the transfer to be null and void from the outset and the intended transferee of those shares will be deemed never to have owned the shares or those shares instead will be transferred to a trust for the benefit of a charitable beneficiary and will be either redeemed by us or sold to a person whose ownership of the shares will not violate our ownership limits. Anyone who acquires shares in violation of our ownership limits or the other restrictions on transfer in our charter bears the risk of suffering a financial loss when the shares are redeemed or sold if the market price of our stock falls between the date of purchase and the date of redemption or sale.

Provisions of our charter and Maryland law may limit the ability of a third-party to acquire control of our company.

Our charter contains restrictions on stock ownership and transfer.

As described above, our charter contains stock ownership limits. These limits may delay, defer or prevent a transaction or a change of control of our company that might involve a premium price for stock of our company or otherwise be in the best interest of our stockholders.

Our Board of Directors may issue additional stock without stockholder approval.

Our charter authorizes our Board of Directors to amend the charter to increase or decrease the aggregate number of shares of stock we have authority to issue, without any action by the stockholders. Issuances of additional shares of stock may delay, defer or prevent a transaction or a change of control of our company that might involve a premium price for stock of our company or otherwise be in the best interest of our stockholders.

Other provisions of our charter and bylaws may delay or prevent a transaction or change of control.

Our charter and bylaws also contain other provisions that may delay, defer or prevent a transaction or a change of control of our company that might involve a premium price for our common stock or otherwise be in the best interest of our stockholders. For example, our charter and bylaws provide that: a two-thirds vote of stockholders is required to remove a director, vacancies on our Board of Directors may only be filled by the remaining directors (or, if no directors remain, by the stockholders), the number of directors may be fixed only by the directors, our bylaws may only be amended by our directors and a majority of shares is required to call a special stockholders meeting.

Increased market interest rates may reduce the value of our stock.

We believe that investors consider the dividend distribution rate on shares of REIT stock, expressed as a percentage of the market price of the shares, relative to market interest rates as an important factor in deciding whether to buy or sell shares of REIT stock. If market interest rates go up, prospective purchasers of REIT stock may expect a higher dividend distribution rate. Higher interest rates would also likely increase our borrowing costs and might decrease

cash available for distribution. Thus, higher market interest rates could cause the market price of stock in our company to decline.

The market price of our stock may vary substantially.

Various factors can affect the market price of our stock including the following:

- actual or anticipated variations in our quarterly results of operations;
- the extent of investor interest in our company, real estate generally or commercial real estate specifically;
- the reputation of REITs generally and the attractiveness of their equity securities in comparison to other equity securities, including securities issued by other real estate companies, and fixed income securities;
- changes in expectations of future financial performance or changes in estimates of securities analysts;
- fluctuations in stock market prices and volumes; and
- announcements by us or our competitors of acquisitions, investments or strategic alliances.

We depend on our key personnel.

We depend on the efforts and expertise of our senior management team. There is no guarantee that any member of our senior management team will remain employed with our company. If any member of our senior management team were to die, become disabled or otherwise leave our employ, we may not be able to replace him with a person of equal skill, ability and industry expertise.

Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments.

None.

Item 2. Properties.

Our corporate offices are located at 1065 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10018. Our lease at this property expires in September 2013.

Our owned real properties are described above under “Business—Our Portfolio—Owned Properties.”

Item 3. Legal Proceedings.

From time to time, we are involved in legal proceedings in the ordinary course of business. We do not believe that any matter we are currently involved in will have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations or financial condition. However, periodic settlements and/or professional or other fees and expenses related to any matter could have an adverse impact on our results of operations in the quarterly or annual period in which they are recognized.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures.

Not applicable.

## PART II.

## Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities.

## Information and Holders of Record

Our common stock has been listed for trading on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") under the symbol "LSE" since our initial public offering on March 19, 2004. On February 15, 2012, the reported closing sale price per share of common stock on the NYSE was \$4.17 and there were 646 holders of record of our common stock. The table below sets forth the quarterly high and low sales prices of our common stock on the NYSE for the periods indicated.

Fiscal Year	Low	High
2010		
First Quarter	\$3.99	\$5.72
Second Quarter	4.44	6.30
Third Quarter	4.42	5.81
Fourth Quarter	5.45	6.32
2011		
First Quarter	\$5.18	\$6.01
Second Quarter	4.73	5.60
Third Quarter	3.47	5.01
Fourth Quarter	3.06	4.33

## Dividends

The table below sets forth the cash dividends paid on our common stock for the periods indicated:

Quarter Ended	Dividend Payment Date	Dividend per Share
2010		
March 31, 2010	April 15, 2010	\$ 0.06
June 30, 2010	July 15, 2010	0.06
September 30, 2010	October 15, 2010	0.06
December 31, 2010	January 18, 2011	0.065

2011		
March 31, 2011	April 15, 2011	\$ 0.065
June 30, 2011	July 15, 2011	0.065
September 30, 2011	October 17, 2011	0.065
December 31, 2011	January 17, 2012	0.065

We generally intend to distribute each year all or substantially all of our REIT taxable income (which does not necessarily equal net income as calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles) to our stockholders so as to comply with the REIT provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and to avoid federal income tax and the nondeductible excise tax. Our dividend policy is determined from time to time by our Board of Directors in their sole discretion, and will depend on factors such as our cash available for distribution, our funds from operations, our maintenance of REIT status, market conditions and such other factors as our Board of Directors deems relevant.

#### Tax Characteristics of 2011 Dividends

The following table summarizes the taxable nature of our common dividends during 2011:

Total common dividend per share (tax basis)	\$0.26
Capital gain	0.00 %
Ordinary income	0.00 %
Return of capital	100.00 %
	100.00 %

## Stock Price Performance Graph

The graph below compares the cumulative total stockholder return of our common stock with that of the Standard & Poor's 500 Composite Stock Price Index and the Standard & Poor's 500 REIT Index from December 31, 2006 through December 31, 2011. The graph assumes that you invested \$100 at the close of market on December 31, 2006 in our common stock and each of the indexes, with dividends reinvested. The comparisons in this graph are provided in accordance with Securities and Exchange Commission disclosure requirements and are not intended to forecast or be indicative of the future performance of our common stock.

Company / Index	Base Period					
	12/31/06	12/31/07	12/31/08	12/31/09	12/31/10	12/31/11
CapLease, Inc.	100	78.61	17.44	47.30	65.78	48.42
S&P 500 Index	100	105.49	66.46	84.05	96.71	98.76
S&P 500 REIT Index	100	82.90	48.75	60.95	80.29	90.38

## Common Stock Repurchases

During August 2011, our Board of Directors approved a share repurchase program authorizing us to repurchase in the aggregate up to \$20 million of our outstanding common stock. The program has no expiration date and permits us to purchase shares through a variety of methods, including in the open market or through privately negotiated transactions, in accordance with applicable securities laws. It does not obligate us to make any repurchases at any specific time or situation. The timing and extent to which we repurchase our shares will depend upon a variety of factors, including market conditions, our liquidity, and regulatory requirements.

The following is a summary of our common stock repurchases during the three months ended December 31, 2011, all of which were conducted under the share repurchase program described above.

Month	Total Number of Shares Repurchased	Average Price Paid Per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Program	Maximum Dollar Value of Shares That May Yet be Repurchased Under the Program
October 1-31, 2011	163,021	\$ 3.64	1,746,348	\$ 13,348,734
November 1-30, 2011	22,902	\$ 3.66	1,769,250	\$ 13,264,460
December 1-31, 2011	—	\$ —	1,769,250	\$ 13,264,460



## Item 6. Selected Financial Data.

The following selected historical financial information for the five years ended December 31, 2011 is derived from our audited consolidated financial statements. The data should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements, related notes, and other financial information included in this Form 10-K.

	Year ended December 31,				
	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
	(in thousands, except per share amounts)				
Statement of Operations data					
Revenues:					
Rental revenue	\$127,995	\$121,661	\$130,495	\$131,025	\$119,698
Interest income from loans and securities	19,655	27,621	30,668	35,040	35,368
Tenant reimbursements	13,900	12,159	11,473	11,457	11,215
Other revenue	793	974	1,532	764	583
Total revenues	162,343	162,415	174,168	178,286	166,864
Expenses:					
Interest expense	76,594	83,024	88,195	95,967	94,655
Property expenses	27,216	24,690	20,410	19,497	18,543
General and administrative expenses	10,628	10,660	10,881	11,608	10,661
General and administrative expenses - stock based compensation	2,785	2,541	2,118	1,978	1,621
Depreciation and amortization expense on real property	47,632	45,956	48,957	50,679	45,123
Other expenses	199	267	308	314	306
Total expenses	165,054	167,138	170,869	180,043	170,909
Other gains (losses):					
Gain (loss) on investments, net	648	(7,949 )	(10,886 )	(3,309 )	(372 )
Provision for loss on property investment	—	—	(11,923 )	—	—
(Loss) gain on derivatives	—	—	—	(19,496 )	203
Gain (loss) on extinguishment of debt	(3,698 )	(293 )	9,829	1,713	1,363
Total other gains (losses)	(3,050 )	(8,242 )	(12,980 )	(21,092 )	1,194
Provision for income taxes	—	—	(201 )	—	—
Loss from continuing operations	(5,761 )	(12,965 )	(9,885 )	(22,849 )	(2,851 )
Discontinued operations:					
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	42	(227 )	(60 )	(85 )	368
Gain (loss) on investments, net	1,426	—	—	—	(55 )
Provision for loss on property investment	(16,423 )	—	(4,076 )	(354 )	—
Gain on extinguishment of debt	18,861	—	—	—	—
Total discontinued operations	3,906	(227 )	(4,136 )	(439 )	313
Net loss before non-controlling interest in consolidated subsidiaries	(1,855 )	(13,192 )	(14,018 )	(23,288 )	(2,538 )
Non-controlling interest in consolidated subsidiaries	20	52	51	124	33
Net loss	(1,835 )	(13,140 )	(13,967 )	(23,164 )	(2,505 )

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Dividends allocable to preferred shares	(6,510 )	(5,618 )	(2,844 )	(2,844 )	(2,844 )
Net loss allocable to common stockholders	\$(8,345 )	\$(18,758 )	\$(16,811 )	\$(26,008 )	\$(5,349 )

Earnings per share:

Income (loss) per common share, basic and diluted:

Loss from continuing operations	\$(0.19 )	\$(0.33 )	\$(0.26 )	\$(0.56 )	\$(0.14 )
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	0.06	—	(0.08 )	(0.01 )	0.01
Net loss per common share, basic and diluted	\$(0.13 )	\$(0.33 )	\$(0.34 )	\$(0.57 )	\$(0.13 )
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding, basic and diluted	64,758	56,189	49,297	45,526	40,739
Dividends declared per common share	\$0.26	\$0.25	\$0.21	\$0.60	\$0.80
Dividends declared per preferred share	\$2.03	\$2.03	\$2.03	\$2.03	\$2.03

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	Year ended December 31,				
	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
	(in thousands)				
Other data					
Cash flows from operating activities	\$48,917	\$47,689	\$57,364	\$64,359	\$30,945
Cash flows from investing activities	118,456	(25,051)	70,342	9,547	(309,062)
Cash flows from financing activities	(128,955)	(28,442)	(97,599)	(99,514)	307,739

	As of December 31,				
	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
	(in thousands)				
Balance sheet data					
Real estate investments, net	\$1,401,526	\$1,398,399	\$1,408,819	\$1,510,413	\$1,563,570
Loans held for investment, net	33,139	210,040	221,211	285,779	269,293
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	59,435	145,965	153,056	161,842	198,187
Cash and cash equivalents	71,160	32,742	38,546	8,439	34,047
Total assets	1,641,623	1,870,271	1,904,415	2,045,525	2,158,067
Mortgages on real estate investments	972,924	928,429	943,811	972,324	983,770
Collateralized debt obligations	—	254,210	263,310	268,265	268,227
Repurchase agreement obligations	—	—	—	—	232,869
Credit agreement	70,668	105,345	126,262	189,262	—
Secured term loan	88,142	101,880	114,070	123,719	129,521
Convertible senior notes	34,522	33,926	49,452	66,239	68,017
Other long-term debt	30,930	30,930	30,930	30,930	30,930
Total stockholders' equity	384,795	350,472	313,210	323,578	356,440

Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and the notes to those financial statements, included elsewhere in this filing. Except where otherwise indicated or where the context is clear, the portfolio statistics in Item 7 of this Form 10-K represent or are calculated from our carry value for financial reporting purposes before depreciation and amortization. With respect to our loan portfolio, we have adjusted our carry value to exclude a \$0.5 million general loss reserve.

When we use the term "we," "us," "our" or "the Company" we mean CapLease, Inc. and its majority-owned subsidiaries. All interests in our properties are held through special purpose entities which are separate and distinct legal entities.

#### Overview

We are a REIT that primarily owns and manages single tenant commercial real estate properties subject to long-term leases to high credit quality tenants. We focus on properties that are subject to a net lease, or a lease that requires the tenant to pay all or substantially all property operating expenses, such as utilities, real estate taxes, insurance and routine maintenance. We also have made and expect to continue to make investments in single tenant properties where the owner has exposure to property operating expenses when we determine we can sufficiently underwrite that exposure and isolate a predictable cash flow.

In addition to our portfolio of owned properties, we have a modest portfolio of first mortgage loans and other debt investments on single tenant properties. That debt portfolio was reduced significantly during 2011 as a result of our sale of the assets and associated liabilities comprising our CDO, as well as the individual sale of certain other loans and securities. While the focus of our investment activity is expected to remain the ownership of real properties, we may continue to make debt investments from time to time on an opportunistic basis in the future.

As a result of lease non-renewals, we have classified three properties as "multi-tenant properties," as each is no longer leased primarily by a single tenant. As of December 31, 2011, we had an approximately \$1.8 billion investment portfolio, including \$1.7 billion of owned properties and \$0.1 billion of loans and other debt investments.

Our primary business objective is to generate stable, long-term and attractive returns based on the spread between the yields generated by our assets and the cost of financing our portfolio. We believe that our focus on assets leased to high credit quality tenants subject to long-term leases will provide us with a stable and predictable stream of cash flows that will support our business and the payment of dividends to our stockholders for the foreseeable future.

The principal sources of our revenues are rental income on our owned real properties and interest income from our debt investments (loans and securities). In order to grow our revenues, we will be primarily dependent on our ability to add new assets to our portfolio. We are also intensely focused on growing revenues by re-letting vacant space within our portfolio. As of December 31, 2011, the occupancy rate in our owned property portfolio was 96.1% with virtually all of the vacant space being in our office property in Johnston, Rhode Island and one of the two office buildings in Omaha, Nebraska. We cannot provide any assurance as to when and on what terms we will be able to re-let properties that are or may become vacant in our portfolio.

The principal sources of our expenses are interest expense on our assets financed, depreciation expense on our real properties, general and administrative expenses and property expenses (net of expense recoveries). With the exception of our credit agreement with Wells Fargo Bank, all of our outstanding debt is currently fixed rate and, therefore, the interest expense we pay is not subject to fluctuation based on changes in market interest rates. Our credit agreement with Wells Fargo Bank is floating rate debt and, therefore, the interest expense we pay is expected to increase if interest rates, in particular the one-month LIBOR rate, increase.

The average remaining lease term on our owned properties is approximately 7 years, although we have some leases that are scheduled to mature over the next few years. We are subject to the risk that our tenants do not renew their leases at maturity and that we are unable to promptly re-let the property, or that the terms of renewal or re-letting may be less favorable to us than the current lease terms, any of which could result in a reduction in our revenues and an increase in our property operating costs.

We rely on leverage to allow us to invest in a greater number of assets and enhance our asset returns. Our overall portfolio leverage, expressed as a percentage of our total debt to our total assets before depreciation and amortization on owned properties and with other minor adjustments, was approximately 66% as of December 31, 2011. Our leverage ratios by segment as of December 31, 2011 were approximately 63% for the owned properties segment and 72% for the debt investments segment. See “Liquidity and Capital Resources—Leverage” below for information about our use of leverage ratios and how we compute them.

We expect our leverage level to continue to decrease over time, primarily as a result of scheduled principal amortization on our debt and lower or no leverage on new asset acquisitions. During 2011, the focus of our portfolio activity was on continuing the portfolio growth momentum we started in 2010 and continuing to reduce our leverage. During 2011, we purchased two single tenant properties for a total purchase price of \$53.5 million, completed the development of a build-to-suit project with a total investment of \$8.1 million, and commenced another build-to-suit project with an expected total investment of \$53 million. We also reduced our debt obligations by \$258 million, and brought down our leverage level by 600 basis points to 66%.

Our portfolio financing strategy is to finance our assets with long-term fixed rate debt as soon as practicable after we invest, generally on a secured, non-recourse basis. Through non-recourse debt, we seek to limit the overall company exposure in the event we default on the debt to the amount we have invested in the asset or assets financed. We also had \$136.1 million of recourse debt obligations outstanding as of December 31, 2011, including \$70.7 million outstanding under our credit agreement with Wells Fargo Bank which is scheduled to mature in July 2013. We also hold certain assets unencumbered by debt and expect to continue to do so in the future.

We will be required to repay or refinance our debt obligations at maturity, which we expect, although cannot provide any assurance, that we will be able to do. To the extent we are unable to refinance debt obligations, we may rely on a combination of cash on hand, cash from asset sales, and cash from future debt or equity capital raises to fund the liquidity needed to repay the obligations. Our ability to refinance debt, sell assets and/or raise capital on favorable terms will be highly dependent upon prevailing market conditions. We have two debt obligations scheduled to mature or potentially come due during 2012, comprised of \$117 million of non-recourse mortgage notes on our three Nestlé properties maturing in August and \$35 million of convertible senior notes that may be put to us by the holders in October.

## Business Environment

The performance of our existing portfolio and our ability to add new assets will continue to be impacted by market conditions. Commercial real estate market conditions are improving, although various signs of weakness still persist reflecting the weak U.S. economy. For example, delinquency rates on commercial real estate loans remains at historic highs, which has impacted the amount and terms of credit available for new transactions. Further, overall transaction volumes remain lower compared to historic norms and interest rates remain at historic lows, which have driven significant competition for new investment opportunities. We cannot provide any assurance as to when and at what yields and other terms we will be able to continue to add new assets to our portfolio.

In addition, while rents and property values have been recovering in some markets, weakness and uncertainty persists, particularly in those markets hardest hit by the recent downturn. We have a series of leases maturing over the next several years and commercial real estate conditions in the relevant markets at lease maturity will have a significant impact on our ability to retain tenants or re-let vacant properties promptly and on favorable terms as leases mature.

We also have a series of non-recourse mortgages on our owned properties maturing over the next several years and lending for commercial real estate transactions remains uneven and muted, which could impact our ability to sell properties and refinance maturing debt on favorable terms or at all.

Our ability to execute on our business plan, including to add new assets to our portfolio and support additional investments in our existing assets, will continue to be impacted by capital market conditions. The stock market in general and the market price of our common stock in particular continue to be volatile. We cannot make any assurance that capital markets will be favorable to us at any time.

#### Application of Critical Accounting Policies

Our discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations is based upon our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, or GAAP. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires the use of judgments, estimates and assumptions that could affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses. Actual results could differ from these estimates. The following is a summary of our accounting policies that are most affected by judgments, estimates and assumptions. The summary should be read in conjunction with the more complete discussion of our accounting policies included in Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

#### Impairment on Owned Real Properties.

We are required under GAAP to review our owned properties for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of an asset may not be recoverable. The evaluation includes estimating and reviewing anticipated future undiscounted cash flows to be derived from the asset. If such cash flows are less than the asset's carrying value, an impairment charge is recognized to earnings to the extent by which the asset's carrying value exceeds the estimated fair value. Estimating future cash flows is highly subjective and includes an evaluation of factors such as the anticipated cash flows from the property, which may include rent from current leases in place and projected future leases, estimated capital expenditures, and an estimate of proceeds to be realized upon sale of the property. Our estimates could differ materially from actual results. We recorded impairment losses on our owned properties of \$16.4 million in 2011 (and a gain on debt extinguishment of \$18.9 million related to the transfer of the same property to the lender) and \$16.0 million in 2009 (including \$11.9 million on the write-down to estimated fair value of the vacant property in Johnston, Rhode Island and \$4.1 million on the sale of one property during 2009 and a second property sold during 2010). We did not record any impairment losses on our owned properties during 2010.

#### Impairment of Loan Investments.

We are required under GAAP to periodically evaluate each of our loan investments for possible impairment. In accordance with applicable accounting guidance, our impairment analysis includes both a general reserve component (on performing loans) and an asset-specific component (on loans where we have deemed it probable that we will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the contractual terms). Significant judgment is required in the analysis of each component, including (under the general reserve component) making estimates of the likelihood of default and lease rejection given the credit characteristics of the tenant, and estimates of stressed collateral values and potential bankruptcy claim recoveries, and (under the asset-specific component) evaluating factors such as the status of the loans (i.e., current or expected payment or other defaults), the credit quality of the underlying tenants, the present value of expected future cash flows on the loans, the fair market value of our collateral, and the amount and status of any senior debt. These estimates are highly subjective and could differ materially from actual results. As of December 31, 2011, we had a general loan loss reserve of \$0.5 million (established in 2008) and no asset-specific loan loss reserves.

#### Purchase Accounting for Acquisition of Real Estate.

We are required under GAAP to allocate the purchase price of rental real estate acquired to the following based on fair values:

· acquired tangible assets, consisting of land, building and improvements; and

· identified intangible assets and liabilities, consisting of above-market and below-market leases, in-place leases and tenant relationships.

In estimating the fair value of the tangible and intangible assets acquired, we consider information obtained about each property as a result of our due diligence activities and other market data, and utilize various valuation methods, such as estimated cash flow projections utilizing appropriate discount and capitalization rates, estimates of replacement costs, and available market information. The fair value of the tangible assets of an acquired property considers the value of the property as if it were vacant (the “dark value”).

Above-market and below-market lease values for acquired properties are recorded based on the present value of the difference between (i) the contractual amounts to be paid pursuant to each in-place lease and (ii) management’s estimate of fair market lease rates for each corresponding in-place lease. Fair market lease rates are measured over a period equal to the remaining term of the lease for above-market leases and the initial term plus the term of any below-market rate renewal options for below-market leases. In computing present value, we consider the costs which



would need to be invested to achieve the fair market lease rates. We use a discount rate which reflects the risks associated with the leases acquired. The capitalized above-market lease values are amortized as a reduction of base rental revenue over the remaining term of the respective leases, and the capitalized below-market lease values are amortized as an increase to base rental revenue over the remaining initial terms plus the terms of any below-market renewal options of the respective leases.

Other intangible assets acquired include in-place leases and tenant relationships which are valued based on management's evaluation of the specific characteristics of each tenant's lease and our overall relationship with the respective tenant. Factors considered by management in its analysis of in-place lease values include an estimate of the dark value of the property, carrying costs during the hypothetical expected time it would take management to find a tenant to lease the space for the existing lease term (a "lease-up period") considering current market conditions, and costs to execute similar leases. Management estimates carrying costs, including such factors as real estate taxes, insurance and other operating expenses during the expected lease-up period, considering current market conditions and costs to execute similar leases. In estimating costs to execute similar leases, management considers leasing commissions and other related expenses. Characteristics considered by management in valuing tenant relationships include the nature and extent of our existing business relationships with the tenant, growth prospects for developing new business with the tenant, the tenant's credit quality and expectations of lease renewals. The value of in-place leases is amortized to expense over the remaining initial terms of the respective leases. The value of tenant relationship intangibles is amortized to expense over the anticipated life of the relationships. Through December 31, 2011, we have assigned no value to tenant relationships on any of our acquisitions.

### Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities.

We are required under GAAP to estimate the fair value of our securities investments quarterly. Management evaluates a variety of inputs and then estimates fair value based on those inputs. The primary inputs evaluated by management are broker quotations, collateral values, subordination levels and liquidity of the security. Our estimates of fair value are subject to significant variability based on market conditions, including interest rates and credit spreads. Once we estimate fair value, we are then required under GAAP to assess whether any unrealized losses on securities below our carry value reflect a decline in value which is other-than-temporary. If an other-than-temporarily impaired security is intended to be sold or required to be sold prior to the recovery of its carrying amount, the full amount of the impairment loss is charged to earnings. Otherwise, losses on the security must be separated into two categories, the portion which is considered credit loss, which is charged to earnings, and the portion due to other factors, which is charged to other comprehensive income (loss), a component of balance sheet equity. Significant judgment is required in this analysis. In determining whether a decline in value is other-than-temporary, we consider whether the decline is due to factors such as changes in interest rates or credit spreads (indicator of temporary decline) or credit rating downgrades on the securities or credit defaults on the underlying collateral assets (indicator of an other-than-temporary decline). In estimating other-than-temporary impairment losses, management considers a variety of factors including (1) the financial condition and near-term prospects of the credit, including credit rating of the security and the underlying tenant and an estimate of the likelihood and expected timing of any default, (2) whether we expect to hold the investment for a period of time sufficient to allow for anticipated recovery in fair value, (3) the length of time and the extent to which the fair value has been below cost, (4) current market conditions, (5) expected cash flows from the underlying collateral and an estimate of underlying collateral values, and (6) subordination levels within the securitization pool. These estimates are highly subjective and could differ materially from actual results. We recorded other-than-temporary impairment losses on our CMBS securities of \$48,000 in 2011, \$7.9 million in 2010, and \$0.1 million in 2009.

### Stock Based Compensation.

Pursuant to our 2004 stock incentive plan, we have made and expect to continue to make awards of common stock to our employees with vesting subject to attainment of performance criteria. Under applicable accounting guidance, we are required to estimate the probability of vesting of these shares quarterly and recognize expense (generally equal to the fair market value of the shares awarded on the grant date) for any shares deemed probable to vest over the period the employee is required to perform services to receive the shares. We base our estimates of probability on an assessment of our actual results against the relevant performance criteria. These estimates may change over time as our actual results against the criteria are re-assessed. Changes in these estimates could have a material impact on the expense we recognize.

### 2011 Transaction Summary

The following summarizes our significant transactions during the year ended December 31, 2011.

### Investments

During the second quarter, we completed construction through our development joint venture program of a warehouse/distribution building for Michelin North America, Inc. in Louisville, Kentucky and purchased our developer partner's interest at completion. The tenant commenced paying rent in May. Our total investment in the property is \$8.1 million. The lease with Michelin North America is for a 10-year term.

During the second quarter, we acquired an office building located in Houston, Texas and leased to a subsidiary of AMEC plc until December 2020, for a purchase price of \$25 million.

During the third quarter, we commenced construction through our development joint venture program of a 17 story office building primarily for Cimarex Energy Co. in Tulsa, Oklahoma with a project budget of \$51.8 million and an estimated total investment of \$55 million. We expect to fund about half of the project costs from cash on hand and the other half pursuant to a loan agreement we entered into with Bank of Oklahoma. The project is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2013. The lease with Cimarex Energy Co. is in force and rent will commence as building floors are completed and delivered to the tenant and the 12 year lease term will commence upon completion and delivery of all building floors to the tenant. As of December 31, 2011, we have funded \$8.2 million of our expected commitment to the project. See Note 3 of the consolidated financial statements included in this Form 10-K.

