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FORM 10-K

Annual Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013

OR

Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
For the transition period from _____ to _____

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland	001-13100	56-1871668
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

HIGHWOODS REALTY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

North Carolina	000-21731	56-1869557
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

3100 Smoketree Court, Suite 600
Raleigh, NC 27604
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)
919-872-4924
(Registrants' telephone number, including area code)

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

Title of Each Class	Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered
Common Stock, \$.01 par value, of Highwoods Properties, Inc.	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.
Highwoods Properties, Inc. Yes No Highwoods Realty Limited Partnership 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 Securities Exchange Act.
Highwoods Properties, Inc. Yes No Highwoods Realty Limited Partnership 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.

Highwoods Properties, Inc. Yes No Highwoods Realty Limited Partnership 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 (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Highwoods Properties, Inc. Yes No Highwoods Realty Limited Partnership 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 such registrants' 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 the definitions of 'large accelerated filer,' 'accelerated filer' and 'smaller reporting company' in Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act.

Highwoods Properties, Inc.

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company

Highwoods Realty Limited Partnership

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act).

Highwoods Properties, Inc. Yes No Highwoods Realty Limited Partnership Yes No

The aggregate market value of shares of Common Stock of Highwoods Properties, Inc. held by non-affiliates (based upon the closing sale price on the New York Stock Exchange) on June 30, 2013 was approximately \$3.0 billion. At January 31, 2014, there were 89,925,332 shares of Common Stock outstanding.

There is no public trading market for the Common Units of Highwoods Realty Limited Partnership. As a result, an aggregate market value of the Common Units of Highwoods Realty Limited Partnership cannot be determined.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the Proxy Statement of Highwoods Properties, Inc. to be filed in connection with its Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held May 13, 2014 are incorporated by reference in Part II, Item 5 and Part III, Items 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

We refer to Highwoods Properties, Inc. as the “Company,” Highwoods Realty Limited Partnership as the “Operating Partnership,” the Company’s common stock as “Common Stock” or “Common Shares,” the Company’s preferred stock as “Preferred Stock” or “Preferred Shares,” the Operating Partnership’s common partnership interests as “Common Units” and the Operating Partnership’s preferred partnership interests as “Preferred Units.” References to “we” and “our” mean the Company and the Operating Partnership, collectively, unless the context indicates otherwise.

The Company conducts its activities through the Operating Partnership and is its sole general partner. The partnership agreement provides that the Operating Partnership will assume and pay when due, or reimburse the Company for payment of, all costs and expenses relating to the ownership and operations of, or for the benefit of, the Operating Partnership. The partnership agreement further provides that all expenses of the Company are deemed to be incurred for the benefit of the Operating Partnership.

Certain information contained herein is presented as of January 31, 2014, the latest practicable date for financial information prior to the filing of this Annual Report.

This report combines the Annual Reports on Form 10-K for the period ended December 31, 2013 of the Company and the Operating Partnership. We believe combining the annual reports into this single report results in the following benefits:

- combined reports better reflect how management and investors view the business as a single operating unit;

- combined reports enhance investors' understanding of the Company and the Operating Partnership by enabling them to view the business as a whole and in the same manner as management;

- combined reports are more efficient for the Company and the Operating Partnership and result in savings in time, effort and expense; and

- combined reports are more efficient for investors by reducing duplicative disclosure and providing a single document for their review.

To help investors understand the significant differences between the Company and the Operating Partnership, this report presents the following separate sections for each of the Company and the Operating Partnership:

- Item 6 - Selected Financial Data;

- Item 9A - Controls and Procedures;

- Item 15 - Certifications of CEO and CFO Pursuant to Sections 302 and 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act;

- Consolidated Financial Statements; and

- the following Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements:

- Note 4 - Investments in and Advances to Affiliates;

- Note 10 - Noncontrolling Interests;

- Note 12 - Equity;

†Note 17 - Earnings Per Share and Per Unit;

†Note 18 - Income Taxes; and

†Note 20 - Quarterly Financial Data.

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.
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PART I

ITEM 1. BUSINESS

General

Highwoods Properties, Inc., headquartered in Raleigh, North Carolina, is a publicly-traded real estate investment trust ("REIT"). The Company is a fully integrated REIT that provides leasing, management, development, construction and other customer-related services for its properties and for third parties. Our Common Stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") under the symbol "HIW." At December 31, 2013, we owned or had an interest in 32.2 million rentable square feet of in-service office, industrial and retail properties, 0.9 million rentable square feet of office properties under development and approximately 600 acres of development land. Our properties and development land are located in Florida, Georgia, Missouri, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

At December 31, 2013, the Company owned all of the Preferred Units and 89.5 million, or 96.8%, of the Common Units. Limited partners own the remaining 2.9 million Common Units. Generally, the Operating Partnership is obligated to redeem each Common Unit at the request of the holder thereof for cash equal to the value of one share of Common Stock based on the average of the market price for the 10 trading days immediately preceding the notice date of such redemption, provided that the Company, at its option, may elect to acquire any such Common Units presented for redemption for cash or one share of Common Stock. The Common Units owned by the Company are not redeemable.

The Company was incorporated in Maryland in 1994. The Operating Partnership was formed in North Carolina in 1994. Our executive offices are located at 3100 Smoketree Court, Suite 600, Raleigh, NC 27604, and our telephone number is (919) 872-4924.

Our business is the operation, acquisition and development of rental real estate properties. We operate office, industrial and retail properties. There are no material inter-segment transactions. See Note 19 to our Consolidated Financial Statements for a summary of the rental and other revenues, net operating income and assets for each reportable segment.

Our website is www.highwoods.com. In addition to this Annual Report, all quarterly and current reports, proxy statements, interactive data and other information are made available, without charge, on our website as soon as reasonably practicable after they are filed or furnished with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). The information on our website does not constitute part of this Annual Report. Reports filed or furnished with the SEC may also be viewed at www.sec.gov or obtained at the SEC's public reference facilities. Please call the SEC at (800) 732-0330 for further information about the public reference facilities.

During 2013, the Company filed unqualified Section 303A certifications with the NYSE. The Company and the Operating Partnership have also filed the CEO and CFO certifications required by Sections 302 and 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 as exhibits to this Annual Report.

Business and Operating Strategy

Our Strategic Plan focuses on:

• owning high-quality, differentiated real estate assets in the key infill business districts in our core markets;

improving the operating results of our existing properties through concentrated leasing, asset management, cost control and customer service efforts;

developing and acquiring office properties in key infill business districts that improve the overall quality of our portfolio and generate attractive returns over the long-term for our stockholders;

disposing of properties no longer considered to be core assets primarily due to location, age, quality and overall strategic fit; and

maintaining a conservative and flexible balance sheet with ample liquidity to meet our funding needs and growth prospects.

Local Market Leadership. We focus our real estate activities in markets where we have extensive local knowledge and own a significant amount of assets. In each of our core markets, we maintain offices that are led by division officers with significant

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real estate experience. Our real estate professionals are seasoned and cycle-tested. Our senior leadership team has significant experience and maintains important relationships with market participants in each of our core markets.

Customer Service-Oriented Organization. We provide a complete line of real estate services to our customers. We believe that our in-house leasing and asset management, development, acquisition and construction management services generally allow us to respond to the many demands of our existing and potential customer base. We provide our customers with cost-effective services such as build-to-suit construction and space modification, including tenant improvements and expansions. In addition, the breadth of our capabilities and resources provides us with market information not generally available. We believe that operating efficiencies achieved through our fully integrated organization and the strength of our balance sheet also provide a competitive advantage in retaining existing customers and attracting new customers as well as setting our lease rates and pricing other services. In addition, our relationships with our customers may lead to development projects when these customers seek new space.

Geographic Diversification. Our core portfolio consists primarily of office properties in Raleigh, Atlanta, Tampa, Nashville, Memphis, Pittsburgh, Richmond and Orlando, office and industrial properties in Greensboro and retail and office properties in Kansas City. We do not believe that our operations are significantly dependent upon any particular geographic market.

Conservative and Flexible Balance Sheet. We are committed to maintaining a conservative and flexible balance sheet that allows us to capitalize on favorable development and acquisition opportunities as they arise. Our balance sheet also allows us to proactively assure our existing and prospective customers that we are able to fund tenant improvements and maintain our properties in good condition.

Competition

Our properties compete for customers with similar properties located in our markets primarily on the basis of location, rent, services provided and the design, quality and condition of the facilities. We also compete with other domestic and foreign REITs, financial institutions, pension funds, partnerships, individual investors and others when attempting to acquire, develop and operate properties.

Employees

At December 31, 2013, we had 426 full-time employees.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

An investment in our securities involves various risks. Investors should carefully consider the following risk factors in conjunction with the other information contained in this Annual Report before trading in our securities. If any of these risks actually occur, our business, results of operations, prospects and financial condition could be adversely affected.

Adverse economic conditions in our markets that negatively impact the demand for office space, such as high unemployment, may result in lower occupancy and rental rates for our portfolio, which would adversely affect our results of operations. While we own and operate a limited number of industrial and retail properties, our results of operations depend heavily on successfully leasing and operating our office properties, which represent over 90% of rental and other revenues. Economic growth and employment levels in our core markets are and will continue to be important determinative factors in predicting our future results of operations.

Key components affecting our rental and other revenues include average occupancy and rental rates. Average occupancy generally increases during times of improving economic growth, as our ability to lease space outpaces

vacancies that occur upon the expirations of existing leases. Average occupancy generally declines during times of slower or negative economic growth and decreasing office employment because new vacancies tend to outpace our ability to lease space. In addition, the timing of changes in occupancy levels tends to lag the timing of changes in overall economic activity and employment levels. For additional information regarding our average occupancy and rental rate trends over the past five years, see “Item 2. Properties.” Lower rental revenues that result from lower average occupancy or lower rental rates with respect to our same property portfolio will adversely affect our results of operations unless offset by the impact of any newly acquired or developed properties or lower variable operating expenses, general and administrative expenses and/or interest expense.

We face considerable competition in the leasing market and may be unable to renew existing leases or re-let space on terms similar to the existing leases, or we may spend significant capital in our efforts to renew and re-let space, which may adversely affect our results of operations. In addition to seeking to increase our average occupancy by leasing current vacant

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space, we also concentrate our leasing efforts on renewing existing leases. Because we compete with a number of other developers, owners and operators of office and office-oriented, mixed-use properties, we may be unable to renew leases with our existing customers and, if our current customers do not renew their leases, we may be unable to re-let the space to new customers. To the extent that we are able to renew existing leases or re-let such space to new customers, heightened competition resulting from adverse market conditions may require us to utilize rent concessions and tenant improvements to a greater extent than we have historically. Further, changes in space utilization by our customers due to technology, economic conditions and business culture also affect the occupancy of our properties. As a result, customers may seek to downsize by leasing less space from us upon any renewal.

If our competitors offer space at rental rates below current market rates or below the rental rates we currently charge our customers, we may lose existing and potential customers, and we may be pressured to reduce our rental rates below those we currently charge in order to retain customers upon expiration of their existing leases. Even if our customers renew their leases or we are able to re-let the space, the terms and other costs of renewal or re-letting, including the cost of required renovations, increased tenant improvement allowances, leasing commissions, reduced rental rates and other potential concessions, may be less favorable than the terms of our current leases and could require significant capital expenditures. From time to time, we may also agree to modify the terms of existing leases to incentivize customers to renew their leases. If we are unable to renew leases or re-let space in a reasonable time, or if our rental rates decline or our tenant improvement costs, leasing commissions or other costs increase, our financial condition and results of operations could be materially adversely affected.

Difficulties or delays in renewing leases with large customers or re-leasing space vacated by large customers would materially impact our results of operations. Our 20 largest customers account for a significant portion of our revenues. See “Item 2. Properties - Customers” and “Item 2. Properties - Lease Expirations.” There are no assurances that these customers, or any of our other large customers, will renew all or any of their space upon expiration of their current leases.

Some of our leases provide customers with the right to terminate their leases early, which could have an adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations. Certain of our leases permit our customers to terminate their leases as to all or a portion of the leased premises prior to their stated lease expiration dates under certain circumstances, such as providing notice by a certain date and, in most cases, paying a termination fee. To the extent that our customers exercise early termination rights, our results of operations will be adversely affected, and we can provide no assurances that we will be able to generate an equivalent amount of net effective rent by leasing the vacated space to new third party customers.

An oversupply of space in our markets would typically cause rental rates and occupancies to decline, making it more difficult for us to lease space at attractive rental rates, if at all. Undeveloped land in many of the markets in which we operate is generally more readily available and less expensive than in higher barrier-to-entry markets such as New York, Chicago, Boston, San Francisco and Los Angeles. As a result, even during times of positive economic growth, our competitors could construct new buildings that would compete with our properties. Any such oversupply could result in lower occupancy and rental rates in our portfolio, which would have a negative impact on our results of operations.

In order to maintain and/or increase the quality of our properties and successfully compete against other properties, we regularly must spend money to maintain, repair, renovate and improve our properties, which could negatively impact our financial condition and results of operations. If our properties are not as attractive to customers due to physical condition as properties owned by our competitors, we could lose customers or suffer lower rental rates. As a result, we may from time to time be required to make significant capital expenditures to maintain or enhance the competitiveness of our properties. There can be no assurances that any such expenditures would result in higher occupancy or higher rental rates or deter existing customers from relocating to properties owned by our competitors.

Our results of operations and financial condition could be adversely affected by financial difficulties experienced by a major customer, or by a number of smaller customers, including bankruptcies, insolvencies or general downturns in business. The success of our investments and stability of our operations depend on the financial stability of our customers. A default or termination by a significant customer on its lease payments to us would cause us to lose the revenue associated with such lease. In the event of a customer default or bankruptcy, we may experience delays in enforcing our rights as landlord and may incur substantial costs in protecting our investment and re-leasing the property. We cannot evict a customer solely because of its bankruptcy. On the other hand, a court might authorize the customer to reject and terminate its lease. In such case, our claim against the bankrupt customer for unpaid, future rent would be subject to a statutory cap that might be substantially less than the remaining rent actually owed under the lease. As a result, our claim for unpaid rent would likely not be paid in full. If a customer defaults on or terminates a significant lease, we may not be able to recover the full amount of unpaid rent or be able to lease the property for the rent previously received, if at all. In any of these instances, we may also be required to write off deferred leasing costs and accrued straight-line rents receivable. These events would adversely impact our financial condition and results of operations.

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Costs of complying with governmental laws and regulations may adversely affect our results of operations. All real property and the operations conducted on real property are subject to federal, state and local laws and regulations relating to environmental protection and human health and safety. Some of these laws and regulations may impose joint and several liability on customers, owners or operators for the costs to investigate or remediate contaminated properties, regardless of fault or whether the acts causing the contamination were legal. In addition, the presence of hazardous substances, or the failure to properly remediate these substances, may hinder our ability to sell, rent or pledge such property as collateral for future borrowings.

Compliance with new laws or regulations or stricter interpretation of existing laws may require us to incur significant expenditures. Future laws or regulations may impose significant environmental liability. Additionally, our customers' operations, operations in the vicinity of our properties, such as the presence of underground storage tanks, or activities of unrelated third parties may affect our properties. In addition, there are various local, state and federal fire, health, life-safety and similar regulations with which we may be required to comply and that may subject us to liability in the form of fines or damages for noncompliance. Any expenditures, fines or damages we must pay would adversely affect our results of operations. Proposed legislation to address climate change could increase utility and other costs of operating our properties.

Discovery of previously undetected environmentally hazardous conditions may adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations. Under various federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations, a current or previous property owner or operator may be liable for the cost to remove or remediate hazardous or toxic substances on such property. These costs could be significant. Such laws often impose liability whether or not the owner or operator knew of, or was responsible for, the presence of such hazardous or toxic substances. Environmental laws also may impose restrictions on the manner in which property may be used or businesses may be operated, and these restrictions may require significant expenditures or prevent us from entering into leases with prospective customers that may be impacted by such laws. Environmental laws provide for sanctions for noncompliance and may be enforced by governmental agencies or private parties. Certain environmental laws and common law principles could be used to impose liability for release of and exposure to hazardous substances, including asbestos-containing materials. Third parties may seek recovery from real property owners or operators for personal injury or property damage associated with exposure to released hazardous substances. The cost of defending against claims of liability, of complying with environmental regulatory requirements, of remediating any contaminated property, or of paying personal injury claims could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

Our same property results of operations would suffer if costs of operating our properties, such as real estate taxes, utilities, insurance, maintenance and other costs, rise faster than our ability to increase rental revenues and/or cost recovery income. While we receive additional rent from our customers that is based on recovering a portion of operating expenses, increased operating expenses will negatively impact our results of operations. Our revenues, including cost recovery income, are subject to longer-term leases and may not be quickly increased sufficient to recover an increase in operating costs and expenses. Furthermore, the costs associated with owning and operating a property are not necessarily reduced when circumstances such as market factors and competition cause a reduction in rental revenues from the property. Increases in same property operating expenses would adversely affect our results of operations unless offset by higher rental rates, higher cost recovery income, the impact of any newly acquired or developed properties, or lower general and administrative expenses and/or interest expense.

Recent and future acquisitions and development properties may fail to perform in accordance with our expectations and may require renovation and development costs exceeding our estimates. In the normal course of business, we typically evaluate potential acquisitions, enter into non-binding letters of intent, and may, at any time, enter into contracts to acquire additional properties. Acquired properties may fail to perform in accordance with our expectations due to lease-up risk, renovation cost risks and other factors. In addition, the renovation and improvement costs we incur in bringing an acquired property up to market standards may exceed our estimates. We may not have the

financial resources to make suitable acquisitions or renovations on favorable terms or at all.

Further, we face significant competition for attractive investment opportunities from an indeterminate number of other real estate investors, including investors with significantly greater capital resources and access to capital than we have, such as domestic and foreign corporations and financial institutions, publicly-traded and privately-held REITs, private institutional investment funds, investment banking firms, life insurance companies and pension funds. Moreover, owners of office properties may be reluctant to sell, resulting in fewer acquisition opportunities. As a result of such increased competition and limited opportunities, we may be unable to acquire additional properties or the purchase price of such properties may be significantly elevated and reduce our expected return from making any such acquisitions.

In addition to acquisitions, we periodically consider developing or re-developing properties. Risks associated with development and re-development activities include:

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- the unavailability of favorable construction and/or permanent financing;
- construction costs exceeding original estimates;
- construction and lease-up delays resulting in increased debt service expense and construction costs; and
- lower than anticipated occupancy rates and rents causing a property to be unprofitable or less profitable than originally estimated.

Development and re-development activities are also subject to risks relating to our ability to obtain, or delays in obtaining, all necessary zoning, land-use, building, occupancy and other required governmental and utility company authorizations.

Illiquidity of real estate investments and the tax effect of dispositions could significantly impede our ability to sell assets or respond to favorable or adverse changes in the performance of our properties. Because real estate investments are relatively illiquid, our ability to promptly sell one or more properties in our portfolio in response to changing economic, financial and investment conditions is limited. In addition, we have a significant amount of mortgage debt under which we would incur significant prepayment penalties if such loans were paid off in connection with the sale of the underlying real estate assets.

We intend to continue to sell some of our properties in the future as part of our investment strategy and activities. However, we cannot predict whether we will be able to sell any property for the price or on the terms set by us, or whether the price or other terms offered by a prospective purchaser would be acceptable to us. We also cannot predict the length of time needed to find a willing purchaser and close the sale of a property.

Certain of our properties have low tax bases relative to their estimated current fair values, and accordingly, the sale of such assets would generate significant taxable gains unless we sold such properties in a tax-deferred exchange under Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code or another tax-free or tax-deferred transaction. For an exchange to qualify for tax-deferred treatment under Section 1031, the net proceeds from the sale of a property must be held by an escrow agent until applied toward the purchase of real estate qualifying for gain deferral. Given the competition for properties meeting our investment criteria, there could be a delay in reinvesting such proceeds. Any delay in using the reinvestment proceeds to acquire additional income producing assets would adversely affect our results of operations. Additionally, in connection with tax-deferred 1031 transactions, our restricted cash balances may be commingled with other funds being held by any such escrow agent, which subjects our balance to the credit risk of the institution.

Because holders of Common Units, including one of our directors, may suffer adverse tax consequences upon the sale of some of our properties, they may seek to influence us not to sell certain properties even if such a sale would otherwise be in our best interest. Holders of Common Units may suffer adverse tax consequences upon the sale of certain properties. Therefore, holders of Common Units, including one of our directors, may have different objectives than our stockholders regarding the appropriate pricing and timing of a property's sale. Although the Company is the sole general partner of the Operating Partnership and has the exclusive authority to sell any of our properties, those who hold Common Units may seek to influence us not to sell certain properties even if such sale might be financially advantageous to us or influence us to enter into tax deferred exchanges with the proceeds of such sales when such a reinvestment might not otherwise be in our best interest.

Our use of joint ventures may limit our flexibility with jointly owned investments. In appropriate circumstances, we intend to develop and acquire properties in joint ventures with other persons or entities when circumstances warrant the use of these structures. Our participation in joint ventures is subject to the risks that:

• we could become engaged in a dispute with any of our joint venture partners that might affect our ability to develop or operate a property;

• our joint ventures are subject to debt and in the current credit markets the refinancing of such debt may require equity capital calls;

• our joint venture partners may default on their obligations necessitating that we fulfill their obligation ourselves;

• our joint venture partners may have different objectives than we have regarding the appropriate timing and terms of any sale or refinancing of properties;

• our joint venture partners may be structured differently than us for tax purposes and this could create conflicts of interest;

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- our joint venture partners may have competing interests in our markets that could create conflicts of interest; and
- our joint ventures may be unable to repay any amounts that we may loan to it.

Our insurance coverage on our properties may be inadequate. We carry insurance on all of our properties, including insurance for liability, fire, windstorms, floods, earthquakes and business interruption. Insurance companies, however, limit coverage against certain types of losses, such as losses due to terrorist acts, named windstorms, earthquakes and toxic mold. Thus, we may not have insurance coverage, or sufficient insurance coverage, against certain types of losses and/or there may be decreases in the insurance coverage available. Should an uninsured loss or a loss in excess of our insured limits occur, we could lose all or a portion of the capital we have invested in a property or properties, as well as the anticipated future operating income from the property or properties. If any of our properties were to experience a catastrophic loss, it could disrupt our operations, delay revenue and result in large expenses to repair or rebuild the property. Further, if any of our insurance carriers were to become insolvent, we would be forced to replace the existing insurance coverage with another suitable carrier, and any outstanding claims would be at risk for collection. In such an event, we cannot be certain that we would be able to replace the coverage at similar or otherwise favorable terms. Such events could adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.

We have obtained title insurance policies for each of our properties, typically in an amount equal to its original purchase price. However, these policies may be for amounts less than the current or future values of our properties. In such event, if there is a title defect relating to any of our properties, we could lose some of the capital invested in and anticipated profits from such property.