During the fourth quarter, we acquired a retail property located in New Orleans, Louisiana and leased to a subsidiary of Lowe's Companies, Inc. until May 2030, for a purchase price of \$28.5 million. See Note 3 of the consolidated financial statements included in this Form 10-K.

### Sales

During the first quarter, we sold two CMBS bonds each secured by portions of the mortgage financing on the office building located at 180 Maiden Lane, New York, New York (WBCMT 2004-C15, Class 180ML-D and Class 180ML-E). The total of \$23 million face amount of securities were sold at a 98 dollar price. See Note 6 of the consolidated financial statements included in this Form 10-K.

During the second quarter, we sold a generic CMBS bond with an \$11 million face amount backed by a variety of 2005-2006 vintage commercial mortgage loans for a 79.50 dollar price. See Note 6 of the consolidated financial statements included in this Form 10-K.

During the second quarter, we sold two long-term mortgage loans each on separate retail properties leased to Home Depot USA, Inc. for total sales proceeds of \$16.9 million, and a net gain of \$0.7 million. See Note 6 of the consolidated financial statements included in this Form 10-K.

During the third quarter, we sold two small retail properties for aggregate net cash proceeds of \$5.8 million and net gain of \$1.4 million. See Note 6 of the consolidated financial statements included in this Form 10-K.

During the third quarter, we completed the sale of our March 2005 collateralized debt obligation transaction, or CDO. For legal and accounting purposes, the sale resulted in the transfer by us of the various assets in the CDO trust along with the transfer of the obligation to pay debt service on the various CDO note classes. The CDO sale generated cash proceeds net of debt repaid and excluding accrued interest of approximately \$30.2 million, and a net gain of \$3.9 million, before the charge-off of various deferred CDO costs totaling \$3.7 million, including deferred realized losses on cash flow hedges of \$2.3 million and deferred issuance costs of \$1.2 million. See Notes 4, 5, 6 and 9 of the consolidated financial statements included in this Form 10-K.

### Financings

During the second quarter, we obtained or assumed \$34.1 million of nonrecourse mortgage financing on two recent property purchases at a weighted average coupon of 5.68%, including \$17.9 million of mortgage debt on the property leased to Cooper Tire & Rubber Company purchased in December 2010, and \$16.3 million of mortgage debt on the property leased to a subsidiary of AMEC plc purchased in June 2011.

During the third quarter, we entered into a loan agreement with Bank of Oklahoma to provide construction financing of approximately one-half of the project costs related to the Tulsa, Oklahoma development joint venture project. Pursuant to the agreement, Bank of Oklahoma has agreed to fund up to \$24 million of project costs beginning after we have funded an aggregate of \$24 million to the project. Upon completion of the project, the construction loan will automatically convert to a term loan of up to \$31 million. As of December 31, 2011, we had not drawn any amounts under such loan agreement. See Note 9 of the consolidated financial statements included in this Form 10-K.

During the fourth quarter, we assumed \$16.8 million of nonrecourse mortgage financing on the property we purchased in New Orleans, Louisiana, comprised of three fully amortizing notes maturing in August 2030 and bearing interest at a weighted average coupon of 5.46%.

### Capital Raising

During the second quarter, we raised net proceeds of approximately \$54 million from a marketed common stock offering. We issued 10,150,000 shares at a price to the public of \$5.60 per share. See Note 13 of the consolidated financial statements included in this Form 10-K.

Share Buyback

As part of the \$20 million share repurchase authorized by our Board of Directors in August, we repurchased an aggregate of 1,769,250 shares of common stock at an average price of \$3.79 per share during 2011, utilizing an aggregate of \$6.7 million of cash on hand. See Note 13 of the consolidated financial statements included in this Form 10-K.

Property Acquisitions

During the quarter ended December 31, 2011, we completed the following real estate acquisition.

Month Acquired	Tenant/ Guarantor	Location	Purchase Price	Capitalization Rate	Lease Expires	Net Rentable Square Feet
November	Lowe's Companies, Inc.	2401/2501 Elysian Fields Avenue, New Orleans, LA	\$28.5 million	8.1%	May 2030	133,841

We compute capitalization rate by dividing the estimated net operating income of the property by the purchase price for such property. We define net operating income as property specific revenues (rental revenue, property expense recoveries and other revenue) less property specific expenses (real estate taxes, insurance, repairs and maintenance and other property expenses). In estimating net operating income, we compute rental revenue in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States, including the impact of straight-line rent and market lease amortization adjustments.

## Business Segments

We conduct our business through two operating segments:

- operating real estate (including our investments in owned real properties); and
- debt investments (including our loan investments as well as our investments in securities).

Segment data for the year ended December 31, 2011 are as follows (amounts in thousands):

	Corporate / Unallocated	Operating Real Estate	Debt Investments	Total
Total revenues	\$ 769	\$142,680	\$ 18,894	\$162,343
Total expenses	19,388	133,390	12,276	165,054
Other gain (loss)	-	(1,234 )	(1,816 )	(3,050 )
Income (loss) from continuing operations	(18,619 )	8,055	4,803	(5,761 )
Total assets	78,690	1,468,962	93,971	1,641,623

Segment data for the year ended December 31, 2010 are as follows (amounts in thousands):

	Corporate / Unallocated	Operating Real Estate	Debt Investments	Total
Total revenues	\$ 856	\$134,437	\$ 27,122	\$162,415
Total expenses	19,799	129,343	17,996	167,138
Other gain (loss)	(293 )	-	(7,949 )	(8,242 )
Income (loss) from continuing operations	(19,236 )	5,095	1,176	(12,965 )
Total assets	48,213	1,463,362	358,696	1,870,271

Segment data for the year ended December 31, 2009 are as follows (amounts in thousands):

	Corporate / Unallocated	Operating Real Estate	Debt Investments	Total
Total revenues	\$ 492	\$143,407	\$ 30,269	\$174,168
Total expenses	21,196	129,957	19,716	170,869

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Other gain (loss)	9,829	(11,923 )	(10,886 )	(12,980 )
Provision for income tax	-	-	201	201
Income (loss) from continuing operations	(10,875 )	1,526	(533 )	(9,882 )
Total assets	54,618	1,471,987	377,810	1,904,415

Comparison of Year Ended December 31, 2011 to the Year Ended December 31, 2010

The following discussion compares our operating results for the year ended December 31, 2011 to the comparable period in 2010.

Revenue.

Total revenue was basically unchanged at \$162.3 million in 2011, from \$162.4 in 2010, as an increase in rental revenue and tenant reimbursements was offset by a decrease in interest income.

Rental revenue and tenant reimbursements, in the aggregate, increased \$8.1 million, or 6%, to \$141.9 million, primarily reflecting the addition of the property leased to Cooper Tire & Rubber Company in December 2010, the property leased to Michelin North America, Inc. in May 2011, the property leased to a subsidiary of AMEC plc in June 2011, and the property leased to a subsidiary of Lowe's Companies, Inc. in November 2011.

Interest income decreased \$8.0 million, or 29%, to \$19.7 million during 2010, primarily as a result of lower balances on debt investments and the sale of the CDO on September 1, 2011.

Expenses.

Total expenses decreased \$2.1 million, or 1%, to \$165.1 million, as a decrease in interest expense was largely offset by an increase in property expenses and depreciation expense.

Interest expense decreased \$6.4 million, or 8%, to \$76.6 million, from \$83.0 million. The decrease in the 2011 period resulted primarily from \$5.4 million of lower interest expense on the CDO due to lower debt outstanding and the sale of the CDO on September 1, 2011, \$0.9 million of lower interest expense on floating rate borrowings (resulting from lower borrowings and lower effective borrowing rate in the 2011 period), \$0.8 million of lower interest expense on the secured term loan due to lower borrowings outstanding, and \$0.6 million of lower interest expense on convertible debt due to repurchases of the convertible debt. Interest expense on property mortgages was \$1.2 million higher as interest expense on the new mortgages on the Cooper Tire & Rubber Company, AMEC plc and Lowe's Companies, Inc. properties was partially offset by principal paydowns on other property mortgage debt obligations. The Company's average balance outstanding and effective financing rate under floating rate borrowings was approximately \$85 million at 3.49% during the 2011 period (average one-month LIBOR of 0.23%), compared with approximately \$107 million at 3.66% during the 2010 period (average one-month LIBOR of 0.27%). Market interest rates remained low during 2011 but we cannot predict the level of market interest rates in the future.

Property expense increased \$2.5 million, or 10%, to \$27.2 million, primarily reflecting increased property operating costs such as repairs and utilities, more than half of which was recovered from tenants. The net amount of property expenses we incurred in 2011 (net of tenant reimbursements) was \$13.3 million, compared to \$12.5 million in 2010.

General and administrative expense of \$10.6 million in 2011, was basically unchanged from \$10.7 million in 2010.

General and administrative expense-stock based compensation increased \$0.2 million, or 10%, to \$2.8 million. The increase was primarily a result of higher share prices year over year, which primarily impacted the value of prior year performance share grants that do not price until the eligible vesting year. As of December 31, 2011, \$3.1 million of unvested shares (fair value at the grant dates) is expected to be charged to our Consolidated Statement of Operations ratably over the remaining vesting period (through March 2015) assuming vesting criteria are satisfied. As of December 31, 2011, we have not yet commenced expense accrual related to the following number of share awards because the applicable performance criteria have not yet been determined: 39,345 restricted shares made in 2008, 209,430 restricted shares made in 2009, 144,675 restricted shares made in 2010 and 130,950 restricted shares made in 2011.

Depreciation and amortization expense on real property increased \$1.7 million, or 4%, to \$47.6 million, primarily reflecting the addition of the property leased to Cooper Tire & Rubber Company in December 2010, the property



leased to Michelin North America, Inc. in May 2011, the property leased to a subsidiary of AMEC plc in June 2011, and the property leased to a subsidiary of Lowe's Companies, Inc. in November 2011.

*Other gains (losses).*

We had gain on investments, net, of \$0.6 million in the 2011 period, compared to \$7.9 million of net losses on investments during the 2010 period. The amount in the 2011 period primarily includes gains of \$3.9 million on sale of the CDO (before related loss on extinguishment of debt discussed below) during the third quarter, and \$0.7 million on the sale of two loans during the second quarter, partially offset by losses of \$2.9 million on the sale of CMBS securities during the first and second quarter and \$1.0 million on the write-off of a loan investment during the second quarter (see Note 4 of the consolidated financial statements included in this Form 10-K). The gains and losses on sale are discussed at Note 6 of the consolidated financial statements included in this Form 10-K.

We had \$3.7 million of losses on extinguishment of debt during the 2011 period, from the charge-off of various deferred CDO costs in connection with the sale of our CDO during September 2011 (see Note 6 of the consolidated financial statements included in this Form 10-K).

*Discontinued operations.*

We had \$3.9 million of net gains from discontinued operations in the 2011 period, comprised of \$1.4 million of gains on two property sales during the third quarter (see Note 6 of the consolidated financial statements included in this Form 10-K), and \$18.9 million of gain on debt extinguishment and \$16.4 million of impairment losses on the transfer of the Hartford, Connecticut property to the lender (see Note 3 of the consolidated financial statements included in this Form 10-K). We had \$0.2 million of loss from properties classified as discontinued operations during the 2010 period.

Net (loss).

Net (loss) decreased \$11.3 million, to \$(1.8) million in 2011, from \$(13.1) million in 2010, primarily reflecting the change in other gains (losses) including those from discontinued operations from 2010 to 2011 (\$9.1 million) and lower total expenses in 2011 (\$2.1 million). Net (loss) allocable to common stockholders was \$(8.3) million in 2011, reflecting dividends to preferred stockholders of \$6.5 million.

Comparison of Year Ended December 31, 2010 to the Year Ended December 31, 2009

The following discussion compares our operating results for the year ended December 31, 2010 to the comparable period in 2009.

Revenue.

Total revenue decreased \$11.8 million, or 7%, to \$162.4 million. The decrease was primarily attributable to decreases in rental revenue and interest income.

Rental revenue and tenant reimbursements, in the aggregate, decreased \$8.1 million, or 6%, to \$133.8 million, primarily reflecting the vacancy of our property in Johnston, Rhode Island during the fourth quarter of 2009.

Interest income decreased \$3.0 million, or 10%, to \$27.6 million during 2010, primarily as a result of lower loan balances and lower interest rates on cash balances.

Other revenue decreased \$0.6 million, or 36%, to \$1.0 million, from \$1.5 million, primarily reflecting the lease termination payment we received on the Omaha, Nebraska properties during 2009.

Expenses.

Total expenses decreased \$3.7 million, or 2%, to \$167.1 million. The decrease in expenses was primarily attributable to lower interest expense and depreciation expense in the 2010 period, offset in part by higher property expenses in the 2010 period.

Interest expense decreased \$5.2 million, or 6%, to \$83.0 million, from \$88.2 million. The decrease in the 2010 period resulted primarily from \$2.1 million of lower interest expense on floating rate borrowings (resulting from lower borrowings in the 2010 period), \$1.5 million of lower interest expense on convertible debt due to repurchases of the convertible debt, \$0.7 million of lower interest expense on the secured term loan, \$0.5 million of lower interest expense on property mortgages, and \$0.4 million of lower interest expense on collateralized debt obligations due to repurchases in 2009. The Company's average balance outstanding and effective financing rate under its floating rate borrowings was approximately \$107 million at 3.66% during the 2010 period (average one-month LIBOR of 0.27%), compared with approximately \$157 million at 3.71% during the 2009 period (average one-month LIBOR of 0.35%).

Property expense increased \$4.3 million, or 21%, to \$24.7 million, primarily reflecting carrying costs associated with the Johnston, Rhode Island property of approximately \$1.7 million and expenses on the Omaha, Nebraska properties where the leases are now gross and were previously net during 2009 when the property was leased to a single tenant. The net amount of property expenses we incurred in 2010 (net of expense recoveries from our tenants) was \$12.5 million, compared to \$8.9 million in 2009.

General and administrative expense in 2010 was largely unchanged from 2009, as it decreased \$0.2 million, or 2%, to \$10.7 million from \$10.9 million.

General and administrative expense-stock based compensation increased \$0.4 million, or 20%, to \$2.5 million. The increase was primarily a result of higher share prices year over year, which primarily impacted the value of prior year performance share grants that do not price until the eligible vesting year.

Depreciation and amortization expense on real property decreased \$3.0 million, or 6%, to \$46.0 million, primarily due to the value of our in place lease on the property in Johnston, Rhode Island being fully amortized at the scheduled lease maturity in July 2009.

*Other gains (losses).*

We had loss on investments, net, of \$7.9 million during 2010, compared to \$10.9 million of losses in 2009. The 2010 losses reflect other-than-temporary impairment losses primarily on one security investment (see Note 5). The 2009 amount reflects \$10.3 million of losses on three assets that were sold during 2009 (two loans and one security/pass through certificate) (see Note 6), \$0.4 million of impairment losses on a mezzanine loan investment (see Note 4), and \$0.1 million of impairment losses on a security investment (see Note 5).



We had no provision for loss on property investment in the 2010 period, compared to \$11.9 million of loss during the 2009 period. The amount in the 2009 period comprises impairment losses on the Johnston, Rhode Island property (see Note 3).

We had \$0.3 million of losses on extinguishment of debt in 2010, compared to \$9.8 million of gains in the 2009 period. These amounts related primarily to repurchases of our convertible senior notes (see Note 9).

*Discontinued operations.*

We had \$0.2 million of loss from properties classified as discontinued operations during the 2010 period. During 2009, we had \$4.1 million of net losses from discontinued operations, comprised of losses on two properties that were sold (OSHA and Cott) (see Note 6).

Net (loss).

Net (loss) decreased \$0.8 million, to \$(13.1) million in 2010, from \$(14.0) million in 2009, as lower investments losses, interest expense and depreciation and amortization expense on real property during 2010 was substantially offset by lower revenues and gain on debt extinguishment and higher property expenses during 2010. Net (loss) allocable to common stockholders was \$(18.8) million in 2010, reflecting dividends to preferred stockholders of \$5.6 million.

Funds from Operations

Funds from operations, or FFO, is a non-GAAP financial measure. We believe FFO is a useful additional measure of our performance because it facilitates an understanding of our operating performance after adjustment for real estate depreciation, a non-cash expense which assumes that the value of real estate assets diminishes predictably over time. In addition, we believe that FFO provides useful information to the investment community about our financial performance as compared to other REITs, since FFO is generally recognized as an industry standard for measuring the operating performance of an equity REIT. FFO does not represent cash generated from operating activities in accordance with GAAP and is not indicative of cash available to fund cash needs. FFO should not be considered as an alternative to net income or earnings per share determined in accordance with GAAP as an indicator of our operating performance or as an alternative to cash flow as a measure of liquidity. Since all companies and analysts do not calculate FFO in a similar fashion, our calculation of FFO may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies.

We calculate FFO in accordance with standards established by the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts (“NAREIT”) which defines FFO as net income (loss) (computed in accordance with GAAP) excluding gains (or losses) from sales of property and impairment losses on depreciable real estate, plus depreciation and amortization, and after adjustments for unconsolidated partnerships and joint ventures.

The following table reconciles our net income (loss) allocable to common stockholders to FFO for the years ended December 31, 2011, December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009.

(in thousands, except per share amounts)	Year ended December 31,		
	2011	2010	2009
Net loss allocable to common stockholders	\$(8,345 )	\$(18,758)	\$(16,811)
Add (deduct)			
Non-controlling interest in consolidated subsidiaries	(20 )	(52 )	(51 )
Depreciation and amortization expense on real property	47,632	45,956	48,957
Depreciation and amortization expense on discontinued operations	1,996	2,453	2,735
(Gain) loss on property sales	(1,426 )	–	–
Provision for loss on property investment	–	–	11,923
Provision for loss on property investment on discontinued operations	16,423	–	4,076
Funds from operations	\$56,260	\$29,599	\$50,829
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding, diluted	64,758	56,189	49,297
Weighted average number of OP units outstanding	156	156	156
Weighted average number of common shares and OP units outstanding, diluted	64,914	56,345	49,453
Net loss per common share, basic and diluted	\$(0.13 )	\$(0.33 )	\$(0.34 )
Funds from operations per share	\$0.87	\$0.53	\$1.03

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

### Short-Term Liquidity.

We define our short-term liquidity as our ability to generate adequate amounts of cash to meet day-to-day operating expenses and material cash commitments over the next twelve months. Our primary sources of short-term liquidity are available cash and cash equivalents, cash provided by operations, and a portion of the cash proceeds from issuances of debt and equity capital. We may also use revolving loan borrowings under our credit agreement with Wells Fargo Bank to finance, likely on a short-term basis, a portion of our new investment activity. As of December 31, 2011, we had \$71.2 million in available cash and cash equivalents. As of February 23, 2012, we had \$57.8 million in available cash and cash equivalents. We believe that our sources of short-term liquidity will be sufficient to enable us to satisfy our short-term liquidity requirements, including the payment of our dividend.

As a REIT, we are required to distribute at least 90% of our taxable income to our stockholders on an annual basis, and we intend to distribute all or substantially all of our REIT taxable income in order to comply with the distribution requirements of the Code and to avoid federal income tax and the nondeductible excise tax. We declared total cash dividends of \$0.26 per share of common stock during the year ended December 31, 2011, including \$0.065 per share in each of the first, second, third and fourth quarters. We declared a cash dividend of \$0.5078125 per share of 8.125% Series A cumulative redeemable preferred stock in each of the first, second, third and fourth quarters of 2011. Our dividend policy is subject to revision at the discretion of our Board of Directors. All distributions will be made at the discretion of our Board of Directors and will depend on our cash available for distribution, our funds from operations, our maintenance of REIT status, market conditions and such other factors as our Board of Directors deems relevant.

While we believe we will be able to satisfy our short-term liquidity requirements, the following are the primary factors that we believe could have a material adverse effect on our plans:

· payment defaults on our assets which we expect could be triggered primarily in the event of the bankruptcy of the underlying tenant or tenants;

· unexpected capital expenditures on our owned properties;

· margin calls on our Wells Fargo Bank credit agreement; or

· margin calls on any future risk management transactions.

## Long-Term Liquidity.

We define our long-term liquidity as our ability to generate adequate amounts of cash to meet cash demands and commitments beyond the next 12 months, including balloon payments on our debt obligations and capital expenditures on our owned properties. Our primary sources of long-term liquidity are our cash and cash equivalents, cash provided by operations, cash from long-term financings on our asset investments and issuances of debt and equity capital. We may continue to selectively sell assets to allow us to generate additional long-term liquidity. We believe that our various sources of long-term liquidity will be sufficient to enable us to satisfy our long-term liquidity requirements.

Our primary long-term liquidity requirement is repayment of our debt obligations. We intend generally to manage our debt maturities by refinancing or repaying the related debt at maturity. We expect to utilize a combination of (i) cash on hand, (ii) cash from sales of assets which may include the collateral for the debt, and (iii) cash from future debt or equity capital raises, to fund any liquidity needed to satisfy these obligations. These actions, however, may not enable us to generate sufficient liquidity to satisfy our borrowings and, therefore, we cannot provide any assurance we will be able to refinance or repay our debt obligations as they come due. Our ability to refinance debt, sell assets and/or raise capital on favorable terms will be highly dependent upon prevailing market conditions. See “Item 1A—Risk Factors—Risks Relating to Borrowings—Our use of debt financing could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition.” in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

We have two recourse debt obligations that are scheduled to mature or potentially come due over the next two years. Our convertible senior notes can be put to us at the option of the note holders for a repurchase price of 100% of the principal amount of the notes in October 2012 and our credit agreement with Wells Fargo Bank is scheduled to mature in July 2013. See Note 9 of the consolidated financial statements included in this Form 10-K. The convertible senior notes are unsecured obligations and the credit agreement with Wells Fargo Bank is a secured borrowing agreement. With respect to the convertible notes, we have through various repurchase transactions reduced the principal amount of notes outstanding to \$35.0 million as of December 31, 2011 (from \$75 million at original issuance in October 2007). To the extent the notes are put to us in October, we intend to repay or refinance that obligation. With respect to the Wells Fargo Bank credit agreement, the principal amount of the debt is scheduled to decline modestly over time until maturity as we receive principal payments on the assets financed and apply a portion of that principal to the outstanding debt. We then intend to repay or refinance (which may include extending) the remaining obligation at or prior to the maturity date in July 2013.



While we believe we will be successful in either refinancing or repaying these obligations at or prior to maturity, we cannot provide any assurance we will be able to do so. If we are unsuccessful in refinancing these obligations, we may not have sufficient liquidity to repay the debt in full at maturity. Our failure to do so is a default under the debt and could materially adversely affect our financial condition and operating results in a variety of ways. For example, if we default under the Wells Fargo Bank credit agreement, the bank could foreclose on the related collateral causing us to lose some of our assets. Wells Fargo Bank and the convertible note holders also would have general recourse against our company if we default in our obligations to them. In addition, each of these obligations is cross-defaulted with the other, meaning that a default under one obligation could result in the other lender accelerating the maturity of our obligations to them.

We have various non-recourse mortgage debt obligations that are scheduled to mature in the future, including \$117.0 million of mortgage debt on the Nestlé properties scheduled to mature in August 2012. See the schedule of mortgage note maturities included at Note 9 in our consolidated financial statements included in this Form 10-K. In connection with the maturity of our mortgage debt obligations, we intend to evaluate a variety of alternatives with respect to our investment in the subject property, including refinancing the debt, utilizing cash on hand and other sources of liquidity to repay the mortgage debt, and selling the property. If we are unsuccessful with one or more of these alternatives, we could convey the property to the lender to satisfy in full our obligations under the non-recourse debt.

Related to the mortgage debt on the Nestlé properties, in addition to evaluating a potential refinance or repayment of the debt, we are evaluating alternatives for restructuring the debt with the lender, including extending the loan or making a variety of loan modifications such as permanently or temporarily reducing debt service payments. The restructuring alternatives we consider will be influenced by whether we renew the terms of the leases or subleases at the properties or re-let the properties to new tenants and the economic terms of any such leases. The existing leases are scheduled to expire in December 2012, and we currently expect to renew the leases at two of the three properties within the next few months. We do not expect to renew the lease at the third property and are currently marketing that property for re-let or sale.

Our mortgage debt obligations are non-recourse and not cross-defaulted with our other debt obligations, and therefore, we do not believe default of any of our mortgage debt obligations will threaten the viability of our company, although it could result in us losing all or some of our remaining investment in the property.

As an owner of commercial real estate, we are required to make capital expenditures to maintain and upgrade our properties. We expect the majority of these expenditures will be made as the leases mature and we renew existing leases or find new tenants to occupy the property. Any estimates we make of expected capital expenditures are highly subjective and actual amounts we spend may differ materially and will be impacted by a variety of factors, including market conditions which are beyond our control. We may be required to incur additional debt, sell assets and/or raise capital to generate the liquidity needed to pay for capital expenditures on our properties, and our ability to do so on favorable terms will be highly dependent upon prevailing market conditions. Our ability to satisfy our long-term liquidity requirements could be materially adversely affected by capital expenditures we make on our owned properties.

## Share Repurchase Program

During August 2011, our Board of Directors approved a share repurchase program authorizing us to repurchase in the aggregate up to \$20 million of our outstanding common stock. The program permits us to purchase shares through a variety of methods, including in the open market or through privately negotiated transactions, in accordance with applicable securities laws. It does not obligate us to make any repurchases at any specific time or situation. The timing and extent to which we repurchase our shares will depend upon a variety of factors, including market conditions, our liquidity, and regulatory requirements.

During the quarter ended December 31, 2011, we repurchased an aggregate of 185,923 shares of common stock through the above program at an average price of \$3.64 per share, utilizing an aggregate of \$0.7 million of cash on hand. During the year ended December 31, 2011, we repurchased an aggregate of 1,769,250 shares of common stock through the above program at an average price of \$3.79 per share, utilizing an aggregate of \$6.7 million of cash on hand.

## Sources of Capital

*General.* We intend to continue to raise additional capital from time to time to enable us to continue to implement our growth strategy. Our ability to raise capital is influenced by market conditions, and we cannot assure you that conditions for raising capital will be favorable for us at any time.

*Shelf Registration Statement.* We have a shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-171408) on file and effective with the Securities and Exchange Commission which we expect to utilize to issue public equity or debt capital from time to time in the future. Pursuant to the shelf registration statement, we may issue and sell publicly preferred stock, common stock, and debt securities, or any combination of such securities, from time to time in one or more offerings, up to an aggregate amount of \$500 million. We utilized our shelf registration statement to issue common equity capital during the second quarter of 2011. Specifically, on April 5, 2011, we issued 10,000,000 shares of common stock in a public offering at a price to the public of \$5.60 per share. Then, on May 4, 2011, we issued an additional 150,000 shares of common stock as part of such public offering, as a result of the underwriters partially exercising the over-allotment option. Inclusive of the over-allotment option, we raised net proceeds of \$54.0 million, after the underwriting discount and estimated offering expenses. Through December 31, 2011, we have used a total of \$48.8 million of the proceeds from the offering, with \$33.5 million used to fund purchases of or improvements to owned properties, \$8.5 million used to reduce outstanding indebtedness and \$6.7 million used to repurchase our common stock.

As of December 31, 2011, we had remaining availability of \$443 million under our shelf registration statement, and we may offer and sell any combination of common stock, preferred stock and/or senior or subordinated debt securities up to such amount from time to time. The availability under our shelf registration statement includes an aggregate of 2,693,900 shares of common stock and 995,100 shares of Series A preferred stock reserved for sale under the Brinson Patrick sales agreement described below, and an aggregate of 8,982,700 shares of common stock reserved for sale under the Merrill Lynch sales agreement described below.

*ATM Offering.* We have implemented an “at the market offering” program (as defined in Rule 415 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended), which may be utilized by us from time to time to sell shares of our common stock and Series A preferred stock and increase liquidity. We have two separate sales agents for our “at the market offering” program, Brinson Patrick Securities Corporation and Merrill Lynch, Pierce Fenner & Smith Incorporated.

We are not currently selling shares through the “at the market offering” program, although we reserve the right to elect to do so in our sole discretion at any time in the future.

Our sales agreement with Brinson Patrick Securities Corporation permits us to issue and sell through Brinson Patrick, from time to time, shares of our common stock and Series A preferred stock, and Brinson Patrick has agreed to use its best efforts to sell such shares during the term of the agreement and on the terms set forth therein. Our Board of Directors initially authorized the sale of up to 5,000,000 shares of common stock and 1,000,000 shares of Series A preferred stock pursuant to the sales agreement with Brinson Patrick from time to time. Through December 31, 2011, we have sold 2,306,100 shares of common stock and 4,900 shares of Series A preferred stock pursuant to the agreement with Brinson Patrick. We are not obligated to sell any shares pursuant to the agreement and we may start and stop selling shares pursuant to the program at any time in our sole discretion. We must pay Brinson Patrick a commission of 1.5% of the gross sales price per share sold.

Our sales agreement with Merrill Lynch, Pierce Fenner & Smith Incorporated authorizes us to issue and sell, from time to time, up to 9,000,000 shares of common stock through or to Merrill Lynch, and Merrill Lynch has agreed to use its commercially reasonable efforts to sell such shares during the term of the agreement and on the terms set forth therein. We may sell our common stock to Merrill Lynch as principal for its own account at prices agreed upon at the time of sale. Through December 31, 2011, we have sold a total of 17,300 shares of common stock pursuant to our sales agreement with Merrill Lynch. We are not obligated to sell any shares pursuant to the agreement and we may start and stop selling shares pursuant to the program at any time in our sole discretion. We must pay Merrill Lynch a commission of 2.0% of the gross sales price per share sold.

We did not sell any shares of common stock or Series A preferred stock pursuant to the sales agreements with Brinson Patrick and Merrill Lynch during the quarter ended December 31, 2011. We did not sell any shares of common stock or Series A preferred stock pursuant to the sales agreements with Brinson Patrick during the year ended December 31, 2011. The following table summarizes our sales of common stock pursuant to the sales agreement with Merrill Lynch during the year ended December 31, 2011. All shares were sold during January.

During the year ended December 31, 2011				
			Compensation	
	Number of Shares	Average Price	to Agent	Net Proceeds (1)
Merrill Lynch – common stock	14,200	\$ 6.00	\$ 1,708	\$ 83,605

(1) Net proceeds above do not include incidental third-party expenses associated with the at-the-market program.

*Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan.* In March 2007, we implemented a dividend reinvestment and direct stock purchase plan, which may be utilized by us from time to time to sell shares of our common stock and increase liquidity. We are not currently issuing new shares through the plan, although we reserve the right to elect to do so in our sole discretion at any time in the future.

The plan allows interested stockholders to reinvest all or a portion of their cash dividends in shares of our common stock and to make monthly purchases of our common stock generally up to a maximum of \$10,000 (unless a higher amount is approved by us in our sole discretion). Shares purchased through the plan may be either (i) newly issued by us (which may be sold at a discount of up to 5% off of the average of the high and low sales prices on the applicable investment date) or (ii) purchased by the plan administrator in the open market, at our discretion. During the year ended December 31, 2011, we issued 27,697 shares of common stock through the plan at a price of \$5.72 per share. During the year ended December 31, 2010, we issued 103 shares of common stock through the plan at a price of \$5.85 per share. As of December 31, 2011, we have reserved an aggregate of 6,830,043 shares of common stock for future issuance pursuant to the dividend reinvestment and direct stock purchase plan.

## Leverage

We rely on leverage to allow us to invest in a greater number of assets and enhance our asset returns. Leverage also exposes us to a variety of risks which are discussed in more detail in this Annual Report on Form 10-K under the heading "Risk Factors." In reviewing and analyzing our debt, we look at a variety of financial metrics such as our leverage ratios, weighted average and individual interest rates on the debt, weighted average and individual maturity dates and scheduled principal amortization and balloon balances due at maturity. We also evaluate a variety of subjective factors such as present and expected future market conditions.

Leverage ratios are a widely used financial measure by the real estate investment community, especially for REITs. We measure our leverage ratios by dividing total debt by total assets, as adjusted. We measure total assets, as adjusted, at historical cost before depreciation and amortization on owned properties. Therefore, our leverage ratios do not account for any fluctuations in value, up or down, that may have occurred since we acquired our owned properties. Other companies including other REITs may compute leverage ratios in a different manner and, therefore, our leverage ratios may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies.

The following table sets forth the computation of our overall portfolio leverage ratio as of December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010 (dollars in thousands).

	Dec 31, 2011	Dec 31, 2010
Debt		
Mortgages on real estate investments	\$ 972,924	\$ 928,429
Collateralized debt obligations	–	254,210
Principal held by CDO trustee pending distribution	–	(1,607 )
Credit agreement	70,668	105,345
Secured term loan	88,142	101,880
Convertible senior notes	34,522	33,926
Other long-term debt	30,930	30,930
Total Debt	\$ 1,197,186	\$ 1,453,113
Assets		
Total assets	\$ 1,641,623	\$ 1,870,271
Accumulated depreciation and amortization on owned properties	268,209	239,990
Intangible liabilities on real estate investments	(35,219 )	(37,405 )
Principal held by CDO trustee pending distribution	–	(1,607 )
Prepaid expenses and deposits	(1,381 )	(2,197 )
Accrued rental income	(41,387 )	(39,506 )
Deferred rental income	2	–
Debt issuance costs, net	(3,889 )	(5,999 )
Other	(712 )	(1,046 )
Total Assets, as adjusted	\$ 1,827,247	\$ 2,022,501

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Leverage (Total Debt/Total Assets, as adjusted) 66 % 72 %

The following table sets forth the computation of our leverage ratios by segment as of December 31, 2011 (dollars in thousands).

(in thousands)	Mortgage Debt	Secured Term Loan Debt	Credit Agreement Debt	Total Debt	Investment (1)	Leverage
Owned Properties	\$972,924	\$ 24,436	\$ 66,887	\$1,064,247	\$ 1,682,424	63 %
Debt Investments	–	63,706	3,782	67,488	93,144	72 %

(1) Represents our carry value for financial reporting purposes before depreciation and amortization on owned properties. The carry value of our debt investments has been adjusted to exclude a \$500 general loss reserve.

We expect our leverage level to continue to decrease over time, primarily as a result of scheduled principal amortization on our debt and lower or no leverage on new asset acquisitions.

Our portfolio financing strategy is to finance our assets with long-term fixed rate debt as soon as practicable after we invest, generally on a secured, non-recourse basis. Through non-recourse debt, we seek to limit the overall company exposure in the event we default on the debt to the amount we have invested in the asset or assets financed. We seek to finance our assets with “match-funded” or substantially “match-funded” debt, meaning that we seek to obtain debt whose maturity matches as closely as possible the maturity of the asset financed. Through December 31, 2011, our long-term fixed rate asset financings have been in the form of traditional third party non-recourse first mortgage financings (on most of our owned real properties) and one non-recourse secured term loan (completed in December 2007). As of December 31, 2011, we have financed on a long-term basis an aggregate of approximately \$1.56 billion of portfolio assets with third party first mortgage debt of \$972.9 million and a secured term loan of \$88.1 million.

#### *Long-Term Mortgage Financings*

We have financed most of our owned properties through traditional first mortgage financings provided primarily through the commercial mortgage-backed securitization market. We also have utilized the term financings described below including the CDO transaction we sold during September 2011, to add incremental leverage on many of our owned properties.

During the quarter ended December 31, 2011, we assumed in-place mortgage financing on the property we acquired in New Orleans, Louisiana. The principal economic terms of the three fully amortizing notes we assumed are summarized in the following table:

Property	Assumed Face Amount of Mortgage Note (in thousands)	Coupon	Maturity Date
Lowe’s Companies, Inc., New Orleans, LA	\$ 7,722	5.32 %	August 2030
Lowe’s Companies, Inc., New Orleans, LA	8,621	5.57 %	August 2030
Lowe’s Companies, Inc., New Orleans, LA	434	5.93 %	August 2030

As of December 31, 2011, we had \$972.9 million of non-recourse first mortgage debt at a weighted average coupon of 5.55% and a weighted average effective financing rate of 5.6%.

Our mortgage financings are all fixed rate financings. The notes typically mature over a long-term period of approximately ten years, and debt service is payable monthly. The notes are non-recourse to us subject to limited recourse exceptions and are secured by a mortgage on the property and an assignment of the underlying lease and rents on the property. The notes are frequently interest only for all or a portion of the note term, and in most cases require a balloon payment at maturity. As described above, we cannot provide any assurance we will be able to refinance or repay these obligations at maturity and our ability to do so on favorable terms will be highly dependent upon prevailing market conditions. See “Business Environment” above and “Item 1A—Risk Factors” in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

### *Term Financings*

We have financed most of our loan and securities investments as well as a select number of our owned properties through the term financings described below. As noted above, we have also utilized term financings to add incremental leverage on our owned properties financed with mortgage debt.

*Secured Term Loan.* In December 2007, we completed a secured term loan with a European bank. We transferred a pool of assets into a wholly-owned special purpose entity, called CapLease 2007-STL LLC, and issued debt to the lender secured by the assets in the pool. We retained all of the equity in the special purpose entity, or SPE, and, therefore, are entitled to all residual cash after the payment of scheduled principal and interest on the debt. The lender’s debt is structured to be senior to our equity. For example, all principal payments on the assets transferred to the SPE will be paid to the lender until the secured term loan is repaid in full. We are in a first loss position in the event of a payment default or loss on any of the SPE assets.

As of December 31, 2011, we had \$88.1 million of debt outstanding under the secured term loan, secured by assets with a carry value of \$113.4 million. The interest coupon on the loan is fixed at 5.81% annually until the loan matures in January 2018. Our effective financing rate on the loan is 6.0% annually (inclusive of hedge and closing costs). The loan is non-recourse to us, subject to limited non-recourse exceptions.

*CDO Financing.* During September 2011, we completed the sale of our March 2005 CDO. For legal and accounting purposes, the sale resulted in the transfer by us of the various assets in the CDO trust along with the transfer of the obligation to pay debt service on the various CDO note classes. The CDO sale generated cash proceeds net of debt repaid and excluding accrued interest of approximately \$30.2 million, and a net gain of \$3.9 million, before the charge-off of primarily deferred issuance costs and deferred realized gains on cash flow hedges totaling \$3.7 million.



*Credit Agreement.* We have entered into a credit agreement with Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. (as successor to Wachovia Bank, N.A.) and financed certain of our portfolio assets pursuant to the credit agreement. We also may utilize the undrawn amount of the lender's revolving credit commitment to finance assets approved by the lender in its sole discretion at an advance rate of 60% of the asset's value (as determined by the lender).

The credit agreement with Wells Fargo Bank includes the following terms:

Size: maximum revolving credit commitment of \$140 million;

Maturity: maturity date of July 16, 2013; and

Interest Rate: floating rate LIBOR-based facility with interest rate on our borrowings set at one-month LIBOR plus 275 basis points.

As of December 31, 2011, our outstanding borrowings under the agreement were \$70.7 million and our effective financing rate was 3.6%.

The agreement is a floating rate LIBOR based facility. Our borrowings under the agreement are secured by a combination of first mortgage loan investments, intercompany mortgage loans on our owned property investments, commercial mortgage-backed securities and a first lien on our ownership interest in the real property located in Johnston, Rhode Island. Our obligations under the credit agreement are also fully recourse to all of our other assets and, pursuant to the margin call provisions in the agreement, we may be obligated to prepay a portion of the debt if Wells Fargo Bank determines the value of our collateral has declined, including as a result of an underlying tenant credit rating downgrade or other adverse tenant-credit event. In the event Wells Fargo Bank determines in its sole discretion that the value of our collateral has declined, Wells Fargo Bank may require us to prepay a portion of our borrowings, provided that Wells Fargo Bank may not reduce the value of any of our collateral other than CMBS securities due to general credit spread or interest rate fluctuations. As of December 31, 2011, we had \$2.2 million borrowed against collateral classified as CMBS securities by Wells Fargo Bank.

We are required to comply with the following financial covenants under the credit agreement:

minimum liquidity (basically cash and cash equivalents) of at least \$12 million;

minimum consolidated tangible net worth (basically stockholders' equity before accumulated depreciation and amortization) of at least \$360 million plus 75% of the aggregate net proceeds from equity offerings or capital contributions after July 16, 2010;

maximum corporate leverage (basically total liabilities divided by total assets before accumulated depreciation and amortization) of 80%; and

minimum interest coverage (basically EBITDA, or net income before income taxes, interest expense, and depreciation and amortization, divided by interest expense) of 105%.

As of December 31, 2011, we were in compliance with the above financial covenants, and we do not currently anticipate any difficulty in maintaining compliance with these covenants in future periods.

As of December 31, 2011, our \$70.7 million of borrowings under our Wells Fargo Bank credit agreement were secured by loan investments with an aggregate carry value of \$4.1 million, intercompany mortgage loans with an aggregate carry value of \$100.5 million, CMBS investments with a carry value of \$2.5 million and a single owned property with a carry value of \$25.5 million.

We may pursue a variety of strategies for the assets financed on the credit agreement, which may include obtaining long-term fixed rate financing when market conditions permit, pursuing selected asset sales, and retiring the debt on selected assets and holding the assets unlevered. We expect credit market conditions to impact our ability to achieve these objectives and, therefore, we cannot provide any assurance as to the timing or our ability to do so.

#### Statement of Cash Flows

Operating activities provided \$47.8 million of cash during the year ended December 31, 2011, primarily driven by net (loss) as adjusted by various non-cash gains, losses, income and charges of \$50.7 million, partially offset by decreases in accounts payable and other liabilities of \$3.7 million. Operating activities provided \$47.7 million of cash during the year ended December 31, 2010, primarily driven by net (loss) as adjusted by various non-cash gains, losses, income and charges of \$45.7 million. Operating activities provided \$57.4 million of cash during the year ended December 31, 2009, primarily driven by net (loss) as adjusted by various non-cash gains, losses, income and charges of \$60.2 million, partially offset by increases in other assets of \$2.7 million.

We recognize rental income on our owned properties on a straight line basis in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. As of December 31, 2011, this has resulted in us accruing \$41.4 million of rental income in excess of actual rents due under the various leases. During the year ended December 31, 2011, rents on a straight-line basis exceeded actual rents due under the leases by \$1.9 million. We expect the impact of straight-lining of rents to fluctuate over time as contractual rents step up and actual rents due increase under the various leases and we purchase additional properties. Certain of our owned properties are also subject to rents which pay semi-annually, rather than monthly, and this also impacts the quarter-to-quarter changes due to straight-lining of rents.

Investing activities provided \$119.6 million of cash during the year ended December 31, 2011, which primarily resulted from proceeds from sale or prepayments of loan investments of \$86.9 million, proceeds from sale of securities of \$31.3 million, proceeds from sale of the CDO of \$22.3 million, proceeds from sale of real estate of \$5.2 million, and principal received from loans and securities of \$15.0 million, partially offset by real estate purchases and improvements and construction in progress of \$41.0 million. Investing activities used \$25.1 million of cash during the year ended December 31, 2010, which primarily resulted from purchases of real estate of \$33.5 million, real estate improvements and construction in progress of \$8.1 million and leasing commission costs of \$1.2 million, partially offset by net proceeds from the sale of owned properties of \$3.4 million and principal received on loans of \$11.2 million and securities of \$3.3 million. Investing activities provided \$70.3 million of cash during the year ended December 31, 2009, which primarily resulted from net proceeds from the sale of loans and securities of \$48.7 million, net proceeds from the sale of owned properties of \$6.5 million and net principal received on loans of \$15.5 million and securities of \$3.1 million.

Cash used in financing activities during the year ended December 31, 2011 was \$129.0 million, which primarily resulted from net repayments and repurchases of debt of \$156.5 million (including repayment and repurchases of CDO debt of \$106.9 million, repayments on the Wells Fargo Bank credit agreement of \$34.7 million, and repayments on the secured term loan of \$13.7 million), dividends and distribution paid of \$22.8 million and common stock repurchased of \$6.7 million, partially offset by common stock issued of \$54.3 million. Cash used in financing activities during the year ended December 31, 2010 was \$28.4 million, which primarily resulted from net repayments of principal on debt of \$56.6 million (\$20.9 million, net on the Wells Fargo Bank credit agreement, \$14.4 million, net, on property mortgages, \$12.2 million on the secured term loan, and \$9.1 million on the collateralized debt obligations), \$17.3 million used to repurchase our convertible senior notes, and dividends and distributions paid of \$19.0 million, partially offset by net proceeds from preferred stock issuances of \$40.2 million and net proceeds from common stock issuances of \$25.1 million. Cash used in financing activities during the year ended December 31, 2009 was \$97.6 million, which primarily resulted from net repayments of principal on debt of \$84.7 million (\$63.0 million on the Wells Fargo Bank credit agreement, \$12.1 million, net, on property mortgages, and \$9.6 million on the secured term loan), \$12.5 million used to repurchase our convertible senior notes and collateralized debt obligations, and dividends and distributions paid of \$10.3 million, partially offset by net proceeds from common stock issuances of \$11.0 million.

See our consolidated statements of cash flows in the historical consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this filing for a reconciliation of our cash position for the periods described above.

## Contractual Obligations

The following table outlines the timing of payment requirements related to our contractual obligations as of December 31, 2011 (in thousands, notional amounts):

	Total	Less than 1 year	2-3 years	4-5 years	After 5 years
Mortgages on real estate investments	\$969,004	\$ 136,077	\$153,905	\$551,815	\$ 127,207
Credit agreement	70,668	3,271	67,397	–	–
Secured term loan	88,142	15,380	25,951	25,933	20,878
Convertible senior notes	35,009	35,009	–	–	–
Other long-term debt	30,930	–	–	30,930	–
Operating leases	1,364	766	591	7	–
Total	\$1,195,117	\$ 190,503	\$247,844	\$608,685	\$ 148,085

Notional amounts may differ from the carrying amounts reported on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk.

Market risk refers to the risk of loss from adverse changes in the level of one or more market prices, rate indices or other market factors. We are exposed to market risk primarily from changes in interest rates, credit spreads, tenant credit ratings and equity prices. We may attempt to mitigate certain of these risks by entering into hedge and other risk management transactions during the short-term and fixed-rate financings for the long-term. We seek to obtain long-term fixed rate financing as soon as practicable after we make an asset investment. There can be no assurance, however, that such mitigation strategies will be completely or even partially successful. The level of our exposure to market risk is subject to factors beyond our control, including political risk (including terrorism), monetary and tax policy, general economic conditions and a variety of other associated risks.

Interest Rate Exposure

We are exposed to interest rate risk in various aspects of our business. The most significant ways we can be impacted by interest rates are as follows: increases in the level of interest rates may impact our ability to add new assets, as spreads on assets we are targeting may compress (unless there is a corresponding increase in asset returns). Declines in interest rates could result in greater demand for higher yielding assets and therefore increased competition for our asset class.

Also, to the extent we finance assets in our portfolio on our floating rate borrowing facilities, our net income from these fixed rate assets will decrease as interest rates rise (particularly LIBOR rates) and our borrowing cost increases. Our Wells Fargo Bank credit agreement and loan agreement with Bank of Oklahoma (no borrowings outstanding) are currently our only floating rate borrowing facilities. Low market interest rates kept our borrowing cost on the Wells Fargo Bank credit agreement low during 2010 and 2011 although we cannot predict the level of market interest rates in the future. In addition, as interest rates rise, our anticipated cost to finance assets on a long-term fixed rate basis may rise, causing our expected spread on assets to be reduced. We may attempt to mitigate these risks by entering into risk management transactions that react in a manner that offsets our increased interest costs and by locking our long-term financing cost as soon as practicable after we commit to an asset. As a result of market conditions, we are not currently carrying an open interest rate hedge to manage our exposure to interest rate fluctuations for assets for which we may obtain long-term financing for in the future. Our decision to do so leaves us exposed to increases in long-term interest rates for those assets and, therefore, may make it more difficult or more costly to obtain long-term financing. As noted above, there can be no assurance that our mitigation strategies will be successful.

Furthermore, shifts in the U.S. Treasury yield curve, which represents the market's expectations of future interest rates, would also affect the yield required on our loans and real estate securities. Changes in the required yield would result in a higher or lower value for these assets. If the required market yields increase as a result of these interest rate changes, the value of our loans and real estate securities would decline relative to U.S. Treasuries. Conversely, if the required market yields decrease as a result of interest rate changes, the value of our loans and real estate securities

would increase relative to U.S. Treasuries. These changes in the market value may affect the equity on our balance sheet or, if the value is less than our cost basis and we determine the losses to be other-than-temporary, our Statement of Operations through impairment losses on our loans or securities. These value changes may also affect our ability to borrow and access capital.

#### Credit Spread Curve Exposure

We are subject to credit spread risk in various aspects of our business. Credit spreads represent the portion of the required yield on an income investment attributable to credit quality. Credit spreads fluctuate over time as investor appetite for credit risk changes.

Changes in credit spreads can have many of the same impacts on us as a change in interest rates, or principally:

- increases in credit spreads can result in spread compression on investments we target and, thus, a slowing of our new investment pace;

- increases in credit spreads can increase our anticipated cost to finance assets not yet financed with long-term fixed rate debt, causing our expected spread on these assets to be reduced; and

- increases in credit spreads can lower the value of our loans and securities as required yields on these assets increase.

#### Tenant Credit Rating Exposure

Substantially all of our portfolio assets are subject to risks due to credit rating changes of the underlying tenant or tenants. Deterioration in the underlying tenant's credit rating can result in a lower value for the related asset, which could result in a reduction in the equity on our balance sheet or, if the value is less than our cost basis and we determine the loss to be other-than-temporary, an impairment loss on our Statement of Operations. In addition, declines in the credit rating of a particular tenant prior to our obtaining long-term fixed rate financing could result in a margin call by the related lender, and precipitous declines may significantly impede or eliminate our ability to finance the asset. We manage these risks by maintaining diversity among our credits and assessing our aggregate exposure to ratings classes, in particular lower rated classes. We also seek to lock or procure long-term financing on our assets as promptly as practicable after we commit to invest.

## Equity Price Risk Exposure

We may seek to raise capital by sale of our common stock. Our ability to do so is dependent upon the market price of our common stock and general market conditions. Any common stock sales we make may be dilutive to existing stockholders.

## Fair Value

For certain of our financial instruments, fair values are not readily available since there are no active trading markets as characterized by current exchanges between willing parties. Accordingly, we derive or estimate fair values using various valuation techniques, such as computing the present value of estimated future cash flows using discount rates commensurate with the risks involved. However, the determination of estimated cash flows may be subjective and imprecise. Changes in assumptions or estimation methodologies can have a material affect on these estimated fair values. The fair values indicated below are indicative of the interest rate and credit spread environment as of December 31, 2011, and December 31, 2010, as the case may be, and may not take into consideration the effects of subsequent interest rate or credit spread fluctuations, or changes in the ratings of the underlying tenants.

The following summarizes certain data regarding our interest rate sensitive instruments as of December 31, 2011, and December 31, 2010 (dollars in thousands):

	Carrying Amount		Notional Amount		Weighted Average Effective Interest / Financing Rate	Maturity Date	Fair Value	
	12/31/2011	12/31/2010	12/31/2011	12/31/2010	12/31/2011	12/31/2011	12/31/2011	12/31/2010
Assets:								
Loans held for investment (1)	\$33,209	\$210,441	\$37,622	\$214,049	7.3%	Various	\$35,120	\$223,099
Commercial mortgage-backed securities (2)	59,435	145,965	84,405	189,187	8.4%	2015-2028	59,435	127,164
Liabilities								
Mortgages on real estate investments	\$972,924	\$928,429	\$969,004	\$925,264	5.6%	2012-2030	\$1,002,247	\$979,570

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(4) Collateralized debt obligations (4)	–	254,210	–	254,361	N/A	N/A	–	220,907
(3) Credit agreement	70,668	105,345	70,668	105,345	3.6%	2013	70,668	105,345
(4) Secured term loan	88,142	101,880	88,142	101,880	6.0%	2018	78,302	95,145
(5) Convertible senior notes	34,522	33,926	35,009	35,009	10.2%	2012	34,997	35,004
(6) Other long-term debt	30,930	30,930	30,930	30,930	8.3%	2016	29,421	28,095

(1) This portfolio of loans bears interest at fixed rates. We have estimated the fair value of this portfolio of loans with a discounted cash flow analysis, utilizing scheduled cash flows and discount rates estimated by management to approximate those that a willing buyer and seller might use. The maturity dates for the loans range from 2013 through 2033.

(2) Commercial mortgage-backed securities represent subordinate interests in securitizations, as well as pass-through certificates representing our pro rata investments in a pool of mortgage loans (collectively, CMBS). The notional values for the CMBS are shown at their respective face amounts. The fair values of CMBS reflect management's best estimate and require a considerable amount of judgment and assumptions. Management evaluates a variety of inputs and then estimates fair value based on those inputs. The primary inputs evaluated by management are broker quotations, collateral values, subordination levels, and liquidity of the security. For the CMBS, we expect to receive monthly interest coupon payments, and contractual principal payments as scheduled.

(3) Our credit agreement bears interest at floating rates, and we believe that for similar financial instruments with comparable credit risks, the effective rates approximate market value. Accordingly, the carrying amounts outstanding are believed to approximate fair value.

(4) We estimate the fair value of mortgage notes on real estate investments, collateralized debt obligations and the secured term loan using a discounted cash flow analysis, based on our estimates of market interest rates. For mortgages where we have an early payment right, we also consider the prepayment amount to evaluate the fair value.

(5) The carry value and effective financing rate on the convertible senior notes reflect the impact of the accounting guidance applicable to the notes as of January 1, 2009. See Note 9 in our consolidated financial statements included in this Form 10-K. We estimate the fair value of our convertible senior notes using a discounted cash flow analysis, based upon management's estimates of market interest rates, and indications of market yields, where available. The maturity date of our convertible senior notes reflects our expected maturity date in October 2012 when the note investors have the right to require us to repurchase their notes for cash and is used to compute the related fair value and weighted average effective interest rate.