Our use of debt to finance a significant portion of our operations could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations. We are subject to risks associated with debt financing, such as the sufficiency of cash flow to meet required payment obligations, ability to comply with financial ratios and other covenants and the availability of capital to refinance existing indebtedness or fund important business initiatives. If we breach covenants in our debt agreements, the lenders can declare a default and, if the debt is secured, can take possession of the property securing the defaulted loan. In addition, our unsecured debt agreements contain specific cross-default provisions with respect to specified other indebtedness, giving the unsecured lenders the right to declare a default if we are in default under other loans in some circumstances. Defaults under our debt agreements could materially and adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

Further, we request corporate credit ratings from Moody's Investors Service and Standard and Poor's Rating Services based on their evaluation of our creditworthiness. These agencies' ratings are based on a number of factors, some of which are not within our control. In addition to factors specific to our financial strength and performance, the rating agencies also consider conditions affecting REITs generally. We cannot assure you that our credit ratings will not be downgraded. If our credit ratings are downgraded or other negative action is taken, we could be required, among other things, to pay additional interest and fees on outstanding borrowings under our revolving credit facility and term loans.

We generally do not intend to reserve funds to retire existing secured or unsecured debt upon maturity. We may not be able to repay, refinance or extend any or all of our debt at maturity or upon any acceleration. If any refinancing is done at higher interest rates, the increased interest expense could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations. Any such refinancing could also impose tighter financial ratios and other covenants that restrict our ability to take actions that could otherwise be in our best interest, such as funding new development activity, making opportunistic acquisitions, repurchasing our securities or paying distributions. If we do not meet our mortgage financing obligations, any properties securing such indebtedness could be foreclosed on.

We depend on our revolving credit facility for working capital purposes and for the short-term funding of our development and acquisition activity and, in certain instances, the repayment of other debt upon maturity. Our ability to borrow under the revolving credit facility also allows us to quickly capitalize on opportunities at short-term interest rates. If our lenders default under their obligations under the revolving credit facility or we become unable to borrow additional funds under the facility for any reason, we would be required to seek alternative equity or debt capital, which could be more costly and adversely impact our financial condition. If such alternative capital were unavailable, we may not be able to make new investments and could have difficulty repaying other debt.

Increases in interest rates would increase our interest expense. At December 31, 2013, we had \$415.7 million of variable rate debt outstanding not protected by interest rate hedge contracts. We may incur additional variable rate debt in the future. If interest rates increase, then so would the interest expense on our unhedged variable rate debt, which would adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations. From time to time, we manage our exposure to interest rate risk with interest rate hedge contracts that effectively fix or cap a portion of our variable rate debt. In addition, we refinance fixed rate debt at times when we believe rates and terms are appropriate. Our efforts to manage these exposures may not be successful. Our use of interest rate hedge contracts to manage risk associated with interest rate volatility may expose us to additional risks, including a risk that

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a counterparty to a hedge contract may fail to honor its obligations. Developing an effective interest rate risk strategy is complex and no strategy can completely insulate us from risks associated with interest rate fluctuations. There can be no assurance that our hedging activities will have the desired beneficial impact on our results of operations or financial condition. Termination of interest rate hedge contracts typically involves costs, such as transaction fees or breakage costs.

Failure to comply with Federal government contractor requirements could result in substantial costs and loss of substantial revenue. We are subject to compliance with a wide variety of complex legal requirements because we are a Federal government contractor. These laws regulate how we conduct business, require us to administer various compliance programs and require us to impose compliance responsibilities on some of our contractors. Our failure to comply with these laws could subject us to fines and penalties, cause us to be in default of our leases and other contracts with the Federal government and bar us from entering into future leases and other contracts with the Federal government.

The Company may be subject to taxation as a regular corporation if it fails to maintain its REIT status, which would also have a material adverse effect on the Company's stockholders and on the Operating Partnership. We may be subject to adverse consequences if the Company fails to continue to qualify as a REIT for federal income tax purposes. While we intend to operate in a manner that will allow the Company to continue to qualify as a REIT, we cannot provide any assurances that the Company will remain qualified as such in the future, which would have particularly adverse consequences to the Company's stockholders. Many of the requirements for taxation as a REIT are highly technical and complex and depend upon various factual matters and circumstances that may not be entirely within our control. The fact that the Company holds its assets through the Operating Partnership and its subsidiaries further complicates the application of the REIT requirements. Even a technical or inadvertent mistake could jeopardize our REIT status. Furthermore, Congress and the Internal Revenue Service might change the tax laws and regulations and the courts might issue new rulings that make it more difficult, or impossible, for the Company to remain qualified as a REIT. If the Company fails to qualify as a REIT, it would (a) not be allowed a deduction for dividends paid to stockholders in computing its taxable income, (b) be subject to federal income tax at regular corporate rates (and potentially the alternative minimum tax and increased state and local taxes) and (c) unless entitled to relief under the tax laws, not be able to re-elect REIT status until the fifth calendar year after it failed to qualify as a REIT. Additionally, the Company would no longer be required to make distributions. As a result of these factors, the Company's failure to qualify as a REIT would likely impair our ability to expand our business and would adversely affect the price of our Common Stock.

Even if we remain qualified as a REIT, we may face other tax liabilities that adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations. Even if we remain qualified for taxation as a REIT, we may be subject to certain federal, state and local taxes on our income and assets, including taxes on any undistributed income, tax on income from some activities conducted as a result of a foreclosure, and state or local income, property and transfer taxes. In addition, our taxable REIT subsidiary is subject to regular corporate federal, state and local taxes. Any of these taxes would adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

Complying with REIT requirements may cause us to forego otherwise attractive opportunities or liquidate otherwise attractive investments. To remain qualified as a REIT for federal income tax purposes, we must continually satisfy tests concerning, among other things, the sources of our income, the nature and diversification of our assets, the amounts we distribute to our stockholders and the ownership of our capital stock. In order to meet these tests, we may be required to forego investments we might otherwise make. Thus, compliance with the REIT requirements may hinder our performance.

In particular, we must ensure that at the end of each calendar quarter, at least 75% of the value of our assets consists of cash, cash items, government securities and qualified real estate assets. The remainder of our investment in securities

(other than government securities, securities of taxable REIT subsidiaries and qualified real estate assets) generally cannot include more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of any one issuer or more than 10% of the total value of the outstanding securities of any one issuer. In addition, in general, no more than 5% of the value of our assets (other than government securities, securities of taxable REIT subsidiaries and qualified real estate assets) can consist of the securities of any one issuer, and no more than 25% of the value of our total assets can be represented by the securities of one or more taxable REIT subsidiaries. If we fail to comply with these requirements at the end of any calendar quarter, we must correct the failure within 30 days after the end of the calendar quarter or qualify for certain statutory relief provisions to avoid losing our REIT qualification and suffering adverse tax consequences. As a result, we may be required to liquidate otherwise attractive investments, which could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

The prohibited transactions tax may limit our ability to dispose of our properties. A REIT's net income from prohibited transactions is subject to a 100% tax. In general, prohibited transactions are sales or other dispositions of property held primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of business. We may be subject to the prohibited transaction tax equal to 100% of net gain upon a disposition of real property. Although a safe harbor to the characterization of the sale of real property by a REIT as a prohibited transaction is available, we cannot assure you that we can in all cases comply with the safe harbor or that we will

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avoid owning property that may be characterized as held primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of business. Consequently, we may choose not to engage in certain sales of our properties or may conduct such sales through our taxable REIT subsidiary, which would be subject to federal and state income taxation.

Dividends payable by REITs do not qualify for the reduced tax rates available for some dividends. The maximum tax rate applicable to “qualified dividend income” payable to U.S. stockholders that are taxed at individual rates is 20%. Dividends payable by REITs, however, generally are not eligible for the reduced rates on qualified dividend income. The more favorable rates applicable to regular corporate qualified dividends could cause investors who are taxed at individual rates to perceive investments in REITs to be relatively less attractive than investments in the stocks of non-REIT corporations that pay dividends, which could adversely affect the value of the shares of REITs, including our stock.

We face possible state and local tax audits. Because we are organized and qualify as a REIT, we are generally not subject to federal income taxes, but we are subject to certain state and local taxes. In the normal course of business, certain entities through which we own real estate have undergone tax audits. Collectively, tax deficiency notices received to date from the jurisdictions conducting previous audits have not been material. However, there can be no assurance that future audits will not occur with increased frequency or that the ultimate result of such audits will not have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

The price of our Common Stock is volatile and may decline. As with any public company, a number of factors may adversely influence the public market price of our Common Stock. These factors include:

- the level of institutional interest in us;
- the perceived attractiveness of investment in us, in comparison to other REITs;
- the attractiveness of securities of REITs in comparison to other asset classes;
- our financial condition and performance;
- the market's perception of our growth potential and potential future cash dividends;
- government action or regulation, including changes in tax laws;
- increases in market interest rates, which may lead investors to expect a higher annual yield from our distributions in relation to the price of our Common Stock;
- changes in our credit ratings; and
- any negative change in the level or stability of our dividend.

We cannot assure you that we will continue to pay dividends at historical rates. We generally expect to use cash flows from operating activities to fund dividends. The following factors will affect such cash flows and, accordingly, influence the decisions of the Company's board of directors regarding dividends:

debt service requirements after taking into account debt covenants and the repayment and restructuring of certain indebtedness and the availability of alternative sources of debt and equity capital and their impact on our ability to refinance existing debt and grow our business;

- scheduled increases in base rents of existing leases;
- changes in rents attributable to the renewal of existing leases or replacement leases;
- changes in occupancy rates at existing properties and execution of leases for newly acquired or developed properties;
- changes in operating expenses;
- anticipated leasing capital expenditures attributable to the renewal of existing leases or replacement leases;
- anticipated building improvements; and

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expected cash flows from financing and investing activities.

The decision to declare and pay dividends on our Common Stock in the future, as well as the timing, amount and composition of any such future dividends, will be at the sole discretion of the Company's board of directors. Any change in our dividend policy could have a material adverse effect on the market price of our Common Stock.

Cash distributions reduce the amount of cash that would otherwise be available for other business purposes, including funding debt maturities or future growth initiatives. For the Company to maintain its qualification as a REIT, it must annually distribute to its stockholders at least 90% of REIT taxable income, excluding net capital gains. In addition, although capital gains are not required to be distributed to maintain REIT status, capital gains, if any, that are generated as part of our capital recycling program are subject to federal and state income tax unless such gains are distributed to our stockholders. Cash distributions made to stockholders to maintain REIT status or to distribute otherwise taxable capital gains limit our ability to accumulate capital for other business purposes, including funding debt maturities or growth initiatives.

Further issuances of equity securities may be dilutive to current stockholders. The interests of our existing stockholders could be diluted if additional equity securities are issued to finance future developments, acquisitions, or repay indebtedness. Our ability to execute our business strategy depends on our access to an appropriate blend of debt financing, including unsecured lines of credit and other forms of secured and unsecured debt, and equity financing, including common equity.

We may change our policies without obtaining the approval of our stockholders. Our operating and financial policies, including our policies with respect to acquisitions of real estate, growth, operations, indebtedness, capitalization and dividends, are exclusively determined by the Company's Board of Directors. Accordingly, our stockholders do not control these policies.

Limits on changes in control may discourage takeover attempts beneficial to stockholders. Provisions in the Company's charter and bylaws as well as Maryland general corporation law may have anti-takeover effects that delay, defer or prevent a takeover attempt. For example, these provisions may defer or prevent tender offers for our Common Stock or purchases of large blocks of our Common Stock, thus limiting the opportunities for the Company's stockholders to receive a premium for their shares of Common Stock over then-prevailing market prices. These provisions include the following:

Ownership limit. The Company's charter prohibits direct, indirect or constructive ownership by any person or entity of more than 9.8% of the Company's outstanding capital stock. Any attempt to own or transfer shares of capital stock in excess of the ownership limit without the consent of the Company's board of directors will be void.

Preferred Stock. The Company's charter authorizes the board of directors to issue preferred stock in one or more classes and to establish the preferences and rights of any class of preferred stock issued. These actions can be taken without stockholder approval. The issuance of preferred stock could have the effect of delaying or preventing someone from taking control of the Company, even if a change in control were in our best interest.

Business combinations. Pursuant to the Company's charter and Maryland law, the Company cannot merge into or consolidate with another corporation or enter into a statutory share exchange transaction in which the Company is not the surviving entity or sell all or substantially all of its assets unless the board of directors adopts a resolution declaring the proposed transaction advisable and a majority of the stockholders voting together as a single class approve the transaction. Maryland law prohibits stockholders from taking action by written consent unless all stockholders consent in writing. The practical effect of this limitation is that any action required or permitted to be taken by the Company's stockholders may only be taken if it is properly brought before an annual or special meeting

of stockholders. The Company's bylaws further provide that in order for a stockholder to properly bring any matter before a meeting, the stockholder must comply with requirements regarding advance notice. The foregoing provisions could have the effect of delaying until the next annual meeting stockholder actions that the holders of a majority of the Company's outstanding voting securities favor. These provisions may also discourage another person from making a tender offer for the Company's common stock, because such person or entity, even if it acquired a majority of the Company's outstanding voting securities, would likely be able to take action as a stockholder, such as electing new directors or approving a merger, only at a duly called stockholders meeting. Maryland law also establishes special requirements with respect to business combinations between Maryland corporations and interested stockholders unless exemptions apply. Among other things, the law prohibits for five years a merger and other similar transactions between a company and an interested stockholder and requires a supermajority vote for such transactions after the end of the five-year period. The Company's charter contains a provision exempting the Company from the Maryland business combination statute. However, we cannot assure you that this charter provision will not be amended or repealed at any point in the future.

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Control share acquisitions. Maryland general corporation law also provides that control shares of a Maryland corporation acquired in a control share acquisition have no voting rights except to the extent approved by a vote of two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter, excluding shares owned by the acquirer or by officers or employee directors. The control share acquisition statute does not apply to shares acquired in a merger, consolidation or share exchange if the corporation is a party to the transaction, or to acquisitions approved or exempted by the corporation's charter or bylaws. The Company's bylaws contain a provision exempting from the control share acquisition statute any stock acquired by any person. However, we cannot assure you that this bylaw provision will not be amended or repealed at any point in the future.

Maryland unsolicited takeover statute. Under Maryland law, the Company's board of directors could adopt various anti-takeover provisions without the consent of stockholders. The adoption of such measures could discourage offers for the Company or make an acquisition of the Company more difficult, even when an acquisition would be in the best interest of the Company's stockholders.

Anti takeover protections of operating partnership agreement. Upon a change in control of the Company, the partnership agreement of the Operating Partnership requires certain acquirers to maintain an umbrella partnership real estate investment trust structure with terms at least as favorable to the limited partners as are currently in place. For instance, the acquirer would be required to preserve the limited partner's right to continue to hold tax-deferred partnership interests that are redeemable for capital stock of the acquirer. Exceptions would require the approval of two-thirds of the limited partners of our Operating Partnership (other than the Company). These provisions may make a change of control transaction involving the Company more complicated and therefore might decrease the likelihood of such a transaction occurring, even if such a transaction would be in the best interest of the Company's stockholders.

ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

None.

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ITEM 2. PROPERTIES

Properties

The following table sets forth information about properties that we wholly own:

	December 31, 2013		December 31, 2012		
	Rentable Square Feet	Percent Occupied/ Leased/ Pre-Leased	Rentable Square Feet	Percent Occupied/ Leased/ Pre-Leased	
In-Service (Occupied):					
Office	25,715,000	89.2	% 23,361,000	90.0	%
Industrial	2,743,000	94.1	5,474,000	93.2	
Retail	834,000	97.3	853,000	98.6	
Total or Weighted Average	29,292,000	89.9	% 29,688,000	90.9	%
Development (Leased/pre-leased):					
Completed—Not Stabilized (1)					
Office	41,000	79.2	% —	—	%
Total or Weighted Average	41,000	79.2	% —	—	%
In Process (1)					
Office	852,000	85.4	% 246,000	89.9	%
Total or Weighted Average	852,000	85.4	% 246,000	89.9	%
Total:					
Office	26,608,000		23,607,000		
Industrial	2,743,000		5,474,000		
Retail	834,000		853,000		
Total	30,185,000		29,934,000		

(1) We consider a development project to be stabilized upon the earlier of the original projected stabilization date or the date such project is generally more than 90% occupied.

The following table sets forth the net changes in rentable square footage of in-service properties that we wholly own:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2013	2012	2011
	(rentable square feet in thousands)		
Office, Industrial and Retail Properties:			
Acquisitions	3,425	1,436	2,091
Developments Placed In-Service	221	116	208
Redevelopment/Other	(30	) 23	(53
Dispositions	(4,012) (1,179) (136
Net Change in Rentable Square Footage	(396) 396	2,110

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The following table sets forth information about in-service properties that we wholly own by segment and by geographic location at December 31, 2013:

Market	Rentable Square Feet	Occupancy	Percentage of Annualized Cash Rental Revenue (1)				Total	
			Office	Industrial	Retail	Total		
Raleigh	4,411,000	90.1	% 15.5	% —	% —	% 15.5	%	
Atlanta	4,707,000	82.2	14.3	0.1	—	14.4		
Nashville	3,336,000	95.2	13.0	—	—	13.0		
Tampa	3,108,000	83.8	10.9	—	—	10.9		
Pittsburgh	2,157,000	93.0	9.2	—	—	9.2		
Kansas City	1,446,000	96.0	2.7	—	6.2	8.9		
Piedmont Triad	4,147,000	94.7	4.9	2.3	—	7.2		
Richmond	2,229,000	93.8	7.2	—	—	7.2		
Memphis	1,978,000	88.0	6.9	—	—	6.9		
Orlando	1,563,000	86.6	6.1	—	—	6.1		
Greenville	210,000	100.0	0.7	—	—	0.7		
Total	29,292,000	89.9	% 91.4	% 2.4	% 6.2	% 100.0	%	

(1) Annualized Cash Rental Revenue is cash rental revenue (base rent plus cost recovery income, excluding straight-line rent) for the month of December 2013 multiplied by 12.

The following table sets forth operating information about in-service properties that we wholly own:

	Average Occupancy	Annualized GAAP Rent Per Square Foot (1)	Annualized Cash Rent Per Square Foot (2)
2009	88.2	% \$17.75	\$17.53
2010	88.6	% \$18.03	\$17.40
2011	89.6	% \$18.58	\$17.84
2012	90.3	% \$17.90	\$18.42
2013	90.0	% \$21.42	\$20.48

Annualized GAAP Rent Per Square Foot is rental revenue (base rent plus cost recovery income, including straight-line rent) for the month of December of the respective year multiplied by 12, divided by total occupied rentable square footage.

Annualized Cash Rent Per Square Foot is cash rental revenue (base rent plus cost recovery income, excluding straight-line rent) for the month of December of the respective year multiplied by 12, divided by total occupied rentable square footage.

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Customers

The following table sets forth information concerning the 20 largest customers of properties that we wholly own at December 31, 2013:

Customer	Rentable Square Feet	Annualized Cash Rental Revenue (1)	Percent of Total Annualized Cash Rental Revenue (1)	Weighted Average Remaining Lease Term in Years
		(in thousands)		
Federal Government	1,456,113	\$34,324	6.36	% 4.3
PPG Industries	351,308	8,975	1.66	7.4
Healthways	290,689	7,327	1.36	8.4
HCA Corporation	278,207	6,758	1.25	2.0
State of Georgia	364,687	6,688	1.24	5.8
Bass, Berry & Sims	195,846	5,974	1.11	11.1
EQT Corporation	280,592	5,972	1.11	10.8
AT&T	274,533	5,864	1.09	4.6
Marsh USA	188,719	5,257	0.97	5.7
Lockton Companies	190,916	5,158	0.96	16.2
BB&T	291,143	4,972	0.92	2.7
PNC Bank	187,288	4,943	0.92	11.9
Aon	190,683	4,865	0.90	5.9
Vanderbilt University	198,783	4,611	0.85	1.7
Syniverse Technologies	198,750	4,323	0.80	2.8
Metropolitan Life Insurance	211,189	4,230	0.78	5.5
SCI Services	162,784	3,967	0.73	3.6
Global Payments	167,801	3,852	0.71	7.2
Jacobs Engineering Group	210,126	3,782	0.70	2.4
HDR Engineering	111,923	3,544	0.66	3.6
Total	5,802,080	\$135,386	25.08	% 5.9

(1) Annualized Cash Rental Revenue is cash rental revenue (base rent plus cost recovery income, excluding straight-line rent) for the month of December 2013 multiplied by 12.

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Lease Expirations

The following tables set forth scheduled lease expirations for existing leases at in-service and completed – not stabilized properties that we wholly own at December 31, 2013:

Office Properties:

Lease Expiring	Number of Leases Expiring	Rentable Square Feet Subject to Expiring Leases	Percentage of Leased Square Footage Represented by Expiring Leases	Annualized Cash Rental Revenue Under Expiring Leases (1)	Average Annual Cash Rental Rate Per Square Foot for Expirations	Percent of Annualized Cash Rental Revenue Represented by Expiring Leases (1)	
				(\$ in thousands)			
2014 (2)	433	2,412,631	10.5	% \$50,433	\$20.90	10.2	%
2015	344	2,398,817	10.4	54,092	22.55	11.0	
2016	317	2,783,406	12.1	58,857	21.15	11.9	
2017	281	2,780,439	12.2	63,540	22.85	12.9	
2018	261	2,371,406	10.3	51,768	21.83	10.5	
2019	149	2,294,337	10.0	48,872	21.30	9.9	
2020	73	1,405,739	6.1	32,211	22.91	6.5	
2021	49	1,836,072	8.0	37,924	20.65	7.7	
2022	36	697,554	3.0	15,769	22.61	3.2	
2023	31	901,599	3.9	19,739	21.89	4.0	
Thereafter	167	3,089,494	13.5	60,164	19.47	12.2	
	2,141	22,971,494	100.0	% \$493,369	\$21.48	100.0	%

Industrial Properties:

Lease Expiring	Number of Leases Expiring	Rentable Square Feet Subject to Expiring Leases	Percentage of Leased Square Footage Represented by Expiring Leases	Annualized Cash Rental Revenue Under Expiring Leases (1)	Average Annual Cash Rental Rate Per Square Foot for Expirations	Percent of Annualized Cash Rental Revenue Represented by Expiring Leases (1)	
				(\$ in thousands)			
2014 (3)	31	305,575	11.8	% \$1,548	\$5.07	11.7	%
2015	23	426,160	16.5	2,263	5.31	17.1	
2016	23	616,237	23.8	3,107	5.04	23.4	
2017	12	273,388	10.6	1,617	5.91	12.3	
2018	12	360,891	14.0	1,665	4.61	12.6	
2019	4	105,990	4.1	613	5.78	4.6	
2020	5	71,078	2.8	357	5.02	2.7	
2021	1	117,805	4.6	445	3.78	3.4	
2022	2	178,000	6.9	824	4.63	6.2	

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2023	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Thereafter	5	126,736	4.9	798	6.30	6.0	
	118	2,581,860	100.0	% \$13,237	\$5.13	100.0	%

(1) Annualized Cash Rental Revenue is cash rental revenue (base rent plus cost recovery income, excluding straight-line rent) for the month of December 2013 multiplied by 12.

(2) Includes 80,000 rentable square feet of leases that are on a month-to-month basis, which represent 0.3% of total annualized cash rental revenue.

(3) Includes 44,000 rentable square feet of leases that are on a month-to-month basis, which represent less than 0.1% of total annualized cash rental revenue.