(6)



We estimate the fair value of our other long-term debt using a discounted cash flow analysis, based upon management's estimates of market interest rates. The maturity date of our other long-term debt reflects our expected maturity date in January 2016 and is used to compute the related fair value and weighted average effective interest rate.

Scheduled maturities of interest rate sensitive instruments as of December 31, 2011 are as follows:

	Expected Maturity Dates					
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Thereafter
	(in thousands, notional amounts)					
Loans held for investment	\$6,293	\$3,498	\$1,108	\$1,029	\$918	\$24,776
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	3,329	3,882	4,509	8,866	8,939	54,880
Mortgages on real estate investments	136,077	74,371	79,534	270,668	281,147	127,207
Credit agreement	3,271	67,397	—	—	—	—
Secured term loan	15,380	13,602	12,349	13,405	12,528	20,878
Convertible senior notes	35,009	—	—	—	—	—
Other long-term debt	—	—	—	—	30,930	—

The above table includes regularly scheduled principal amortization and balloon payments due to maturity on our debt obligations. See Note 9 in our consolidated financial statements included in this Form 10-K. The expected maturity dates shown for loans held for investment and commercial mortgage-backed securities are based on the contractual terms of the assets. The material assumptions used to determine fair value are included in footnotes 1 through 6 in the immediately preceding table.

## MANAGEMENT'S ANNUAL REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

Management of CapLease, Inc. (the "Company") is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. Internal control over financial reporting is defined in Rule 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as a process designed by, or under the supervision of, the Company's principal executive and principal financial officers, and effected by the Company's Board of Directors, management and other personnel, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States and includes those policies and procedures that:

pertain to the maintenance of records that in reasonable detail accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of assets of the Company;

provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, and that receipts and expenditures of the Company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the Company; and

provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the Company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risks that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Management assessed the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2011. In making the assessment, management used the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) in Internal Control—Integrated Framework.

Based on this assessment, management concluded that, as of December 31, 2011, the Company's internal control over financial reporting is designed and operating effectively.

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders

CapLease, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of CapLease, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, and the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income (loss), changes in equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2011. Our audits also included the financial statement schedules of CapLease, Inc. listed in Item 15(a). We also have audited CapLease, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2011, based on criteria established in *Internal Control—Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. CapLease, Inc.'s management is responsible for these financial statements and financial statement schedules, for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting included in the accompanying Management's Annual Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement and whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audits of the financial statements included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audits also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed 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. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (a) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (b) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (c) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of CapLease, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2011, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also, in our opinion, the related financial statement schedules, when considered in relation to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole, present fairly in all material respects the information set forth therein. Also in our opinion, CapLease, Inc. maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2011, based on criteria established in *Internal Control—Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

/s/ McGladrey & Pullen, LLP

New York, New York

February 23, 2012

## CapLease, Inc. and Subsidiaries

## Consolidated Balance Sheets

(Amounts in thousands, except share and per share amounts)	December 31,	
	2011	2010
<b>Assets</b>		
Real estate investments, net	\$1,401,526	\$1,398,399
Loans held for investment, net	33,139	210,040
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	59,435	145,965
Cash and cash equivalents	71,160	32,742
Other assets	76,363	83,125
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$1,641,623</b>	<b>\$1,870,271</b>
<b>Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity</b>		
Mortgages on real estate investments	\$972,924	\$928,429
Collateralized debt obligations	–	254,210
Credit agreement	70,668	105,345
Secured term loan	88,142	101,880
Convertible senior notes	34,522	33,926
Other long-term debt	30,930	30,930
<b>Total debt obligations</b>	<b>1,197,186</b>	<b>1,454,720</b>
Intangible liabilities on real estate investments	35,219	37,405
Accounts payable and other liabilities	17,371	21,134
Dividends and distributions payable	5,946	5,373
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>1,255,722</b>	<b>1,518,632</b>
<b>Commitments and contingencies</b>		
<b>Stockholders' equity:</b>		
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value, 100,000,000 shares authorized, Series A cumulative redeemable preferred, liquidation preference \$25.00 per share, 3,204,900 shares issued and outstanding	73,880	73,880
Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 500,000,000 shares authorized, 66,275,535 and 57,471,268 shares issued and outstanding, respectively	664	576
Additional paid in capital	321,302	296,232
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(11,051 )	(20,216 )
<b>Total Stockholders' Equity</b>	<b>384,795</b>	<b>350,472</b>
Non-controlling interest in consolidated subsidiaries	1,106	1,167
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>385,901</b>	<b>351,639</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>\$1,641,623</b>	<b>\$1,870,271</b>

See notes to consolidated financial statements.





## CapLease, Inc. and Subsidiaries

## Consolidated Statements of Operations

(Amounts in thousands, except per share amounts)	Year ended December 31,		
	2011	2010	2009
Revenues:			
Rental revenue	\$127,995	\$121,661	\$130,495
Interest income from loans and securities	19,655	27,621	30,668
Tenant reimbursements	13,900	12,159	11,473
Other revenue	793	974	1,532
Total revenues	162,343	162,415	174,168
Expenses:			
Interest expense	76,594	83,024	88,195
Property expenses	27,216	24,690	20,410
General and administrative expenses	10,628	10,660	10,881
General and administrative expenses-stock based compensation	2,785	2,541	2,118
Depreciation and amortization expense on real property	47,632	45,956	48,957
Other expenses	199	267	308
Total expenses	165,054	167,138	170,869
Other gains (losses):			
Gain (loss) on investments, net	648	(7,949 )	(10,886 )
Provision for loss on property investment	–	–	(11,923 )
Gain (loss) on extinguishment of debt	(3,698 )	(293 )	9,829
Total other gains (losses)	(3,050 )	(8,242 )	(12,980 )
Provision for income taxes	–	–	(201 )
Loss from continuing operations	(5,761 )	(12,965 )	(9,882 )
Discontinued operations:			
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	42	(227 )	(60 )
Gain on investments, net	1,426	–	–
Provision for loss on property investment	(16,423 )	–	(4,076 )
Gain on extinguishment of debt	18,861	–	–
Total discontinued operations	3,906	(227 )	(4,136 )
Net loss before non-controlling interest in consolidated subsidiaries	(1,855 )	(13,192 )	(14,018 )
Non-controlling interest in consolidated subsidiaries	20	52	51
Net loss	(1,835 )	(13,140 )	(13,967 )
Dividends allocable to preferred shares	(6,510 )	(5,618 )	(2,844 )
Net loss allocable to common stockholders	\$(8,345 )	\$(18,758 )	\$(16,811 )
Income (loss) per common share, basic and diluted:			
Loss from continuing operations	\$(0.19 )	\$(0.33 )	\$(0.26 )
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	\$0.06	\$(0.00 )	\$(0.08 )
Net loss per common share, basic and diluted	\$(0.13 )	\$(0.33 )	\$(0.34 )
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding, basic and diluted	64,758	56,189	49,297
Dividends declared per common share	\$0.26	\$0.25	\$0.21
Dividends declared per preferred share	\$2.03	\$2.03	\$2.03

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## CapLease, Inc. and Subsidiaries

## Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss)

(Amounts in thousands)	Year ended December 31,		
	2011	2010	2009
Net loss before non-controlling interest in consolidated subsidiaries	\$(1,855)	\$(13,192)	\$(14,018)
Other comprehensive income:			
Amortization of unrealized loss on securities previously classified as available for sale	150	1,765	562
Increase (decrease) in fair value of securities available for sale	5,529	1,759	2,463
Reclassification of derivative items into earnings	3,486	592	761
Other comprehensive income	9,165	4,116	3,786
Comprehensive income (loss)	7,310	(9,076 )	(10,232)
Comprehensive (income) loss attributable to non-controlling interests	(18 )	25	31
Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to CapLease, Inc.	\$7,292	\$(9,051 )	\$(10,201)

See notes to consolidated financial statements

## CapLease, Inc. and Subsidiaries

## Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity

(Amounts in thousands)	Stockholders' Equity			Accumulated	Non-controlling	Total
	Preferred Stock	Common Stock at Par	Additional Paid-In Capital	Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)		
Balance at December 31, 2008	\$33,657	\$ 474	\$317,565	\$ (28,118 )	\$ 1,341	\$324,919
Incentive stock plan compensation expense	—	—	2,118	—	—	2,118
Incentive stock plan grants issued and forfeited	—	11	(11 )	—	—	—
Net loss	—	—	(13,967 )	—	—	(13,967 )
Non-controlling interest in consolidated subsidiaries	—	—	—	—	(51 )	(51 )
Issuance of common stock	—	32	11,014	—	—	11,046
Dividends declared - preferred	—	—	(2,844 )	—	—	(2,844 )
Dividends declared - common	—	—	(10,508 )	—	—	(10,508 )
Distributions declared-operating partnership units	—	—	—	—	(33 )	(33 )
Amortization of losses on securities previously classified as available for sale	—	—	—	562	—	562
Increase in fair value of securities available for sale	—	—	—	2,463	—	2,463
Reclassification of derivative items into earnings	—	—	—	761	—	761
Balance at December 31, 2009	33,657	517	303,368	(24,332 )	1,257	314,467
Incentive stock plan compensation expense	—	—	2,541	—	—	2,541
Incentive stock plan grants issued and forfeited	—	5	(5 )	—	—	—
Net loss	—	—	(13,140 )	—	—	(13,140 )
Non-controlling interest in consolidated subsidiaries	—	—	—	—	(52 )	(52 )
Issuance of common stock	—	54	25,048	—	—	25,102
Issuance of preferred stock	40,223	—	—	—	—	40,223
Repurchase of convertible senior notes-equity component	—	—	(1,050 )	—	—	(1,050 )
Dividends declared-preferred	—	—	(6,501 )	—	—	(6,501 )
Dividends declared-common	—	—	(14,029 )	—	—	(14,029 )
Distributions declared-operating partnership units	—	—	—	—	(38 )	(38 )
Amortization of losses on securities previously classified as available for sale	—	—	—	1,765	—	1,765
	—	—	—	1,759	—	1,759

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Increase in fair value of securities available for sale						
Reclassification of derivative items into earnings	–	–	–	592	–	592
Balance at December 31, 2010	73,880	576	296,232	(20,216 )	1,167	351,639
Incentive stock plan compensation expense	–	–	2,785	–	–	2,785
Incentive stock plan grants issued and forfeited	–	4	(4 )	–	–	–
Net loss	–	–	(1,835 )	–	–	(1,835 )
Non-controlling interest in consolidated subsidiaries	–	–	–	–	(20 )	(20 )
Issuance of common stock	–	102	54,167	–	–	54,269
Repurchase of common stock	–	(18 )	(6,718 )	–	–	(6,736 )
Dividends declared-preferred	–	–	(6,510 )	–	–	(6,510 )
Dividends declared-common	–	–	(16,815 )	–	–	(16,815 )
Distributions declared-operating partnership units	–	–	–	–	(41 )	(41 )
Amortization of losses on securities previously classified as available for sale	–	–	–	150	–	150
Increase in fair value of securities available for sale	–	–	–	5,529	–	5,529
Reclassification of derivative items into earnings	–	–	–	3,486	–	3,486
Balance at December 31, 2011	\$73,880	\$ 664	\$321,302	\$ (11,051 )	\$ 1,106	\$385,901

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

## CapLease, Inc. and Subsidiaries

## Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(Amounts in thousands)	Year ended December 31,		
	2011	2010	2009
<b>Operating activities</b>			
Net loss	\$(1,835 )	\$(13,140)	\$(13,967)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	49,472	48,465	51,936
Stock based compensation	2,785	2,541	2,118
Amortization of above and below market leases	1,274	1,663	1,344
(Gain) loss on investments, net	(2,074 )	7,949	10,886
Provision for loss on property investment	16,423	–	15,999
(Gain) loss on extinguishment of debt	(15,163 )	293	(9,829 )
Gain attributable to non-controlling interest in consolidated subsidiaries	(20 )	(52 )	(51 )
Straight-lining of rents	(1,886 )	(4,189 )	(1,377 )
Amortization of discounts/premiums, and origination fees/costs, net	(549 )	(625 )	(495 )
Amortization of debt issuance costs, leasing commissions and fair market value of debt issued or assumed	2,266	2,785	3,603
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Other assets	839	(436 )	(2,696 )
Accounts payable and other liabilities	(3,732 )	2,433	(59 )
Deposits and escrows	(33 )	2	(48 )
Net cash provided by operating activities	47,768	47,689	57,364
<b>Investing activities</b>			
Purchases of real estate investments	(22,773 )	(33,513)	–
Real estate improvements, additions, rebates and construction in progress	(18,133 )	(8,077 )	(1,389 )
Proceeds from sale of real estate investments	5,171	3,410	6,544
Leasing commission costs	(152 )	(1,298 )	(794 )
Proceeds from sale or prepayments of loans	86,946	–	41,206
Additions to loans held for investment	–	–	(790 )
Principal received from borrowers	10,032	11,205	15,458
Proceeds from sale of CDO, net of liabilities assumed	22,273	–	–
Purchase of commercial mortgage-backed securities	–	–	(496 )
Proceeds from sale of securities	31,285	–	7,475
Repayments of commercial mortgage-backed securities	4,974	3,256	3,134
Purchases of furniture, fixtures, equipment and leasehold improvements	(17 )	(34 )	(6 )
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	119,605	(25,051)	70,342
<b>Financing activities</b>			
Borrowings from mortgages on real estate investments	19,485	1,752	1,574
Repayments of mortgages on real estate investments	(20,649 )	(16,104)	(13,650)
Repayments of collateralized debt obligations	(105,266)	(9,139 )	–

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Collateralized debt obligations repurchased	(1,605 )	–	(2,881 )
Funds held by trustee of CDO pending distribution	3,757	–	(750 )
Borrowings from credit agreement	–	15,610	–
Repayments on credit agreement	(34,676 )	(36,526)	(63,000)
Repayments on secured term loan	(13,737 )	(12,191)	(9,649 )
Convertible senior notes repurchased	–	(17,335)	(9,583 )
Debt issuance costs	(1,002 )	(815 )	(645 )
Escrows held with mortgage lender	–	–	212
Common stock issued, net of offering costs	54,269	25,102	11,046
Common stock repurchased	(6,736 )	–	–
Preferred stock issued, net of offering costs	–	40,222	–
Distributions to non-controlling interest	(41 )	(37 )	(23 )
Dividends paid on common and preferred stock	(22,754 )	(18,981)	(10,250)
Net cash used in financing activities	(128,955)	(28,442)	(97,599)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	38,418	(5,804 )	30,107
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	32,742	38,546	8,439
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$71,160	\$32,742	\$38,546

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

## CapLease, Inc. and Subsidiaries

## Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows – continued

(Amounts in thousands)	Year ended December 31,		
	2011	2010	2009
<b>Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information</b>			
Cash paid during the year for interest expense (excluding capitalized interest)	\$76,440	\$81,026	\$86,332
Cash paid during the year for income taxes	–	201	–
Distributions declared but not paid	10	10	9
Dividends declared but not paid	5,935	5,363	3,813
<b>Supplemental disclosure of noncash operating, investing and financing information</b>			
Value of in-place leases and above-market leases acquired	\$1,948	\$2,820	\$–
Mortgage notes payable assumed on properties acquired	34,633	–	–
Mortgage notes payable transferred on properties sold	–	–	14,400
Collateralized debt obligations transferred on sale (notional)	152,950	–	–
Collateralized debt obligations reclassified to mortgages on real estate investments (notional)	30,718	–	–
Collateralized debt obligations reclassified to commercial mortgage-backed securities (fair value)	4,903	–	–

See notes to consolidated financial statements.



CapLease, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

(Dollar amounts in thousands, except per share amounts; totals may not add due to rounding)

December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009

1. Organization and Business

CapLease, Inc. (“CapLease” and collectively with its majority-owned subsidiaries, the “Company”) is a real estate investment trust, or REIT, that primarily owns and manages single tenant commercial real estate properties subject to long-term leases to high credit quality tenants. The Company focuses on properties that are subject to a net lease, or a lease that requires the tenant to pay all or substantially all property operating expenses, such as utilities, real estate taxes, insurance and routine maintenance. The Company also has made and expects to continue to make investments in single tenant properties where the owner has exposure to property operating expenses when it determines it can sufficiently underwrite that exposure and isolate a predictable cash flow.

In addition to its portfolio of owned properties, the Company has a modest portfolio of first mortgage loans and other debt investments on single tenant properties. That debt portfolio was reduced significantly during 2011 as a result of the Company’s sale of the assets and associated liabilities comprising its collateralized debt obligation, or CDO, as well as the individual sale of certain other loans and securities. See Notes 4, 5, 6 and 9. While the focus of the Company’s investment activity is expected to remain the ownership of real properties, the Company may continue to make debt investments from time to time on an opportunistic basis in the future.

CapLease has made an election to qualify, and believes it is operating so as to qualify, as a REIT for federal income tax purposes. As such, it will generally not be subject to federal income tax on that portion of its taxable income that is distributed to stockholders if it distributes at least 90% of its taxable income to its stockholders by prescribed dates and complies with various other requirements.

CapLease conducts its business through a variety of subsidiaries. CapLease owns most of its owned properties through its predecessor and operating partnership, Caplease, LP (the “Operating Partnership”). CapLease is the indirect sole general partner of, and owns approximately 99.8% of the common equity of, the Operating Partnership.

CapLease completed its initial public offering of common stock in March 2004, and completed its initial public offering of its 8.125% Series A cumulative redeemable preferred stock in October 2005. As of December 31, 2011, CapLease had 66,275,535 shares of common stock and 3,204,900 shares of 8.125% Series A cumulative redeemable preferred stock outstanding. See Note 13.

## 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

### *Basis of Presentation and Principles of Consolidation*

The accompanying consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, or GAAP, and include the assets, liabilities, and results of operations the Company. Results of operations of properties acquired are included in the Consolidated Statements of Operations from the date of acquisition. The Company accounts for properties that it intends to dispose of in accordance with the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Codification Statement ("ASC") 360-10-45. All significant intercompany transactions, balances and accounts have been eliminated in consolidation.

References in these financial statements to the Company's carrying amount or value of an asset or liability means such asset's or liability's book value reported on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheet in accordance with GAAP.

### Use of Estimates

Management of the Company has made a number of estimates and assumptions relating to the reporting of assets and liabilities, revenues and expenses and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities to prepare these consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### Risks and Uncertainties

In the normal course of business, among the risks the Company encounters are credit risk and market risk. Credit risk is the risk of default on the Company's leases, loans, securities and any derivative instruments that results from a tenant's, borrower's or derivative counterparty's inability or unwillingness to make contractually required payments. Market risk reflects changes in the value of investments in real estate, loans, securities or derivative instruments due to changes in interest rates or other market factors, including the value of real estate held by the Company, and the collateral underlying loans and securities. Management believes that the carrying values of its investments are reasonable taking into consideration these risks along with estimated real estate or collateral values, payment histories, and other relevant information.



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*Accounting for Real Estate*

Real estate held for investment is carried on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets at historical cost to the Company, less accumulated depreciation, amortization and impairment charges. Depreciation and amortization are determined by the straight-line method over the remaining estimated economic useful lives of the properties. The Company generally depreciates building and building improvements over periods not exceeding 40 years. Direct costs incurred in acquiring completed properties that meet the classification of a business for accounting purposes are charged to operations as incurred. Expenditures for maintenance and repairs of owned properties are also charged to operations as incurred. Significant renovations which extend the useful life of the properties are capitalized.

The Company reviews its owned real properties for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the asset may not be recoverable. The evaluation includes estimating and reviewing anticipated future undiscounted cash flows to be derived from the asset. If such cash flows are less than the asset's net carrying value, an impairment charge is recognized to earnings to the extent by which the asset's carrying value exceeds the estimated fair value. Estimating future cash flows is highly subjective and includes an evaluation of factors such as the anticipated cash flows from the property, which may include rent from current leases in place and projected future leases, estimated capital expenditures, and an estimate of proceeds to be realized upon sale of the property. The Company's estimates could differ materially from actual results. The Company has determined that the significant inputs used to evaluate its owned properties for impairment primarily rely on Level 3 inputs in accordance with the fair value measurement topic in the applicable accounting guidance as described in Note 7 below. The Company recognized impairment losses of \$16,423 on one long-lived asset located in Hartford, Connecticut during the year ended December 31, 2011 and \$18,861 of gain on debt extinguishment related to the transfer of the property to the lender (see Notes 3 and 6). The Company recognized no impairment losses on long-lived assets during the year ended December 31, 2010. The Company recognized \$15,999 of impairment losses on long-lived assets during the year ended December 31, 2009, including a \$11,923 write-down to estimated fair value during the fourth quarter of 2009 on the vacant property in Johnston, Rhode Island (see Note 3), a \$2,853 loss on an owned property that was sold during the second quarter of 2009 (see Note 6), and a \$1,223 loss on an owned property that was sold during the first quarter of 2010 (see Note 6).

Assets and liabilities of properties that meet various held for sale criteria, including that it is probable that a sale will occur within 12 months, are presented separately in the Consolidated Balance Sheets, with assets and liabilities being separately stated. The operating results of these properties are reflected as discontinued operations in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. Properties that the Company has determined to classify as held for sale are also required to be simultaneously reviewed for impairment and carried on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets at the lower of net carrying value or estimated fair value.

The Company is required under GAAP to allocate the purchase price of rental real estate acquired to the following based on estimated fair values on the acquisition date:

· acquired tangible assets, consisting of land, building and improvements; and

· identified intangible assets and liabilities, consisting of above-market and below-market leases, in-place leases and tenant relationships.

The fair value of tangible and intangible assets acquired is considered to be a Level 3 input in accordance with the fair value measurement topic in the applicable accounting guidance as described in Note 7 below. In estimating the fair value of the tangible and intangible assets acquired, the Company considers information obtained about each property as a result of its due diligence activities and other market data, and utilizes various valuation methods, such as estimated cash flow projections utilizing appropriate discount and capitalization rates, estimates of replacement costs, and available market information. The fair value of the tangible assets of an acquired property considers the value of the property as if it were vacant (the "dark value").

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Above-market and below-market lease values for acquired properties are recorded based on the present value of the difference between (i) the contractual amounts to be paid pursuant to each in-place lease and (ii) management's estimate of fair market lease rates for each corresponding in-place lease. Fair market lease rates are measured over a period equal to the remaining term of the lease for above-market leases and the initial term plus the term of any below-market rate renewal options for below-market leases. In computing present value, the Company considers the costs which would need to be invested to achieve the fair market lease rates. The Company uses a discount rate which reflects the risks associated with the leases acquired. The capitalized above-market lease values are amortized as a reduction of base rental revenue over the remaining term of the respective leases, and the capitalized below-market lease values are amortized as an increase to base rental revenue over the remaining initial terms plus the terms of any below-market renewal options of the respective leases.

Other intangible assets acquired include amounts for in-place lease values and tenant relationship values which are based on management's evaluation of the specific characteristics of each tenant's lease and the Company's overall relationship with the respective tenant. Factors considered by management in its analysis of in-place lease values include estimates of the dark value of the property, carrying costs during the hypothetical expected time it would take management to find a tenant to lease the space for the existing lease term (a "lease-up period") considering current market conditions, and costs to execute similar leases. Management estimates carrying costs, including such factors as real estate taxes, insurance and other operating expenses during the expected lease-up period, considering current market conditions and costs to execute similar leases. In estimating costs to execute similar leases, management considers leasing commissions and other related expenses. Characteristics considered by management in estimating the value of tenant relationships include the nature and extent of the Company's existing business relationships with the tenant, growth prospects for developing new business with the tenant, the tenant's credit quality and expectations of lease renewals. The value of in-place leases is amortized as a component of depreciation expense over the remaining initial terms of the respective leases. The value of tenant relationship intangibles, if any, is amortized as a component of depreciation expense over the anticipated life of the relationships. Through December 31, 2011, the Company has assigned no value to tenant relationships on any of its acquisitions.

For property acquisitions where the Company assumes existing mortgage debt, the debt is recorded at its estimated fair value, based on management's estimate of current market yields available for comparable financing. The Company amortizes any discount or premium as part of interest expense on the related debt using the effective interest method.

### *Development Activities*

Project costs and expenses associated with the development, construction and lease-up of a real estate project are capitalized as construction in progress. Once the development and construction of the building is substantially completed, the costs capitalized to construction in progress are transferred to (i) land and (ii) buildings and improvements.

### *Loan Investments*

The Company classifies its loans as long-term investments, as its strategy is to hold the loans for the foreseeable future or until maturity. Loan investments are carried on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheet at amortized cost (unpaid principal balance adjusted for unearned discount or premium and loan origination fees), net of any allowance for loan losses. Unearned discounts or premiums and loan origination fees are amortized as a component of interest income using the effective interest method over the life of the loan.

From time to time, the Company may determine to sell a loan in which case it must reclassify the asset as held for sale. Loans held for sale are carried at lower of cost or estimated fair value. As of December 31, 2011, the Company has not classified any of its loans as held for sale.

The Company evaluates its loan investments for possible impairment on a quarterly basis. The Company's impairment analysis includes both a general reserve component and an asset-specific component. The general reserve component covers performing loans and in accordance with relevant accounting guidance an allowance for loan losses is recorded when (i) available information as of each balance sheet date indicates that it is probable a loss has occurred in the portfolio and (ii) the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. Actual loan losses are then charged against the allowance when management believes that uncollectibility of a loan balance is confirmed. Subsequent recoveries, if any, are credited to the allowance. Significant judgment is required in determining reserve balances for the performing loan portfolio, including estimates of the likelihood of default and lease rejection given the credit characteristics of the tenant, and estimates of stressed collateral values and potential bankruptcy claim recoveries. These estimates are highly subjective and could differ materially from actual results. As of December 31, 2011, the Company has a general loan loss reserve of \$500. See Note 4.

The asset-specific component of the loan loss impairment analysis relates to specific loans where the Company has deemed it probable that it will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the loan. Any resulting loan specific loss is measured based on the present value of expected future cash flows from the loan or the fair value of the loan collateral, if the loan is collateral dependent. Significant judgment is required in determining any resulting loan specific loss, including factors such as the status of the loans (i.e., current or actual or expected payment or other defaults), the credit quality of the underlying tenants, the present value of expected future cash flows on the loans, the fair value of any collateral, and the amount and status of any senior debt. These estimates are highly subjective and could differ materially from actual results. The Company's accounting policy is to continue to accrue

interest income on specific impaired loans as long as it concludes it is likely to collect it. As of December 31, 2011, the Company did not have any asset-specific loan loss reserves.



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*Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities*

GAAP defines two classifications that are relevant with respect to the Company's historical accounting for its securities investments:

- "Held to maturity" are those securities that the Company has the positive intent and ability to hold until maturity.

- "Available for sale" are those securities that the Company does not hold for the purpose of selling in the near-term, but may dispose of prior to maturity.

As of December 31, 2010, the Company classified its securities investments that were financed in its March 2005 CDO or in the December 2007 secured term loan transaction discussed at Note 9, as "held to maturity," and all of the Company's other securities investments, including those financed pursuant to the credit agreement discussed at Note 9, were classified as "available for sale."

During the second quarter 2011, the Company reclassified all of its securities investments that were financed in its March 2005 CDO or in the December 2007 secured term loan transaction discussed at Note 9, to "available for sale." As a result, all of the Company's securities investments are now classified as "available for sale." The Company's decision to reclassify such securities was based on its judgment that as a result of a variety of factors it is possible that the Company would execute on a sale of such securities prior to maturity.

Under GAAP, securities classified as "available for sale" are carried on the Consolidated Balance Sheet at fair value with the net unrealized gains or losses included in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), a component of Stockholders' Equity on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheet. Securities classified as "held to maturity" are carried on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheet at estimated fair value on the date of transfer to such classification. Securities transferred into the available for sale classification from the held to maturity classification are

transferred at fair value, and the unrealized gain or loss at the date of transfer is included in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss).

When the Company sells its securities investments, it uses the specific identification method to determine the cost of the security sold and any amounts reclassified out of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) into earnings.

Securities investments in the note classes of the Company's CDO transaction reduced the amount of debt the Company had outstanding in such transaction until the CDO was sold during September 2011. Upon the CDO sale, those securities were classified as "available for sale" and initially recorded at fair value on the date of the sale.

Any premiums or discounts on securities are amortized as a component of interest income using the effective interest method.

The Company estimates fair value on all securities investments quarterly based on a variety of inputs. Under applicable accounting guidance, securities where the fair value is less than the Company's cost are deemed "impaired," and, therefore, must be measured for "other-than-temporary impairment." If an impaired security (i.e., fair value below cost) is intended to be sold or required to be sold prior to expected recovery of the impairment loss, the full amount of the loss must be charged to earnings as other-than-temporary impairment. Otherwise, impairment losses on the security must be further analyzed for separation into two categories: (i) credit losses and (ii) losses due to factors other than credit. The portion which is considered credit loss is charged to earnings as other-than-temporary impairment. The portion which is due to other factors is not charged to earnings. Also, if the security is classified as available for sale, the non-credit portion of the impairment loss is charged to other comprehensive income (loss), a component of equity on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheet.

In estimating credit or other-than-temporary impairment losses, management considers a variety of factors including (1) the financial condition and near-term prospects of the credit, including credit rating of the security and the underlying tenant and an estimate of the likelihood, amount and expected timing of any default, (2) whether the Company expects to hold the investment for a period of time sufficient to allow for anticipated recovery in fair value, (3) the length of time and the extent to which the fair value has been below cost, (4) current market conditions, (5) expected cash flows from the underlying collateral and an estimate of underlying collateral values, and (6) subordination levels within the securitization pool. These estimates are highly subjective and could differ materially from actual results. The Company had other-than-temporary impairment losses on securities charged to the Statement of Operations of \$48 during the year ended December 31, 2011, \$7,949 during the year ended December 31, 2010, and \$133 during the year ended December 31, 2009. See Note 5.

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*Deferred Fees and Costs*

In connection with its leasing efforts, the Company may incur primarily two types of costs: (i) allowances paid to the tenant or on its behalf for the construction of leasehold improvements, or tenant improvement allowances, and (ii) commissions paid to leasing brokers, or leasing commissions. Tenant improvement allowances are initially capitalized as part of "Construction in progress" and then transferred to "Building and improvements" at completion and depreciated on a straight-line basis over periods not exceeding 40 years. Leasing commissions are capitalized as "Deferred leasing costs" and amortized on a straight-line basis over the term of the related lease.

In accordance with applicable accounting guidance, the Company defers the recognition of fees and expenses associated with the origination of its loans held for investment. These items include lender fee income, rate lock income, direct loan origination costs, certain legal fees, insurance costs, rating agency fees and certain other expenses. Deferred fees and costs are recognized as an adjustment to the effective yield over the life of the related asset.

The Company also defers the recognition of expenses associated with the issuance of its debt obligations. These items include placement fees, legal fees, broker fees and certain other expenses. Deferred issuance costs are recognized as an adjustment to the effective financing rate over the term of the related debt obligation. Upon the retirement of the related debt obligation, any unamortized deferred issuance costs are charged off as a component of gain or loss on extinguishment of debt.

*Risk Management Transactions*

The Company may enter into risk management transactions as part of its overall portfolio financing strategy. These transactions are intended to manage the Company's exposure to changes in interest rates associated with its expected future debt issuances.

If the Company employs risk management transactions, they will be treated as cash flow hedges under applicable accounting guidance as long as they have been designated and qualify as such, which basically means so long as the Company has satisfied a variety of technical accounting requirements, such as hedge documentation requirements and initial and subsequent quarterly hedge effectiveness tests. If the cash flow hedge criteria are met, the transactions are marked to fair value at each reporting date and recorded as an asset or liability, depending on the Company's rights or obligations under the applicable contract. The effective portion of the Company's realized and unrealized gains and losses on such transactions are treated as a component of "Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)" on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheet and are not reported as a component of current income or loss on the Company's Consolidated Statement of Operations. The effective portion of the Company's realized gains and losses, which generally represent the net payments the Company makes or receives on the interest rate swaps, are then reclassified and amortized as part of interest expense on the Company's Consolidated Statement of Operations beginning at issuance of the related debt and continuing over the expected term of such debt. Upon the retirement of the related debt obligation, any unamortized portion of realized gains or losses on derivatives included in "Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)" are charged off as a component of gain or loss on extinguishment of debt.

If cash flow hedge criteria are not met or the hedge is deemed ineffective, some or all of the realized and unrealized gains and losses on such transactions are treated as a component of current income or loss on the Company's Consolidated Statement of Operations.

If the Company employs risk management transactions, no assurance can be made that the Company will satisfy the cash flow hedge requirements and as to the portion of the Company's gains and losses that will be deemed effective under applicable accounting guidance. Changes in management's initial assumptions regarding any proposed debt issuance (e.g., timing and the amount and type of debt) and changes in the shape of the swap curve (which represents the market's expectations for future LIBOR rates) are among the factors that could cause the Company to include a greater portion of its gains and losses from the associated risk management transactions as current income or loss.

#### *Cash and Cash Equivalents*

The Company defines cash equivalents as highly liquid investments purchased with maturities of three months or less at date of purchase. From time to time, the Company's account balance held at financial institutions exceeds Federal Depository Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") insurance coverage and, as a result, there is a concentration of credit risk related to the balance on deposit in excess of FDIC insurance coverage. The Company believes that the risk of loss is not significant.

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### *Revenue Recognition*

The Company recognizes rental revenue on real estate on a straight-line basis over the non-cancelable term of the lease. The excess of straight-line rents over base rents under the lease is included in “Accrued rental income” on the Company’s Consolidated Balance Sheet and any excess of base rents over the straight-line amount is included as “Deferred rental income” on the Company’s Consolidated Balance Sheet. The Company’s leases also generally require the tenants to pay directly or reimburse the Company for occupancy and operating costs of the properties, or in certain cases reimburse the Company for increases in certain operating costs and real estate taxes above their base year costs. The Company recognizes such income in the period the related expenses are incurred.

Interest income from loans, securities, and structuring fees receivable is recognized on the accrual basis of accounting. Interest income from securities (including interest-only strips) is recognized over the life of the investment using the effective interest method. The cost basis of interest-only strips is adjusted to reflect any prepayments from underlying assets, using the initial yield-to-maturity at the purchase date. The Company has adopted the cost-recovery method, in which all receipts are applied to reduce the Company’s cost basis, on a limited number of its securities investments.

On occasion, the Company may consider a loan to be non-performing and place the loan on non-accrual status when there is sufficient doubt as to the ultimate ability to collect interest on the loan. While on non-accrual status, the loan is accounted for on either a cash basis, in which case interest income is recognized only upon actual receipt, or on a cost-recovery basis based upon management’s judgment as to the collectibility of the investment.

### Marketing and Advertising Costs

The Company expenses marketing and advertising costs as incurred. Marketing and advertising expense totaled \$211, \$200, and \$145, in 2011, 2010, and 2009, respectively.

### *Income Taxes*

CapLease has made an election to qualify, and believes it is operating so as to qualify, as a REIT for federal income tax purposes. As such, it will generally not be subject to federal income tax on that portion of its taxable income that is distributed to stockholders if it distributes at least 90% of its taxable income to its stockholders by prescribed dates and complies with various other requirements. From time to time, the Company may conduct a portion of its business through a taxable REIT subsidiary ("TRS"), and the income from the activities of the TRS is subject to federal and state taxation at the applicable corporate rates.

### *Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)*

In accordance with applicable accounting guidance, the Company recognizes temporary changes in the fair value of its securities available for sale as a component of "Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)" on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheet. The Company also recognizes the change in fair value, and realized gains and losses from the effective portion of its cash flow hedges as a component of "Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)" on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheet. Realized gains and losses from the effective portion of the cash flow hedges are then amortized as a component of interest expense on the Company's Consolidated Statement of Operations over the term of the related financing, using the effective interest method.

### *Earnings per Share*

As required by GAAP, the Company presents both basic and diluted earnings per share ("EPS"). Basic EPS excludes dilution and is computed by dividing net income (loss) allocable to common stockholders by the weighted average number of shares outstanding for the period. Diluted earnings per share reflects the potential dilution that could occur if securities or other contracts to issue common stock were exercised or converted into common stock, where such exercise or conversion would result in a lower EPS amount. The Company's computation of diluted earnings per share does not include shares of common stock that may be issued in the future upon conversion of the convertible senior notes issued in October 2007, as the impact would not be dilutive. The number of weighted average common shares not included was 3,093,759, 3,648,768, and 5,014,100, respectively, for the years ended December 31, 2011, December 31, 2010, and December 31, 2009.

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The following summarizes the Company's EPS computations for the years ended December 31, 2011, December 31, 2010, and December 31, 2009 (in thousands, except per share amounts):

	December 31,		
	2011	2010	2009
Net loss allocable to common stockholders	\$(8,345 )	\$(18,758 )	\$(16,811 )
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding, basic and diluted	64,758	56,189	49,297
Loss per share, basic and diluted	\$(0.13 )	\$(0.33 )	\$(0.34 )
Non-vested shares included in weighted average number of shares outstanding above	1,606	1,739	1,801

*Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements*

In July 2010, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued new accounting guidance ASU 2010-20, *Disclosures about the Credit Quality of Financing Receivables and the Allowance for Credit Losses*, which amends various sections of FASB Accounting Codification Statement ("ASC") 310-10 and outlines specific disclosures that will be required for the allowance for credit losses and all finance receivables. Finance receivables includes loans, lease receivables and other arrangements with a contractual right to receive money on demand or on fixed or determinable dates that is recognized as an asset on an entity's statement of financial position. The amendment requires companies to provide disaggregated levels of disclosure by portfolio segment and class to enable users of the financial statement to understand the nature of credit risk, how the risk is analyzed in determining the related allowance for credit losses and changes to the allowance during the reporting period. The required disclosures under this amendment as of the end of a reporting period are effective for the Company's December 31, 2010 reporting period and disclosures regarding activities during a reporting period are effective for the Company's March 31, 2011 interim reporting period. The Company's adoption of this ASU did not have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In May 2011, the FASB issued new accounting guidance ASU 2011-04, *Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRSs*, which amends various sections of ASC 820 and changes the wording used to describe the requirements in U.S. GAAP for measuring fair value and for disclosing information about fair value measurements in order to improve consistency in the application and description of fair value between U.S. GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”). ASU 2011-04 clarifies how the concepts of highest and best use and valuation premise in a fair value measurement are relevant only when measuring the fair value of nonfinancial assets and are not relevant when measuring the fair value of financial assets or of liabilities. In addition, the guidance expanded the disclosures for the unobservable inputs for Level 3 fair value measurements, requiring quantitative information to be disclosed related to (1) the valuation processes used, (2) the sensitivity of the fair value measurement to changes in unobservable inputs and the interrelationships between those unobservable inputs, and (3) use of a nonfinancial asset in a way that differs from the asset’s highest and best use. The revised guidance is effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2011 and early application by public entities is prohibited. ASU 2011-04 is to be applied prospectively. The Company is currently evaluating the potential impact of adopting this guidance on the Company’s consolidated financial statements. The Company will adopt this ASU for the reporting period ending March 31, 2012, as required.

In June 2011, the FASB issued new accounting guidance ASU 2011-05, *Presentation of Comprehensive Income*, which amends various sections of ASC 220 and allows an entity the option to present the total of comprehensive income, the components of net income, and the components of other comprehensive income either in a single continuous statement of comprehensive income or in two separate but consecutive statements. In both choices, an entity is required to present each component of net income along with total net income, each component of other comprehensive income along with a total for other comprehensive income, and a total amount for comprehensive income. ASU 2011-05 eliminates the option to present the components of other comprehensive income as part of the statement of changes in stockholders’ equity. The amendments in ASU 2011-05 do not change the items that must be reported in other comprehensive income or when an item of other comprehensive income must be reclassified to net income. ASU 2011-05 should be applied retrospectively. For public entities, the amendments in ASU 2011-05 are effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2011. The Company has elected early adoption of this ASU for the reporting period ended December 31, 2011, as permitted by the ASU. The Company’s adoption of this ASU did not have a material effect on the Company’s consolidated financial statements.



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In December 2011, the FASB issued new accounting guidance ASU 2011-12, *Deferral of the Effective Date for Amendments to the Presentation of Reclassifications of Items Out of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income in Accounting Standard Update No. 2011-05*, which amends various sections of ASC 220-10. The amended sections indefinitely defer the effective date of the presentation of reclassification adjustments out of accumulated other comprehensive income on the components of net income and other comprehensive income, which ASU 2011-05 would require. All other requirements of ASU 2011-05 are unaffected by this new guidance. For public entities, the amendments in ASU 2011-12 are effective concurrent with ASU 2011-05, for fiscal years and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2011. The Company has elected to adopt this ASU for the reporting period ended December 31, 2011, as it is required to be adopted concurrently with ASU 2011-05. The Company's adoption of this ASU did not have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

## Reclassifications

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current presentation. There was no effect on net income (loss) or equity related to these reclassifications.

## 3. Real Estate Investments

Real estate held for investment and related intangible liabilities on real estate investments consisted of the following at December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010:

	December 31,	
	2011	2010
Real estate investments:		
Land	\$203,184	\$190,521
Building and improvements	1,304,655	1,268,320
Construction in progress, land	2,345	951

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Construction in progress, building and improvements	6,277	5,557
Intangible assets	165,963	183,543
Less: Accumulated depreciation and amortization	(280,898 )	(250,493 )
Real estate investments, net	\$1,401,526	\$1,398,399
Intangible liabilities on real estate investments:		
Intangible liabilities	\$47,908	\$47,908
Less: Accumulated amortization	(12,689 )	(10,503 )
Intangible liabilities on real estate investments, net	\$35,219	\$37,405

During the three months ended December 31, 2011, the Company completed the following real estate acquisition:

Month Acquired	Tenant or Guarantor	Location	Purchase Price	Lease Expires	Net Rentable Square Feet
November	Lowes Companies, Inc.	2401/2501 Elysian Fields Ave., New Orleans, LA	\$28,474	May 2030	133,841

The above acquisition was funded with \$11,697 of cash and the assumption on in-place mortgage financing in the outstanding principal amount of \$16,777.

There were no acquisition costs or interest charges capitalized as part of buildings and improvements for the above acquisition.

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*Development Activities*

During July 2011, the Company entered into a joint venture that is developing a 17 story office building primarily on a build-to-suit basis for Cimarex Energy Co. with a project budget of \$51,837. The Company owns a 99% ownership interest in and is obligated to fund approximately one-half of the costs of the project, with the other half of the project costs to be funded by Bank of Oklahoma pursuant to a loan agreement it has entered into with the Company's 99% owned joint venture entity. The Company consolidates the joint venture for financial accounting purposes.

Construction activity and funding of the project commenced during the third quarter of 2011.

The table below details the Company's construction in progress associated with the Cimarex joint venture as of December 31, 2011. The information included in the table below represents management's estimates and expectations at December 31, 2011 which are subject to change. The Company's disclosures regarding certain projections or estimates of completion dates may not reflect actual results.

Location	Tenant	Property Type	Approximate Square Feet	Lease Term (years) <sup>(1)</sup>	Investment through 12/31/11	Estimated Remaining Funding <sup>(2)</sup>	Estimated Total Investment <sup>(3)</sup>	Estimated Completion Date
Tulsa, Oklahoma	Cimarex Energy Co.	Office Building	324,000	12	\$8,159	\$46,841	\$55,000	Q1 2013

(1) The lease is in force and rent will commence as building floors are completed and delivered to the tenant and the 12 year lease term will commence upon completion and delivery of all building floors to the tenant.

(2)

The Company has entered into a construction/term loan with Bank of Oklahoma to fund a portion of the total investment. Upon completion of construction, up to \$31,000 is expected to have been funded from borrowings under the loan agreement with Bank of Oklahoma. See Note 9.

(3) Interest and fees the Company will earn during the construction period are expected to reduce the total investment to \$53,000.

*Straight-Line Rent Adjustment*

As described under “Revenue Recognition” in Note 2 above, the Company recognizes rental revenue from its owned properties on a straight-line basis as required by relevant accounting guidance. The impact of the straight-line rent adjustment on rental revenue may be recorded on the Company’s Consolidated Balance Sheet through accrued rental income and deferred rental income. Amounts for accrued rental income and deferred rental income as of December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, were as follows:

	December 31,	
	2011	2010
Accrued Rental Income	\$41,387	\$39,506
Deferred Rental Income	2	-

Accrued rental income is included in “Other assets” on the Company’s Consolidated Balance Sheet. See Note 8. Deferred rental income is included in “Accounts payable and other liabilities” on the Company’s Consolidated Balance Sheet. See Note 10.

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*Depreciation and Amortization Expense*

Depreciation expense and amortization of intangible assets and liabilities on real estate investments for the years ended December 31, 2011, December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009, were as follows:

	December 31,		
	2011	2010	2009
Depreciation on real estate (included in depreciation and amortization expense)	\$33,208	\$32,105	\$32,738
Amortization of in-place leases (included in depreciation and amortization expense)	15,936	15,976	18,517
Amortization of above-market leases (included as a reduction of rental revenue)	3,461	3,849	3,849
Amortization of below-market leases (included as an increase to rental revenue)	2,187	2,186	1,593

As of December 31, 2011, the Company's weighted average amortization period on intangible assets was 7.6 years, and the weighted average amortization period on intangible liabilities was 25.6 years.

Scheduled amortization on existing intangible assets and liabilities on real estate investments as of December 31, 2011 was as follows:

	Intangible Assets	Intangible Liabilities
2012	\$ 15,064	\$ 2,186
2013	9,392	2,051
2014	9,034	1,954
2015	8,375	1,678
2016	6,789	1,614
Thereafter	19,398	25,736
Total	\$ 68,052	\$ 35,219

## Owned Property Investment and Financing Strategy

Nearly all of the Company's owned properties are subject to financing and have been pledged as collateral to the Company's lender that has provided the applicable financing. In order to further reduce leverage, the Company may increase the number of properties it owns without financing in place in the future. When it decides to finance a property, the Company's strategy is to own and finance on a long-term basis such property through a separate and distinct special purpose entity, or SPE, with the property and the related lease or leases on the property generally representing the sole assets of the SPE and the sole collateral available to the Company's lender in the event the Company defaults on the debt that finances the property. Also see Note 9.

## Annual Impairment Testing

The Company evaluated its owned property portfolio for impairment at December 31, 2011, and determined that no impairment losses were appropriate other than as set forth below.

### Hartford, Connecticut Property

The lease and non-recourse mortgage debt on the Company's property in Hartford, Connecticut matured during October 2011. During December 2011, the property was transferred to the lender in full satisfaction of the mortgage debt. During the year ended December 31, 2011, the Company recorded impairment losses of \$16,423 and gain on debt extinguishment of \$18,861, related to the disposition of the property to the lender.

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Johnston, Rhode Island Property

The Company recognized an impairment loss on its Johnston, Rhode Island property as of December 31, 2009. The Company estimated the fair value of the property based on a variety of assumptions, including the time expected to lease up the building, expected rents and operating expenses, an estimate of amounts the Company expects to invest to improve the building, and an estimate of sale proceeds in connection with a potential sale of the property at a future date. These estimates are highly subjective and could differ materially from actual results. Based on the Company's impairment analysis, it recognized an impairment loss of \$11,923 on this property which is included in "Loss on investments" in the Consolidated Statement of Operations for the year ended December 31, 2009.

As of December 31, 2011, the Company performed an impairment analysis of its Johnston, Rhode Island property and concluded that no further impairment losses were necessary as the estimated future cash flows from the property are in excess of the Company's applicable carry value of \$25,493.

4. Loans Held for Investment

Loans held for investment at December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, are summarized in the following table. These investments consist predominantly of mortgage loans on properties subject to leases to investment grade tenants. As of December 31, 2011, the weighted average credit rating of the underlying tenants was BBB+ from Standard & Poor's. As of December 31, 2011, none of the Company's loans held for investment were on non-accrual status or past due 90 days or more.

	December 31,	
	2011	2010
Principal	\$37,622	\$214,049
Discount	(3,913 )	(2,664 )

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Cost basis	33,709	211,385
Allowance for loan losses	(500 )	(944 )
Carrying amount of loans	33,209	210,441
Deferred origination fees, net	(70 )	(401 )
Total	\$33,139	\$210,040

During 2011, the Company has significantly reduced the size and number of its loans held for investment, primarily through the sale of its CDO during September. See Note 6.

As of December 31, 2011, the Company's loan investments carried interest rates ranging from 5.28% to 9.32%, compared to 5.00% to 9.32% as of December 31, 2010. At December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, the weighted average effective interest rate on the Company's loan investments, as measured against its cost basis, was 7.3% and 6.7%, respectively.

The Company's loan portfolio is comprised primarily of fully amortizing or nearly fully amortizing first mortgage loans on commercial real estate leased to a single tenant. Payments of debt service on the Company's loans is, in substantially all cases, funded directly by rent payments typically paid into a lockbox account by the underlying tenant. Therefore, the Company's monitoring of the credit quality of its loans held for investment is focused primarily on an analysis of the tenant, including review of tenant credit ratings (including changes in ratings) and other measures of tenant credit quality, trends in the tenant's industry and general economic conditions, and an analysis of measures of collateral coverage, such as an estimate of the loan's loan-to-value (LTV) ratio (principal amount outstanding divided by estimated value of the property) and its remaining term until maturity.



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The following table is a summary of the Company's loans held for investment by credit category with the credit ratings of the underlying tenants presented as of each applicable balance sheet date:

Credit rating (1) (2)	Carry Value	
	12/31/11	12/31/10
Investment grade rating of A- or A3 and above	\$16,664	\$39,780
Investment grade rating of below A- or A3	9,239	113,001
Implied investment grade rating	-	38,285
Non-investment grade rating	7,806	18,887
Unrated	-	988
General loan loss reserve	(500 )	(500 )
	\$33,209	\$210,441

(1) Reflects the underlying tenant's or lease guarantor's actual or implied senior unsecured credit rating from Standard & Poor's or equivalent rating if rated only by Moody's Investors Service.

(2) The Company implies an investment grade credit rating for tenants that are not publicly rated by Standard & Poor's or Moody's but (i) are 100% owned by an investment grade parent, (ii) for which the Company has obtained a private investment grade rating from either Standard & Poor's or Moody's, (iii) for which we have evaluated the creditworthiness of the tenant and estimated a credit rating that is consistent with an investment grade rating from S&P or Moody's, or (iv) are governmental entity branches or units of another investment grade rated governmental entity.

As of December 31, 2011, the Company has a general loan loss reserve of \$500, reflecting management's estimate of losses that have probably occurred in its mortgage loan portfolio. The loan loss reserve was established at December 31, 2008, and to date the Company has not had any actual losses charged against the allowance.

During June 2011, the Company charged off its remaining \$988 net investment in the franchise lending venture. The charge-off is included as a component of "Gain (loss) on investments, net" in the Company's Consolidated Statement of

Operations. The charge-off is in addition to a \$444 charge-off recorded during 2009. The Company determined to revise its estimate of loss due to a variety of factors, including the passage of two years since the borrower was current on its debt service payments with only de minimis payments to the Company during that time and uncertainty regarding the value of the Company's collateral and the timing of resolution of the Company's claim, particularly in light of the borrower's Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing during 2011 and the existence of various issues for resolution before the bankruptcy court.

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**5. Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities**

As of December 31, 2011, the Company classifies all of its commercial mortgage-backed securities as “available for sale” for financial accounting purposes and carries those securities on the Consolidated Balance Sheet at fair value with the net unrealized gains or losses included in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), a component of Stockholders’ Equity on the Company’s Consolidated Balance Sheet.

A detailed schedule of the Company’s securities investments at December 31, 2011 follows:

Description	Face Amount (1)		Cost Basis		Fair Value	
	Dec 31, 2011	Dec 31, 2010	Dec 31, 2011	Dec 31, 2010	Dec 31, 2011	Dec 31, 2010
Certificated Mortgage Loan (with Alcatel-Lucent USA Inc. as tenant in Highlands Ranch, CO)	\$24,527	\$ 34,722	\$24,818	\$ 35,172	\$20,648	\$ 27,947
Certificated Mortgage Loan (with CVS Corporation as tenant / multi-property) (rated BBB+)	16,867	17,480	16,867	17,480	17,410	17,507
Certificated Mortgage Loan (with Koninklijke Ahold, N.V. as tenant / multi-property) (rated BB)	7,489	8,032	7,578	8,142	8,395	8,875
BAC M 2006-4, Class H (rated CCC)	4,000	8,000	–	400	800	400
BAC MS 2002-2, Class V-1 (7-Eleven, Inc.) (rated AA-)	656	602	555	493	555	493
BAC MS 2002-2, Class V-2 (Sterling Jewelers) (not rated)	1,001	920	828	735	828	735
CALFS 1997-CTL1, Class D (rated B-)	3,000	6,000	3,000	5,951	1,200	4,501
CapLease CD O 2005-1, Class A (rated BBB+) (2)	2,661	–	2,326	–	2,345	–
	2,000	–	1,400	–	1,410	–

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CapLease CD O 2005-1, Class B (rated BBB-) (2)						
CMLBC 2001-CMLB-1, Class H (rated B-)	11,907	11,907	7,139	6,978	2,639	1,109
CMLBC 2001-CMLB-1, Class J (rated D)	6,383	6,383	756	1,149	672	320
NLFC 1999-LTL-1, Class X (IO) (rated AAA)	3,916	4,392	3,916	4,392	2,533	3,917
Certificated Mortgage Loan (with Yahoo! Inc. as tenant) (rated BBB-)	–	21,739	–	21,497	–	20,868
Banc of America 2007-1, Class C (rated B)	–	500	–	173	–	225
BSC MS 1999 CLF1, Class E (rated D)	–	3,326	–	–	–	–
BSC MS 1999 CLF1, Class F (not rated)	–	251	–	–	–	–
CMLBC 2001-CMLB-1, Class E (rated BBB+)	–	9,526	–	10,033	–	5,456
CMLBC 2001-CMLB-1, Class G (rated BB-)	–	9,526	–	8,953	–	2,789
JP Morgan 2006-LDP9, Class AJ (rated B+)	–	200	–	99	–	166
NLFC 1999-LTL-1, Class E (rated BB)	–	11,081	–	5,926	–	3,880
W achovia 2007-C30, Class AJ (rated B)	–	200	–	95	–	109
W achovia 2007-C31, Class AJ (rated B+)	–	200	–	96	–	110
W achovia 2007-C33, Class AJ (rated B+)	–	200	–	96	–	134
W BCMT 2004-C15, Class 180ML-D (rated CCC+)	–	15,000	–	15,013	–	13,800
W BCMT 2004-C15, Class 180ML-E (rated CCC )	–	8,000	–	8,008	–	7,223
W BCMT 2006-C27, Class C (rated BB)	–	11,000	–	11,148	–	6,600
Total	\$84,405	\$ 189,187	\$69,181	\$ 162,029	\$59,435	\$ 127,164

(1) Reflects face amount, or, in the case of the NLFC 1999-LTL-1 Class X (IO) bond, amortized cost.