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Retail Properties:

Lease Expiring	Number of Leases Expiring	Rentable Square Feet Subject to Expiring Leases	Percentage of Leased Square Footage Represented by Expiring Leases	Annualized Cash Rental Revenue Under Expiring Leases (1)	Average Annual Cash Rental Rate Per Square Foot for Expirations	Percent of Annualized Cash Rental Revenue Represented by Expiring Leases (1)
				(\$ in thousands)		
2014 (2)	28	114,693	14.2	% \$2,540	\$22.15	7.6 %
2015	18	105,311	13.0	3,680	34.94	11.0
2016	11	61,640	7.6	3,128	50.75	9.4
2017	7	38,316	4.7	1,613	42.10	4.8
2018	21	100,668	12.4	5,209	51.74	15.6
2019	12	90,007	11.1	3,124	34.71	9.3
2020	10	46,972	5.8	2,040	43.43	6.1
2021	12	83,786	10.3	3,607	43.05	10.8
2022	16	91,196	11.2	4,569	50.10	13.7
2023	10	30,906	3.8	1,749	56.59	5.2
Thereafter	7	48,213	5.9	2,161	44.82	6.5
	152	811,708	100.0	% \$33,420	\$41.17	100.0 %

Total:

Lease Expiring	Number of Leases Expiring	Rentable Square Feet Subject to Expiring Leases	Percentage of Leased Square Footage Represented by Expiring Leases	Annualized Cash Rental Revenue Under Expiring Leases (1)	Average Annual Cash Rental Rate Per Square Foot for Expirations	Percent of Annualized Cash Rental Revenue Represented by Expiring Leases (1)
				(\$ in thousands)		
2014 (3)	492	2,832,899	10.7	% \$54,521	\$19.25	10.1 %
2015	385	2,930,288	11.1	60,035	20.49	11.1
2016	351	3,461,283	13.2	65,092	18.81	12.1
2017	300	3,092,143	11.7	66,770	21.59	12.4
2018	294	2,832,965	10.7	58,642	20.70	10.9
2019	165	2,490,334	9.4	52,609	21.13	9.7
2020	88	1,523,789	5.8	34,608	22.71	6.4
2021	62	2,037,663	7.7	41,976	20.60	7.8
2022	54	966,750	3.7	21,162	21.89	3.9
2023	41	932,505	3.5	21,488	23.04	4.0
Thereafter	179	3,264,443	12.5	63,123	19.34	11.6
	2,411	26,365,062	100.0	% \$540,026	\$20.48	100.0 %

(1)

Annualized Cash Rental Revenue is cash rental revenue (base rent plus cost recovery income, excluding straight-line rent) for the month of December 2013 multiplied by 12.

- (2) Includes 4,000 rentable square feet of leases that are on a month-to-month basis, which represent less than 0.1% of total annualized cash rental revenue.
- (3) Includes 128,000 rentable square feet of leases that are on a month-to-month basis, which represent 0.3% of total annualized cash rental revenue.

Note: 2014 and beyond expirations that have been renewed are reflected above based on the renewal expiration date. Expirations include leases related to completed not stabilized development properties and exclude leases related to developments in process.

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In Process Development

As of December 31, 2013, we were developing 852,000 rentable square feet of office properties. The following table summarizes these developments:

Property	Market	Type	Rentable Square Feet	Anticipated Total Investment (1) (\$ in thousands)	Investment As Of December 31, 2013 (1)	Pre Leased %	Estimated Completion	Estimated Stabilization
International Paper	Memphis	O	241,000	\$56,100	\$16,190	100 %	2Q 15	2Q 15
MetLife I	Raleigh	O	213,500	53,000	10,611	100	1Q 15	1Q 15
MetLife II	Raleigh	O	213,500	57,000	7,053	100	2Q 15	2Q 17
GlenLake V	Raleigh	O	166,000	35,800	5,710	25	2Q 15	2Q 17
Crescent Center Restaurants	Memphis	O	18,000	7,900	7,220	100	1Q 14	1Q 14
			852,000	\$209,800	\$46,784	85.4 %		
				\$ Weighted %		87.2 %		

(1) Includes deferred lease commissions which are classified in deferred leasing costs on our Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Land Held for Development

We wholly owned 580 acres of development land at December 31, 2013. We estimate that we can develop approximately 5.2 million and 2.3 million rentable square feet of office and industrial space, respectively, on the 445 acres that we consider core assets for our future development needs. Our core development land is zoned and available for office and industrial development, and nearly all of the land has utility infrastructure in place. We believe that our commercially zoned and unencumbered land in existing business parks gives us a development advantage over other commercial real estate development companies in many of our markets.

We consider 135 acres of our wholly owned development land at December 31, 2013 to be non-core assets that are not necessary for our foreseeable future development needs. We intend to dispose of such non-core development land through sales to third parties or contributions to joint ventures.

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Other Properties

The following table sets forth information about our stabilized in-service office properties in which we own an interest (50.0% or less) by geographic location at December 31, 2013:

Market	Rentable Square Feet	Weighted Average Ownership Interest (1)	Occupancy	Percentage of Annualized Cash Rental Revenue (2) Office
Kansas City	719,000	36.2	% 82.9	% 32.9
Raleigh	636,000	25.0	96.4	18.6
Richmond (3)	411,000	50.0	96.3	17.8
Orlando	517,000	27.5	83.8	15.0
Atlanta	335,000	32.3	60.9	7.7
Tampa (3)	205,000	20.0	91.2	5.3
Piedmont Triad	118,000	50.0	51.8	2.7
Total	2,941,000	33.2	% 84.7	% 100.0

(1) Weighted Average Ownership Interest is calculated using Rentable Square Feet.

(2) Annualized Cash Rental Revenue is cash rental revenue (base rent plus cost recovery income, excluding straight-line rent) for the month of December 2013 multiplied by 12.

(3) This joint venture is consolidated.

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ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

We are from time to time a party to a variety of legal proceedings, claims and assessments arising in the ordinary course of our business. We regularly assess the liabilities and contingencies in connection with these matters based on the latest information available. For those matters where it is probable that we have incurred or will incur a loss and the loss or range of loss can be reasonably estimated, the estimated loss is accrued and charged to income in our Consolidated Financial Statements. In other instances, because of the uncertainties related to both the probable outcome and amount or range of loss, a reasonable estimate of liability, if any, cannot be made. Based on the current expected outcome of such matters, none of these proceedings, claims or assessments is expected to have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

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ITEM X. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANT

The Company is the sole general partner of the Operating Partnership. The following table sets forth information with respect to the Company's executive officers:

Name	Age	Position and Background
Edward J. Fritsch	55	<p>Director, President and Chief Executive Officer.</p> <p>Mr. Fritsch has been a director since January 2001. Mr. Fritsch became our chief executive officer and chair of the investment committee of our board of directors on July 1, 2004 and our president in December 2003. Prior to that, Mr. Fritsch was our chief operating officer from January 1998 to July 2004 and was a vice president and secretary from June 1994 to January 1998. Mr. Fritsch joined our predecessor in 1982 and was a partner of that entity at the time of our initial public offering in June 1994. Mr. Fritsch currently serves as a director and member of the audit and compensation committees of National Retail Properties, Inc., a publicly-traded REIT. Mr. Fritsch is also a member of the board of Governors of the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts (NAREIT) and serves as treasurer of its executive committee as well as a member of its audit and investment committees. Mr. Fritsch is also a director and audit committee chair of Capital Associated Industries, Inc., a trustee of Ravenscroft School, a member of Wells Fargo's central regional advisory board, a member of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Foundation board, a director of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Real Estate Holdings, a member of the University of North Carolina Kenan-Flagler's Business School board of visitors, a member of Urban Land Institute Triangle governance committee and a member of Catholic Diocese of Raleigh Cathedral steering committee.</p>
Michael E. Harris	64	<p>Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer.</p> <p>Mr. Harris became chief operating officer in July 2004. Prior to that, Mr. Harris was a senior vice president and was responsible for our operations in Memphis, Nashville, Kansas City, Baltimore and Charlotte. Mr. Harris was executive vice president of Crocker Realty Trust prior to its merger with us in 1996. Before joining Crocker Realty Trust, Mr. Harris served as senior vice president, general counsel and chief financial officer of Towermarc Corporation, a privately owned real estate development firm. Mr. Harris is a full member of the Urban Land Institute and is past president of the Memphis Chapter of Lambda Alpha International Land Economics Society. Mr. Harris currently serves on the Advisory Board of the Graduate School of Real Estate at the University of Mississippi and is a past member of the Advisory Boards of Wachovia Bank- Memphis and Allen & Hoshall Engineering, Inc.</p>
Terry L. Stevens	65	<p>Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer.</p> <p>Prior to joining us in December 2003, Mr. Stevens was executive vice president, chief financial officer and trustee for Crown American Realty Trust, a public REIT. Before joining Crown American Realty Trust, Mr. Stevens was director of financial systems development at AlliedSignal,</p>

Inc., a large multi-national manufacturer. Mr. Stevens was also an audit partner with Price Waterhouse for seven years. Mr. Stevens currently serves as trustee, chairman of the Audit Committee and member of the Investment and Finance Committee of First Potomac Realty Trust, a public REIT. Mr. Stevens is a member of the American and the Pennsylvania Institutes of Certified Public Accountants.

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Jeffrey D. Miller	43	Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary. Prior to joining us in March 2007, Mr. Miller was a partner with DLA Piper US, LLP, where he practiced since 2005. Previously, Mr. Miller had been a partner with Alston & Bird LLP. Mr. Miller is admitted to practice in North Carolina. Mr. Miller has served as lead independent director of Hatteras Financial Corp., a publicly-traded mortgage REIT, since 2009.
Theodore J. Klinck	48	Vice President and Chief Investment Officer. Prior to joining us in March 2012, Mr. Klinck served as principal and chief investment officer with Goddard Investment Group, a privately owned real estate investment firm, since September 2009. Previously, Mr. Klinck had been a managing director at Morgan Stanley Real Estate.
Kevin E. Penn	42	Vice President, Chief Strategy and Administration Officer. Mr. Penn became chief strategy and administration officer in January 2012. Mr. Penn joined us in 1997 and was our vice president of strategy from August 2005 to January 2012 and chief information officer from April 2002 to August 2005. Mr. Penn is vice chair of the Urban Land Institute Triangle District Council, member of the executive committee of the Office, Technology and Operations Consortium and trustee and executive committee member of the North Carolina Leukemia Lymphoma Society.

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PART II

ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

The following table sets forth high and low stock prices per share reported on the NYSE and dividends paid per share:

Quarter Ended	2013			2012		
	High	Low	Dividend	High	Low	Dividend
March 31	\$39.67	\$33.60	\$0.425	\$33.90	\$29.34	\$0.425
June 30	\$41.22	\$32.13	\$0.425	\$35.78	\$31.14	\$0.425
September 30	\$38.04	\$32.90	\$0.425	\$34.92	\$32.30	\$0.425
December 31	\$39.05	\$34.63	\$0.425	\$34.24	\$30.62	\$0.425

On December 31, 2013, the last reported stock price of our Common Stock on the NYSE was \$36.17 per share and the Company had 939 common stockholders of record. There is no public trading market for the Common Units. On December 31, 2013, the Operating Partnership had 108 holders of record of Common Units (other than the Company). At December 31, 2013, there were 89.9 million shares of Common Stock outstanding and 2.9 million Common Units outstanding, not owned by the Company.

Because the Company is a REIT, the partnership agreement requires the Operating Partnership to distribute at least enough cash for the Company to be able to distribute to its stockholders at least 90.0% of its REIT taxable income, excluding net capital gains. See "Item 1A. Risk Factors – Cash distributions reduce the amount of cash that would otherwise be available for other business purposes, including funding debt maturities or future growth initiatives."

We generally expect to use cash flows from operating activities to fund distributions. The following factors will affect such cash flows and, accordingly, influence the decisions of the Company's Board of Directors regarding dividends and distributions:

- debt service requirements after taking into account debt covenants and the repayment and restructuring of certain indebtedness and the availability of alternative sources of debt and equity capital and their impact on our ability to refinance existing debt and grow our business;

- scheduled increases in base rents of existing leases;

- changes in rents attributable to the renewal of existing leases or replacement leases;

- changes in occupancy rates at existing properties and execution of leases for newly acquired or developed properties;

- changes in operating expenses;

- anticipated leasing capital expenditures attributable to the renewal of existing leases or replacement leases;

- anticipated building improvements; and

- expected cash flows from financing and investing activities.

The following stock price performance graph compares the performance of our Common Stock to the S&P 500, the Russell 2000 and the FTSE NAREIT All Equity REITs Index. The stock price performance graph assumes an

investment of \$100 in our Common Stock and the three indices on December 31, 2008 and further assumes the reinvestment of all dividends. Equity REITs are defined as those that derive more than 75.0% of their income from equity investments in real estate assets. The FTSE NAREIT All Equity REITs Index includes all equity REITs not designated as Timber REITs listed on the NYSE, the American Stock Exchange or the NASDAQ National Market System. Stock price performance is not necessarily indicative of future results.

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Index	For the Period from December 31, 2008 to December 31,				
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Highwoods Properties, Inc.	130.41	131.74	129.41	153.65	174.04
S&P 500	126.46	145.51	148.59	172.37	228.19
Russell 2000	127.17	161.32	154.59	179.86	249.69
FTSE NAREIT All Equity REITs Index	127.99	163.78	177.36	209.39	214.56

The performance graph above is being furnished as part of this Annual Report solely in accordance with the requirement under Rule 14a-3(b)(9) to furnish the Company's stockholders with such information and, therefore, is not deemed to be filed, or incorporated by reference in any filing, by the Company or the Operating Partnership under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

During 2013, cash dividends on Common Stock totaled \$1.70 per share, approximately \$0.16 of which represented return of capital and approximately \$0.26 of which represented capital gains for income tax purposes. The minimum dividend per share of Common Stock required for the Company to maintain its REIT status was \$1.08 per share in 2013.

The Company has a Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan ("DRIP") under which holders of Common Stock may elect to automatically reinvest their dividends in additional shares of Common Stock and make optional cash payments for additional shares of Common Stock. The Company may elect to satisfy its DRIP obligations by issuing additional shares of Common Stock or instructing the DRIP administrator to purchase Common Stock in the open market.

The Company has an Employee Stock Purchase Plan pursuant to which employees generally may contribute up to 25.0% of their cash compensation for the purchase of Common Stock. At the end of each three-month offering period, each participant's account balance, which includes accumulated dividends, is applied to acquire shares of Common Stock at a cost that is calculated at 85.0% of the average closing price on the NYSE on the five consecutive days preceding the last day of the quarter.

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Information about the Company's equity compensation plans and other related stockholder matters is incorporated herein by reference to the Company's Proxy Statement to be filed in connection with its annual meeting of stockholders to be held on May 13, 2014.

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ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The operating results and certain liabilities of the Company as of and for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011, 2010 and 2009 were retrospectively revised from previously reported amounts to reflect in real estate and other assets, net, held for sale and liabilities held for sale those properties classified as held for sale, and in discontinued operations the operations for those properties classified as discontinued operations. The information in the following tables should be read in conjunction with the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements and related notes and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations included herein (\$ in thousands, except per share data):

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Rental and other revenues	\$556,810	\$485,046	\$431,956	\$410,448	\$396,761
Income from continuing operations	\$62,723	\$40,313	\$30,885	\$55,125	\$31,920
Income from discontinued operations	\$68,374	\$43,922	\$17,086	\$17,178	\$29,774
Income from continuing operations available for common stockholders	\$57,081	\$35,252	\$22,443	\$45,483	\$23,680
Net income	\$131,097	\$84,235	\$47,971	\$72,303	\$61,694
Net income available for common stockholders	\$122,949	\$77,087	\$38,677	\$61,790	\$51,778
Earnings per Common Share – basic:					
Income from continuing operations available for common stockholders	\$0.67	\$0.47	\$0.31	\$0.63	\$0.35
Net income	\$1.44	\$1.02	\$0.54	\$0.86	\$0.76
Earnings per Common Share – diluted:					
Income from continuing operations available for common stockholders	\$0.67	\$0.47	\$0.31	\$0.63	\$0.35
Net income	\$1.44	\$1.02	\$0.54	\$0.86	\$0.76
Dividends declared and paid per Common Share	\$1.70	\$1.70	\$1.70	\$1.70	\$1.70
	December 31,				
	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Total assets	\$3,807,101	\$3,350,428	\$3,180,992	\$2,871,835	\$2,887,101
Mortgages and notes payable	\$1,956,299	\$1,859,162	\$1,868,906	\$1,488,638	\$1,443,500

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The operating results and certain liabilities of the Operating Partnership as of and for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011, 2010 and 2009 were retrospectively revised from previously reported amounts to reflect in real estate and other assets, net, held for sale and liabilities held for sale those properties classified as held for sale, and in discontinued operations the operations for those properties classified as discontinued operations. The information in the following tables should be read in conjunction with the Operating Partnership's Consolidated Financial Statements and related notes and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations included herein (\$ in thousands, except per unit data):

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Rental and other revenues	\$556,810	\$485,046	\$431,956	\$410,448	\$396,761
Income from continuing operations	\$62,672	\$40,373	\$30,946	\$55,098	\$31,866
Income from discontinued operations	\$68,374	\$43,922	\$17,086	\$17,178	\$29,774
Income from continuing operations available for common unitholders	\$59,215	\$37,079	\$23,743	\$47,905	\$25,147
Net income	\$131,046	\$84,295	\$48,032	\$72,276	\$61,640
Net income available for common unitholders	\$127,589	\$81,001	\$40,829	\$65,083	\$54,921
Earnings per Common Unit – basic:					
Income from continuing operations available for common unitholders	\$0.67	\$0.47	\$0.31	\$0.64	\$0.35
Net income	\$1.44	\$1.02	\$0.54	\$0.87	\$0.77
Earnings per Common Unit – diluted:					
Income from continuing operations available for common unitholders	\$0.67	\$0.47	\$0.31	\$0.64	\$0.35
Net income	\$1.44	\$1.02	\$0.54	\$0.87	\$0.77
Distributions declared and paid per Common Unit	\$1.70	\$1.70	\$1.70	\$1.70	\$1.70
	December 31,				
	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Total assets	\$3,807,198	\$3,349,525	\$3,179,884	\$2,870,671	\$2,885,738
Mortgages and notes payable	\$1,956,299	\$1,859,162	\$1,868,906	\$1,488,638	\$1,443,500

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ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

You should read the following discussion and analysis in conjunction with the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements and related notes contained elsewhere herein.

Disclosure Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

Some of the information in this Annual Report may contain forward-looking statements. Such statements include, in particular, statements about our plans, strategies and prospects under this section and under the heading "Item 1. Business." You can identify forward-looking statements by our use of forward-looking terminology such as "may," "will," "expect," "anticipate," "estimate," "continue" or other similar words. Although we believe that our plans, intentions and expectations reflected in or suggested by such forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot assure you that our plans, intentions or expectations will be achieved. When considering such forward-looking statements, you should keep in mind the following important factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement:

- the financial condition of our customers could deteriorate;
- we may not be able to lease or release second generation space, defined as previously occupied space that becomes available for lease, quickly or on as favorable terms as old leases;
- we may not be able to lease our newly constructed buildings as quickly or on as favorable terms as originally anticipated;
- we may not be able to complete development, acquisition, reinvestment, disposition or joint venture projects as quickly or on as favorable terms as anticipated;
- development activity by our competitors in our existing markets could result in an excessive supply of office properties relative to customer demand;
- our markets may suffer declines in economic growth;
- unanticipated increases in interest rates could increase our debt service costs;
- unanticipated increases in operating expenses could negatively impact our operating results;
- we may not be able to meet our liquidity requirements or obtain capital on favorable terms to fund our working capital needs and growth initiatives or repay or refinance outstanding debt upon maturity; and
- the Company could lose key executive officers.

This list of risks and uncertainties, however, is not intended to be exhaustive. You should also review the other cautionary statements we make in "Item 1A. Business – Risk Factors" set forth in this Annual Report. Given these uncertainties, you should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. We undertake no obligation to publicly release the results of any revisions to these forward-looking statements to reflect any future events or circumstances or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

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Executive Summary

Our Strategic Plan focuses on:

- owning high-quality, differentiated real estate assets in the key infill business districts in our core markets;

- improving the operating results of our existing properties through concentrated leasing, asset management, cost control and customer service efforts;

- developing and acquiring office properties in key infill business districts that improve the overall quality of our portfolio and generate attractive returns over the long-term for our stockholders;

- disposing of properties no longer considered to be core assets primarily due to location, age, quality and overall strategic fit; and

- maintaining a conservative and flexible balance sheet with ample liquidity to meet our funding needs and growth prospects.

While we own and operate a limited number of industrial and retail properties, our operating results depend heavily on successfully leasing and operating our office properties. Economic growth and employment levels in our core markets are and will continue to be important factors in predicting our future operating results.

The key components affecting our rental and other revenues are average occupancy, rental rates, cost recovery income, new developments placed in service, acquisitions and dispositions. Average occupancy generally increases during times of improving economic growth, as our ability to lease space outpaces vacancies that occur upon the expirations of existing leases. Average occupancy generally declines during times of slower economic growth, when new vacancies tend to outpace our ability to lease space. Asset acquisitions, dispositions and new developments placed in service directly impact our rental revenues and could impact our average occupancy, depending upon the occupancy rate of the properties that are acquired, sold or placed in service. A further indicator of the predictability of future revenues is the expected lease expirations of our portfolio. As a result, in addition to seeking to increase our average occupancy by leasing current vacant space, we also must concentrate our leasing efforts on renewing our existing leases prior to expiration. For more information regarding our lease expirations, see “Item 2. Properties - Lease Expirations.” Our occupancy declined from 90.9% at December 31, 2012 to 89.9% at December 31, 2013 primarily due to a scheduled expiration of a large customer in Tampa, FL and the acquisition of relatively low occupied buildings in Atlanta, GA, Nashville, TN and Orlando, FL and the disposition of relatively high occupied industrial buildings in Atlanta, GA.

Whether or not our rental revenue tracks average occupancy proportionally depends upon whether rents under signed new and renewal leases are higher or lower than the rents under the previous leases. Annualized rental revenues from second generation leases expiring during any particular year are generally less than 15% of our total annual rental revenues. The following table sets forth information regarding second generation leases signed during the fourth quarter of 2013 (we define second generation leases as leases with new customers and renewals of existing customers in space that has been previously occupied under our ownership and leases with respect to vacant space in acquired buildings):

	Office		Industrial		Retail	
	New	Renewal	New	Renewal	New	Renewal
Leased space (in rentable square feet)	407,513	383,286	18,000	172,022	—	5,304

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Rentable square foot weighted average term (in years)	6.3	5.7	3.2	2.8	—	3.4
Base rents (per rentable square foot) (1)	\$24.23	\$22.20	\$4.23	\$3.28	\$—	\$37.77
Rent concessions (per rentable square foot) (1)	(0.91)	(0.56)	(0.28)	(0.23)	—	—
GAAP rents (per rentable square foot) (1)	\$23.32	\$21.64	\$3.95	\$3.05	\$—	\$37.77
Tenant improvements (per rentable square foot) (1)	\$3.73	\$1.16	\$0.09	\$0.07	\$—	\$3.61
Leasing commissions (per rentable square foot) (1)	\$0.90	\$0.55	\$0.16	\$0.05	\$—	\$1.21

(1) Weighted average per rentable square foot on an annual basis over the lease term.

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Compared to previous leases in the same spaces, annual combined GAAP rents for new and renewal leases signed in the fourth quarter were \$22.51 per rentable square foot, or 8.5% higher, for office leases, \$3.14 per rentable square foot, or 8.3% higher, for industrial leases and \$37.77 per rentable square foot, or 9.7% lower, for retail leases.

We strive to maintain a diverse, stable and creditworthy customer base. We have an internal guideline whereby customers that account for more than 3% of our revenues are periodically reviewed with the Company's Board of Directors. Currently, no customer accounts for more than 3% of our revenues other than the Federal Government, which accounted for less than 10.0% of our revenues on an annualized basis, as of December 31, 2013. See "Item 2. Properties - Customers."

Our expenses primarily consist of rental property expenses, depreciation and amortization, general and administrative expenses and interest expense. From time to time, expenses also include impairments of real estate assets. Rental property expenses are expenses associated with our ownership and operation of rental properties and include expenses that vary somewhat proportionately to occupancy levels, such as maintenance, repairs and utilities, and expenses that do not vary based on occupancy, such as property taxes and insurance. Depreciation and amortization is a non-cash expense associated with the ownership of real property and generally remains relatively consistent each year, unless we buy, place in service or sell assets, since we depreciate our properties and related building and tenant improvement assets on a straight-line basis over fixed lives. General and administrative expenses consist primarily of management and employee salaries and other personnel costs, corporate overhead and short and long-term incentive compensation.

We intend to maintain a conservative and flexible balance sheet that allows us to capitalize on favorable development and acquisition opportunities as they arise. We anticipate commencing up to \$150 million of new development in 2014. Such projects would likely not be placed in service until 2015 or beyond. We also anticipate acquiring up to \$300 million of new properties and selling up to \$175 million of non-core properties in 2014. We generally seek to acquire and develop assets that improve the average quality of our overall portfolio and deliver consistent and sustainable value for our stockholders over the long-term. Whether or not an asset acquisition or new development results in higher per share net income or funds from operations ("FFO") in any given period depends upon a number of factors, including whether the net operating income for any such period exceeds the actual cost of capital used to finance the acquisition. Forward-looking information regarding 2014 operating performance contained below under "Results of Operations" excludes the impact of any potential acquisitions or dispositions.

Results of Operations

Comparison of 2013 to 2012

Rental and Other Revenues

Rental and other revenues from continuing operations were \$71.8 million, or 14.8%, higher in 2013 as compared to 2012 primarily due to recent acquisitions and development properties placed in service, which accounted for \$70.9 million of the increase. Same property rental and other revenues in 2013 were flat with 2012 as average occupancy in the same property portfolio was substantially unchanged as well. We expect 2014 rental and other revenues to increase over 2013 primarily due to the full year contribution of acquisitions closed in 2013, contribution of development properties and slightly higher same property revenues resulting from higher expected cost recovery income and higher average GAAP rents per rentable square foot.

Operating Expenses

Rental property and other expenses were \$26.6 million, or 15.1%, higher in 2013 as compared to 2012 primarily due to recent acquisitions, which contributed \$27.1 million to the net increase. Same property operating expenses in 2013

were flat with 2012 as average occupancy was substantially unchanged and lower utility costs and property taxes offset inflationary effects on other costs. We expect 2014 rental property and other expenses to increase over 2013 primarily due to the full year contribution of acquisitions closed in 2013 and slightly higher same property operating expenses resulting from higher expected utility costs and higher property taxes.

Operating margin, defined as rental and other revenues less rental property and other expenses expressed as a percentage of rental and other revenues, was slightly lower at 63.5% for 2013, as compared to 63.6% for 2012. Operating margin is expected to be slightly lower in 2014 as compared to 2013.

Depreciation and amortization was \$30.6 million, or 20.9%, higher in 2013 as compared to 2012 primarily due to recent acquisitions. We expect 2014 depreciation and amortization to increase over 2013 primarily due to the full year contribution of acquisitions closed and developments placed in service in 2013.

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General and administrative expenses were \$0.2 million, or 0.5%, lower in 2013 as compared to 2012 primarily due to lower incentive compensation, partly offset by higher salaries and acquisition costs. We expect 2014 general and administrative expenses to slightly decrease relative to 2013 primarily due to lower incentive compensation, partially offset by higher company-wide base salaries and employee benefit costs.

Interest Expense

Interest expense was \$3.4 million, or 3.5%, lower in 2013 as compared to 2012 primarily due to lower average interest rates and higher capitalized interest, partly offset by higher average debt balances. We expect 2014 interest expense to decrease over 2013 primarily due to lower average interest rates and higher capitalized interest, partially offset by higher average debt balances.

Other Income

Other income was relatively unchanged in 2013 as compared to 2012 primarily due to a decrease in interest income on notes receivable in 2013 resulting from the 2012 repayment of a secured loan made to our Highwoods DLF 98/29, LLC joint venture and a bankruptcy settlement in 2012, offset by a higher loss on debt extinguishment in 2012. We expect 2014 other income to decrease over 2013 primarily due to lower interest income as a result of the January 2014 repayment of seller financing provided in conjunction with a 2010 disposition transaction.

Gain on Acquisition of Controlling Interest in Unconsolidated Affiliate

We recorded a gain on acquisition of controlling interest in unconsolidated affiliate of \$7.5 million in 2013 due to the acquisition of our joint venture partner's 60.0% interest in our HIW-KC Orlando, LLC joint venture. We had no similar transactions in 2012.

Equity in Earnings of Unconsolidated Affiliates

Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates was \$2.8 million lower in 2013 as compared to 2012 primarily due to our \$4.5 million share of impairments of real estate assets on certain office properties in our Highwoods DLF 98/29, LLC joint venture, the acquisition of our joint venture partner's 60.0% interest in our HIW-KC Orlando, LLC joint venture in 2013 and the sale of office properties in our Highwoods DLF 98/29, LLC and Highwoods DLF 97/26 DLF 99/32, LP joint ventures in late 2012 and early 2013. Partly offsetting this decrease was \$3.2 million, net of taxes, that we recorded as our share of a gain recognized by the Lofts at Weston, LLC joint venture upon the sale of 215 residential units to an unrelated third party. Additionally offsetting this decrease was our \$1.0 million share of impairments of real estate assets on two office properties in our Highwoods DLF 98/29, LLC joint venture in 2012. The impairments in 2013 and 2012 were due to a change in the assumed timing of future dispositions and/or leasing assumptions. We expect 2014 equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates to remain consistent to 2013 due to impairments of real estate assets recorded in 2013 offset by the reduction of our overall joint venture investments in 2013.

Impairments of Real Estate Assets in Discontinued Operations

We recorded impairments of real estate assets of \$1.1 million on seven industrial properties in Atlanta, GA and \$1.1 million on four properties in a single office park in Winston-Salem, NC in 2013. These impairments were due to a change in the assumed timing of future dispositions and leasing assumptions. We recorded no such impairments in 2012.

Net Gains on Disposition of Discontinued Operations

Net gains on disposition of discontinued operations were \$34.3 million higher in 2013 as compared to 2012 due to higher disposition activity in 2013.

Earnings Per Common Share - Diluted

Diluted earnings per common share was \$0.42, or 41.2%, higher in 2013 as compared to 2012 due to an increase in net income for the reasons discussed above, offset by an increase in the weighted average Common Shares outstanding from the 2012 and 2013 issuances under our equity sales agreements and the August 2013 Common Stock offering.

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Comparison of 2012 to 2011

Rental and Other Revenues

Rental and other revenues from continuing operations were \$53.1 million, or 12.3%, higher in 2012 as compared to 2011 primarily due to recent acquisitions, which accounted for \$43.8 million of the increase, and higher same property revenues of \$10.7 million, partly offset by lower construction income of \$1.7 million. Same property revenues were higher primarily due to an increase in average occupancy to 91.0% in 2012 from 90.5% in 2011, an increase in annualized GAAP rent per rentable square foot to \$20.45 in 2012 from \$20.07 in 2011, higher cost recovery income, higher net termination fees and lower bad debt expense.

Operating Expenses

Rental property and other expenses were \$19.4 million, or 12.4%, higher in 2012 as compared to 2011 primarily due to recent acquisitions, which accounted for \$18.8 million of the increase and higher same property operating expenses of \$1.6 million, partly offset by \$1.7 million lower cost of construction expense. Same property operating expenses were higher primarily due to higher repairs and maintenance and insurance costs, partly offset by lower utilities and real estate taxes.

Operating margin, defined as rental and other revenues less rental property and other expenses expressed as a percentage of rental and other revenues, remained constant at 63.6% at both 2012 and 2011.

Depreciation and amortization was \$18.9 million, or 14.8%, higher in 2012 as compared to 2011 primarily due to recent acquisitions, which accounted for \$16.5 million of the increase, and higher same property depreciation and amortization of \$2.3 million.

General and administrative expenses were \$1.7 million, or 4.6%, higher in 2012 as compared to 2011 primarily due to higher salaries and incentive compensation, partly offset by lower acquisition and dead deal costs.

Interest Expense

Interest expense was \$0.6 million, or 0.6%, higher in 2012 as compared to 2011 primarily due to higher average debt balances, partly offset by lower average interest rates and lower financing obligation interest expense.

Other Income

Other income was \$1.0 million, or 13.4%, lower in 2012 as compared to 2011 primarily due to recording a loss on debt extinguishment in 2012.

Gains on Disposition of Investments in Unconsolidated Affiliates

We recorded a gain on disposition of investment in unconsolidated affiliate of \$2.3 million in 2011 due to our partner exercising its option to acquire our 10.0% equity interest in one of our unconsolidated joint ventures. We recorded no such gain in 2012.

Impairments of Real Estate Assets in Discontinued Operations

We recorded impairments of real estate assets of \$2.4 million in 2011 related to two office properties in Orlando, FL which resulted from a change in the assumed timing of future dispositions. We recorded no such impairments in 2012.

Net Gains on Disposition of Discontinued Operations

Net gains on disposition of discontinued operations were \$26.9 million higher in 2012 as compared to 2011 due to higher disposition activity in 2012.

Dividends on Preferred Stock and Excess of Preferred Stock Redemption/Repurchase Cost Over Carrying Value

Dividends on Preferred Stock and excess of Preferred Stock redemption/repurchase cost over carrying value were \$2.0 million and \$1.9 million lower, respectively, in 2012 as compared to 2011 due to the redemption of all remaining Series B Preferred Shares in 2011.

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Liquidity and Capital Resources

Overview

Our goal is to maintain a conservative and flexible balance sheet with access to multiple sources of debt and equity capital and sufficient availability under our revolving credit facility. We generally use rents received from customers to fund our operating expenses, recurring capital expenditures and distributions. To fund property acquisitions, development activity or building renovations and repay debt upon maturity, we may use current cash balances, sell assets, obtain new debt and/or issue equity. Our debt generally consists of unsecured debt securities, unsecured bank term loans, mortgage debt and borrowings under our unsecured revolving credit facility.

Statements of Cash Flows

We report and analyze our cash flows based on operating activities, investing activities and financing activities. The following table sets forth the changes in the Company's cash flows (\$ in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2013	2012	Change
Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities	\$256,437	\$193,416	\$63,021
Net Cash (Used In) Investing Activities	(356,603)	(238,812)	(117,791)
Net Cash Provided By Financing Activities	96,567	47,991	48,576
Total Cash Flows	\$(3,599)	\$2,595	\$(6,194)

In calculating net cash related to operating activities, depreciation and amortization, which are non-cash expenses, are added back to net income. As a result, we have historically generated a positive amount of cash from operating activities. From period to period, cash flow from operations depends primarily upon changes in our net income, as discussed more fully above under "Results of Operations," changes in receivables and payables, and net additions or decreases in our overall portfolio, which affect the amount of depreciation and amortization expense.

Net cash related to investing activities generally relates to capitalized costs incurred for leasing and major building improvements and our acquisition, development, disposition and joint venture capital activity. During periods of significant net acquisition and/or development activity, our cash used in such investing activities will generally exceed cash provided by investing activities, which typically consists of cash received upon the sale of properties and distributions of capital from our joint ventures.

Net cash related to financing activities generally relates to distributions, incurrence and repayment of debt, and issuances, repurchases or redemptions of Common Stock, Common Units and Preferred Stock. As discussed previously, we use a significant amount of our cash to fund distributions. Whether or not we have increases in the outstanding balances of debt during a period depends generally upon the net effect of our acquisition, disposition, development and joint venture activity. We generally use our revolving credit facility for working capital purposes, which means that during any given period, in order to minimize interest expense, we may record significant repayments and borrowings under our revolving credit facility.

The change in net cash related to operating activities in 2013 as compared to 2012 was primarily due to higher net cash from the operations of acquired properties and lower cash paid for operating expenses in 2013. We expect net cash related to operating activities to be higher in 2014 as compared to 2013 due to the full year impact of properties acquired in 2013 and higher cash flows from leases signed in 2013 and prior years as free rent periods expire.

The change in net cash related to investing activities in 2013 as compared to 2012 was primarily due to higher acquisition and development activity and higher expenditures on tenant and building improvements in 2013, partly offset by higher net proceeds from dispositions of real estate assets and higher distributions of capital from unconsolidated affiliates in 2013. We expect net cash related to investing activities to be lower in 2014 as compared to 2013 due to our plans to acquire \$100 million to \$300 million of office buildings and commence development of \$75 million to \$150 million of office buildings. Additionally, as of December 31, 2013, we have \$136.4 million left to fund of our previously-announced development activity. We expect these uses of cash for investing activities will be partially offset by \$100 million to \$175 million of non-core dispositions and additional distributions of capital from unconsolidated affiliates in 2014.

The change in net cash related to financing activities in 2013 as compared to 2012 was primarily due to higher proceeds from the issuance of Common Stock and contributions from noncontrolling interests in consolidated affiliates in 2013, partly offset by

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higher dividends on Common Stock and higher net debt repayments in 2013. Assuming the net effect of our acquisition, disposition, development and joint venture activity in 2014 results in an increase in our assets, we would expect outstanding debt balances to increase. However, because we plan to continue to maintain a flexible and conservative balance sheet with mortgages and notes payable and outstanding preferred stock representing around 40% to 45% of the undepreciated book value of our assets, we would also expect higher outstanding balances of Common Stock in such event.

Capitalization

The following table sets forth the Company's capitalization (in thousands, except per share amounts):

	December 31,	
	2013	2012
Mortgages and notes payable, at recorded book value	\$1,956,299	\$1,859,162
Financing obligations	\$26,664	\$29,358
Preferred Stock, at liquidation value	\$29,077	\$29,077
Common Stock outstanding	89,921	80,311
Common Units outstanding (not owned by the Company)	2,944	3,733
Per share stock price at year end	\$36.17	\$33.45
Market value of Common Stock and Common Units	\$3,358,927	\$2,811,272
Total capitalization	\$5,370,967	\$4,728,869

At December 31, 2013, our mortgages and notes payable and outstanding preferred stock represented 37.0% of our total capitalization and 41.4% of the undepreciated book value of our assets.

Our mortgages and notes payable as of December 31, 2013 consisted of \$488.7 million of secured indebtedness with a weighted average interest rate of 4.98% and \$1,467.6 million of unsecured indebtedness with a weighted average interest rate of 4.07%. The secured indebtedness was collateralized by real estate assets with an aggregate undepreciated book value of \$801.7 million.

Current and Future Cash Needs

Rental and other revenues are our principal source of funds to meet our short-term liquidity requirements. Other sources of funds for short-term liquidity needs include available working capital and borrowings under our existing revolving credit facility, which had \$251.9 million of availability at January 31, 2014. Our short-term liquidity requirements primarily consist of operating expenses, interest and principal amortization on our debt, dividends and distributions and capital expenditures, including building improvement costs, tenant improvement costs and lease commissions. Building improvements are capital costs to maintain existing buildings not typically related to a specific customer. Tenant improvements are the costs required to customize space for the specific needs of customers. We anticipate that our available cash and cash equivalents and cash provided by operating activities, together with cash available from borrowings under our revolving credit facility, will be adequate to meet our short-term liquidity requirements.

Our long-term liquidity needs generally consist of the retirement or refinancing of debt upon maturity (including mortgage debt, our revolving credit facility, term loans and other unsecured debt), funding of existing and new building development or land infrastructure projects and funding acquisitions of buildings and development land. Additionally, we may, from time to time, retire some or all of our remaining outstanding Preferred Stock and/or unsecured debt securities through redemptions, open market repurchases, privately negotiated acquisitions or otherwise.

We expect to meet our long-term liquidity needs through a combination of:

• cash flow from operating activities;

• bank term loans and borrowings under our revolving credit facility;

• the issuance of unsecured debt;

• the issuance of secured debt;

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the issuance of equity securities by the Company or the Operating Partnership; and

the disposition of non-core assets.

Dividends and Distributions

To maintain its qualification as a REIT, the Company must pay dividends to stockholders that are at least 90.0% of its annual REIT taxable income, excluding net capital gains. The partnership agreement requires the Operating Partnership to distribute at least enough cash for the Company to be able to pay such dividends. The Company's REIT taxable income, as determined by the federal tax laws, does not equal its net income under generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America ("GAAP"). In addition, although capital gains are not required to be distributed to maintain REIT status, capital gains, if any, are subject to federal and state income tax unless such gains are distributed to stockholders.

Cash dividends and distributions reduce the amount of cash that would otherwise be available for other business purposes, including funding debt maturities or future growth initiatives. The amount of future distributions that will be made is at the discretion of the Company's Board of Directors. For a discussion of the factors that will influence decisions of the Board of Directors regarding distributions, see "Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities."

2013 Acquisition Activity

During the third quarter of 2013, we acquired:

our joint venture partner's 60.0% interest in our HIW-KC Orlando, LLC joint venture, which owned five office properties in the central business district of Orlando, FL encompassing 1.3 million rentable square feet, for a net purchase price of \$112.8 million. The purchase price included the assumption of secured debt recorded at fair value of \$127.9 million, with an effective interest rate of 3.11%. This debt matures in July 2014. We previously accounted for our 40.0% interest in this joint venture using the equity method of accounting. As a result of acquiring a controlling interest in this joint venture, our previously held equity interest was remeasured at a fair value of \$75.2 million resulting in a gain of \$7.5 million;

an office property in the central business district of Nashville, TN encompassing 520,000 rentable square feet for a net purchase price of \$150.1 million; and

our Highwoods DLF 97/26 DLF 99/32, LP joint venture partner's 57.0% interest in two office properties in the central perimeter submarket of Atlanta, GA encompassing 505,000 rentable square feet for a net purchase price of \$44.5 million, including the assumption of secured debt recorded at fair value of \$37.6 million, with an effective interest rate of 3.34%. This debt matures in April 2015.

During the second quarter of 2013, we acquired:

an office property in the Buckhead submarket of Atlanta, GA encompassing 553,000 rentable square feet for a purchase price of \$140.1 million.

During the first quarter of 2013, we acquired:

- two office properties in the Westshore submarket of Tampa, FL encompassing 372,000 rentable square feet for a purchase price of \$52.5 million;

- two office properties in the Green Valley submarket of Greensboro, NC encompassing 195,000 rentable square feet for a purchase price of \$30.8 million; and

• five acres of land in the Poplar Corridor submarket of Memphis, TN on which a build-to-suit development project is underway for a purchase price of \$4.8 million.

During 2013, we expensed \$1.8 million of acquisition costs (included in general and administrative expenses) related to these aforementioned acquisitions. The assets acquired and liabilities assumed were recorded at fair value as determined by management based on information available at the acquisition date and on current assumptions as to future operations. We have invested or intend to invest an additional \$17.7 million in the aggregate of planned building improvements and future tenant improvements committed under existing leases acquired in these building acquisitions. Based on the total anticipated investment of \$548.5 million,

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the weighted average capitalization rate for the acquisitions of these buildings, which were 81.3% occupied on average as of the respective closing dates, is 7.0% using projected annual GAAP net operating income. These forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties. See "Disclosure Regarding Forward-Looking Statements."

In the normal course of business, we regularly evaluate potential acquisitions. As a result, from time to time, we may have one or more potential acquisitions under consideration that are in varying stages of evaluation, negotiation or due diligence, including potential acquisitions that are subject to non-binding letters of intent or enforceable contracts. Consummation of any transaction is subject to a number of contingencies, including the satisfaction of customary closing conditions. No assurances can be provided that we will acquire any properties in the future. See "Item 1A. Risk Factors - Recent and future acquisitions and development properties may fail to perform in accordance with our expectations and may require renovation and development costs exceeding our estimates."

2013 Disposition Activity

During the fourth quarter of 2013, we sold:

eight office properties in Greenville, SC for a sale price of \$57.9 million (before \$0.1 million in closing credits to buyer for unfunded tenant improvements and after \$0.3 million in closing credits to buyer for free rent) and recorded a gain on disposition of discontinued operations of \$3.1 million;

an office property in Tampa, FL for a sale price of \$11.5 million (before \$0.6 million in closing credits to buyer for unfunded tenant improvements) and recorded a gain on disposition of discontinued operations of \$2.8 million;

an office property in Atlanta, GA for a sale price of \$13.8 million and recorded a gain on disposition of discontinued operations of \$3.0 million;

four office properties in Winston-Salem, NC for a sale price of \$6.2 million and recorded a gain on disposition of discontinued operations of \$0.1 million; and

an office property in Winston-Salem, NC for a sale price of \$5.3 million and recorded a gain on disposition of discontinued operations of \$2.5 million.

During the third quarter of 2013, we sold:

an office property in Tampa, FL for a sale price of \$11.6 million and recorded a gain on disposition of discontinued operations of \$1.2 million; and

sixteen industrial properties and a land parcel in a single transaction in Atlanta, GA for a sale price of \$91.6 million (before \$0.3 million in closing credits to buyer for unfunded tenant improvements and after \$0.3 million in closing credits to buyer for free rent). We recorded gains on disposition of discontinued operations of \$36.7 million related to the industrial properties and a gain on disposition of property of less than \$0.1 million related to the land parcel.

During the second quarter of 2013, we sold:

five industrial properties in Atlanta, GA for a sale price of \$4.5 million (after \$0.1 million in closing credits to buyer for free rent) and recorded a gain on disposition of discontinued operations of less than \$0.1 million;

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six industrial properties and a land parcel in a single transaction in Atlanta, GA for a sale price of \$38.7 million (before \$1.8 million in closing credits to buyer for unfunded tenant improvements and after \$1.3 million in closing credits to buyer for free rent) and recorded a gain on disposition of discontinued operations of \$13.2 million; and

two industrial properties in Atlanta, GA for a sale price of \$4.8 million and recorded a loss on disposition of discontinued operations of less than \$0.1 million.

During the first quarter of 2013, we sold:

two office properties in Orlando, FL for a sale price of \$14.6 million (before \$0.8 million in closing credits to buyer for unfunded tenant improvements) and recorded a loss on disposition of discontinued operations of \$0.3 million.

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Additionally, in connection with the disposition of an office property in Jackson, MS in the third quarter of 2012, we had the right to receive additional cash consideration of up to \$1.5 million upon the satisfaction of a certain post-closing requirement. The post-closing requirement was satisfied and the cash consideration was received during 2013. Accordingly, we recognized \$1.5 million in additional gain on disposition of discontinued operations in 2013.

2013 Financing Activity

During 2012, we entered into separate equity sales agreements with each of Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, BB&T Capital Markets, a division of BB&T Securities, LLC, Jefferies LLC, Morgan Stanley & Co., LLC and Piper Jaffray & Co. During 2013, the Company issued 1,299,791 shares of Common Stock under these equity sales agreements at an average gross sales price of \$35.95 per share and received net proceeds, after sales commissions, of \$46.0 million. We paid an aggregate of \$0.7 million in sales commissions to BB&T Capital Markets, Morgan Stanley & Co., LLC and Piper Jaffray & Co. during 2013.