(2) Represents investments in the note classes of the CDO that the Company did not sell as part of the CDO sale transaction completed during the third quarter of 2011. Prior to such sale, for financial accounting purposes the note classes were reported as a reduction in the amount of debt the Company had outstanding in the CDO. The Company has no continuing involvement in the CDO transaction.

All credit ratings in the above table are as of December 31, 2011.

During 2011, the Company significantly reduced the size and number of its securities available for sale, including through the sale of its CDO during September. See Note 6.

The Company evaluated each of its securities for other-than-temporary impairment at December 31, 2011, and determined that no additional other-than-temporary impairment charges on its securities were appropriate. During the quarter ended September 30, 2011, the Company determined to recognize an other-than-temporary impairment of \$48 on the BACM 2006-4, Class H bond which reduced the Company's cost basis on the bond to zero. The loss is included

as a component of “Gain (loss) on investments, net” in the Company’s Consolidated Statement of Operations, and is in addition to other-than-temporary impairment losses of \$7,741 of the same bond at December 31, 2010. To the extent the Company continues to receive debt service payments from the bond, it will record those payments as interest income. During the quarter ended December 31, 2011, the Company received debt service payments of \$91 from the bond, all of which were recorded as interest income.

At December 31, 2010, the Company also recognized an other-than-temporary impairment of \$208 on the BSCMS, Class E bond, thereby reducing the Company’s cost basis on the bond to zero. The 2010 loss on the BSCMS, Class E bond is in addition to losses of \$133 during the year ended December 31, 2009, and \$1,000 during the year ended December 31, 2008, on the same bond class. During the quarter ended December 31, 2010, the BSCMS trust stopped paying scheduled interest on the Class E bond and the Company does not expect to receive any future interest or principal payments on this bond class.

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Unrealized gains and losses on securities at December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, included as a component of Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheet, consisted of the following:

	December 31,	
	2011	2010
Unrealized gains on securities previously available for sale	\$-	\$750
Unrealized losses on securities previously available for sale	-	(8,857)
Unrealized gains on securities available for sale	2,189	-
Unrealized losses on securities available for sale	(11,936)	(7,958)

The following table summarizes the Company's securities in an unrealized loss position as of December 31, 2011.

	Aggregate Fair Value	Aggregate Unrealized Loss	Number of Securities
In unrealized loss position 12 or more months	\$ 27,692	\$ 11,936	5

The following table summarizes the Company's securities in an unrealized loss position as of December 31, 2010.

	Aggregate Fair Value	Aggregate Unrealized Loss	Number of Securities
In unrealized loss position 12 or more months	\$ 98,411	\$ 35,810	12

Credit ratings on the 5 securities in a continuous unrealized loss position for more than 12 months as of December 31, 2011, range from AAA to D with a weighted average of B+ and those securities have a weighted average maturity of approximately 6.6 years. The Company believes that none of the unrealized losses on investment securities are

other-than-temporary because management expects the Company will receive all contractual principal and interest related to these investments. In addition, the Company did not have the intent to sell the securities or believe it would be required to sell them as of December 31, 2011.

At December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, the weighted average effective interest rate (yield to maturity on adjusted cost basis) on securities was approximately 8.4% and 8.0%, respectively.

6. Assets Sold and Discontinued Operations

Year Ended December 31, 2011

During December 2011, the Company transferred the Hartford, Connecticut property to the lender in full satisfaction of the mortgage debt. See Note 3. During the year ended December 31, 2011, the Company recorded impairment losses of \$16,423 and gain on debt extinguishment of \$18,861, related to the disposition of the property to the lender. Operating results from the property are reflected as discontinued operations in the Company's Consolidated Statement of Operations.

During September 2011, the Company completed the sale of its March 2005 CDO. By virtue of that sale, the Company disposed of 44 loans held for investment with an aggregate carry value as of June 30, 2011 of \$151,317, and all or a portion of 12 securities available for sale with an aggregate carry value of \$46,203 and cost basis of \$59,087 as of June 30, 2011. The CDO sale generated cash proceeds net of debt repaid and excluding accrued interest of approximately \$30,217, and a net gain of \$3,910, before the charge-off of various deferred CDO costs totaling \$3,698, including deferred realized losses on cash flow hedges of \$2,333 and deferred issuance costs of \$1,240. The net gain of \$3,910 is included as a component of "Gain (loss) on investments, net" on the Company's Consolidated Statement of Operations and the \$3,698 charge-off is included as "Loss on extinguishment of debt" on the Company's Consolidated Statement of Operations.

The Company sold two small owned property investments during the year ended December 31, 2011. During August, the Company sold a retail property located in Pennsauken, New Jersey leased to Walgreen Co. for net cash proceeds of \$3,830 and recognized a gain of \$603. During September, the Company sold another retail property located in Simi Valley, California leased to McDonald's USA, LLC for net cash proceeds of \$2,000 and recognized a gain of \$822. The foregoing gains are included as a component of "Gain (loss) on investments, net" on the Company's Consolidated Statement of Operations. Operating results from the two properties sold are reflected as discontinued operations in the Company's Consolidated Statement of Operations.

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During May 2011, the Company sold two long-term mortgage loans each backed by a single retail store leased to Home Depot USA, Inc., one store located in Chelsea, Massachusetts and the other located in Tullytown, Pennsylvania. The loans had an aggregate carry value of \$16,002, and generated sales proceeds of \$16,935. The Company's net gain on sale of the loans after estimated expenses of \$271 was \$662, and is included as a component of "Gain (loss) on investments, net" on the Company's Consolidated Statement of Operations.

During May 2011, the Company sold one of its commercial mortgage-backed securities investments (WBCMT 2006-C27, Class C). The sale was executed because of evidence of significant deterioration in the underlying collateral within the securitization pool. The total of \$11,000 face amount of securities were sold at a dollar price of \$79.50 per \$100 of face amount, and the Company recognized a loss on investment during the quarter ended June 30, 2011 of \$2,397. The loss is included as a component of "Gain (loss) on investments, net" in the Company's Consolidated Statement of Operations. The aggregate carrying amount of the securities was \$11,142 as of March 31, 2011.

During February 2011, the Company sold two of its commercial mortgage-backed securities investments. Both of the securities are secured by portions of the mortgage financing on the office building located at 180 Maiden Lane, New York, New York (WBCMT 2004-C15, Class 180ML-D and Class 180ML-E). The sale was executed primarily because the securities were beyond their original scheduled maturity date of November 2009 and the sale enabled the Company to realize a return of substantially all of the outstanding principal. The total of \$23,000 face amount of securities were sold at a dollar price of \$98 per \$100 of face amount, and the Company recognized a loss on investment during the quarter ended March 31, 2011 of \$490. The loss is included as a component of "Gain (loss) on investments, net" in the Company's Consolidated Statement of Operations. The aggregate carrying amount of these securities was \$22,236 as of December 31, 2010.

Year Ended December 31, 2010

The Company sold one owned property during the year ended December 31, 2010. The property, which is located in Wyomissing, Pennsylvania and was leased to Cott Corporation, was sold in March 2010 and had been reclassified to discontinued operations at December 31, 2009, in connection with the Company's expected disposal of the asset. The



impact of the expected sale, as well as a lease termination with the tenant in a separate transaction, was recognized at the time of the reclassification. The Company recognized a loss on the lease termination and sale of \$1,223, which was included in "Provision for loss on property investment" on the Company's Consolidated Statement of Operations during the quarter and year ended December 31, 2009. The Company also recognized \$354 of impairment losses on this property during the year ended December 31, 2008, representing the Company's estimate at that time of the decline in the fair value of the property below the Company's carry value.

#### Year Ended December 31, 2009

During September 2009, the Company sold a \$22,244 outstanding principal balance 7.90% long-term mortgage loan on a property in Danvers, Massachusetts backed by a Koninklijke Ahold N.V. lease. In connection with the sale of this asset, the Company recognized a loss of \$3,807 during the quarter ended September 30, 2009. The loss was included in "Gain (loss) on investments, net" in the Company's Consolidated Statement of Operations.

During August 2009, the Company sold \$9,500 of face amount of 6.65% pass through certificates backed by loans on two office buildings in Sunnyvale, California leased to Yahoo!, Inc. In connection with the sale of this asset, the Company recognized a loss of \$2,105 during the quarter ended September 30, 2009. The loss was included in "Gain (loss) on investments, net" in the Company's Consolidated Statement of Operations.

During April 2009, the Company sold the OSHA technological laboratory facility in Sandy, Utah leased to the United States Government. In connection with the sale of this property, the Company recognized a loss of \$2,853 during the quarter ended March 31, 2009. The loss was included in "Provision for loss on property investment" in the Company's Consolidated Statement of Operations. Operating results from this property are reflected as discontinued operations in the Company's Consolidated Statement of Operations.

During April 2009, the Company sold a majority participation interest in a long-term mortgage loan on a property in Framingham, Massachusetts backed by a Lowe's Companies Inc. lease. During the quarter ended March 31, 2009, the Company recorded a loss of \$4,397 in connection with the sale of this loan. The loss was included in "Gain (loss) on investments, net" in the Company's Consolidated Statement of Operations.

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The following presents the operating results for the properties sold during the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009:

	2011	2010	2009
Total revenues	\$3,300	\$4,078	\$5,194
Pretax income (loss)	3,906	(227 )	(4,135)

**7. Fair Value**

The Company is required to disclose fair value information about all of its financial instruments (as defined under prevailing accounting guidance), whether or not these instruments are measured at fair value on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheet. Under such guidance, substantially all of the Company's assets and liabilities other than its owned property investments are classified as financial instruments.

The Company estimates that the fair values of cash and cash equivalents, other assets, accounts payable and other liabilities, and dividends and distributions payable approximate their carrying values due to the short-term maturities of these items.

The carrying amounts, notional or face amounts and estimated fair values of the Company's other financial instruments (as defined under GAAP) at December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, are as follows:

	Carrying Amount		Notional Amount		Estimated Fair Value	
	12/31/2011	12/31/2010	12/31/2011	12/31/2010	12/31/2011	12/31/2010
Assets:						

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Loans held for investment	\$33,209	\$ 210,441	\$37,622	\$ 214,049	\$35,120	\$ 223,099
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	59,435	145,965	84,405	189,187	59,435	127,164
Liabilities:						
Mortgages on real estate investments	\$972,924	\$ 928,429	\$969,004	\$ 925,264	\$1,002,247	\$ 979,570
Collateralized debt obligations	—	254,210	—	254,361	—	220,907
Credit agreement	70,668	105,345	70,668	105,345	70,668	105,345
Secured term loan	88,142	101,880	88,142	101,880	78,302	95,145
Convertible senior notes	34,522	33,926	35,009	35,009	34,997	35,004
Other long-term debt	30,930	30,930	30,930	30,930	29,421	28,095

The fair values indicated above are indicative of the interest rate and credit spread environment as of December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively, and may not take into consideration the effects of subsequent interest rate, credit spread fluctuations, or changes in the ratings of the underlying tenants on the related leases. The methodologies used and key assumptions made to estimate fair values are as follows:

*Loans held for investment*—The fair value of the Company’s fixed-rate loan portfolio is estimated with a discounted cash flow analysis, utilizing scheduled cash flows and discount rates estimated by management to approximate those that a willing buyer and seller might use.

*Commercial mortgage-backed securities*—The fair values of the securities reflect management’s best estimate and require a considerable amount of judgment and assumptions. Management evaluates a variety of inputs and then estimates fair value based on those inputs. The primary inputs evaluated by management are broker quotations, collateral values, subordination levels, and liquidity of the security.

*Credit agreement*—Management believes that the stated interest rate (which floats based on short-term interest rates) approximates market rates (when compared to similar credit facilities with similar credit risk). As such, the fair value of these obligations is estimated to be equal to the outstanding principal amount.

*Mortgages on real estate investments, collateralized debt obligations and secured term loan* —The fair value of mortgages payable on real estate investments, collateralized debt obligations and the secured term loan is estimated using a discounted cash flow analysis, based on management’s estimates of market interest rates. For mortgages where the Company has an early prepayment right, management also considers the prepayment amount to evaluate the fair value.

*Convertible senior notes* —The carry value of convertible senior notes reflects the impact of accounting guidance for the notes adopted as of January 1, 2009. See Note 9. The fair value is estimated using a discounted cash flow analysis, based on management’s estimates of market interest rates, and indications of market yields, where available.



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*Other long-term debt*—The fair value of the Company's other long-term debt is estimated using a discounted cash flow analysis, based on management's estimates of market interest rates.

On January 1, 2008, the Company adopted accounting guidance (codified at FASB ASC 820) that defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value under GAAP, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. The guidance does not impose any new requirements around which assets and liabilities are to be measured at fair value, and instead applies to asset and liability balances required or permitted to be measured at fair value under existing accounting pronouncements.

The guidance applies principally to the Company's securities investments, all of which are classified as available for sale for accounting purposes and, as such, are measured at fair value on a recurring basis on the Company's financial statements.

FASB ASC 820 establishes a valuation hierarchy based on the transparency of inputs used in the valuation of an asset or liability. Classification is based on the lowest level of inputs that is significant to the fair value measurement. The valuation hierarchy contains three levels:

Level 1 – Quoted prices are available in active markets for identical assets or liabilities at the reporting date. As of December 31, 2011, the Company has not classified any of its securities as Level 1.

Level 2 – Pricing inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability. Level 2 assets include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities that are not active; and inputs other than quoted prices that are observable, such as models or other valuation methodologies. As of December 31, 2011, the Company has classified two certificated mortgage loans (one with CVS Corporation as underlying tenant and the other with Koninklijke Ahold, N.V. as underlying tenant), as well as its sole remaining generic commercial mortgage-backed security investment (BACM 2006-4,

Class H), as Level 2.

Level 3 – Inputs reflect management’s best estimate of what market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date. These valuations require a considerable amount of judgment and assumptions. As of December 31, 2011, the Company has classified all of its securities that are backed primarily by single tenant loan collateral, other than the CVS and Ahold backed certificated loans discussed above, as Level 3. Management evaluates a variety of inputs and then estimates fair value based on those inputs. The primary inputs evaluated by management are broker quotations (observable), collateral values (observable), subordination levels (observable), and liquidity of the security (unobservable). These inputs are the factors employed by management and to its knowledge other parties in determining where to price actual transactions. The Company’s securities available for sale that are classified as Level 3 are unique in that in most cases the Company owns the entire bond class. As a result, the broker quotes obtained by the Company reflect expected pricing rather than actual trades and may also reflect transactions in inactive markets. Therefore, the Company believes Level 3 is the appropriate classification in the fair value hierarchy for the Company’s available for sale securities.

The table below presents the fair value of the Company’s securities as of December 31, 2011, aggregated by the level in the fair value hierarchy within which those measurements fall.

	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets and Liabilities (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Balance at December 31,2011
Assets				
Securities available for sale	\$ –	\$ 26,622	\$ 32,813	\$ 59,435

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The table below presents the fair value of the Company's securities classified as available for sale as of December 31, 2010, aggregated by the level in the fair value hierarchy within which those measurements fall. As of December 31, 2010, only the Company's securities financed pursuant to the credit agreement discussed at Note 9 were classified as available for sale.

	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets and Liabilities (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Balance at December 31, 2010
Assets				
Securities available for sale	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 13,797	\$ 13,797

The following table summarizes the change in the fair value for Level 3 items for the years ended December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010:

	Year ended December 31, 2011	Year ended December 31, 2010
Securities available for sale		
Beginning balance	\$ 13,797	\$ 13,044
Gains (losses) included in net income (loss):		
Included in gains (loss) on investments	—	(208 )
Included in interest income	391	309
Gains (losses) included in other comprehensive income	(585 )	1,758
Purchases, sales, issuances and settlements (net)	(2,123 )	(1,106 )
Transfers in (out) of Level 3	21,333	—
Ending balance	\$ 32,813	\$ 13,797

**8. Other Assets**

Other assets as of December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, consisted of the following:

	December 31,	
	2011	2010
Receivables and accrued interest	\$8,317	\$9,593
Prepaid expenses and deposits	1,381	2,197
Reserve accounts	17,393	15,598
Funds with CDO trustee pending distribution	-	4,697
Restricted cash	440	1,126
Amounts held by servicer	431	666
Accrued rental income	41,387	39,506
Debt issuance costs, net	3,889	5,999
Deferred leasing costs, net	1,483	1,767
Investment in statutory trust	930	930
Other	712	1,046
Total	\$76,363	\$83,125

**9. Debt Obligations****Credit Agreement**

The Company has entered into a credit agreement with Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. (as successor to Wachovia Bank, N.A.) and financed certain of its portfolio assets pursuant to the credit agreement. The Company may also utilize the undrawn amount of the lender's revolving credit commitment to finance assets approved by the lender in its sole discretion at an advance rate of 60% of the asset's value (as determined by the lender).

The credit agreement with Wells Fargo Bank includes the following terms:



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· Size: maximum revolving credit commitment of \$140,000;

· Maturity: maturity date of July 16, 2013; and

· Interest Rate: floating rate LIBOR-based facility with interest rate on the Company's borrowings set at one-month LIBOR plus 275 basis points.

As of December 31, 2011, the Company's outstanding borrowings under the agreement were \$70,668 and its effective financing rate was 3.6%.

The Company's borrowings under the credit agreement are secured by a combination of first mortgage loan investments, intercompany mortgage loans on owned property investments, commercial mortgage-backed securities and a first lien on the Company's ownership interest in the real property located in Johnston, Rhode Island.

The Company's obligations under the credit agreement are also fully recourse to all of its other assets. In the event Wells Fargo Bank determines in its sole discretion that the value of the Company's collateral assets has declined, including as a result of an underlying tenant credit rating downgrade or other adverse tenant-credit event, Wells Fargo Bank may require the Company to prepay a portion of its borrowings, provided that Wells Fargo Bank may not reduce the value of any of the Company's collateral other than CMBS securities due to general credit spread or interest rate fluctuations.

The Company is required to comply with the following financial covenants under the credit agreement:

· minimum liquidity (basically cash and cash equivalents) of at least \$12,000;

minimum consolidated tangible net worth (basically stockholders' equity before accumulated depreciation and amortization) of at least \$360,000 plus 75% of the aggregate net proceeds from equity offerings or capital contributions after July 16, 2010;

maximum corporate leverage (basically total liabilities divided by total assets before accumulated depreciation and amortization) of 80%; and

minimum interest coverage (basically EBITDA, or net income before income taxes, interest expense, and depreciation and amortization, divided by interest expense) of 105%.

As of December 31, 2011, the Company was in compliance with the above financial covenants.

Amounts related to the Company's credit agreement as of December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, were as follows:

	At December 31, 2011		At December 31, 2010	
	Borrowings	Collateral Carry Value	Borrowings	Collateral Carry Value
Credit Agreement				
Loans held for investment	\$1,552	\$4,111	\$6,452	\$ 11,195
Intercompany mortgage loans and investments in CapLease CDO (2010)	66,887	94,020	95,609	130,225
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	2,230	2,533	3,284	11,141
Owned property	—	25,494	—	26,812
Total	\$70,669	\$126,158	\$105,345	\$ 179,373

For the years ended December 31, 2011, December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009, the following interest rates applied with respect to the Company's credit agreement borrowings:

	December 31,		
	2011	2010	2009
Weighted average effective financing rate	3.49%	3.66%	3.71%
Average 30-Day LIBOR rate	0.23%	0.27%	0.35%

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## Mortgage Notes on Real Estate Investments

The Company has financed most of its owned real properties with third party mortgage debt. The Company's mortgage notes payable are summarized in the following table:

Property Level Debt - Fixed Rate	Dec 31, 2011		Dec 31, 2010		Coupon	Effective Financing Rate (1)	Maturity Date
	Face Amount of Debt	Carry Value of Debt	Face Amount of Debt	Carry Value of Debt			
Abbott Laboratories, Columbus, OH (2)	\$5,080	\$5,080	\$-	\$-	5.40 %	6.1 %	Oct 2016
Abbott Laboratories, Waukegan, IL	14,440	14,440	14,710	14,710	5.11 %	5.2 %	Aug 2015
Aetna Life Insurance Company, Fresno, CA	16,043	16,043	16,043	16,043	5.63 %	5.7 %	Dec 2016
Allstate Insurance Company, Charlotte, NC	19,445	19,445	19,721	19,721	5.68 %	5.7 %	Jan 2016
Allstate Insurance Company, Roanoke, VA	20,702	20,702	20,996	20,996	5.68 %	5.8 %	Jan 2016
AMEC plc, Houston, TX	16,175	16,569	-	-	5.85 %	5.3 %	Apr 2016
Aon Corporation, Glenview, IL	59,274	59,274	60,870	60,870	5.23 %	5.8 %	Nov 2014
Baxter International, Inc., Bloomington, IN (2)	4,407	4,407	-	-	5.40 %	6.1 %	Sep 2016
Bunge North America, Inc., Fort Worth, TX	6,262	6,262	6,262	6,262	5.45 %	5.5 %	May 2017
Cadbury Holdings Limited, Whippany, NJ	32,559	32,559	33,237	33,237	5.26 %	5.3 %	Mar 2015

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Cadbury Holdings Limited, Whippany, NJ (2)	1,727	1,727	–	–	5.26	%	6.5	%	Mar 2015
Capital One Financial Corporation, Plano, TX	19,344	19,344	19,850	19,850	5.24	%	5.3	%	May 2013
Choice Hotels International, Inc., Silver Spring, MD	26,708	26,708	28,025	28,025	5.30	%	5.3	%	May 2013
Cooper Tire & Rubber Company, Franklin, IN	17,690	17,690	–	–	5.54	%	5.8	%	May 2021
County of Yolo, California, Woodland, CA	10,332	10,332	10,332	10,332	5.68	%	5.7	%	Feb 2017
Crozer-Keystone Health System, Ridley, PA (2)	2,964	2,964	–	–	5.40	%	6.0	%	Apr 2019
CVS Corporation, Randolph, MA (2)	7,601	7,601	–	–	5.40	%	6.4	%	Jan 2014
Farmers Group, Inc., Simi Valley, CA	25,620	25,620	25,620	25,620	5.81	%	5.8	%	Jan 2017
Farmers New World Life Insurance Company, Mercer Island, WA	29,889	29,889	30,200	30,200	5.69	%	5.7	%	Jan 2016
General Motors Financial Company, Inc., Arlington, TX	26,672	26,454	27,190	26,937	5.28	%	5.5	%	Sep 2017
Invesco Holding Co. Ltd., Denver, CO	43,700	43,700	43,700	43,700	6.03	%	6.1	%	Jul 2016
ITT Corporation, Herndon, VA	39,764	39,764	40,393	40,393	5.33	%	5.4	%	Jun 2015
ITT Corporation, Herndon, VA (2)	2,995	2,995	–	–	5.33	%	6.4	%	Jun 2015
Johnson Controls, Inc., Largo, FL	16,200	16,200	16,200	16,200	5.48	%	5.5	%	Jan 2017
Koninklijke Ahold, N.V., Levittown, PA	13,820	13,820	14,040	14,040	6.05	%	6.1	%	Jul 2016
Lowes Companies, Inc., Aliso Viejo, CA	41,299	41,299	41,892	41,892	5.10	%	5.4	%	Jul 2015
Lowes Companies, Inc., New Orleans, LA	8,599	9,258	–	–	5.57	%	4.7	%	Aug 2030
Lowes Companies, Inc., New Orleans, LA	7,702	8,135	–	–	5.32	%	4.7	%	Aug 2030
Lowes Companies, Inc., New Orleans, LA	433	479	–	–	5.93	%	4.8	%	Aug 2030
Nestle Holdings, Inc., Breinigsville, PA; Fort Wayne, IN; and Lathrop, CA	117,000	117,000	117,000	117,000	6.32	%	5.7	%	Aug 2012
Omnicom Group, Inc., Irving, TX	12,472	12,472	12,784	12,784	5.24	%	5.3	%	May 2013
Pearson Plc., Lawrence, KS	15,616	15,616	15,818	15,818	5.84	%	5.9	%	May 2016
The Travelers Corporation, Hartford, CT	–	–	4,856	4,925	9.80	%	5.5	%	Sep 2011
The Travelers Corporation, Hartford, CT	–	–	17,251	17,656	10.76	%	7.7	%	Oct 2011
Tiffany & Co., Parsippany, NJ	57,482	57,482	58,274	58,274	5.33	%	5.3	%	Oct 2015
	17,500	17,500	17,500	17,500	5.55	%	5.6	%	

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Time Warner Entertainment Company, L.P., Milwaukee, WI									Dec 2016
Time Warner Entertainment Company, L.P., Milwaukee, WI (2)	2,473	2,473	–	–	5.83	%	6.8	%	Dec 2015
Time Warner Entertainment Company, L.P., Milwaukee, WI (2)	2,208	2,208	–	–	6.18	%	6.8	%	Dec 2016
TJX Companies, Inc., Philadelphia, PA	68,847	68,847	69,547	69,547	5.57	%	5.6	%	Mar 2016
T-Mobile USA, Inc., Nashville, TN	10,606	10,606	10,749	10,749	5.59	%	5.7	%	Dec 2016
United States Government (DEA), Birmingham, AL	10,922	10,922	11,086	11,086	5.23	%	5.4	%	Sep 2015
United States Government (EPA), Kansas City, KS	18,395	20,806	19,060	21,695	7.57	%	5.3	%	Oct 2022
United States Government (FBI), Albany, NY	10,137	10,137	10,137	10,137	5.50	%	5.7	%	Nov 2016
United States Government (FBI), Birmingham, AL	18,233	18,233	18,508	18,508	5.23	%	5.3	%	Sep 2015
United States Government (NIH), N. Bethesda, MD	57,908	57,908	59,459	59,459	5.32	%	5.6	%	Sep 2015
United States Government (SSA), Austin, TX	5,217	5,217	5,297	5,297	5.23	%	5.5	%	Sep 2015
United States Government (VA), Ponce, PR	4,062	4,154	4,708	4,836	7.30	%	6.4	%	Apr 2016
Walgreen Co., Pennsauken, NJ	–	–	1,306	1,365	7.65	%	6.0	%	Oct 2016
Walgreen Co., Portsmouth, VA	2,481	2,584	2,644	2,766	7.20	%	6.2	%	Jul 2018
Total	\$969,004	\$972,924	\$925,264	\$928,429					

(1) The effective financing rate is the Company's approximate borrowing cost, including the effect of hedge gains or losses and other deferred financing costs associated with the related borrowing.