During 2013, we entered into separate equity sales agreements with each of Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, BB&T Capital Markets, a division of BB&T Securities, LLC, Comerica Securities, Inc., Jefferies LLC and Piper Jaffray & Co. Under the terms of the equity distribution agreements, the Company may offer and sell shares of its Common Stock from time to time through such firms, acting as agents of the Company or as principals. Sales of the shares, if any, may be made by means of ordinary brokers' transactions on the New York Stock Exchange or otherwise at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices or as otherwise agreed with any of such firms. During 2013, the Company issued 2,661,399 shares of Common Stock at an average gross sales price of \$37.47 per share and received net proceeds, after sales commissions, of \$98.2 million. We paid an aggregate of \$1.5 million in sales commissions to Wells Fargo Securities, LLC and Jefferies LLC during 2013. No shares of Common Stock were sold under the equity sales agreements during the fourth quarter of 2013.

During the third quarter of 2013, the Company issued 4,312,500 shares of Common Stock in a public offering and received net proceeds of \$150.9 million. The Company used the net proceeds from the offering to repay borrowings outstanding under our unsecured revolving credit facility, to fund property acquisitions and development activity and for general corporate purposes.

During the fourth quarter of 2013, we entered into an amended and restated \$475.0 million unsecured revolving credit facility, which replaced our previously existing \$475.0 million revolving credit facility, and includes an accordion feature that allows for an additional \$75.0 million of borrowing capacity subject to additional lender commitments. Our new revolving credit facility is scheduled to mature in January 2018. Assuming no defaults have occurred, we have an option to extend the maturity for two additional six-month periods. The interest rate on the new facility at our current credit ratings is LIBOR plus 110 basis points and the annual facility fee is 20 basis points. The interest rate and facility fee are based on the higher of the publicly announced ratings from Moody's Investors Service or Standard & Poor's Ratings Services. The financial and other covenants under the new facility are similar to our previous credit facility. We use our revolving credit facility for working capital purposes and for the short-term funding of our development and acquisition activity and, in certain instances, the repayment of other debt. The continued ability to borrow under the revolving credit facility allows us to quickly capitalize on strategic opportunities at short-term interest rates. There was \$215.7 million and \$223.0 million outstanding under our revolving credit facility at December 31, 2013 and January 31, 2014, respectively. At both December 31, 2013 and January 31, 2014, we had \$0.1 million of outstanding letters of credit, which reduces the availability on our revolving credit facility. As a result, the unused capacity of our revolving credit facility at December 31, 2013 and January 31, 2014 was \$259.2 million and \$251.9 million, respectively. We simultaneously amended and restated our \$200.0 million, five-year unsecured bank term loan, which was scheduled to mature in January 2018. The loan is now scheduled to mature in January 2019 and the interest rate, based on our current credit ratings, was reduced from LIBOR plus 135 basis points to LIBOR plus 120 basis points. We also simultaneously amended and restated our \$225.0 million, seven-year unsecured

bank term loan to conform certain provisions to our other credit facilities.

During the fourth quarter of 2013, we prepaid without penalty a secured mortgage loan with a fair market value of \$67.5 million bearing an effective interest rate of 5.12% that was originally scheduled to mature in January 2014. During the fourth quarter of 2013, one of our consolidated affiliates also prepaid without penalty the remaining \$32.3 million balance on four secured mortgage loans bearing interest at a weighted average rate of 5.79% that were originally scheduled to mature in January 2014. During the third quarter of 2013, we prepaid without penalty the remaining \$114.7 million balance on two secured mortgage loans bearing interest at a weighted average rate of 5.75% that were originally scheduled to mature in December 2013. Real estate assets having a gross book value of approximately \$147 million became unencumbered in connection with the payoff of these secured loans.

During 2013, we also paid down \$11.7 million of secured loan balances through principal amortization and prepaid the remaining \$35.0 million balance on a \$200.0 million unsecured bank term loan that was originally scheduled to mature in February 2016.

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We regularly evaluate the financial condition of the financial institutions that participate in our credit facilities and as counterparties under interest rate swap agreements using publicly available information. Based on this review, we currently expect these financial institutions to perform their obligations under our existing facilities and swap agreements.

For information regarding our interest hedging activities and other market risks associated with our debt financing activities, see "Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk."

Covenant Compliance

We are currently in compliance with financial covenants and other requirements with respect to our consolidated debt. Although we expect to remain in compliance with these covenants and ratios for at least the next year, depending upon our future operating performance, property and financing transactions and general economic conditions, we cannot assure you that we will continue to be in compliance.

Our revolving credit facility and bank term loans require us to comply with customary operating covenants and various financial requirements. Upon an event of default on the revolving credit facility, the lenders having at least 51.0% of the total commitments under the revolving credit facility can accelerate all borrowings then outstanding, and we could be prohibited from borrowing any further amounts under our revolving credit facility, which would adversely affect our ability to fund our operations.

The Operating Partnership has the following unsecured notes currently outstanding (\$ in thousands):

	Face Amount	Carrying Amount	Stated Interest Rate	Effective Interest Rate	
Notes due March 2017	\$379,685	\$379,311	5.850	% 5.880	%
Notes due April 2018	\$200,000	\$200,000	7.500	% 7.500	%
Notes due January 2023	\$250,000	\$247,624	3.625	% 3.752	%

The indenture that governs these outstanding notes requires us to comply with customary operating covenants and various financial ratios. The trustee or the holders of at least 25.0% in principal amount of either series of bonds can accelerate the principal amount of such series upon written notice of a default that remains uncured after 60 days.

We may not be able to repay, refinance or extend any or all of our debt at maturity or upon any acceleration. If any refinancing is done at higher interest rates, the increased interest expense could adversely affect our cash flow and ability to pay distributions. Any such refinancing could also impose tighter financial ratios and other covenants that restrict our ability to take actions that could otherwise be in our best interest, such as funding new development activity, making opportunistic acquisitions, repurchasing our securities or paying distributions.

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Contractual Obligations

The following table sets forth a summary regarding our known contractual obligations, including required interest payments for those items that are interest bearing, at December 31, 2013 (\$ in thousands):

	Total	Amounts due during the years ending December 31,					Thereafter
		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	
Mortgages and Notes Payable:							
Principal payments (1)	\$1,955,172	\$137,696	\$80,932	\$157,638	\$488,206	\$415,700	\$675,000
Interest payments	338,178	83,626	78,714	68,026	46,931	23,956	36,925
Financing Obligations:							
SF-HIW Harborview Plaza, LP financing obligation	12,783	12,783	—	—	—	—	—
Tax increment financing bond	10,422	1,460	1,561	1,669	1,785	1,908	2,039
Interest on financing obligations (2)	2,669	722	621	513	397	274	142
Capitalized Lease Obligations	293	177	101	15	—	—	—
Purchase Obligations:							
Lease and contractual commitments (3)	233,753	197,698	34,398	625	165	100	767
Operating Lease Obligations:							
Operating ground leases	131,690	3,044	3,076	3,109	3,143	3,179	116,139
Other Long Term Obligations:							
Future infrastructure funding	7,958	3,220	3,680	1,058	—	—	—
Total	\$2,692,918	\$440,426	\$203,083	\$232,653	\$540,627	\$445,117	\$831,012

(1) Excludes amortization of premiums, discounts and/or purchase accounting adjustments.

Does not include interest on the SF-HIW Harborview Plaza, LP financing obligation, which cannot be reasonably

(2) estimated for future periods. The interest expense on these financing obligations was \$0.1 million, \$(0.3) million and \$0.8 million in 2013, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

Amount represents commitments under signed leases and contracts for operating properties, excluding

(3) tenant-funded tenant improvements, and contracts for development/redevelopment projects. This includes \$136.4 million of contractual commitments related to our in process development activity. The timing of these expenditures may fluctuate.

The interest payments due on mortgages and notes payable are based on the stated rates for the fixed rate debt and on the rates in effect at December 31, 2013 for the variable rate debt. The weighted average interest rate on our fixed (including debt with a variable rate that is effectively fixed by related interest rate swaps) and variable rate debt was 5.10% and 1.32%, respectively, at December 31, 2013. For additional information about our mortgages and notes payable, see Note 6 to our Consolidated Financial Statements. For additional information about our financing obligations, see Note 8 to our Consolidated Financial Statements. For additional information about purchase obligations, operating lease obligations and other long term obligations, see Note 9 to our Consolidated Financial Statements.

Off Balance Sheet Arrangements

We generally account for our investments in less than majority owned joint ventures, partnerships and limited liability companies using the equity method. As a result, these joint ventures are not included in our Consolidated Financial

Statements, other than as investments in unconsolidated affiliates and equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates.

At December 31, 2013, our unconsolidated joint ventures had \$294.7 million of total assets and \$200.8 million of total liabilities. Our weighted average equity interest based on the total assets of these unconsolidated joint ventures was 33.2%. During 2013, these unconsolidated joint ventures had \$5.4 million of aggregate net income, of which our share was \$1.1 million. Additionally, we recorded \$1.2 million of positive adjustments for management and other fees in equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates. For additional information about our unconsolidated joint venture activity, see Note 4 to our Consolidated Financial Statements.

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At December 31, 2013, our unconsolidated joint ventures had \$189.4 million of outstanding mortgage debt. The following table sets forth the scheduled maturities of the Company's \$64.4 million proportionate share of the outstanding debt of its unconsolidated joint ventures at December 31, 2013 (\$ in thousands):

2014	\$11,011
2015	992
2016	1,062
2017	27,082
2018	19,397
Thereafter	4,880
	\$64,424

All of this joint venture debt is non-recourse to us except in the case of customary exceptions pertaining to such matters as misuse of funds, environmental conditions, material misrepresentations and voluntary or uncontested involuntary bankruptcy events.

During the second quarter of 2013, our Highwoods DLF 98/29, LLC joint venture sold an office property to an unrelated third party for a sale price of \$5.9 million (after \$0.1 million in closing credits to buyer for free rent) and recorded a gain on disposition of discontinued operations of less than \$0.1 million. We recorded less than \$0.1 million as our share of this gain through equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates.

Our Highwoods DLF 98/29, LLC joint venture recorded impairments of real estate assets of \$15.3 million during the third quarter of 2013 on an office property in Orlando, FL and \$4.8 million during the first quarter of 2013 on an office property in Atlanta, GA and an office property in Charlotte, NC. We recorded \$3.5 million and \$1.0 million, respectively, as our share of these impairment charges through equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates. These impairments were due to a change in the assumed timing of future dispositions and/or leasing assumptions, which reduced the future expected cash flows from the impaired properties.

During the first quarter of 2013, our Highwoods DLF 97/26 DLF 99/32, LP joint venture sold an office property to an unrelated third party for a sale price of \$10.1 million (after \$0.3 million in closing credits to buyer for free rent) and recorded a gain on disposition of property of less than \$0.1 million. As our cost basis is different from the basis reflected at the joint venture level, we recorded \$0.4 million of gain through equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates.

See "2013 Acquisition Activity" for a description of the acquisitions of (1) our joint venture partner's 60.0% interest in our HIW-KC Orlando, LLC joint venture and (2) two office properties in Atlanta, GA from our Highwoods DLF 97/26 DLF 99/32, LP joint venture.

During the fourth quarter of 2013, our Highwoods DLF Forum, LLC joint venture obtained a \$71.7 million, five-year secured mortgage loan from a third party lender, bearing a floating interest rate of LIBOR plus 190 basis points, which was used by the joint venture to repay a secured loan at maturity to a third party lender. The loan is scheduled to mature in November 2018.

During the fourth quarter of 2013, the Lofts at Weston joint venture sold 215 residential units to an unrelated third party for gross proceeds of \$38.3 million and recorded a gain of \$12.2 million. As a result, we received aggregate net distributions of \$9.4 million and recorded our share of the gain of \$3.2 million, which is net of \$1.7 million in taxes incurred by our taxable REIT subsidiary, in equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates.

Financing Arrangements

- SF-HIW Harborview Plaza, LP

In 2002, we contributed Harborview Plaza, a 205,000 rentable square foot office building to our SF-HIW Harborview Plaza, LP joint venture. We retained a 20.0% equity interest in the joint venture. Our joint venture partner has the right to put its 80.0% equity interest in the joint venture to us in exchange for cash at any time during the one-year period commencing September 11, 2014. The value of the 80.0% equity interest will be determined at the time that our partner elects to exercise its put right, if ever, based upon the then fair market value of the joint venture's assets and liabilities. The fair value of the real estate assets will be reduced by 3.0%, which is intended to represent the hypothetical costs of a sale transaction. Because of the put option, this

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transaction has been accounted for as a financing transaction. Accordingly, the assets, liabilities and operations of Harborview Plaza, which is the sole property owned by SF-HIW Harborview LP, remain in our Consolidated Financial Statements.

As a result, we initially established a gross financing obligation equal to the \$12.7 million equity contributed by our joint venture partner. During 2012, our joint venture partner contributed an additional \$1.8 million of equity to the joint venture. During each period, we increase the gross financing obligation for 80.0% of the net income before depreciation of Harborview Plaza, which is recorded as interest expense on financing obligation, and decrease the gross financing obligation for distributions made to our joint venture partner. At the end of each reporting period, the balance of the gross financing obligation is adjusted to equal the greater of the equity contributed by our joint venture partner or the current fair value of the put option, which is recorded as a valuation allowance. The valuation allowance is amortized on a straight-line basis prospectively through September 2014 as interest expense on financing obligation. The fair value of the put option was \$12.8 million and \$12.7 million at December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively. We continue to depreciate Harborview Plaza and record all of the depreciation on our books. At such time as the put option expires or is otherwise terminated, we will record the transaction as a partial sale and recognize gain accordingly.

- Tax Increment Financing Bond

In connection with tax increment financing for a parking garage we constructed in 1999, we are obligated to pay fixed special assessments over a 20-year period ending in 2019. The net present value of these assessments, discounted at the 6.93% interest rate on the underlying tax increment financing, is recorded as a financing obligation. We receive special tax revenues and property tax rebates recorded in interest and other income, which are intended, but not guaranteed, to provide funds to pay the special assessments. We acquired the related tax increment financing bond, which is recorded in prepaid and other assets, in a privately negotiated transaction in 2007. For additional information about this tax increment financing bond, see Note 11 to our Consolidated Financial Statements.

Critical Accounting Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses for the reporting period. Actual results could differ from our estimates.

The policies used in the preparation of our Consolidated Financial Statements are described in Note 1 to our Consolidated Financial Statements. However, certain of our significant accounting policies contain an increased level of assumptions used or estimates made in determining their impact in our Consolidated Financial Statements. Management has reviewed and determined the appropriateness of our critical accounting policies and estimates with the audit committee of the Company's Board of Directors.

We consider our critical accounting estimates to be those used in the determination of the reported amounts and disclosure related to the following:

Real estate and related assets;

Impairments of real estate assets and investments in unconsolidated affiliates;

Sales of real estate;

Rental and other revenues; and

Allowance for doubtful accounts.

Real Estate and Related Assets

Real estate and related assets are recorded at cost and stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Renovations, replacements and other expenditures that improve or extend the life of assets are capitalized and depreciated over their estimated useful lives. Expenditures for ordinary maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of 40 years for buildings and depreciable land infrastructure costs, 15 years for building improvements and five to seven years for furniture, fixtures and equipment. Tenant improvements are amortized using the straight-line method over initial fixed terms of the respective leases, which generally are from three to 10 years.

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Expenditures directly related to the development and construction of real estate assets are included in net real estate assets and are stated at depreciated cost. Development expenditures include pre-construction costs essential to the development of properties, development and construction costs, interest costs on qualifying assets, real estate taxes, development personnel salaries and related costs and other costs incurred during the period of development. Interest and other carrying costs are capitalized until the building is ready for its intended use, but not later than one year from cessation of major construction activity. We consider a construction project as substantially completed and ready for its intended use upon the completion of tenant improvements. We cease capitalization on the portion that is substantially completed and occupied or held available for occupancy, and capitalize only those costs associated with the portion under construction.

Expenditures directly related to the leasing of properties are included in deferred financing and leasing costs and are stated at amortized cost. Such expenditures are part of the investment necessary to execute leases and, therefore, are classified as investment activities in the statement of cash flows. All leasing commissions paid to third parties for new leases or lease renewals are capitalized. Internal leasing costs include primarily compensation, benefits and other costs, such as legal fees related to leasing activities, that are incurred in connection with successfully obtaining leases of properties. Capitalized leasing costs are amortized on a straight-line basis over the initial fixed terms of the respective leases, which generally are from three to 10 years. Estimated costs related to unsuccessful activities are expensed as incurred.

We record liabilities for the performance of asset retirement activities when the obligation to perform such activities is probable even when uncertainty exists about the timing and/or method of settlement.

Upon the acquisition of real estate assets, we assess the fair value of acquired tangible assets such as land, buildings and tenant improvements, intangible assets and liabilities such as above and below market leases, acquired in-place leases, customer relationships and other identifiable intangible assets and assumed liabilities. We assess fair value based on estimated cash flow projections that utilize discount and/or capitalization rates as well as 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 above and below market rate portions of leases acquired in connection with property acquisitions are recorded in deferred financing and leasing costs and in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities, respectively, at fair value and amortized into rental revenue over the remaining term of the respective leases as described below. Fair value is calculated as the present value of the difference between (1) the contractual amounts to be paid pursuant to each in-place lease and (2) our estimate of fair market lease rates for each corresponding in-place lease, using a discount rate that reflects the risks associated with the leases acquired and measured over a period equal to the remaining initial term of the lease for above-market leases and the remaining initial term plus the term of any renewal option that the customer would be economically compelled to exercise for below-market leases.

In-place leases acquired are recorded at fair value in deferred financing and leasing costs and are amortized to depreciation and amortization expense over the remaining term of the respective lease. The value of in-place leases is based on our evaluation of the specific characteristics of each customer's lease. Factors considered include estimates of carrying costs during hypothetical expected lease-up periods, current market conditions, the customer's credit quality and costs to execute similar leases. In estimating carrying costs, we include real estate taxes, insurance and other operating expenses and estimates of lost rentals at market rates during the expected lease-up periods, depending on local market conditions. In estimating costs to execute similar leases, we consider tenant improvements, leasing commissions and legal and other related expenses.

Real estate and other assets are classified as long-lived assets held for use or as long-lived assets held for sale. Real estate is classified as held for sale when the sale of the asset has been duly approved by the Company, a legally

enforceable contract has been executed and the buyer's due diligence period has expired.

Impairments of Real Estate Assets and Investments in Unconsolidated Affiliates

With respect to assets classified as held for use, we perform an impairment analysis if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may be impaired, such as a significant decline in occupancy, identification of materially adverse legal or environmental factors, change in our designation of an asset from core to non-core, which may impact the anticipated holding period, or a decline in market value to an amount less than cost. This analysis is generally performed at the property level, except when an asset is part of an interdependent group such as an office park, and consists of determining whether the asset's carrying amount will be recovered from its undiscounted estimated future operating and residual cash flows. These cash flows are estimated based on a number of assumptions that are subject to economic and market uncertainties including, among others, demand for space, competition for customers, changes in market rental rates, costs to operate each property and expected ownership periods. For properties under development, the cash flows are based on expected service potential of the asset or asset group when development is substantially complete.

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If the carrying amount of a held for use asset exceeds the sum of its undiscounted future operating and residual cash flows, an impairment loss is recorded for the difference between estimated fair value of the asset and the carrying amount. We generally estimate the fair value of assets held for use by using discounted cash flow analyses. In some instances, appraisal information may be available and is used in addition to a discounted cash flow analysis. As the factors used in generating these cash flows are difficult to predict and are subject to future events that may alter our assumptions, the discounted and/or undiscounted future operating and residual cash flows estimated by us in our impairment analyses or those established by appraisal may not be achieved and we may be required to recognize future impairment losses on properties held for use.

We record assets held for sale at the lower of the carrying amount or estimated fair value. Fair value of assets held for sale is equal to the estimated or contracted sales price with a potential buyer, less costs to sell. The impairment loss is the amount by which the carrying amount exceeds the estimated fair value.

We also analyze our investments in unconsolidated affiliates for impairment. This analysis consists of determining whether an expected loss in market value of an investment is other than temporary by evaluating the length of time and the extent to which the market value has been less than cost, the financial condition and near-term prospects of the investee, and our intent and ability to retain our investment for a period of time sufficient to allow for any anticipated recovery in market value. As the factors used in this analysis are difficult to predict and are subject to future events that may alter our assumptions, we may be required to recognize future impairment losses on our investments in unconsolidated affiliates.

Sales of Real Estate

For sales transactions meeting the requirements for full profit recognition, the related assets and liabilities are removed from the balance sheet and the resultant gain or loss is recorded in the period the transaction closes. For sales transactions with continuing involvement after the sale, if the continuing involvement with the property is limited by the terms of the sales contract, profit is recognized at the time of sale and is reduced by the maximum exposure to loss related to the nature of the continuing involvement. Sales to entities in which we have or receive an interest are accounted for using partial sale accounting.

For transactions that do not meet the criteria for a sale, we evaluate the nature of the continuing involvement, including put and call provisions, if present, and account for the transaction as a financing arrangement, profit-sharing arrangement, leasing arrangement or other alternate method of accounting, rather than as a sale, based on the nature and extent of the continuing involvement. Some transactions may have numerous forms of continuing involvement. In those cases, we determine which method is most appropriate based on the substance of the transaction.

Rental and Other Revenues

Minimum contractual rents from leases are recognized on a straight-line basis over the terms of the respective leases. This means that, with respect to a particular lease, actual amounts billed in accordance with the lease during any given period may be higher or lower than the amount of rental revenue recognized for the period. Straight-line rental revenue is commenced when the customer assumes control of the leased premises. Accrued straight-line rents receivable represents the amount by which straight-line rental revenue exceeds rents currently billed in accordance with lease agreements. Contingent rental revenue, such as percentage rent, is accrued when the contingency is removed. Termination fee income is recognized at the later of when the customer has vacated the space or the lease has expired and a fully executed lease termination agreement has been delivered, the amount of the fee is determinable and collectability of the fee is reasonably assured. Rental revenue reductions related to co-tenancy lease provisions, if any, are accrued when events have occurred that trigger such provisions.

Cost recovery income is determined on a calendar year and a lease-by-lease basis. The most common types of cost recovery income in our leases are common area maintenance (“CAM”) and real estate taxes, for which the customer pays its pro-rata share of operating and administrative expenses and real estate taxes in excess of the costs incurred during a contractually specified base year. The computation of cost recovery income is complex and involves numerous judgments, including the interpretation of terms and other customer lease provisions. Leases are not uniform in dealing with such cost recovery income and there are many variations in the computation. Many customers make monthly fixed payments of CAM, real estate taxes and other cost reimbursement items. We accrue cost recovery income related to these payments each month. We make quarterly accrual adjustments, positive or negative, to cost recovery income to adjust the recorded amounts to our best estimate of the final annual amounts to be billed and collected. After the end of the calendar year, we compute each customer's final cost recovery income and, after considering amounts paid by the customer during the year, issue a bill or credit for the appropriate amount to the customer. The differences between the amounts billed less previously received payments and the accrual adjustment are recorded as increases or decreases to cost recovery income when the final bills are prepared, which occurs during the first half of the subsequent year.