The mortgage note is part of the collateral in the CDO transaction that the Company sold during the third quarter of (2)2011. Prior to such sale, for financial accounting purposes the mortgage note and related debt obligation were eliminated in consolidation as intercompany transactions.

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The mortgage notes are non-recourse to the Company subject to limited non-recourse exceptions and are secured by the respective properties and an assignment of the relevant leases on the properties. See Note 3 regarding the separate and distinct nature of the Company's SPEs. The Company's book value before accumulated depreciation and amortization on owned properties encumbered with mortgage debt aggregated \$1,483,528 at December 31, 2011, and \$1,435,087 at December 31, 2010.

*Loan Agreement for Tulsa, Oklahoma Development Project*

During July 2011, the Company entered into a loan agreement with Bank of Oklahoma to provide construction financing of approximately one-half of the project costs related to the development of the property in Tulsa, Oklahoma for Cimarex Energy Co. See Note 3. Pursuant to the agreement, Bank of Oklahoma has agreed to fund up to \$24,000 of project costs beginning after the Company has funded an aggregate of \$24,000 to the project. During the construction period, interest only will be payable by the Company to the lender each month at a rate equal to the prevailing one month LIBOR rate plus 300 basis points (subject to a 4.00% floor). Upon completion of the project, the construction loan will automatically convert to a term loan of up to \$31,000 bearing interest at a rate equal to the prevailing one month LIBOR rate plus 275 basis points and maturing in July 2018. During the term loan period, in addition to monthly payments of interest, principal will also be payable by the Company to the lender based on a 25-year amortization period. Subject to customary non-recourse exceptions, the lender's recourse in the event of a default of the loan is limited to the property and the other assets of the Company's joint venture entity that owns the property. As of December 31, 2011, the Company had not drawn any amounts under the loan agreement with Bank of Oklahoma.

Collateralized Debt Obligations

During September 2011, the Company completed the sale of its March 2005 CDO. For legal and accounting purposes, the sale resulted in the transfer by the Company of the various assets in the CDO trust along with the transfer of the obligation to pay debt service on the various CDO note classes. See Note 6.

Results of the CDO included in the Consolidated Statements of Operations for the years ended December 31, 2011, December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009 were as follows:

	December 31,		
	2011	2010	2009
Total revenue attributable to CDO activity	\$9,761	\$17,185	\$15,885
Total revenue attributable to CDO activity per common share	0.15	0.31	0.32
Net income attributable to CDO activity	2,151	4,961	3,557
Net income attributable to CDO activity per common share	0.03	0.09	0.07

As of December 31, 2011, the Company owned an aggregate of \$2,661 face amount of Class A CDO notes and \$2,000 face amount of Class B CDO notes which will continue to receive interest and principal when paid in accordance with the priority of payments specified in the CDO transaction documents. See Note 5. These securities were previously purchased by the Company on the open market during 2009 (in the case of the Class A notes) and 2011 (in the case of the Class B notes).

#### Secured Term Loan

During December 2007, the Company completed a secured term loan with KBC Bank, N.V. The Company transferred a pool of assets into a wholly-owned special purpose entity, called CapLease 2007-STL LLC, and issued debt to the lender secured by the assets in the pool. The Company retained all of the equity in the special purpose entity and, therefore, is entitled to all residual cash after the payment of scheduled principal and interest on the debt. The lender's debt is structured to be senior to the Company's equity. For example, all principal payments on the assets transferred to the SPE will be paid to the lender until the secured term loan is repaid in full. The Company is in a first loss position in the event of a payment default or loss on any of the SPE assets.

The interest coupon on the loan is fixed at 5.81% annually until the loan matures in January 2018. The Company's effective financing rate on the loan is approximately 6.0% annually (inclusive of hedge and closing costs). The loan is non-recourse to the Company, subject to limited non-recourse exceptions.

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Amounts related to the secured term loan as of December 31, 2011, were as follows:

	Borrowings	Collateral Carry Value
Loans held for investment	\$ 19,774	\$ 29,598
Intercompany mortgage loans on CapLease properties	24,436	35,358
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	43,932	48,454
Total	\$ 88,142	\$ 113,410

## Convertible Senior Notes

During October 2007, CapLease issued \$75,000 principal amount of 7.50% convertible senior notes due 2027. The notes represent general unsecured recourse obligations of CapLease and rank equally in right of payment with all of its other existing and future obligations that are unsecured and unsubordinated. The notes are jointly and severally, fully and unconditionally guaranteed, on a senior unsecured basis by four of CapLease's subsidiaries, Caplease, LP, Caplease Debt Funding, LP, Caplease Services Corp. and Caplease Credit LLC.

Since original issuance, CapLease has repurchased an aggregate of \$39,991 principal amount of the notes and, therefore, as of December 31, 2011, the Company had \$35,009 principal amount of convertible senior notes outstanding.

As of January 1, 2009, the Company adopted accounting guidance (codified primarily at FASB ASC 470) that retrospectively changed the accounting for the convertible senior notes. The guidance affected the accounting for the Company's convertible senior notes by requiring the initial proceeds from their issuance to be allocated between a liability component and an equity component in a manner that results in interest expense on the liability component at the Company's estimated nonconvertible debt borrowing rate on the date of issue. The liability component is initially



recorded at a discount from the principal amount of the notes and is subsequently accreted back to the principal amount over its expected useful life as interest expense at the estimated nonconvertible debt borrowing rate is recorded. The initial bifurcation between the liability and equity components of the convertible senior notes at January 1, 2009, was \$67,761 and \$7,239, respectively.

The liability component of the convertible senior notes comprised the following amounts at December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010:

	December 31,	
	2011	2010
Convertible notes - principal	\$35,009	\$35,009
Unamortized debt discount	(487 )	(1,083 )
Convertible senior notes - net	\$34,522	\$33,926

The remaining debt discount is scheduled to be amortized over the next 10 months, ending in October 2012, when the Company may be required to repurchase the outstanding notes at par as described below.

The carry value of the equity component of the convertible senior notes was \$6,189 at each of December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, with the decline from the initial bifurcation amount of \$7,239 caused by the Company's repurchase of convertible senior notes at par during 2010.

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The following table summarizes the Company's repurchases of convertible senior notes during the years ended December 31, 2008, 2009 and 2010.

Quarter Ended	Notional Amount of Notes Repurchased	Purchase Price	Gain (loss) on Extinguishment of Debt
December 31, 2008	\$ 3,240	\$ 1,179	\$ 1,713
March 31, 2009	5,500	2,090	2,821
June 30, 2009	12,316	6,512	4,581
September 30, 2009	1,500	949	415
March 31, 2010	2,500	2,400	(96 )
June 30, 2010	13,500	13,500	(184 )
September 30, 2010	1,435	1,435	(14 )

The notes bear interest at an annual fixed rate of 7.50% and are scheduled to mature on October 1, 2027, unless earlier converted, redeemed or repurchased. The Company's effective financing rate on the notes, which includes the effect of the commissions and other expenses associated with the issuance of the notes, is approximately 8.1%. The Company's effective interest rate on the liability component of the instrument as measured under the January 1, 2009 accounting guidance was 10.2%, 10.1% and 11.5%, respectively, at December 31, 2011, December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009. The Company recorded interest expense on the convertible senior notes for the years ended December 31, 2011, December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009 as follows:

	December 31, 2011	2010	2009
Interest expense paid or accrued at stated interest rate of 7.5%	\$ 2,625	\$ 3,111	\$ 4,260
Convertible senior notes issuance costs	206	250	320

expensed as a component of interest expense			
Interest expense at the nonconvertible debt incremental borrowing rate of 2.5%	596	702	998
	\$ 3,427	\$ 4,063	\$ 5,578

Holders may require CapLease to repurchase their notes, in whole or in part, on October 1, 2012, October 1, 2017 and October 1, 2022, for a cash price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the notes to be repurchased, plus any accrued and unpaid interest.

The holders may convert their notes into cash, shares of CapLease common stock, or any combination thereof, at CapLease's option, under certain circumstances, including in connection with certain change of control events defined in the note indenture (each, a "change of control") or a transaction that results in CapLease's common stock or other securities into which the notes are convertible not being approved for listing on a U.S. national securities exchange (a "termination of trading"). Upon conversion, if CapLease does not elect otherwise, it will settle its conversion obligation in shares of its common stock.

The initial conversion rate for each \$1 principal amount of notes is 88.3704 shares of CapLease's common stock, which is equivalent to an initial conversion price of approximately \$11.32 per share. As of December 31, 2011, the if-converted value of the convertible senior notes does not exceed the principal amount of the notes. The initial conversion rate will be adjusted for certain events, including in the event CapLease makes any quarterly cash dividend in excess of \$0.20 per share.

Holders will also have the right to require CapLease to repurchase their notes, in whole or in part for cash, if a change of control or termination of trading occurs prior to October 1, 2012. The repurchase price will be 100% of the principal amount of the notes to be repurchased, plus any accrued and unpaid interest.

CapLease has the right to redeem the notes in whole or in part, for cash at any time or from time to time on or after October 5, 2012. Prior to October 5, 2012, CapLease may also redeem the notes to preserve its status as a real estate investment trust. The redemption price will be 100% of the principal amount of the notes to be redeemed, plus any accrued and unpaid interest.

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## Trust Preferred Securities

In December 2005, the Operating Partnership issued \$30,000 in aggregate principal amount of fixed/floating rate preferred securities through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Caplease Statutory Trust I. The trust preferred securities represent an unsecured subordinated recourse debt obligation of the Company and require quarterly interest payments calculated at a fixed interest rate equal to 7.68% per annum through January 30, 2016, and subsequently at a variable interest rate equal to LIBOR plus 2.60% per annum. The securities must be redeemed on January 30, 2036, and may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at par, at the Company's option, at any time. The Company's effective financing rate on the trust preferred securities, inclusive of deferred issuance costs, is approximately 8.3% per annum.

## Scheduled Principal Payments on Debt Obligations

Scheduled principal amortization and balloon payments for all of the Company's outstanding debt obligations as of December 31, 2011, for the next five years and thereafter are as follows:

	Scheduled Amortization	Balloon Payments	Total
2012	\$ 37,729	\$ 152,009	\$ 189,738
2013	34,885	120,485	155,370
2014	31,504	60,379	91,883
2015	28,375	255,699	284,073
2016	18,835	305,769	324,605
Thereafter	39,838	108,246	148,085
Total	\$ 191,166	\$ 1,002,588	\$ 1,193,753

**10. Accounts payable and other liabilities**

Accounts payable and other liabilities as of December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, consisted of the following:

	December 31,	
	2011	2010
Accounts payable and other liabilities	\$3,781	\$4,105
Accrued interest	5,014	7,131
Accrued expenses	4,689	5,559
Deferred rental income	2	—
Unearned rental income	3,885	4,339
Total	\$17,371	\$21,134

## 11. Risk Management Transactions

As part of its financing strategy, the Company may use interest rate swap transactions to manage its exposure to interest rate fluctuations on assets not yet financed with long-term fixed rate debt. During the years ended December 31, 2011, December 31, 2010, and December 31, 2009, the Company had no open interest rate swap positions.

As of December 31, 2011, the Company had \$1,304 of net realized losses on derivatives deferred on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheet as a component of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) related to prior interest rate swaps for certain of the Company's long-term debt issuances. During the year ended December 31, 2011, \$2,333 of net realized losses on derivatives were charged off in connection with the sale of the Company's CDO, and have been included as a component of "Gain (loss) on extinguishment of debt" on the Company's Consolidated Statement of Operations. Within the next twelve months, the Company estimates that \$72 of realized losses on derivatives will be reclassified to the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations as additional interest expense.

The Company classifies the cash flows from derivatives as a financing activity on the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

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## 12. Commitments and Contingencies

The Company is committed to fund up to \$24,000 of project costs related to the Tulsa, Oklahoma development project described at Note 3 above. As of December 31, 2011, the Company had funded \$8,160 of such commitment.

The Company is involved from time to time in litigation arising in the ordinary course of business. The Company is not currently involved in any matter which management believes will have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, results of operations or financial condition. However, periodic settlements and/or professional or other fees and expenses related to any matter could have an adverse impact on our results of operations in the quarterly or annual period in which they are recognized.

As an owner of commercial real estate, the Company is subject to potential environmental costs. At December 31, 2011, the Company was not aware of any environmental concerns that would have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, results of operations or financial condition.

As of December 31, 2011, the Company was obligated under non-cancelable operating lease agreements for office space and copy machines. The future minimum lease payments under these lease agreements at December 31, 2011 were:

2012	\$766
2013	578
2014	13
2015	7
	\$1,364

Included in general and administrative expense is rent expense of approximately \$568, \$546, and \$657 for the years ended December 31, 2011, December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively.

### **13. Stockholders' Equity**

#### Stock Issuances

CapLease's authorized capital stock consists of 500,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, and 100,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share. As of December 31, 2011, CapLease had issued and outstanding 66,275,535 shares of common stock, and 3,204,900 shares of 8.125% Series A cumulative redeemable preferred stock.

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Common Stock

The following table summarizes CapLease's common stock issuances from its incorporation date (October 31, 2003) through December 31, 2011.

Date	Shares	Offering Price (actual or average)	Net Proceeds (after expenses)	Transaction description
Pre-IPO Capitalization				
November 2003	139,134	\$0.10	\$ 14	Initial capitalization – issuances to current and former employees of the Operating Partnership
March 2004	3,968,800	N.A.	N.A.	Initial capitalization – issuances of CapLease common stock in exchange for the acquisition of the Operating Partnership from its former



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				owners
Marketed Offerings				
March 2004	23,000,000	\$ 10.50	\$ 221,778	Initial public offering of CapLease common stock
May 2006	5,747,000	\$ 10.55	\$ 57,282	Follow-on public offering of CapLease common stock
May/June 2007	10,350,000	\$ 10.75	\$ 104,682	Follow-on public offering of CapLease common stock
April/May 2011	10,150,000	\$ 5.60	\$ 54,050	Follow-on public offering of CapLease common stock
Direct Placements				
September 2008	1,317,524	\$ 7.59	\$ 9,957	Direct issuance of CapLease common stock to institutional buyer
March 2010	3,144,654	\$ 4.77	\$ 14,985	Direct issuance of CapLease common stock to institutional buyer
OP Unit Exchange				
September 2008	107,131	N.A. (1)	N.A.	Issuance of CapLease common stock in exchange for the same number of Operating Partnership units

## DRIP/DSP Plan Issuances

Various 2007	1,111,641	\$ 10.38	\$ 11,538	Issuances of CapLease common stock through CapLease Dividend Reinvestment and Direct Stock Purchase Plan Issuances of CapLease common stock through CapLease Dividend Reinvestment and Direct Stock Purchase Plan Issuances of CapLease common stock through CapLease Dividend Reinvestment and Direct Stock Purchase Plan
Various 2008	1,222,855	\$ 7.96	\$ 9,692	Issuances of CapLease common stock through CapLease Dividend Reinvestment and Direct Stock Purchase Plan Issuances of CapLease common stock through CapLease Dividend Reinvestment and Direct Stock Purchase Plan Issuances of CapLease common stock through CapLease Dividend Reinvestment and Direct Stock Purchase Plan
Various 2009	807,661	\$ 3.60	\$ 2,910	Issuances of CapLease common stock through CapLease Dividend Reinvestment and Direct Stock Purchase Plan Issuances of CapLease common stock through CapLease Dividend Reinvestment and Direct Stock Purchase Plan Issuances of CapLease common stock through CapLease Dividend Reinvestment and Direct Stock Purchase Plan
Various 2010	103	\$ 5.85	\$ 1	Issuances of CapLease common stock through CapLease Dividend Reinvestment and Direct Stock Purchase Plan Issuances of CapLease common stock through CapLease Dividend Reinvestment and Direct Stock Purchase Plan
Various 2011	27,697	\$ 5.72	\$ 158	Issuances of CapLease common stock through CapLease Dividend Reinvestment and Direct Stock Purchase Plan

## ATM Issuances

November/December 2006	160,900	\$ 11.91	\$ 1,851	Issuances of CapLease common stock through “at the market offering” (“ATM”) program
Various 2009	2,410,800	\$ 3.49	\$ 8,136	Issuances of CapLease common stock through ATM program
Various 2010	2,137,500	\$ 4.86	\$ 10,117	Issuances of CapLease common stock through ATM program
Various 2011	14,200	\$ 6.00	\$ 84	Issuances of CapLease common stock through ATM program

CapLease 2004 Stock Incentive Plan Awards

Various (2004 – 2011)	3,751,575	N.A.	N.A.	Issuances of CapLease common stock through CapLease 2004 Stock Incentive Plan (See Note 14)
Less: Stock Repurchases				
October 2007	(1,524,390 )	\$ 9.84	\$ (7,976 )	Repurchase of CapLease common stock in connection with convertible senior note issuance
Various 2011	(1,769,250 )	\$ 3.79	\$ (6,700 )	Repurchase of CapLease common stock pursuant

to Board  
authorized  
repurchase  
program

Total 66,275,535

<sup>1</sup> Units were originally issued at a price of \$11.40 per unit.

8.125% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock

In October 2005, CapLease issued 1,400,000 shares of 8.125% Series A cumulative redeemable preferred stock in a public offering at a price to the public of \$25.00 per share. The Company received net proceeds in the transaction (after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and offering expenses) of approximately \$33,657.

On March 31, 2010, CapLease issued 1,800,000 shares of 8.125% Series A cumulative redeemable preferred stock in a public offering at a price of \$23.06 per share, resulting in an effective annual yield of 9.00%. The Company received net proceeds in the transaction (after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and offering expenses) of approximately \$40,109, including \$884 of accrued dividends.

During the year ended December 31, 2010, CapLease issued an aggregate of 4,900 shares of 8.125% Series A cumulative redeemable preferred stock through its “at the market offering” program with Brinson Patrick Securities Corporation at an average price of \$24.96 per share, for net proceeds of \$120.

The Series A preferred stock ranks senior to CapLease’s common stock and junior to all of the Company’s existing and future indebtedness. Investors in the Series A preferred stock are entitled to receive cumulative cash distributions at a rate of 8.125% per annum of the \$25.00 liquidation preference per share (equivalent to \$2.03125 per annum per share). The annual dividend rate will increase to 9.125% if the Series A preferred stock is delisted from the New York Stock Exchange following a change of control of CapLease.

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If CapLease liquidates, dissolves or wind ups its operations, the Series A preferred stock holders will have the right to receive \$25.00 per share, plus all accrued and unpaid dividends (whether or not declared) to the date of payment, before any payment is made to CapLease's common stock holders. The Series A preferred stock does not have any stated maturity date and is not subject to any sinking fund or mandatory redemption provisions. CapLease may redeem the Series A preferred stock for cash at its option, in whole or from time to time in part, at a redemption price of \$25.00 per share, plus accrued and unpaid dividends (whether or not declared) to the redemption date.

Holders of Series A preferred stock generally have no voting rights. However, Series A preferred stock holders will have limited voting rights if CapLease fails to pay dividends on the Series A preferred stock for six or more quarterly periods (whether or not consecutive), or if CapLease issues shares of capital stock senior to the Series A preferred stock or makes changes to the terms of the Series A preferred stock that would be materially adverse to the rights of holders of Series A preferred stock.

The Series A preferred stock is not convertible into or exchangeable for CapLease's common stock or any of the Company's other securities or property.

Share Repurchase Program

During August 2011, the Company announced that its Board of Directors has approved a share repurchase program authorizing the Company to repurchase in the aggregate up to \$20,000 of its outstanding common stock. The program permits the Company to purchase shares through a variety of methods, including in the open market or through privately negotiated transactions, in accordance with applicable securities laws. It does not obligate the Company to make any repurchases at any specific time or situation. The timing and extent to which the Company repurchases its shares will depend upon a variety of factors, including market conditions, the Company's liquidity, and regulatory requirements.

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During the year ended December 31, 2011, the Company repurchased an aggregate of 1,769,250 shares of common stock at an average price of \$3.79 per share, utilizing an aggregate of \$6,736 of cash on hand.

Dividends

The following table summarizes the dividend history on shares of CapLease common stock for the periods indicated.

Quarter Ended	Record Date	Payment Date	Dividend Per Share	Total Amount
3/31/2009	3/31/2009	4/15/2009	\$ 0.05	\$ 2,396
6/30/2009	6/30/2009	7/15/2009	0.05	2,433
9/30/2009	9/30/2009	10/15/2009	0.05	2,577
12/31/2009	12/31/2009	1/15/2010	0.06	3,103
3/31/2010	3/31/2010	4/15/2010	0.06	3,431
6/30/2010	6/30/2010	7/15/2010	0.06	3,431
9/30/2010	9/30/2010	10/15/2010	0.06	3,431
12/31/2010	12/31/2010	1/18/2011	0.065	3,736
3/31/2011	3/31/2011	4/15/2011	0.065	3,764
6/30/2011	6/30/2011	7/15/2011	0.065	4,424
9/30/2011	9/30/2011	10/17/2011	0.065	4,321
12/31/2011	12/30/2011	1/17/2012	0.065	4,308

The Company did not declare a dividend on CapLease common stock during the fourth quarter of 2008.

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The following table summarizes the dividend history on shares of CapLease Series A preferred stock for the periods indicated.

Quarter Ended	Record Date	Payment Date	Dividend Per Share	Total Amount
12/31/2008	12/31/2008	1/15/2009	\$0.5078125	\$ 711
3/31/2009	3/31/2009	4/15/2009	0.5078125	711
6/30/2009	6/30/2009	7/15/2009	0.5078125	711
9/30/2009	9/30/2009	10/15/2009	0.5078125	711
12/31/2009	12/31/2009	1/15/2010	0.5078125	711
3/31/2010	3/31/2010	4/15/2010	0.5078125	1,625
6/30/2010	6/30/2010	7/15/2010	0.5078125	1,625
9/30/2010	9/30/2010	10/15/2010	0.5078125	1,625
12/31/2010	12/31/2010	1/18/2011	0.5078125	1,627
3/31/2011	3/31/2011	4/15/2011	0.5078125	1,627
6/30/2011	6/30/2011	7/15/2011	0.5078125	1,627
9/30/2011	9/30/2011	10/17/2011	0.5078125	1,627
12/31/2011	12/30/2011	1/17/2012	0.5078125	1,627

#### 14. Stock Based Compensation

The Company adopted a stock incentive plan for its employees and directors during March 2004 in connection with its initial public offering. 5,123,000 shares of common stock are authorized for issuance under the stock plan. As of December 31, 2011, the Company had awarded 3,751,575 shares of common stock under the stock plan, all in the form of restricted stock awards to executive officers, other employees and directors of the Company. The Company has not awarded any options, stock appreciation rights or other stock based compensation under the stock plan.

A summary of the Company's activity under the stock plan from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011, is presented below:

	Number of Shares
Stock Awards at January 1, 2010	2,890,455
Granted During the Year Ended December 31, 2010	479,500 (1)
Stock Awards at January 1, 2011	3,369,955
Granted During the Year Ended December 31, 2011	392,500 (2)
Forfeited During the Year Ended December 31, 2011	(10,880 )
Stock Awards at December 31, 2011	3,751,575

Shares are scheduled to vest between March 2011 and March 2015, but will generally be forfeited if the recipient either terminates his employment with the Company or ceases to be a member of CapLease's Board of Directors at any time prior to the vesting date. Vesting of an aggregate of 241,125 shares is also subject to satisfaction of objective and subjective performance criteria, to be determined by CapLease's Compensation Committee.

Shares are scheduled to vest between March 2012 and March 2014, but will generally be forfeited if the recipient either terminates his employment with the Company or ceases to be a member of CapLease's Board of Directors at any time prior to the vesting date. Vesting of an aggregate of 196,425 shares is also subject to satisfaction of objective and subjective performance criteria, to be determined by CapLease's Compensation Committee.



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A summary of the status of unvested shares from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011, is presented below:

	Shares Awarded Under Plan	Shares Priced Under GAAP	Weighted Average Fair Value
Nonvested at January 1, 2010	1,801,016	1,177,865	\$ 4.17
Current period awards	479,500	286,600	4.84
Prior period awards	N/A	198,966	4.84
Vested	(541,149 )	(541,149 )	3.84
Nonvested at January 1, 2011	1,739,367	1,122,282	4.62
Current period awards	392,500	261,550	5.80
Prior period awards	N/A	223,635	5.80
Vested	(514,970 )	(514,970 )	5.14
Forfeited	(10,880 )	(10,880 )	3.43
Nonvested at December 31, 2011	1,606,017	1,081,617	4.91

The Company uses the closing stock price on the grant date as its estimate of the fair value of the award.

The Company has made certain of the restricted stock awards with vesting dependent upon satisfaction of performance criteria to be determined in the future. For such awards, applicable accounting guidance provides that despite the award having been granted, it is not valued for financial accounting purposes and expense related thereto does not commence until performance criteria have been established. "Prior period awards" in the above table represent restricted share awards made in a prior period but which have been valued for financial accounting purposes in the current period when the CapLease Compensation Committee determined the performance criteria.

As of December 31, 2011, \$3,144 of unvested shares (fair value at the grant dates) is expected to be charged to the Company's Consolidated Statement of Operations ratably over the remaining vesting period (through March 2015)

assuming vesting criteria are satisfied. In addition, as of December 31, 2011, the Company has not yet commenced expense accrual related to the following number of share awards because the applicable performance criteria have not yet been determined: 39,345 restricted shares made in 2008, 209,430 restricted shares made in 2009, 144,675 restricted shares made in 2010 and 130,950 restricted shares made in 2011.

## 15. Other Comprehensive Income

Comprehensive income (loss) is defined under GAAP as the change in equity of a business enterprise during a period from transactions and other events and circumstances, excluding those resulting from investments by and distributions to owners, and is presented in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss). For the Company's purposes, comprehensive income (loss) represents net income (loss) before non-controlling interest in consolidated subsidiaries, as presented in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations, adjusted for unrealized gains or losses on securities available for sale and amortization of unrealized losses on securities previously classified as available for sale, and amortization of realized losses on derivatives reclassified into interest expense.

GAAP also divides comprehensive income (loss) into "net income (loss)" and "other comprehensive income (loss)." Other comprehensive income (loss) is defined as revenues, expenses, gains and losses that under GAAP are included in comprehensive income (loss) but excluded from net income (loss). Other comprehensive income (loss) is a component of Stockholders' Equity and is shown on the Company's Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity (fourth column). The following table summarizes the Company's Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) as reported on the Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity.

	December 31,	
	2011	2010
Net unrealized losses on securities available for sale	\$(9,747 )	\$(7,958 )
Net unrealized losses on securities previously classified as available for sale	-	(8,107 )
Net realized losses on derivatives	(1,304 )	(4,151 )
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	\$(11,051)	\$(20,216)

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## **16. Non-Controlling Interests**

During June 2006, CapLease's Operating Partnership issued 263,157 units of limited partnership to an unaffiliated third party. All of these units were issued as partial consideration for the Company's acquisition of a real property in June 2006 from the third party. During June 2008, the units of limited partnership became redeemable by the holder, at its option, on the basis of one unit for either one share of CapLease common stock or cash equal to the fair market value of a share of common stock at the time of the redemption. The units of limited partnership do not have a liquidation preference. During September 2008, the holder redeemed 107,131 units for the same number of shares of CapLease common stock. As of December 31, 2011, the Operating Partnership had issued and outstanding 156,026 units of limited partnership.