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Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

Accounts receivable, accrued straight-line rents receivable and mortgages and notes receivable are reduced by an allowance for amounts that may become uncollectible in the future. We regularly evaluate the adequacy of our allowance for doubtful accounts. The evaluation primarily consists of reviewing past due account balances and considering such factors as the credit quality of our customer, historical trends of the customer and changes in customer payment terms. Additionally, with respect to customers in bankruptcy, we estimate the probable recovery through bankruptcy claims and adjust the allowance for amounts deemed uncollectible. If our assumptions regarding the collectability of receivables prove incorrect, we could experience losses in excess of our allowance for doubtful accounts. The allowance and its related receivable are written-off when we have concluded there is a low probability of collection and we have discontinued collection efforts.

Non-GAAP Measures - FFO and NOI

The Company believes that FFO, FFO available for common stockholders and FFO available for common stockholders per share are beneficial to management and investors and are important indicators of the performance of any equity REIT. Because these FFO calculations exclude such factors as depreciation, amortization and impairments of real estate assets and gains or losses from sales of operating real estate assets, which can vary among owners of identical assets in similar conditions based on historical cost accounting and useful life estimates, they facilitate comparisons of operating performance between periods and between other REITs. Management believes that historical cost accounting for real estate assets in accordance with GAAP implicitly assumes that the value of real estate assets diminishes predictably over time. Since real estate values have historically risen or fallen with market conditions, many industry investors and analysts have considered the presentation of operating results for real estate companies that use historical cost accounting to be insufficient on a stand-alone basis. As a result, management believes that the use of FFO, FFO available for common stockholders and FFO available for common stockholders per share, together with the required GAAP presentations, provides a more complete understanding of the Company's performance relative to its competitors and a more informed and appropriate basis on which to make decisions involving operating, financing and investing activities.

FFO, FFO available for common stockholders and FFO available for common stockholders per share are non-GAAP financial measures and therefore do not represent net income or net income per share as defined by GAAP. Net income and net income per share as defined by GAAP are the most relevant measures in determining the Company's operating performance because these FFO measures include adjustments that investors may deem subjective, such as adding back expenses such as depreciation, amortization and impairments. Furthermore, FFO available for common stockholders per share does not depict the amount that accrues directly to the stockholders' benefit. Accordingly, FFO, FFO available for common stockholders and FFO available for common stockholders per share should never be considered as alternatives to net income, net income available for common stockholders, or net income available for common stockholders per share as indicators of the Company's operating performance.

The Company's presentation of FFO is consistent with FFO as defined by the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts ("NAREIT"), which is calculated as follows:

Net income/(loss) computed in accordance with GAAP;

Less net income attributable to noncontrolling interests in consolidated affiliates;

Plus depreciation and amortization of depreciable operating properties;

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Less gains, or plus losses, from sales of depreciable operating properties and acquisition of controlling interest in unconsolidated affiliate, plus impairments on depreciable operating properties and excluding items that are classified as extraordinary items under GAAP;

Plus or minus our proportionate share of adjustments, including depreciation and amortization of depreciable operating properties, for unconsolidated partnerships and joint ventures (to reflect funds from operations on the same basis); and

Plus or minus adjustments for depreciation and amortization and gains/(losses) on sales of depreciable operating properties, plus impairments on depreciable operating properties, and noncontrolling interests in consolidated affiliates related to discontinued operations.

In calculating FFO, the Company includes net income attributable to noncontrolling interests in the Operating Partnership, which the Company believes is consistent with standard industry practice for REITs that operate through an UPREIT structure. The Company believes that it is important to present FFO on an as-converted basis since all of the Common Units not owned by the Company are redeemable on a one-for-one basis for shares of its Common Stock.

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The following table sets forth the Company's FFO, FFO available for common stockholders and FFO available for common stockholders per share (\$ in thousands, except per share amounts).

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2013	2012	2011
Funds from operations:			
Net income	\$ 131,097	\$ 84,235	\$ 47,971
Net (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests in consolidated affiliates	(949)	(786)	(755)
Depreciation and amortization of real estate assets	174,683	144,275	125,534
(Gain) on acquisition of controlling interest in unconsolidated affiliate	(7,451)	—	—
Unconsolidated affiliates:			
Depreciation and amortization of real estate assets	6,796	7,736	8,388
Impairments of depreciable properties	4,507	1,002	—
(Gains) on disposition of depreciable properties	(431)	(1,120)	—
Discontinued operations:			
Depreciation and amortization of real estate assets	5,753	11,970	15,647
Impairments of depreciable properties	2,194	—	2,429
(Gains) on disposition of depreciable properties	(63,792)	(29,455)	(2,573)
Funds from operations	252,407	217,857	196,641
Dividends on Preferred Stock	(2,508)	(2,508)	(4,553)
Excess of Preferred Stock redemption/repurchase cost over carrying value	—	—	(1,895)
Funds from operations available for common stockholders	\$ 249,899	\$ 215,349	\$ 190,193
Funds from operations available for common stockholders per share	\$ 2.81	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.50
Weighted average shares outstanding (1)	88,836	79,678	76,189

(1) Includes assumed conversion of all potentially dilutive Common Stock equivalents.

In addition, the Company believes net operating income from continuing operations (“NOI”) and same property NOI are useful supplemental measures of the Company’s property operating performance because such metrics provide a performance measure of the revenues and expenses directly involved in owning real estate assets and provides a perspective not immediately apparent from net income or FFO. The Company defines NOI as rental and other revenues from continuing operations, less rental property and other expenses from continuing operations. The Company defines cash NOI as NOI less straight-line rent and lease termination fees. Other REITs may use different methodologies to calculate NOI and same property NOI.

As of December 31, 2013, our same property portfolio consisted of 247 in-service office, industrial and retail properties encompassing 24.1 million rentable square feet that were wholly owned during the entirety of the periods presented (from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2013). As of December 31, 2012, our same property portfolio consisted of 284 in-service office, industrial and retail properties encompassing 25.8 million rentable square feet that were wholly owned during the entirety of the periods presented (from January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2012). The change in our same property portfolio was due to the addition of eight office properties encompassing 2.1 million rentable square feet acquired during 2011 and two newly developed office properties encompassing 0.2 million rentable square feet placed in service during 2011, offset by the removal of 18 office properties and 29 industrial properties encompassing 4.0 million rentable square feet classified as discontinued operations during 2013.

Rental and other revenues related to properties not in our same property portfolio were \$95.7 million and \$23.8 million for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively. Rental property and other expenses related to properties not in our same property portfolio were \$38.5 million and \$11.9 million for the years ended December 31,

2013 and 2012, respectively.

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The following table sets forth the Company's NOI and same property NOI:

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2013	2012
Income from continuing operations before disposition of investment properties and activity in unconsolidated affiliates	\$53,011	\$34,834
Other income	(6,398)	(6,380)
Interest expense	92,703	96,114
General and administrative expenses	37,193	37,377
Depreciation and amortization	176,957	146,357
Net operating income from continuing operations	353,466	308,302
Less – non same property and other net operating income	(57,205)	(11,877)
Total same property net operating income from continuing operations	\$296,261	\$296,425
Rental and other revenues	\$556,810	\$485,046
Rental property and other expenses	203,344	176,744
Total net operating income from continuing operations	353,466	308,302
Less – non same property and other net operating income	(57,205)	(11,877)
Total same property net operating income from continuing operations	\$296,261	\$296,425
Total same property net operating income from continuing operations	\$296,261	\$296,425
Less – straight-line rent and lease termination fees	(9,474)	(14,483)
Same property cash net operating income from continuing operations	\$286,787	\$281,942

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ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

The effects of potential changes in interest rates are discussed below. Our market risk discussion includes “forward-looking statements” and represents an estimate of possible changes in fair value or future earnings that would occur assuming hypothetical future movements in interest rates. Actual future results may differ materially from those presented. See “Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Liquidity and Capital Resources” and the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for a description of our accounting policies and other information related to these financial instruments.

We borrow funds at a combination of fixed and variable rates. Borrowings under our revolving credit facility and bank term loans bear interest at variable rates. Our long-term debt, which consists of secured and unsecured long-term financings, typically bears interest at fixed rates. Our interest rate risk management objectives are to limit generally the impact of interest rate changes on earnings and cash flows and lower our overall borrowing costs. To achieve these objectives, from time to time we enter into interest rate hedge contracts such as collars, swaps, caps and treasury lock agreements in order to mitigate our interest rate risk with respect to various debt instruments. We generally do not hold or issue these derivative contracts for trading or speculative purposes.

At December 31, 2013, we had \$1,315.6 million principal amount of fixed rate debt outstanding (not including debt with a variable rate that is effectively fixed by related interest rate swaps). The estimated aggregate fair market value of this debt was \$1,390.6 million. If interest rates had been 100 basis points higher, the aggregate fair market value of our fixed rate debt would have been \$48.7 million lower. If interest rates had been 100 basis points lower, the aggregate fair market value of our fixed rate debt would have been \$51.6 million higher.

At December 31, 2013, we had \$415.7 million of variable rate debt outstanding not protected by interest rate hedge contracts. If the weighted average interest rate on this variable rate debt had been 100 basis points higher, the annual interest expense would increase \$4.2 million. If the weighted average interest rate on this variable rate debt had been 100 basis points lower, the annual interest expense would decrease \$4.2 million.

At December 31, 2013, we had \$225.0 million of variable rate LIBOR-based debt outstanding with \$225.0 million of related floating-to-fixed interest rate swaps. These swaps effectively fix the underlying LIBOR rate of the debt at 1.678%. If LIBOR interest rates increase or decrease by 100 basis points, the aggregate fair market value of the swaps at December 31, 2013 would increase by \$10.5 million or decrease by \$10.6 million, respectively. We are exposed to certain losses in the event of nonperformance by the counterparties, which are major financial institutions, under the swaps. We regularly evaluate the financial condition of our counterparties using publicly available information. Based on this review, we currently expect the counterparties to perform fully under the swaps. However, if a counterparty defaults on its obligations under a swap, we could be required to pay the full rates on the applicable debt, even if such rates were in excess of the rate in the contract.

ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

See page 56 for Index to Consolidated Financial Statements of Highwoods Properties, Inc. and Highwoods Realty Limited Partnership.

ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

None.

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ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

General

The purpose of this section is to discuss our controls and procedures. The statements in this section represent the conclusions of Edward J. Fritsch, the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer ("CEO"), and Terry L. Stevens, the Company's Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer ("CFO").

The CEO and CFO evaluations of our controls and procedures include a review of the controls' objectives and design, the controls' implementation by us and the effect of the controls on the information generated for use in this Annual Report. We seek to identify data errors, control problems or acts of fraud and confirm that appropriate corrective action, including process improvements, is undertaken. Our controls and procedures are also evaluated on an ongoing basis by or through the following:

- activities undertaken and reports issued by employees responsible for testing our internal control over financial reporting;

- quarterly sub-certifications by representatives from appropriate business and accounting functions to support the CEO's and CFO's evaluations of our controls and procedures;

- other personnel in our finance and accounting organization;

- members of our internal disclosure committee; and

- members of the audit committee of the Company's Board of Directors.

We do not expect that our controls and procedures will prevent all errors and all fraud. A control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. Further, the design of controls and procedures must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, have been detected. These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments in decision-making can be faulty and that breakdowns can occur because of a simple error or mistake. Additionally, controls can be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons, by collusion of two or more people, or by management override of the control. The design of any system of controls also is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions.

Management's Annual Report on the Company's Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

The Company's management is required to establish and maintain internal control over financial reporting designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with GAAP. Internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that:

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

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provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP, and that receipts and expenditures are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors; and

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

Under the supervision of the Company's CEO and CFO, we conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting at December 31, 2013 based on the criteria established in Internal Control - Integrated Framework (1992) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

We have concluded that, at December 31, 2013, the Company's internal control over financial reporting was effective. Deloitte & Touche LLP, our independent registered public accounting firm, has issued their attestation report, which is included below, on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting at December 31, 2013.

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Management's Annual Report on the Operating Partnership's Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

The Operating Partnership is also required to establish and maintain internal control over financial reporting designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with GAAP.

Under the supervision of the Company's CEO and CFO, we conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Operating Partnership's internal control over financial reporting at December 31, 2013 based on the criteria established in Internal Control - Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

We have concluded that, at December 31, 2013, the Operating Partnership's internal control over financial reporting was effective. SEC rules do not require us to obtain an attestation report of Deloitte & Touche LLP on the effectiveness of the Operating Partnership's internal control over financial reporting.

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of
Highwoods Properties, Inc.
Raleigh, North Carolina

We have audited the internal control over financial reporting of Highwoods Properties, Inc. and subsidiaries (the "Company") as of December 31, 2013, based on criteria established in Internal Control - Integrated Framework (1992) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. The Company's management is responsible 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 the Company's Internal Control Over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed by, or under the supervision of, the company's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, 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 generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) 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 (3) 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 the inherent limitations of internal control over financial reporting, including the possibility of collusion or improper management override of controls, material misstatements due to error or fraud may not be prevented or detected on a timely basis. Also, projections of any evaluation of the effectiveness of the internal control over financial reporting to future periods are subject to the risk that the 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 Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2013, based on the criteria established in Internal Control - Integrated Framework (1992) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedules as of and for the year ended December 31, 2013 of the Company and our report dated February 10, 2014 expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements and financial statement schedules.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

Raleigh, North Carolina
February 10, 2014

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Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the fourth quarter of 2013 that materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting. There were also no changes in the Operating Partnership's internal control over financial reporting during the fourth quarter of 2013 that materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Operating Partnership's internal control over financial reporting.

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

SEC rules also require us to maintain disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in our annual and periodic reports filed with the SEC is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms. As defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Exchange Act, disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us is accumulated and communicated to our management, including the Company's CEO and CFO, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. The Company's CEO and CFO concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective at the end of the period covered by this Annual Report. The Company's CEO and CFO also concluded that the Operating Partnership's disclosure controls and procedures were effective at the end of the period covered by this Annual Report.

ITEM 9B. OTHER INFORMATION

None.

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PART III

ITEM 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Information about the Company's executive officers and directors and the code of ethics that applies to the Company's chief executive officer and senior financial officers, which is posted on our website, is incorporated herein by reference to the Company's Proxy Statement to be filed in connection with its annual meeting of stockholders to be held on May 13, 2014. See Item X in Part I of this Annual Report for biographical information regarding the Company's executive officers. The Company is the sole general partner of the Operating Partnership.

ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Information about the compensation of the Company's directors and executive officers is incorporated herein by reference to the Company's Proxy Statement to be filed in connection with its annual meeting of stockholders to be held on May 13, 2014.

ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS

Information about the beneficial ownership of Common Stock and the Company's equity compensation plans is incorporated herein by reference to the Company's Proxy Statement to be filed in connection with its annual meeting of stockholders to be held on May 13, 2014.

ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE

Information about certain relationships and related transactions and the independence of the Company's directors is incorporated herein by reference to the Company's Proxy Statement to be filed in connection with its annual meeting of stockholders to be held on May 13, 2014.

ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES

Information about fees paid to and services provided by our independent registered public accounting firm is incorporated herein by reference to the Company's Proxy Statement to be filed in connection with its annual meeting of stockholders to be held on May 13, 2014.

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ITEM 15. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES

Reference is made to the Index to Consolidated Financial Statements on page 56 for a list of the Consolidated Financial Statements of Highwoods Properties, Inc. and Highwoods Realty Limited Partnership included in this report.

Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description
3.1	Amended and Restated Charter of the Company (filed as part of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 15, 2008)
3.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company (filed as part of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 15, 2008)
4.1	Indenture among the Operating Partnership, the Company and U.S. Bank National Association (as successor in interest to Wachovia Bank, N.A.) dated as of December 1, 1996 (filed as part of the Operating Partnership's Current Report on Form 8-K dated December 2, 1996)
4.2	Form of 7.5% Notes due April 15, 2018 (filed as part of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated April 24, 1998)
4.3	Form of 5.85% Notes due March 15, 2017 (filed as part of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated March 22, 2007)
4.4	Officers' Certificate Establishing the Terms of the 5.85% Notes, dated March 22, 2007 (filed as part of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated March 22, 2007)
4.5	Form of 3.625% Notes due January 15, 2023 (filed as part of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated December 18, 2012)
4.6	Officers' Certificate Establishing the Terms of the 3.625% Notes, dated as of December 18, 2012 (filed as part of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated December 18, 2012)
10.1	Second Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership, dated as of January 1, 2000, of the Operating Partnership (filed as part of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004)
10.2	Amendment No. 1, dated as of July 22, 2004, to the Second Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership, dated as of January 1, 2000, of the Operating Partnership (filed as part of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004)
10.3	* 2009 Long-Term Equity Incentive Plan (filed as part of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 13, 2009)
10.4	Form of warrants to purchase Common Stock of the Company (filed as part of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1997)
10.5	* Highwoods Properties, Inc. Retirement Plan, effective as of March 1, 2006 (filed as part of the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2007)
10.6	* Amended and Restated Executive Supplemental Employment Agreement, dated as of February 12, 2013, between the Company and Edward J. Fritsch (filed as part of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012)
10.7	* Amended and Restated Executive Supplemental Employment Agreement, dated as of February 12, 2013, between the Company and Michael E. Harris (filed as part of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012)
10.8	* Amended and Restated Executive Supplemental Employment Agreement, dated as of February 12, 2013, between the Company and Terry L. Stevens (filed as part of the Company's Annual

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Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012)

- 10.9 * Amended and Restated Executive Supplemental Employment Agreement, dated as of February 12, 2013, between the Company and Jeffrey D. Miller (filed as part of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012)
- 10.10 * Highwoods Properties, Inc. Amended and Restated Employee Stock Purchase Plan (filed as part of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 12, 2010)

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Exhibit Number	Description
10.11	* Amendment No. 1 to the Amended and Restated Employee Stock Purchase Plan of the Company (filed as part of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010)
10.12	Fourth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of November 12, 2013, by and among the Company, the Operating Partnership, Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent, Swing Line Lender and L/C Issuer, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Syndication Agent, and the Other Lenders named therein (filed as part of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 12, 2013)
10.13	Amended and Restated Five-Year Term Loan Agreement, dated as of November 12, 2013, by and among the Company, the Operating Partnership, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Administrative Agent, and the Other Lenders named therein (filed as part of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 12, 2013)
10.14	Amended and Restated Seven-Year Term Loan Agreement, dated as of November 12, 2013, by and among the Company, the Operating Partnership, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Administrative Agent, and the Other Lenders named therein (filed as part of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 12, 2013)
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31.4	Certification of CFO Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act for the Operating Partnership
32.1	Certification of CEO Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act for the Company
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101.INS	XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
101.LAB	XBRL Extension Labels Linkbase
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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of
Highwoods Properties, Inc.
Raleigh, North Carolina

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Highwoods Properties, Inc. and subsidiaries (the "Company") as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the related consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2013. Our audits also included the financial statement schedules listed in the Index at Item 15. These financial statements and financial statement schedules are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements and financial statement schedules 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 audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Highwoods Properties, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2013, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also, in our opinion, such 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.

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2013, based on the criteria established in Internal Control-Integrated Framework (1992) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission and our report dated February 10, 2014 expressed an unqualified opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

Raleigh, North Carolina
February 10, 2014

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HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.

Consolidated Balance Sheets

(in thousands, except share and per share data)

	December 31,	
	2013	2012
Assets:		
Real estate assets, at cost:		
Land	\$ 393,602	\$ 332,337
Buildings and tenant improvements	3,748,869	3,099,943
Development in process	44,621	21,198
Land held for development	110,374	115,416
	4,297,466	3,568,894
Less-accumulated depreciation	(985,244)	(876,446)
Net real estate assets	3,312,222	2,692,448
Real estate and other assets, net, held for sale	—	191,327
Cash and cash equivalents	10,184	13,783
Restricted cash	14,169	19,702
Accounts receivable, net of allowance of \$1,648 and \$2,848, respectively	26,430	23,073
Mortgages and notes receivable, net of allowance of \$302 and \$182, respectively	26,409	25,472
Accrued straight-line rents receivable, net of allowance of \$1,063 and \$813, respectively	126,014	109,401
Investments in and advances to unconsolidated affiliates	29,901	66,800
Deferred financing and leasing costs, net of accumulated amortization of \$92,220 and \$75,008, respectively	222,211	163,964
Prepaid expenses and other assets, net of accumulated amortization of \$12,905 and \$12,318, respectively	39,561	44,458
Total Assets	\$ 3,807,101	\$ 3,350,428
Liabilities, Noncontrolling Interests in the Operating Partnership and Equity:		
Mortgages and notes payable	\$ 1,956,299	\$ 1,859,162
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	218,962	172,146
Financing obligations	26,664	29,358
Total Liabilities	2,201,925	2,060,666
Commitments and contingencies		
Noncontrolling interests in the Operating Partnership	106,480	124,869
Equity:		
Preferred Stock, \$.01 par value, 50,000,000 authorized shares; 8.625% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Shares (liquidation preference \$1,000 per share), 29,077 shares issued and outstanding	29,077	29,077
Common Stock, \$.01 par value, 200,000,000 authorized shares; 89,920,915 and 80,311,437 shares issued and outstanding, respectively	899	803
Additional paid-in capital	2,370,368	2,040,306
Distributions in excess of net income available for common stockholders	(920,433)	(897,418)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(2,611)	(12,628)
Total Stockholders' Equity	1,477,300	1,160,140
Noncontrolling interests in consolidated affiliates	21,396	4,753
Total Equity	1,498,696	1,164,893
Total Liabilities, Noncontrolling Interests in the Operating Partnership and Equity	\$ 3,807,101	\$ 3,350,428
See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.		

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HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.

Consolidated Statements of Income

(in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2013	2012	2011
Rental and other revenues	\$556,810	\$485,046	\$431,956
Operating expenses:			
Rental property and other expenses	203,344	176,744	157,306
Depreciation and amortization	176,957	146,357	127,499
General and administrative	37,193	37,377	35,727
Total operating expenses	417,494	360,478	320,532
Interest expense:			
Contractual	88,838	92,838	91,458
Amortization of deferred financing costs	3,802	3,685	3,312
Financing obligations	63	(409)	) 740
	92,703	96,114	95,510
Other income:			
Interest and other income	6,597	7,353	7,387
Losses on debt extinguishment	(199)	) (973)	) (24)
	6,398	6,380	7,363
Income from continuing operations before disposition of investment properties and activity in unconsolidated affiliates	53,011	34,834	23,277
Gains/(losses) on disposition of property	(3)	) —	764
Gains/(losses) on for-sale residential condominiums	—	444	(316)
Gains on disposition of investments in unconsolidated affiliates	—	—	2,282
Gain on acquisition of controlling interest in unconsolidated affiliate	7,451	—	—
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates	2,264	5,035	4,878
Income from continuing operations	62,723	40,313	30,885
Discontinued operations:			
Income from discontinued operations	6,776	14,467	16,942
Impairments of real estate assets	(2,194)	) —	(2,429)
Net gains on disposition of discontinued operations	63,792	29,455	2,573
	68,374	43,922	17,086
Net income	131,097	84,235	47,971
Net (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests in the Operating Partnership	(4,691)	) (3,854)	) (2,091)
Net (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests in consolidated affiliates	(949)	) (786)	) (755)
Dividends on Preferred Stock	(2,508)	) (2,508)	) (4,553)
Excess of Preferred Stock redemption/repurchase cost over carrying value	—	—	(1,895)
Net income available for common stockholders	\$122,949	\$77,087	\$38,677
Earnings per Common Share – basic:			
Income from continuing operations available for common stockholders	\$0.67	\$0.47	\$0.31
Income from discontinued operations available for common stockholders	0.77	0.55	0.23
Net income available for common stockholders	\$1.44	\$1.02	\$0.54
Weighted average Common Shares outstanding – basic	85,335	75,811	72,281
Earnings per Common Share – diluted:			
Income from continuing operations available for common stockholders	\$0.67	\$0.47	\$0.31

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Income from discontinued operations available for common stockholders	0.77	0.55	0.23
Net income available for common stockholders	\$1.44	\$1.02	\$0.54
Weighted average Common Shares outstanding – diluted	88,836	79,678	76,189
Net income available for common stockholders:			
Income from continuing operations available for common stockholders	\$57,081	\$35,252	\$22,443
Income from discontinued operations available for common stockholders	65,868	41,835	16,234
Net income available for common stockholders	\$122,949	\$77,087	\$38,677
See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.			

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HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.

Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income

(in thousands)

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2013	2012	2011
Comprehensive income:			
Net income	\$ 131,097	\$ 84,235	\$ 47,971
Other comprehensive income/(loss):			
Unrealized gains on tax increment financing bond	869	411	234
Unrealized gains/(losses) on cash flow hedges	5,778	(10,358)	(2,202)
Amortization of cash flow hedges	3,370	3,053	(118)
Total other comprehensive income/(loss)	10,017	(6,894)	(2,086)
Total comprehensive income	141,114	77,341	45,885
Less-comprehensive (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests	(5,640)	(4,640)	(2,846)
Comprehensive income attributable to common stockholders	\$ 135,474	\$ 72,701	\$ 43,039
See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.			

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HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.

Consolidated Statements of Equity
(in thousands, except share amounts)

	Number of Common Shares	Common Stock	Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Shares	Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Shares	Additional Paid-In Capital	Accumulated Other Compre- hensive Loss	Non-controlling Interests in Consolidated Affiliates	Distributions in Excess of Net Income Available for Common Stockholders	Total
Balance at December 31, 2010	71,690,487	\$717	\$29,092	\$52,500	\$1,766,886	\$(3,648)	\$4,460	\$(761,785)	\$1,088,222
Issuances of Common Stock, net of tax withholdings	758,389	8	—	—	23,262	—	—	—	23,270
Conversions of Common Units to Common Stock	64,469	—	—	—	1,906	—	—	—	1,906
Dividends on Common Stock	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(122,745)	(122,745)
Dividends on Preferred Stock	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(4,553)	(4,553)
Adjustment of noncontrolling interests in the Operating Partnership to fair value	—	—	—	—	3,955	—	—	—	3,955
Distributions to noncontrolling interests in consolidated affiliates	—	—	—	—	—	—	(569)	—	(569)
Issuances of restricted stock	134,352	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Redemptions/repurchases of Preferred Stock	—	—	(15)	(52,500)	1,895	—	—	(1,895)	(52,515)
Share-based compensation expense, net of forfeitures	—	1	—	—	6,093	—	—	—	6,094
Net (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests in the Operating Partnership	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(2,091)	(2,091)
Net (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests in consolidated affiliates	—	—	—	—	—	—	755	(755)	—
Comprehensive income:									
Net income	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	47,971	47,971
	—	—	—	—	—	(2,086)	—	—	(2,086)

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Other comprehensive loss									
Total comprehensive income									45,885
Balance at December 31, 2011	72,647,697	726	29,077	—	1,803,997	(5,734)	4,646	(845,853)	986,859
Issuances of Common Stock, net of tax withholdings	7,441,489	74	—	—	243,094	—	—	—	243,168
Conversions of Common Units to Common Stock	63,366	—	—	—	2,096	—	—	—	2,096
Dividends on Common Stock	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(128,652)	(128,652)
Dividends on Preferred Stock	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(2,508)	(2,508)
Adjustment of noncontrolling interests in the Operating Partnership to fair value	—	—	—	—	(16,491)	—	—	—	(16,491)
Distributions to noncontrolling interests in consolidated affiliates	—	—	—	—	—	—	(679)	—	(679)
Issuances of restricted stock	158,885	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Share-based compensation expense, net of forfeitures	—	3	—	—	7,610	—	—	—	7,613
Net (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests in the Operating Partnership	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(3,854)	(3,854)
Net (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests in consolidated affiliates	—	—	—	—	—	—	786	(786)	—
Comprehensive income:									
Net income	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	84,235	84,235
Other comprehensive loss	—	—	—	—	—	(6,894)	—	—	(6,894)
Total comprehensive income									77,341
Balance at December 31, 2012	80,311,437	\$803	\$29,077	\$—	\$2,040,306	\$(12,628)	\$4,753	\$(897,418)	\$1,164,893

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Consolidated Statements of Equity - Continued

(in thousands, except share amounts)

	Number of Common Shares	Common Stock	Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Shares	Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Shares	Additional Paid-In Capital	Accumulated Other Compre-hens Loss	Non-control Interests in Consolidated Affiliates	Distributions in Excess of Net Income Available for Common Stockholders	Total
Balance at December 31, 2012	80,311,437	\$ 803	\$ 29,077	\$ —	\$ 2,040,306	\$ (12,628)	\$ 4,753	\$ (897,418)	\$ 1,164,893
Issuances of Common Stock, net of tax withholdings	8,670,517	87	—	—	305,759	—	—	—	305,846
Conversions of Common Units to Common Stock	789,144	—	—	—	28,788	—	—	—	28,788
Dividends on Common Stock	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(145,964)	(145,964)
Dividends on Preferred Stock	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(2,508)	(2,508)
Adjustment of noncontrolling interests in the Operating Partnership to fair value	—	—	—	—	(11,375)	—	—	—	(11,375)
Distributions to noncontrolling interests in consolidated affiliates	—	—	—	—	—	—	(546)	—	(546)
Contributions from noncontrolling interests in consolidated affiliates	—	—	—	—	—	—	16,240	—	16,240
Issuances of restricted stock	151,630	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Share-based compensation expense, net of forfeitures	(1,813)	9	—	—	6,890	—	—	—	6,899

Net (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests in the Operating Partnership	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(4,691)	(4,691)
Net (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests in consolidated affiliates	—	—	—	—	—	—	949	(949)	—
Comprehensive income:									
Net income	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	131,097	131,097
Other comprehensive income	—	—	—	—	—	10,017	—	—	10,017
Total comprehensive income									141,114
Balance at December 31, 2013	89,920,915	\$ 899	\$ 29,077	\$ —	\$ 2,370,368	\$ (2,611)	\$ 21,396	\$ (920,433)	\$ 1,498,696

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(in thousands)

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2013	2012	2011
Operating activities:			
Net income	\$ 131,097	\$ 84,235	\$ 47,971
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	182,710	158,327	143,146
Amortization of lease incentives and acquisition-related intangible assets and liabilities	345	355	1,446
Share-based compensation expense	6,899	7,613	6,094
Allowance for losses on accounts and accrued straight-line rents receivable	1,516	1,059	2,521
Accrued interest on mortgages and notes receivable	(485) —	—
Amortization of deferred financing costs	3,802	3,685	3,312
Amortization of cash flow hedges	3,370	3,053	(118
Amortization of mortgages and notes payable fair value adjustments	(1,825) —	—
Impairments of real estate assets	2,194	—	2,429
Losses on debt extinguishment	199	973	24
Net gains on disposition of property	(63,789	) (29,455	) (3,337
(Gains)/losses on for-sale residential condominiums	—	(444	) 316
Gains on disposition of investments in unconsolidated affiliates	—	—	(2,282
Gain on acquisition of controlling interest in unconsolidated affiliate	(7,451) —	—
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates	(2,264	) (5,035	) (4,878
Changes in financing obligations	(753	) (1,282	) (476
Distributions of earnings from unconsolidated affiliates	3,985	4,618	5,029
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Accounts receivable	(920	) 3,132	(8,498
Prepaid expenses and other assets	684	(1,129	) (400
Accrued straight-line rents receivable	(18,253	) (17,919	) (13,604
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	15,376	(18,370	) 16,701
Net cash provided by operating activities	256,437	193,416	195,396
Investing activities:			
Investments in acquired real estate and related intangible assets, net of cash acquired	(418,796	) (269,847	) (75,510
Investment in acquired controlling interest in unconsolidated affiliate	(32,818) —	—
Investments in development in process	(34,474	) (13,288	) (5,835
Investments in tenant improvements and deferred leasing costs	(103,243	) (79,639	) (80,934
Investments in building improvements	(53,189	) (35,799	) (22,287
Net proceeds from disposition of real estate assets	254,022	152,456	17,717
Net proceeds from disposition of for-sale residential condominiums	—	5,195	3,020
Proceeds from disposition of investments in unconsolidated affiliates	—	—	4,756
Distributions of capital from unconsolidated affiliates	27,486	1,311	1,577
Investments in mortgages and notes receivable	(902	) (8,648) —
Repayments of mortgages and notes receivable	405	1,776	444
Investments in and advances/repayments to/from unconsolidated affiliates	(429	) 8,291	(39,901
Changes in restricted cash and other investing activities	5,335	(620) (18,526
Net cash (used in) investing activities	\$ (356,603) \$ (238,812) \$ (215,479

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HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows – Continued

(in thousands)

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2013	2012	2011
Financing activities:			
Dividends on Common Stock	\$(145,964)	\$(128,652)	\$(122,745)
Redemptions/repurchases of Preferred Stock	—	—	(52,515)
Dividends on Preferred Stock	(2,508)	(2,508)	(4,553)
Distributions to noncontrolling interests in the Operating Partnership	(5,667)	(6,334)	(6,413)
Distributions to noncontrolling interests in consolidated affiliates	(546)	(679)	(569)
Proceeds from the issuance of Common Stock	316,081	249,489	23,270
Costs paid for the issuance of Common Stock	(7,678)	(3,600)	—
Repurchase of shares related to tax withholdings	(2,557)	(2,721)	—
Borrowings on revolving credit facility	837,000	524,100	525,800
Repayments of revolving credit facility	(644,300)	(863,100)	(193,800)
Borrowings on mortgages and notes payable	—	507,350	200,000
Repayments of mortgages and notes payable	(259,202)	(219,530)	(344,203)
Borrowings on financing obligations	—	1,839	—
Payments on financing obligations	(1,941)	(1,316)	(1,194)
Payments on debt extinguishment	—	(908)	—
Contributions from noncontrolling interests in consolidated affiliates	16,240	—	—
Additions to deferred financing costs and other financing activities	(2,391)	(5,439)	(6,013)
Net cash provided by financing activities	96,567	47,991	17,065
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(3,599)	2,595	(3,018)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	13,783	11,188	14,206
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	\$10,184	\$13,783	\$11,188

Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2013	2012	2011
Cash paid for interest, net of amounts capitalized	\$85,919	\$93,547	\$90,838

Supplemental disclosure of non-cash investing and financing activities:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2013	2012	2011
Unrealized gains/(losses) on cash flow hedges	\$5,778	\$(10,358)	\$(2,202)
Conversions of Common Units to Common Stock	28,788	2,096	1,906
Changes in accrued capital expenditures	18,384	8,116	11,048
Write-off of fully depreciated real estate assets	31,008	48,978	48,565
Write-off of fully amortized deferred financing and leasing costs	27,347	19,176	19,987
Unrealized gains/(losses) on marketable securities of non-qualified deferred compensation plan	803	475	(119)
Adjustment of noncontrolling interests in the Operating Partnership to fair value	11,375	16,491	(3,955)

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Unrealized gains on tax increment financing bond	869	411	234
Assumption of mortgages and notes payable related to acquisition activities	165,515	7,837	192,367
Reduction of advances to unconsolidated affiliates related to acquisition activities	—	26,000	—
Issuances of Common Units to acquire real estate assets	—	2,299	—
Reclass of aggregate differences between historical cost basis and the basis reflected at the joint venture level for assets acquired	8,206	—	—
Option deposit applied upon acquisition of real estate assets	5,000	—	—
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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors of the General Partner of
Highwoods Realty Limited Partnership
Raleigh, North Carolina

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Highwoods Realty Limited Partnership and subsidiaries (the "Operating Partnership") as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the related consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, capital, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2013. Our audits also included the financial statement schedules listed in the Index at Item 15. These financial statements and financial statement schedules are the responsibility of the Operating Partnership's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements and financial statement schedules 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 audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Operating Partnership is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Operating Partnership's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes 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, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Highwoods Realty Limited Partnership and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2013, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also, in our opinion, such 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.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

Raleigh, North Carolina
February 10, 2014

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HIGHWOODS REALTY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

Consolidated Balance Sheets

(in thousands, except unit and per unit data)

	December 31,	
	2013	2012
Assets:		
Real estate assets, at cost:		
Land	\$ 393,602	\$ 332,337
Buildings and tenant improvements	3,748,869	3,099,943
Development in process	44,621	21,198
Land held for development	110,374	115,416
	4,297,466	3,568,894
Less-accumulated depreciation	(985,244)	(876,446)
Net real estate assets	3,312,222	2,692,448
Real estate and other assets, net, held for sale	—	191,327
Cash and cash equivalents	10,281	13,867
Restricted cash	14,169	19,702
Accounts receivable, net of allowance of \$1,648 and \$2,848, respectively	26,430	23,073
Mortgages and notes receivable, net of allowance of \$302 and \$182, respectively	26,409	25,472
Accrued straight-line rents receivable, net of allowance of \$1,063 and \$813, respectively	126,014	109,401
Investments in and advances to unconsolidated affiliates	29,901	65,813
Deferred financing and leasing costs, net of accumulated amortization of \$92,220 and \$75,008, respectively	222,211	163,964
Prepaid expenses and other assets, net of accumulated amortization of \$12,905 and \$12,318, respectively	39,561	44,458
Total Assets	\$ 3,807,198	\$ 3,349,525
Liabilities, Redeemable Operating Partnership Units and Equity:		
Mortgages and notes payable	\$ 1,956,299	\$ 1,859,162
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	218,887	172,026
Financing obligations	26,664	29,358
Total Liabilities	2,201,850	2,060,546
Commitments and contingencies		
Redeemable Operating Partnership Units:		
Common Units, 2,943,872 and 3,733,016 outstanding, respectively	106,480	124,869
Series A Preferred Units (liquidation preference \$1,000 per unit), 29,077 units issued and outstanding	29,077	29,077
Total Redeemable Operating Partnership Units	135,557	153,946
Equity:		
Common Units:		
General partner Common Units, 924,560 and 836,356 outstanding, respectively	14,508	11,427
Limited partner Common Units, 88,587,546 and 79,066,272 outstanding, respectively	1,436,498	1,131,481
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(2,611)	(12,628)
Noncontrolling interests in consolidated affiliates	21,396	4,753
Total Equity	1,469,791	1,135,033
Total Liabilities, Redeemable Operating Partnership Units and Equity	\$ 3,807,198	\$ 3,349,525
See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.		

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HIGHWOODS REALTY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

Consolidated Statements of Income

(in thousands, except per unit amounts)

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2013	2012	2011
Rental and other revenues	\$556,810	\$485,046	\$431,956
Operating expenses:			
Rental property and other expenses	203,303	176,495	157,280
Depreciation and amortization	176,957	146,357	127,499
General and administrative	37,234	37,626	35,753
Total operating expenses	417,494	360,478	320,532
Interest expense:			
Contractual	88,838	92,838	91,458
Amortization of deferred financing costs	3,802	3,685	3,312
Financing obligations	63	(409)	) 740
	92,703	96,114	95,510
Other income:			
Interest and other income	6,597	7,353	7,387
Losses on debt extinguishment	(199)	) (973)	) (24)
	6,398	6,380	7,363
Income from continuing operations before disposition of investment properties and activity in unconsolidated affiliates	53,011	34,834	23,277
Gains/(losses) on disposition of property	(3)	) —	764
Gains/(losses) on for-sale residential condominiums	—	444	(316)
Gains on disposition of investments in unconsolidated affiliates	—	—	2,282
Gain on acquisition of controlling interest in unconsolidated affiliate	7,451	—	—
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates	2,213	5,095	4,939
Income from continuing operations	62,672	40,373	30,946
Discontinued operations:			
Income from discontinued operations	6,776	14,467	16,942
Impairments of real estate assets	(2,194)	) —	(2,429)
Net gains on disposition of discontinued operations	63,792	29,455	2,573
	68,374	43,922	17,086
Net income	131,046	84,295	48,032
Net (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests in consolidated affiliates	(949)	) (786)	) (755)
Distributions on Preferred Units	(2,508)	) (2,508)	) (4,553)
Excess of Preferred Unit redemption/repurchase cost over carrying value	—	—	(1,895)
Net income available for common unitholders	\$127,589	\$81,001	\$40,829
Earnings per Common Unit – basic:			
Income from continuing operations available for common unitholders	\$0.67	\$0.47	\$0.31
Income from discontinued operations available for common unitholders	0.77	0.55	0.23
Net income available for common unitholders	\$1.44	\$1.02	\$0.54
Weighted average Common Units outstanding – basic	88,313	79,147	75,644
Earnings per Common Unit – diluted:			
Income from continuing operations available for common unitholders	\$0.67	\$0.47	\$0.31
Income from discontinued operations available for common unitholders	0.77	0.55	0.23
Net income available for common unitholders	\$1.44	\$1.02	\$0.54

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Weighted average Common Units outstanding – diluted	88,427	79,269	75,780
Net income available for common unitholders:			
Income from continuing operations available for common unitholders	\$59,215	\$37,079	\$23,743
Income from discontinued operations available for common unitholders	68,374	43,922	17,086
Net income available for common unitholders	\$127,589	\$81,001	\$40,829
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HIGHWOODS REALTY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income

(in thousands)

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2013	2012	2011
Comprehensive income:			
Net income	\$ 131,046	\$ 84,295	\$ 48,032
Other comprehensive income/(loss):			
Unrealized gains on tax increment financing bond	869	411	234
Unrealized gains/(losses) on cash flow hedges	5,778	(10,358)	(2,202)
Amortization of cash flow hedges	3,370	3,053	(118)
Total other comprehensive income/(loss)	10,017	(6,894)	(2,086)
Total comprehensive income	141,063	77,401	45,946
Less-comprehensive (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests	(949)	(786)	(755)
Comprehensive income attributable to common unitholders	\$ 140,114	\$ 76,615	\$ 45,191

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HIGHWOODS REALTY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

Consolidated Statements of Capital

(in thousands, except unit amounts)

	Common Units		Accumulated	Noncontrolling	Total
	General	Limited	Other	Interests in	Partners'
	Partners'	Partners'	Comprehensive	Consolidated	Capital
	Capital	Capital	Loss	Affiliates	
Balance at December 31, 2010	\$10,044	\$994,610	\$ (3,648)	\$ 4,460	\$1,005,466
Issuances of Common Units, net of tax withholdings	233	23,037	—	—	23,270
Distributions paid on Common Units	(1,285)	(127,178)	—	—	(128,463)
Distributions paid on Preferred Units	(46)	(4,507)	—	—	(4,553)
Share-based compensation expense, net of forfeitures	61	6,033	—	—	6,094
Distributions to noncontrolling interests in consolidated affiliates	—	—	—	(569)	(569)
Adjustment of Redeemable Common Units to fair value and contributions/distributions from/to the General Partner	96	9,387	—	—	9,483
Net (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests in consolidated affiliates	(8)	(747)	—	755	—
Comprehensive income:					
Net income	480	47,552	—	—	48,032
Other comprehensive loss	—	—	(2,086)	—	(2,086)
Total comprehensive income					45,946
Balance at December 31, 2011	9,575	948,187	(5,734)	4,646	956,674
Issuances of Common Units, net of tax withholdings	2,455	243,012	—	—	245,467
Distributions paid on Common Units	(1,343)	(132,948)	—	—	(134,291)
Distributions paid on Preferred Units	(25)	(2,483)	—	—	(2,508)
Share-based compensation expense, net of forfeitures	76	7,537	—	—	7,613
Distributions to noncontrolling interests in consolidated affiliates	—	—	—	(679)	(679)
Adjustment of Redeemable Common Units to fair value and contributions/distributions from/to the General Partner	(146)	(14,498)	—	—	(14,644)
Net (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests in consolidated affiliates	(8)	(778)	—	786	—
Comprehensive income:					
Net income	843	83,452	—	—	84,295
Other comprehensive loss	—	—	(6,894)	—	(6,894)
Total comprehensive income					77,401
Balance at December 31, 2012	11,427	1,131,481	(12,628)	4,753	1,135,033
Issuances of Common Units, net of tax withholdings	3,058	302,788	—	—	305,846
Distributions paid on Common Units	(1,509)	(149,427)	—	—	(150,936)

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Distributions paid on Preferred Units	(25)	(2,483)	—	—	(2,508)	
Share-based compensation expense, net of forfeitures	69		6,830		—	—	6,899		
Distributions to noncontrolling interests in consolidated affiliates	—		—		—	(546)	(546)
Contributions from noncontrolling interests in consolidated affiliates	—		—		—	16,240		16,240	
Adjustment of Redeemable Common Units to fair value and contributions/distributions from/to the General Partner	187		18,513		—	—		18,700	
Net (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests in consolidated affiliates	(9	)	(940	)	—	949		—
Comprehensive income:									
Net income	1,310		129,736		—	—		131,046	
Other comprehensive income	—		—		10,017	—		10,017	
Total comprehensive income								141,063	
Balance at December 31, 2013	\$14,508		\$1,436,498		\$ (2,611)	\$ 21,396	\$1,469,791	
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HIGHWOODS REALTY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(in thousands)

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2013	2012	2011
Operating activities:			
Net income	\$ 131,046	\$ 84,295	\$ 48,032
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	182,710	158,327	143,146
Amortization of lease incentives and acquisition-related intangible assets and liabilities	345	355	1,446
Share-based compensation expense	6,899	7,613	6,094
Allowance for losses on accounts and accrued straight-line rents receivable	1,516	1,059	2,521
Accrued interest on mortgages and notes receivable	(485) —	—
Amortization of deferred financing costs	3,802	3,685	3,312
Amortization of cash flow hedges	3,370	3,053	(118
Amortization of mortgages and notes payable fair value adjustments	(1,825) —	—
Impairments of real estate assets	2,194	—	2,429
Losses on debt extinguishment	199	973	24
Net gains on disposition of property	(63,789	) (29,455	) (3,337
(Gains)/losses on for-sale residential condominiums	—	(444	) 316
Gains on disposition of investments in unconsolidated affiliates	—	—	(2,282
Gain on acquisition of controlling interest in unconsolidated affiliate	(7,451) —	—
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates	(2,213	) (5,095	) (4,939
Changes in financing obligations	(753	) (1,282	) (476
Distributions of earnings from unconsolidated affiliates	3,965	4,592	5,005
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Accounts receivable	(920	) 3,132	(8,498
Prepaid expenses and other assets	684	(1,129	) (400
Accrued straight-line rents receivable	(18,253	) (17,919	) (13,604
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	15,421	(18,490	) 16,701
Net cash provided by operating activities	256,462	193,270	195,372
Investing activities:			
Investments in acquired real estate and related intangible assets, net of cash acquired	(418,796	) (269,847	) (75,510
Investment in acquired controlling interest in unconsolidated affiliate	(32,818) —	—
Investments in development in process	(34,474	) (13,288	) (5,835
Investments in tenant improvements and deferred leasing costs	(103,243	) (79,639	) (80,934
Investments in building improvements	(53,189	) (35,799	) (22,287
Net proceeds from disposition of real estate assets	254,022	152,456	17,717
Net proceeds from disposition of for-sale residential condominiums	—	5,195	3,020
Proceeds from disposition of investments in unconsolidated affiliates	—	—	4,756
Distributions of capital from unconsolidated affiliates	27,486	1,311	1,577
Investments in mortgages and notes receivable	(902	) (8,648) —
Repayments of mortgages and notes receivable	405	1,776	444
Investments in and advances/repayments to/from unconsolidated affiliates	(429	) 8,291	(39,901
Changes in restricted cash and other investing activities	5,335	(620) (18,526
Net cash (used in) investing activities	\$(356,603) \$(238,812) \$(215,479

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Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows - Continued

(in thousands)

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Redemptions/repurchases of Preferred Units	—	—	(52,515)
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Borrowings on revolving credit facility	837,000	524,100	525,800
Repayments of revolving credit facility	(644,300)	(863,100)	(193,800)
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Borrowings on financing obligations	—	1,839	—
Payments on financing obligations	(1,941)	(1,316)	(1,194)
Payments on debt extinguishment	—	(908)	—
Contributions from noncontrolling interests in consolidated affiliates	16,240	—	—
Additions to deferred financing costs and other financing activities	(3,098)	(5,867)	(6,713)
Net cash provided by financing activities	96,555	48,258	17,060
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(3,586)	2,716	(3,047)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	13,867	11,151	14,198
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	\$10,281	\$13,867	\$11,151

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Reclass of aggregate differences between historical cost basis and the basis reflected at the joint venture level for assets acquired	8,206	—	—
Option deposit applied upon acquisition of real estate assets	5,000	—	—
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HIGHWOODS REALTY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2013

(tabular dollar amounts in thousands, except per share and per unit data)

1. Description of Business and Significant Accounting Policies

Description of Business

Highwoods Properties, Inc. (the “Company”) is a fully-integrated real estate investment trust (“REIT”) that provides leasing, management, development, construction and other customer-related services for its properties and for third parties. The Company conducts its activities through Highwoods Realty Limited Partnership (the “Operating Partnership”). At December 31, 2013, we owned or had an interest in 32.2 million rentable square feet of in-service office, industrial and retail properties, 0.9 million rentable square feet of office properties under development and approximately 600 acres of development land.