Cash distributions by the Operating Partnership are paid in the following priority: first, to the non-controlling interest holders until such holders receive the amount they would have received if the holders' units of limited partnership interest were converted to an equal number of shares of CapLease common stock, and then, to CapLease. As a result, since July 2006, at the same time CapLease has paid a cash dividend to its common stockholders, the non-controlling interest holders have been paid a cash dividend of the same amount per limited partnership unit.

## **17. Rental Income**

The Company is the landlord to tenants under operating leases with expiration dates ranging from 2012 to 2030. The minimum rental amounts due under the leases are generally subject to scheduled fixed increases. The leases generally also require that the tenants pay for or reimburse the Company for the occupancy and operating costs of the properties, or in certain cases reimburse the Company for increases in certain operating costs and real estate taxes above their base year costs. Approximate future minimum rents to be received over the next five years and thereafter for non-cancelable operating leases in effect at December 31, 2011, are as follows:

2012	\$ 130,583
2013	103,177
2014	100,101
2015	97,519
2016	88,265
Thereafter	313,139
Total	\$832,783

## 18. Concentration Risks

The Company has historically relied on Wells Fargo Bank, N. A. (as successor to Wachovia Bank, N. A.) to provide a significant portion of its cash for financing its portfolio investments, including through short-term borrowing facilities to facilitate the Company's portfolio investment and mortgage financings on its owned real properties. Deterioration in the financial condition of Wells Fargo Bank, N. A. could have a negative impact on the Company's business, operating results and financial condition. As of December 31, 2011, Wells Fargo Bank, N. A. carried a senior unsecured credit rating of AA- from Standard & Poor's.

During 2011, approximately 12.8% of the Company's total revenues were derived from one tenant (the United States Government).

## 19. 401(k) Plan

The Company has a 401(k) Savings/Retirement Plan (the "401(k) Plan") in place to cover eligible employees of the Company. The 401(k) Plan permits eligible employees of the Company to defer a portion of their annual compensation, subject to certain limitations imposed by the Internal Revenue Code. The employee's elective deferrals are immediately vested and non-forfeitable upon contribution to the 401(k) Plan. For the years ended December 31, 2011, December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009, the Company made matching contributions of \$313, \$297, and \$234, respectively.

## 20. Pro Forma Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations (Unaudited)

The accompanying unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations are presented as if, at January 1, 2010, the Company acquired the three properties which were purchased during 2010 and 2011 and which have been accounted for as a business combination for financial accounting purposes (property leased to Cooper Tire & Rubber Company purchased in December 2010, property leased to a subsidiary of AMEC plc purchased in June 2011, and property leased to a subsidiary of Lowe's Companies, Inc. purchased in November 2011). Earnings per share are presented using the weighted average shares outstanding during the relevant periods. In management's opinion, all adjustments necessary to reflect the effects of the above transactions have been made.



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The unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations are not necessarily indicative of what the actual results of operations would have been assuming the acquisition transactions had occurred at the date indicated above, nor do they purport to represent our future results of operations.

	For the twelve months ended December 31,	
	2011	2010
Total revenues	\$165,662	\$170,609
Loss from continuing operations allocable to common stockholders	(11,397 )	(10,460 )
Loss per basic and diluted common share from continuing operations	(0.18 )	(0.29 )
Net loss allocable to common stockholders	(7,471 )	(16,253 )
Net loss per basic and diluted common share	(0.12 )	(0.29 )

## 21. Segment Reporting

FASB ASC 280 establishes the manner in which public businesses report information about operating segments in annual and interim financial reports issued to stockholders. FASB ASC 280 defines a segment as a component of an enterprise about which separate financial information is available and that is evaluated regularly to allocate resources and assess performance. The Company conducts its business through two segments: operating real estate (including its investments in owned properties) and debt investments (including its loan investments as well as its investments in securities). For segment reporting purposes, the Company does not allocate interest income on short-term investments or general and administrative expenses.

Selected results of operations by segment for the year ended December 31, 2011 are as follows:

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	Corporate / Unallocated	Operating Real Estate	Debt Investments	Total
Total revenues	\$ 769	\$ 142,680	\$ 18,894	\$ 162,343
Total expenses	19,388	133,390	12,276	165,054
Other gain (loss)	-	(1,234 )	(1,816 )	(3,050 )
Income (loss) from continuing operations	(18,619 )	8,055	4,803	(5,761 )
Total assets	78,690	1,468,962	93,971	1,641,623

Selected results of operations by segment for the year ended December 31, 2010 are as follows:

	Corporate / Unallocated	Operating Real Estate	Debt Investments	Total
Total revenues	\$ 856	\$ 134,437	\$ 27,122	\$ 162,415
Total expenses	19,799	129,343	17,996	167,138
Other gain (loss)	(293 )	-	(7,949 )	(8,242 )
Income (loss) from continuing operations	(19,236 )	5,095	1,176	(12,965 )
Total assets	48,213	1,463,362	358,696	1,870,271

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Selected results of operations by segment for the year ended December 31, 2009 are as follows:

	Corporate / Unallocated	Operating Real Estate	Debt Investments	Total
Total revenues	\$ 492	\$ 143,407	\$ 30,269	\$ 174,168
Total expenses	21,196	129,957	19,716	170,869
Other gain (loss)	9,829	(11,923 )	(10,886 )	(12,980 )
Provision for income tax	-	-	201	201
Income (loss) from continuing operations	(10,875 )	1,526	(533 )	(9,882 )
Total assets	54,618	1,471,987	377,810	1,904,415

## 22. Quarterly Financial Information (Unaudited)

The following table sets forth selected quarterly financial data for the Company for 2011 and 2010.

	Revenue	Net income (loss) applicable to common shares	Basic and diluted income (loss) per common share
2011			
December 31	\$ 38,981	\$ 14,443	\$ 0.22
September 30	40,865	(14,798 )	(0.22 )
June 30	41,254	(4,856 )	(0.07 )
March 31	41,243	(3,134 )	(0.05 )
2010			
December 31	40,777	(10,439 )	(0.18 )
September 30	40,365	(2,779 )	(0.05 )
June 30	40,603	(2,704 )	(0.05 )
March 31	40,670	(2,836 )	(0.05 )



The totals for the year may differ from the sum of the quarters as a result of weighting and rounding.

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Description	Encumbrances	Initial Cost		Cost Capitalized Subsequent to Acquisition		Gross Amount at Which Carried at Close of Period			Accumulated Depreciation
		Land	Building and Improvement	Land	Building and Improvement	Land	Building and Improvement	Total	
Abbott Laboratories, Columbus, OH	\$5,080	\$1,025	\$10,066	\$-	\$-	\$1,025	\$10,066	\$11,091	\$(1,801)
Abbott Laboratories, Waukegan, IL	15,280	2,500	15,430	-	-	2,500	15,430	17,930	(2,467)
Aetna Life Insurance Company, Fresno, CA	18,045	3,000	19,462	-	849	3,000	20,311	23,311	(4,125)
Allstate Insurance Company, Charlotte, NC	21,097	7,100	14,594	-	-	7,100	14,594	21,694	(2,200)
Allstate Insurance Company, Roanoke, VA	22,461	3,200	20,930	-	-	3,200	20,930	24,130	(3,155)
AMEC plc, Houston, TX	16,175	3,200	22,237	-	-	3,200	22,237	25,437	(280)

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Aon Corporation, Glenview, IL	62,102	11,000	68,591	–	1,564	11,000	70,155	81,155	(12,720)
Baxter International, Inc., Bloomington, IN	4,407	1,200	9,181	–	–	1,200	9,181	10,381	(1,657)
Bunge North America, Inc., Fort Worth, TX	7,905	650	8,880	–	–	650	8,880	9,530	(1,043)
Cadbury Holdings Limited, Whippany, NJ	34,286	6,300	38,994	–	1,232	6,300	40,226	46,526	(6,535)
Capital One Financial Corporation, Plano, TX	19,847	6,670	18,816	–	–	6,670	18,816	25,486	(3,068)
Choice Hotels International, Inc., Silver Spring, MD	26,708	5,500	36,806	–	1,730	5,500	38,537	44,037	(6,628)
Cimarex Energy Company (Development Property), Tulsa, OK	–	2,345	–	–	5,337	2,345	5,337	7,682	–
Cooper Tire & Rubber Company, Franklin, IN	17,690	1,500	28,242	–	–	1,500	28,242	29,742	(727)
County of Yolo, Woodland, CA	11,999	2,300	12,850	–	–	2,300	12,850	15,150	(1,581)
Crozer-Keystone Health System, Ridley, PA	2,964	–	5,015	–	864	–	5,879	5,879	(1,061)
CVS Corporation, Randolph, MA	7,601	6,300	7,801	–	–	6,300	7,801	14,101	(1,415)
Farmers Group, Inc., Simi Valley, CA	31,119	10,620	28,127	–	–	10,620	28,127	38,747	(3,459)

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Farmers New World Life Insurance Company, Mercer Island, WA	30,884	24,000	10,035	–	–	24,000	10,035	34,035	(1,512)
General Motors Financial Company, Inc., Arlington, TX	26,672	5,820	32,219	–	–	5,820	32,219	38,039	(4,036)
Invesco Holding Co. Ltd., Denver, CO	49,410	7,200	55,395	–	605	7,200	55,999	63,199	(8,040)
ITT Corporation, Herndon, VA	42,759	5,300	40,221	–	9,528	5,300	49,749	55,049	(7,895)
Johnson Controls, Inc., Largo, FL	19,113	4,600	18,168	–	–	4,600	18,168	22,768	(3,661)
Koninklijke Ahold, N.V., Levittown, PA	14,408	4,000	15,789	–	–	4,000	15,789	19,789	(2,191)
Lowe's Companies, Inc., Aliso Viejo, CA	42,162	26,600	20,829	–	748	26,600	21,577	48,177	(3,440)
Lowe's Companies, Inc., New Orleans, LA	16,734	10,000	17,675	–	–	10,000	17,675	27,675	(63)
Michelin North America, Inc., Louisville, KY	–	951	–	–	7,121	951	7,121	8,071	(100)
Multi-tenant (currently vacant), Johnston, RI	–	(1) –	32,986	–	–	–	32,986	32,986	(7,493)

## CapLease, Inc. and Subsidiaries

## Real Estate and Accumulated Depreciation

December 31, 2011

(amounts in thousands)

## Schedule III

Description	Initial Cost		Cost Capitalized Subsequent to Acquisition			Gross Amount at Which Carried at Close of Period	Total	Accumulated Depreciation	Date of Acquisition
	Encumbrances	Land	Building and Improvements	Land	Land				
Multi-tenant (Dodge building), Omaha, NE	\$ –	\$ –	\$ 11,626	\$–	\$–	\$18,617	\$18,617	\$(1,904)	1998
Multi-tenant (Landmark building), Omaha, NE	9,500	–	31,866	–	1,823	33,689	33,689	(4,138)	1998
Nestle Holdings, Inc., Breinigsville, PA	51,762	(2)	–	77,439	–	–	77,439	(9,104)	1998
Nestle Holdings, Inc., Fort Wayne, IN	28,839	(2)	–	37,313	–	–	37,313	(4,387)	1998
Nestle Holdings, Inc., Lathrop, CA	36,399	(2)	–	57,483	–	–	57,483	(6,758)	1998
Omnicom Group, Inc.,	12,581	2,620	11,800	–	184	2,620	11,984	(1,937)	1998

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Irving, TX Pearson Plc., Lawrence, KS	16,250	1,140	16,557	- -	1,140	16,557	17,697	(2,367 )	199
The Kroger Co., Various locations in KY (five), GA (four), and TN (two)	42,655	-	84,702	- -	-	84,702	84,702	(9,958 )	Va 199
Tiffany & Co., Parsippany, NJ	58,807	7,400	62,150	- 47	7,400	62,197	69,597	(9,731 )	Of Wa - 199 Wa Me - 2 Ga 20 Wi Of 20 roc par ins 20
Time Warner Entertainment Company, L.P., Milwaukee, WI	22,181	2,300	22,299	- -	2,300	22,299	24,599	(2,838 )	199 ren in
TJX Companies, Inc., Philadelphia, PA	72,046	6,100	79,734	- -	6,100	79,734	85,834	(11,580 )	20
T-Mobile USA, Inc., Nashville, TN	10,606	2,450	11,774	- -	2,450	11,774	14,224	(1,510 )	20
United States Government (FBI), Albany, NY	12,084	3,000	12,794	- 242	3,000	13,037	16,037	(1,670 )	199 bui exp by in
United States Government (SSA), Austin, TX	5,217	1,100	4,327	- 185	1,100	4,511	5,611	(680 )	20
United States Government (DEA),	11,399	1,000	11,643	- (126 )	1,000	11,517	12,517	(1,744 )	20

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Birmingham, AL United States Government (FBI), Birmingham, AL United States Government (EPA), Kansas City, KS United States Government (NIH), N. Bethesda, MD United States Government (VA), Ponce, PR Walgreen Co., Portsmouth, VA	18,998	2,200	20,171	- 2,440	2,200	22,610	24,810	(3,427 )	200 buil exp by in 2
	19,644	250	29,476	- -	250	29,476	29,726	(4,702 )	200
	57,908	10,350	61,512	- 1,678	10,350	63,191	73,541	(9,719 )	190
	4,062	2,120	10,252	- 74	2,120	10,326	12,446	(1,841 )	200 HV sys rep 200
	2,481	618	3,564	- -	618	3,564	4,181	(638 )	190
	\$ 1,060,326	\$ 205,529	\$ 1,267,817	\$ - \$43,116	\$ 205,529	\$ 1,310,933	\$ 1,516,462	\$ (182,988)	

(1) Property serves as collateral under the Company's credit agreement without any specific borrowings against the asset.

(2) Three properties leased to Nestlé are cross collateralized.

**CapLease, Inc. and Subsidiaries****Real Estate and Accumulated Depreciation****December 31, 2011****(amounts in thousands)****Schedule III (continued)**

## Reconciliation of real estate owned:

Balance-December 31, 2008		\$1,470,347
Property acquisitions	\$-	
Costs capitalized subsequent to acquisition	1,389	
Property reclassified to asset held for sale	(4,420 )	
Adjustments due to lease terminations	(8,579 )	
Writedowns to reflect asset impairment	(13,410)	
Property divestitures	(20,234)	
Balance-December 31, 2009		\$1,425,093
Property acquisitions	\$30,693	
Costs capitalized subsequent to acquisition	9,563	
Balance-December 31, 2010		\$1,465,349
Property acquisitions	\$55,457	
Costs capitalized subsequent to acquisition	18,132	
Property divestitures	(22,477)	
Balance-December 31, 2011		\$1,516,461

## Reconciliation of accumulated depreciation:

Balance-December 31, 2008		\$89,294
Additions during the year:		
Depreciation on property	\$32,991	
Deductions during the year:		
Property reclassified to asset held for sale	(245 )	
Accumulated depreciation on divested property	(1,682 )	
Balance-December 31, 2009		\$120,358
Additions during the year:		
Depreciation on property	\$32,171	
Balance-December 31, 2010		\$152,529
Depreciation on property	\$33,248	
Accumulated depreciation on divested property	(2,789 )	
Balance-December 31, 2011		\$182,988



## CapLease, Inc. and Subsidiaries

## Schedule of Loans Held for Investment

December 31, 2011

(amounts in thousands)

## Schedule IV

Description	Location	Interest Rate	Final Maturity Date	Periodic Payment Terms	Prior Liens	Face Amount of Mortgages	Carrying Amount of Mortgages
Long-Term Mortgage Loans							
Bank Of America, N.A.	Mt. Airy, MD	6.42	% Dec 2026	Principal and interest are payable monthly at a varying amount over the life to maturity	N/A	\$ 3,185	\$ 3,185
CVS Corporation	Evansville, IN	6.22	% Jan 2033	Principal and interest are payable monthly at a level amount over the life to maturity	N/A	3,081	3,081
CVS Corporation	Greensboro, GA	6.52	% Jan 2030	Principal and interest are payable monthly at a level amount over the life to maturity	N/A	1,207	1,207
CVS Corporation	Shelby Twp., MI	5.98	% Jan 2031	Principal and interest are payable monthly at a varying amount over the life to maturity	N/A	2,353	2,353
Koninklijke Ahold, N.V.	Bensalem, PA	7.24	% May 2020	Principal and interest are payable monthly at a varying amount over the life to maturity	N/A	2,405	2,405
Lowe's Companies, Inc.	Framingham, MA	N/A	Sep 2031	Zero coupon note with balloon balance of \$9,784 due at maturity	N/A	5,613	1,671
Walgreen Co.	Dallas, TX	6.46	% Dec 2029	Principal and interest are payable monthly at a level amount over the life to maturity	N/A	3,041	3,041
		6.80	% Sep 2030		N/A	3,267	3,267

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Walgreen Co.	Nacogdoches, TX			Principal and interest are payable monthly at a varying amount over the life to maturity				
Walgreen Co.	Rosemead, CA	6.26	% Dec 2029	Principal and interest are payable monthly at a level amount over the life to maturity	N/A	4,665	4,665	
						28,816	24,9	
Corporate Credit Notes								
Federal Express Corporation	Bellingham, WA	5.78	% Mar 2015	Principal and interest are payable monthly at a varying amount over the life to maturity	N/A	161	160	
Hercules Incorporated	Wilmington, DE	9.32	% May 2013	Principal and interest are payable monthly at a varying amount over the life to maturity	N/A	7,806	7,80	
Lowe's Companies, Inc.	N. Windham, ME	5.28	% Sep 2015	Principal and interest are payable monthly at a varying amount over the life to maturity	N/A	520	515	
Walgreen Co.	Jefferson City, TN	5.49	% May 2015	Principal and interest are payable monthly at a level amount over the life to maturity	N/A	319	319	
						8,806	8,80	
						-	(500)	
Provision for valuation loss								
Total						\$ 37,622	\$ 33,2	

(1) The aggregate cost for federal income tax purposes is \$33,209.

**CapLease, Inc. and Subsidiaries****Schedule of Loans Held for Investment****December 31, 2011****(amounts in thousands)****Schedule IV—(Continued)**

Balance-December 31, 2008		\$286,563
Additions during the year:		
New loan investments	\$790	
Deductions during the year:		
Loans reclassified to available for sale	(25,995 )	
Principal received	(15,458 )	
Allowance for loan losses	(444 )	
Amortization of unearned discounts and premiums	(103 )	
Loans sold	(23,697 )	
Balance-December 31, 2009		\$221,656
Additions during the year:		
New loan investments	\$-	
Deductions during the year:		
Principal received	(11,193 )	
Interest payments treated as a reduction of carry value	(12 )	
Allowance for loan losses	-	
Amortization of unearned discounts and premiums	(10 )	
Balance-December 31, 2010		\$210,441
Additions during the year:		
New loan investments	\$-	
Deductions during the year:		
Principal received	(10,032 )	
Allowance for loan losses	(988 )	
Amortization of unearned discounts and premiums	29	
Loans sold	(166,241)	
Balance-December 31, 2011		\$33,209

Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements With Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure.

None.

Item 9A.

Controls and Procedures.

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures (as defined under Rule 13a-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”)), that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in our Exchange Act reports is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC’s rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Pursuant to Rule 13a-15(b) under the Exchange Act, we carried out an evaluation, with the participation of management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based upon that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

Changes in Internal Controls

There has been no change in our internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended December 31, 2011, that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Management’s Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Management’s Annual Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting immediately precedes Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9B.

Other Information.

None.

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PART III.

Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance.

The information required by Item 10 is incorporated by reference herein to the information contained in our definitive proxy statement related to our 2012 annual meeting of stockholders.

Item 11. Executive Compensation.

The information required by Item 11 is incorporated by reference herein to the information contained in our definitive proxy statement related to our 2012 annual meeting of stockholders.

Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters.

The information required by Item 12 is incorporated by reference herein to the information contained in our definitive proxy statement related to our 2012 annual meeting of stockholders.

Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence.

The information required by Item 13 is incorporated by reference herein to the information contained in our definitive proxy statement related to our 2012 annual meeting of stockholders.

Item 14. Principal Accounting Fees and Services.

The information required by Item 14 is incorporated by reference herein to the information contained in our definitive proxy statement related to our 2012 annual meeting of stockholders.

PART IV.

Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules.

(a) and (c)

The consolidated financial statements and supplementary data (including financial statement schedules) are included in this report under Item 8 of Part II hereof.

See the exhibit index included herein for a list of exhibits to this report.

(b) Exhibits

The following is a list of exhibits filed as part of this annual report on Form 10-K. Where so indicated, exhibits that were previously filed are incorporated by reference.

Exhibits

No.	Description
3.1(1)	Articles of Amendment and Restatement of the registrant
3.2(2)	Articles of Amendment to Articles of Incorporation of the registrant
3.3(3)	Articles Supplementary Establishing the Rights and Preferences of the 8.125% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock of the registrant
3.4(5)	Articles of Amendment to Articles Supplementary with respect to the 8.125% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, dated as of March 17, 2010
3.5(6)	Articles of Amendment to Articles Supplementary with respect to the 8.125% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, dated as of March 29, 2010
3.6(1)	Amended and Restated Bylaws of the registrant
3.7(2)	First Amendment to Amended and Restated Bylaws of the registrant
4.1(1)	Form of Certificate evidencing the Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the registrant
4.2(4)	Junior Subordinated Indenture between Caplease, LP and JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, as trustee, dated December 13, 2005
4.3(4)	Amended and Restated Trust Agreement among Caplease, LP, JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Chase Bank USA, National Association and the Administrative Trustees named therein, dated December 13, 2005

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- 4.4(7) Indenture among the registrant, Caplease, LP, Caplease Debt Funding, LP, Caplease Services Corp., Caplease Credit LLC, and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as trustee (including form of 7.50% Convertible Senior Note due 2027) dated as of October 9, 2007
- 4.5(8) First Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement of Caplease, LP, dated June 13, 2006
- 10.1(15) Sales Agreement, dated as of October 9, 2009, between Brinson Patrick Securities Corporation and the registrant
- 10.2(5) First Amendment to Sales Agreement, dated as of March 17, 2010, between Brinson Patrick Securities Corporation and the registrant
- 10.3(17) ATM Equity Offering Sales Agreement, dated as of December 8, 2010, by and among Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, the registrant and Caplease, LP
- 10.4(4) Parent Guarantee Agreement between the registrant and JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, as guarantee trustee, dated December 13, 2005
- 10.5(7) Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of October 9, 2007, between the registrant and Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., as representative of the several initial purchasers of the convertible senior notes due 2027
- 10.6(12) Loan Agreement, dated as of December 17, 2007, between CapLease 2007-STL LLC, as borrower, and KBC Bank, N.V., acting through its New York Branch, as lender and administrative agent
- 10.7(16) First Amended and Restated Credit Agreement among Caplease Debt Funding, LP, as the borrower, PREFCO II Limited Partnership, as a guarantor, the registrant, as a guarantor, Caplease, LP, as a guarantor, Caplease Services Corp., as a guarantor, and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as administrative agent and initial lender, dated as of July 16, 2010
- 10.8(20) Securities and Rights Purchase Agreement dated as of August 1, 2011 among Caplease Investment Management, LLC, EVA LLC, NRF Cap, LLC and Caplease Credit LLC
- \*10.9(9) Amended and Restated 2004 Stock Incentive Plan of the registrant (Effective March 10, 2009)
- \*10.10(14) Form of Non-Employee Director Restricted Stock Award Agreement



Exhibits

No.	Description
*10.11(18)	Form of Executive Officer Restricted Stock Agreement
*10.12(10)	Form of Employment Agreement between each of Paul H. McDowell, William R. Pollert, Shawn P. Seale and Robert C. Blanz, and the registrant
*10.13(13)	Amendment No. 1 to the Employment Agreement dated as of March 24, 2004 between Robert C. Blanz and the registrant, dated February 13, 2007
*10.14(11)	Employment Agreement, dated as of February 13, 2007, between Paul Hughes and the registrant
10.15(19)	Summary of Independent Director Compensation
12.1	Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges and Earnings to Combined Fixed Charges and Preferred Stock Dividends
21.1	List of Subsidiaries
23.1	Consent of McGladrey & Pullen, LLP
31.1	Certification of the Chief Executive Officer required by Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
31.2	Certification of the Chief Financial Officer required by Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
32.1	Certification of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
32.2	Certification of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

\* Denotes compensatory plans or arrangement or management contracts required to be filed as exhibits to this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

- (1) Incorporated by reference from the registrant's Amendment No. 4 to Registration Statement on Form S-11 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 8, 2004 (File No. 333-110644).
- (2) Incorporated by reference from the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 31, 2007.
- (3) Incorporated by reference from the registrant's registration Statement on Form 8-A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 17, 2005.
- (4) Incorporated by reference from the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 19, 2005.
- (5) Incorporated by reference from the registrant's Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 17, 2010.
- (6) Incorporated by reference from the registrant's Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 31, 2010.
- (7) Incorporated by reference from the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 9, 2007.
- (8) Incorporated by reference from the registrant's registration Statement on Form S-3 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 14, 2008 (File No. 333-148649).
- (9) Incorporated by reference from the registrant's Definitive Proxy Statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 17, 2009.
- (10) Incorporated by reference from the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 30, 2005.
- (11) Incorporated by reference from the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 20, 2007.

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- (12) Incorporated by reference from the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 20, 2007.
- (13) Incorporated by reference from the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 4, 2008.
- (14) Incorporated by reference from the registrant's Current Report on Form 8 K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 16, 2009.
- (15) Incorporated by reference from the registrant's Current Report on Form 8 K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 9, 2009.

- (16) Incorporated by reference from the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 19, 2010.
- (17) Incorporated by reference from the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 8, 2010.
- (18) Incorporated by reference from the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 18, 2011.
- (19) Incorporated by reference from the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 23, 2011.
- (20) Incorporated by reference from the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 8, 2011.

PART V.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) 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.

CAPLEASE, INC.  
Registrant

Date: February 23, 2012 /s/ Paul H. McDowell  
Paul H. McDowell  
Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated:

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ Paul H. McDowell Paul H. McDowell	Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	February 23, 2012
/s/ William R. Pollert William R. Pollert	President and Director	February 23, 2012
/s/ Shawn P. Seale Shawn P. Seale	Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer (Principal Financial Officer)	February 23, 2012
/s/ John E. Warch John E. Warch	Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting Officer)	February 23, 2012
/s/ Michael E. Gagliardi Michael E. Gagliardi	Director	February 23, 2012
/s/ Catherine F. Long	Director	February 23, 2012

Catherine F. Long

/s/ Jeffrey F. Rogatz      Director  
Jeffrey F. Rogatz

February 23, 2012

/s/ Howard A. Silver      Director  
Howard A. Silver

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