The Company is the sole general partner of the Operating Partnership. At December 31, 2013, the Company owned all of the Preferred Units and 89.5 million, or 96.8%, of the Common Units in the Operating Partnership. Limited partners own the remaining 2.9 million Common Units. In the event the Company issues shares of Common Stock, the net proceeds of the issuance are contributed to the Operating Partnership in exchange for additional Common Units. Generally, the Operating Partnership is obligated to redeem each Common Unit at the request of the holder thereof for cash equal to the value of one share of Common Stock based on the average of the market price for the 10 trading days immediately preceding the notice date of such redemption, provided that the Company, at its option, may elect to acquire any such Common Units presented for redemption for cash or one share of Common Stock. The Common Units owned by the Company are not redeemable. During 2013, the Company redeemed 789,144 Common Units for a like number of shares of Common Stock. As a result of this activity, in conjunction with the proceeds from issuances of Common Stock (see Note 12), the percentage of Common Units owned by the Company increased from 95.6% at December 31, 2012 to 96.8% at December 31, 2013.

Basis of Presentation

Our Consolidated Financial Statements are prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAP”). Our Consolidated Balance Sheets at December 31, 2012 were retrospectively revised from previously reported amounts to reflect in real estate and other assets, net, held for sale those properties classified as held for sale during 2013. Our Consolidated Statements of Income for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 were retrospectively revised from previously reported amounts to reflect in discontinued operations the operations for those properties classified as discontinued operations.

The Company's Consolidated Financial Statements include the Operating Partnership, wholly owned subsidiaries and those entities in which the Company has the controlling interest. The Operating Partnership's Consolidated Financial Statements include wholly owned subsidiaries and those entities in which the Operating Partnership has the controlling interest. We consolidate partnerships, joint ventures and limited liability companies when we control the major operating and financial policies of the entity through majority ownership or in our capacity as general partner or managing member. Five of the 50.0% or less owned in-service office properties in two joint ventures are consolidated. In addition, we consolidate those entities deemed to be variable interest entities in which we are determined to be the primary beneficiary. At December 31, 2013 and 2012, we had involvement with, but are not the primary beneficiary in, an entity that we concluded to be a variable interest entity (see Note 3). All intercompany transactions and accounts have been eliminated.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the Consolidated Financial Statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.

HIGHWOODS REALTY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

(tabular dollar amounts in thousands, except per share and per unit data)

1. Description of Business and Significant Accounting Policies – Continued

Real Estate and Related Assets

Real estate and related assets are recorded at cost and stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Renovations, replacements and other expenditures that improve or extend the life of assets are capitalized and depreciated over their estimated useful lives. Expenditures for ordinary maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of 40 years for buildings and depreciable land infrastructure costs, 15 years for building improvements and five to seven years for furniture, fixtures and equipment. Tenant improvements are amortized using the straight-line method over initial fixed terms of the respective leases, which generally are from three to 10 years. Depreciation expense for real estate assets was \$138.2 million, \$118.2 million and \$106.8 million for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

Expenditures directly related to the development and construction of real estate assets are included in net real estate assets and are stated at depreciated cost. Development expenditures include pre-construction costs essential to the development of properties, development and construction costs, interest costs on qualifying assets, real estate taxes, development personnel salaries and related costs and other costs incurred during the period of development. Interest and other carrying costs are capitalized until the building is ready for its intended use, but not later than a year from cessation of major construction activity. We consider a construction project as substantially completed and ready for its intended use upon the completion of tenant improvements. We cease capitalization on the portion that is substantially completed and occupied or held available for occupancy, and capitalize only those costs associated with the portion under construction.

Expenditures directly related to the leasing of properties are included in deferred financing and leasing costs and are stated at amortized cost. Such expenditures are part of the investment necessary to execute leases and, therefore, are classified as investment activities in the statement of cash flows. All leasing commissions paid to third parties for new leases or lease renewals are capitalized. Internal leasing costs include primarily compensation, benefits and other costs, such as legal fees related to leasing activities, that are incurred in connection with successfully obtaining leases of properties. Capitalized leasing costs are amortized on a straight-line basis over the initial fixed terms of the respective leases, which generally are from three to 10 years. Estimated costs related to unsuccessful activities are expensed as incurred.

We record liabilities for the performance of asset retirement activities when the obligation to perform such activities is probable even when uncertainty exists about the timing and/or method of settlement.

Upon the acquisition of real estate assets, we assess the fair value of acquired tangible assets such as land, buildings and tenant improvements, intangible assets and liabilities such as above and below market leases, acquired in-place leases, customer relationships and other identifiable intangible assets and assumed liabilities. We assess fair value based on estimated cash flow projections that utilize discount and/or capitalization rates as well as 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 above and below market rate portions of leases acquired in connection with property acquisitions are recorded in deferred financing and leasing costs and in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities, respectively, at fair value and amortized into rental revenue over the remaining term of the respective leases as described below. Fair value is calculated as the present value of the difference between (1) the contractual amounts to be paid pursuant to each in-place lease and (2) our estimate of fair market lease rates for each corresponding in-place lease, using a discount rate that reflects the risks associated with the leases acquired and measured over a period equal to the remaining initial term of the lease for above-market leases and the remaining initial term plus the term of any renewal option that the customer would be economically compelled to exercise for below-market leases.

In-place leases acquired are recorded at fair value in deferred financing and leasing costs and are amortized to depreciation and amortization expense over the remaining term of the respective lease. The value of in-place leases is based on our evaluation of the specific characteristics of each customer's lease. Factors considered include estimates of carrying costs during hypothetical expected lease-up periods, current market conditions, the customer's credit quality and costs to execute similar leases. In estimating carrying costs, we include real estate taxes, insurance and other operating expenses and estimates of lost rentals at market rates during the expected lease-up periods, depending on local market conditions. In estimating costs to execute similar leases, we consider tenant improvements, leasing commissions and legal and other related expenses.

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Real estate and other assets are classified as long-lived assets held for use or as long-lived assets held for sale. Real estate is classified as held for sale when the sale of the asset has been duly approved by the Company, a legally enforceable contract has been executed and the buyer's due diligence period has expired.

Impairments of Real Estate Assets and Investments in Unconsolidated Affiliates

With respect to assets classified as held for use, we perform an impairment analysis if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may be impaired, such as a significant decline in occupancy, identification of materially adverse legal or environmental factors, change in our designation of an asset from core to non-core, which may impact the anticipated holding period, or a decline in market value to an amount less than cost. This analysis is generally performed at the property level, except when an asset is part of an interdependent group such as an office park, and consists of determining whether the asset's carrying amount will be recovered from its undiscounted estimated future operating and residual cash flows. These cash flows are estimated based on a number of assumptions that are subject to economic and market uncertainties including, among others, demand for space, competition for customers, changes in market rental rates, costs to operate each property and expected ownership periods. For properties under development, the cash flows are based on expected service potential of the asset or asset group when development is substantially complete.

If the carrying amount of a held for use asset exceeds the sum of its undiscounted future operating and residual cash flows, an impairment loss is recorded for the difference between estimated fair value of the asset and the carrying amount. We generally estimate the fair value of assets held for use by using discounted cash flow analyses. In some instances, appraisal information may be available and is used in addition to a discounted cash flow analysis. As the factors used in generating these cash flows are difficult to predict and are subject to future events that may alter our assumptions, the discounted and/or undiscounted future operating and residual cash flows estimated by us in our impairment analyses or those established by appraisal may not be achieved and we may be required to recognize future impairment losses on properties held for use.

We record assets held for sale at the lower of the carrying amount or estimated fair value. Fair value of assets held for sale is equal to the estimated or contracted sales price with a potential buyer, less costs to sell. The impairment loss is the amount by which the carrying amount exceeds the estimated fair value.

We also analyze our investments in unconsolidated affiliates for impairment. This analysis consists of determining whether an expected loss in market value of an investment is other than temporary by evaluating the length of time and the extent to which the market value has been less than cost, the financial condition and near-term prospects of the investee, and our intent and ability to retain our investment for a period of time sufficient to allow for any anticipated recovery in market value. As the factors used in this analysis are difficult to predict and are subject to future events that may alter our assumptions, we may be required to recognize future impairment losses on our investments in unconsolidated affiliates.

Sales of Real Estate

For sales transactions meeting the requirements for full profit recognition, the related assets and liabilities are removed from the balance sheet and the resultant gain or loss is recorded in the period the transaction closes. For sales transactions with continuing involvement after the sale, if the continuing involvement with the property is limited by the terms of the sales contract, profit is recognized at the time of sale and is reduced by the maximum exposure to loss related to the nature of the continuing involvement. Sales to entities in which we have or receive an interest are accounted for using partial sale accounting.

For transactions that do not meet the criteria for a sale, we evaluate the nature of the continuing involvement, including put and call provisions, if present, and account for the transaction as a financing arrangement, profit-sharing arrangement, leasing arrangement or other alternate method of accounting, rather than as a sale, based on the nature and extent of the continuing involvement. Some transactions may have numerous forms of continuing involvement. In those cases, we determine which method is most appropriate based on the substance of the transaction.

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Rental and Other Revenues

Minimum contractual rents from leases are recognized on a straight-line basis over the terms of the respective leases. This means that, with respect to a particular lease, actual amounts billed in accordance with the lease during any given period may be higher or lower than the amount of rental revenue recognized for the period. Straight-line rental revenue is commenced when the customer assumes control of the leased premises. Accrued straight-line rents receivable represents the amount by which straight-line rental revenue exceeds rents currently billed in accordance with lease agreements. Contingent rental revenue, such as percentage rent, is accrued when the contingency is removed. Termination fee income is recognized at the later of when the customer has vacated the space or the lease has expired and a fully executed lease termination agreement has been delivered, the amount of the fee is determinable and collectability of the fee is reasonably assured. Rental revenue reductions related to co-tenancy lease provisions, if any, are accrued when events have occurred that trigger such provisions.

Cost recovery income is determined on a calendar year and a lease-by-lease basis. The most common types of cost recovery income in our leases are common area maintenance (“CAM”) and real estate taxes, for which the customer pays its pro-rata share of operating and administrative expenses and real estate taxes in excess of the costs incurred during a contractually specified base year. The computation of cost recovery income is complex and involves numerous judgments, including the interpretation of terms and other customer lease provisions. Leases are not uniform in dealing with such cost recovery income and there are many variations in the computation. Many customers make monthly fixed payments of CAM, real estate taxes and other cost reimbursement items. We accrue income related to these payments each month. We make quarterly accrual adjustments, positive or negative, to cost recovery income to adjust the recorded amounts to our best estimate of the final annual amounts to be billed and collected. After the end of the calendar year, we compute each customer's final cost recovery income and, after considering amounts paid by the customer during the year, issue a bill or credit for the appropriate amount to the customer. The differences between the amounts billed less previously received payments and the accrual adjustment are recorded as increases or decreases to cost recovery income when the final bills are prepared, which occurs during the first half of the subsequent year.

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

Accounts receivable, accrued straight-line rents receivable and mortgages and notes receivable are reduced by an allowance for amounts that may become uncollectible in the future. We regularly evaluate the adequacy of our allowance for doubtful accounts. The evaluation primarily consists of reviewing past due account balances and considering such factors as the credit quality of our customer, historical trends of the customer and changes in customer payment terms. Additionally, with respect to customers in bankruptcy, we estimate the probable recovery through bankruptcy claims and adjust the allowance for amounts deemed uncollectible. If our assumptions regarding the collectability of receivables prove incorrect, we could experience losses in excess of our allowance for doubtful accounts. The allowance and its related receivable are written-off when we have concluded there is a low probability of collection and we have discontinued collection efforts.

Discontinued Operations

Properties that are sold or classified as held for sale are classified as discontinued operations provided that (1) the operations and cash flows of the property will be eliminated from our ongoing operations and (2) we will not have any significant continuing involvement in the operations of the property after it is sold. Interest expense is included in discontinued operations if the related loan securing the sold property is to be paid off or assumed by the buyer in connection with the sale. If we are retained to provide property management, leasing and/or other services for the property owner after the sale, the property generally will be accounted for as a discontinued operation because the expected cash flows related to our management and leasing activities generally will not be significant in comparison to the cash flows from the property prior to sale. If the property is contributed to a joint venture in which we retain an interest, the property will not be accounted for as a discontinued operation due to our significant ongoing interest in the operations through our joint venture interest.

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1. Description of Business and Significant Accounting Policies – Continued

Lease Incentives

Lease incentive costs, which are payments made to or on behalf of a customer as an incentive to sign the lease, are capitalized in deferred financing and leasing costs and amortized on a straight-line basis over the respective lease terms as a reduction of rental revenues.

For-Sale Residential Condominiums

For-sale residential condominiums include completed, but unsold, condominium inventory. We initially record receipts of earnest money deposits in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities in accordance with the deposit method. We then record completed sales when units close and the remaining net cash is received. All for-sale residential condominiums were sold as of December 31, 2012.

Investments in Unconsolidated Affiliates

We account for our investments in less than majority owned joint ventures, partnerships and limited liability companies using the equity method of accounting when our interests represent a general partnership interest but substantive participating rights or substantive kick out rights have been granted to the limited partners or when our interests do not represent a general partnership interest and we do not control the major operating and financial policies of the entity. These investments are initially recorded at cost in investments in unconsolidated affiliates and are subsequently adjusted for our share of earnings and cash contributions and distributions. To the extent our cost basis at formation of the joint venture is different than the basis reflected at the joint venture level, the basis difference is amortized over the life of the related assets and included in our share of equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates.

Cash Equivalents

We consider highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

Restricted Cash

Restricted cash represents cash deposits that are legally restricted or held by third parties on our behalf, such as construction-related escrows, property disposition proceeds set aside and designated or intended to fund future tax-deferred exchanges of qualifying real estate investments, escrows and reserves for debt service, real estate taxes and property insurance established pursuant to certain mortgage financing arrangements and any deposits made with lenders to unencumber secured properties.

Redeemable Common Units and Preferred Units

Limited partners holding Common Units other than the Company (“Redeemable Common Units”) have the right to put any and all of the Common Units to the Operating Partnership and the Company has the right to put any and all of the Preferred Units to the Operating Partnership in exchange for their liquidation preference plus accrued and unpaid distributions in the event of a corresponding redemption by the Company of the underlying Preferred Stock. Consequently, these Redeemable Common Units and Preferred Units are classified outside of permanent partners’ capital in the Operating Partnership's accompanying balance sheets. The recorded value of the Redeemable Common Units is based on fair value at the balance sheet date as measured by the closing price of Common Stock on that date multiplied by the total number of Redeemable Common Units outstanding. The recorded value of the Preferred Units is based on their redemption value.

Income Taxes

The Company has elected and expects to continue to qualify as a REIT under Sections 856 through 860 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”). A corporate REIT is a legal entity that holds real estate assets and, through the payment of dividends to stockholders, is generally permitted to reduce or avoid the payment of federal and state income taxes at the corporate level. To maintain qualification as a REIT, the Company is required to pay dividends to its stockholders equal to at least 90.0% of its annual REIT taxable income, excluding net capital gains. The partnership agreement requires the Operating Partnership to pay economically equivalent distributions on outstanding Common Units at the same time that the Company pays dividends on its outstanding Common Stock.

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Other than income taxes related to its taxable REIT subsidiary, the Operating Partnership does not reflect any federal income taxes in its financial statements, since as a partnership the taxable effects of its operations are attributed to its partners. The Operating Partnership does record state income tax for states that tax partnership income directly.

We conduct certain business activities through a taxable REIT subsidiary, as permitted under the Code. The taxable REIT subsidiary is subject to federal, state and local income taxes on its taxable income. We record provisions for income taxes based on its income recognized for financial statement purposes, including the effects of temporary differences between such income and the amount recognized for tax purposes.

Concentration of Credit Risk

At December 31, 2013, properties that we wholly own were leased to 1,793 customers. The geographic locations that comprise greater than 10.0% of our rental and other revenues are Raleigh, NC, Atlanta, GA, Tampa, FL, Nashville, TN and Pittsburgh, PA. Our customers engage in a wide variety of businesses. No single customer of the properties that we wholly own generated more than 10.0% of our consolidated revenues during 2013.

We maintain our cash and cash equivalents and our restricted cash at financial or other intermediary institutions. The combined account balances at each institution may exceed FDIC insurance coverage and, as a result, there is a concentration of credit risk related to amounts on deposit in excess of FDIC insurance coverage. Additionally, from time to time in connection with tax-deferred 1031 transactions, our restricted cash balances may be commingled with other funds being held by any such intermediary institution which subjects our balance to the credit risk of the institution.

Derivative Financial Instruments

We borrow funds at a combination of fixed and variable rates. Borrowings under our revolving credit facility and bank term loans bear interest at variable rates. Our long-term debt typically bears interest at fixed rates. Our interest rate risk management objectives are to limit generally the impact of interest rate changes on earnings and cash flows and to lower our overall borrowing costs. To achieve these objectives, from time to time, we enter into interest rate hedge contracts such as collars, swaps, caps and treasury lock agreements in order to mitigate our interest rate risk with respect to various debt instruments. We generally do not hold or issue these derivative contracts for trading or speculative purposes. The interest rate on all of our variable rate debt is generally adjusted at one or three month intervals, subject to settlements under these interest rate hedge contracts.

Interest rate swaps involve the receipt of variable-rate amounts from a counterparty in exchange for making fixed-rate payments over the life of the agreements without exchange of the underlying notional amount. The effective portion of changes in the fair value of derivatives designated and that qualify as cash flow hedges is recorded in accumulated other comprehensive loss ("AOCL") and is subsequently reclassified into interest expense in the period that the hedged forecasted transaction affects earnings.

We account for terminated derivative instruments by recognizing the related accumulated comprehensive income/loss balance in current earnings, unless the hedged forecasted transaction continues as originally planned, in which case we continue to amortize the accumulated comprehensive income/loss into earnings over the originally designated hedge period.

Earnings Per Share and Per Unit

Basic earnings per share of the Company is computed by dividing net income available for common stockholders by the weighted Common Shares outstanding - basic. Diluted earnings per share is computed by dividing net income available to common stockholders plus noncontrolling interests in the Operating Partnership by the weighted Common Shares outstanding - basic plus the dilutive effect of options, warrants and convertible securities outstanding, including Common Units, using the treasury stock method. Weighted Common Shares outstanding - basic includes all unvested restricted stock where dividends received on such restricted stock are non-forfeitable.

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1. Description of Business and Significant Accounting Policies – Continued

Basic earnings per unit of the Operating Partnership is computed by dividing net income available for common unitholders by the weighted Common Units outstanding - basic. Diluted earnings per unit is computed by dividing net income available to common unitholders by the weighted Common Units outstanding - basic plus the dilutive effect of options and warrants, using the treasury stock method. Weighted Common Units outstanding - basic includes all of the Company's unvested restricted stock where dividends received on such restricted stock are non-forfeitable.

2. Real Estate Assets

Acquisitions

During 2013, we acquired:

our joint venture partner's 60.0% interest in our HIW-KC Orlando, LLC joint venture, which owned five office properties in Orlando, FL encompassing 1.3 million rentable square feet, for a net purchase price of \$112.8 million. We previously accounted for our 40.0% interest in this joint venture using the equity method of accounting. The assets and liabilities of the joint venture are now wholly owned and are recorded in our Consolidated Financial Statements, including assets recorded at fair value of \$188.0 million and secured debt recorded at fair value of \$127.9 million, with an effective interest rate of 3.11%. This debt matures in July 2014. As a result of acquiring a controlling interest in this joint venture, our previously held equity interest was remeasured at a fair value of \$75.2 million resulting in a gain of \$7.5 million, which represents the difference between the fair market value of our previously held equity interest and the carrying value of our investment on the date of acquisition. The fair market value of our previously held equity interest was determined by management based on information available at the acquisition date and on current assumptions as to future operations;

an office property in Nashville, TN encompassing 520,000 rentable square feet for a net purchase price of \$150.1 million;

our Highwoods DLF 97/26 DLF 99/32, LP joint venture partner's 57.0% interest in two office properties in Atlanta, GA encompassing 505,000 rentable square feet for a net purchase price of \$44.5 million, including the assumption of secured debt recorded at fair value of \$37.6 million, with an effective interest rate of 3.34%. This debt matures in April 2015;

an office property in Atlanta, GA encompassing 553,000 rentable square feet for a purchase price of \$140.1 million;

two office properties in Tampa, FL encompassing 372,000 rentable square feet for a purchase price of \$52.5 million;

two office properties in Greensboro, NC encompassing 195,000 rentable square feet for a purchase price of \$30.8 million; and

five acres of land in Memphis, TN on which a build-to-suit development project is underway for a purchase price of \$4.8 million.

We expensed \$1.8 million of acquisition costs (included in general and administrative expenses) in 2013 related to these acquisitions. The assets acquired and liabilities assumed were recorded at fair value as determined by management based on information available at the acquisition date and on current assumptions as to future operations.

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2. Real Estate Assets - Continued

The following table sets forth a summary of the fair value of the major assets acquired and liabilities assumed relating to the 2013 acquisitions in Orlando, FL and Nashville, TN and the 553,000 rentable square foot office property in Atlanta, GA discussed in the preceding paragraphs:

	Total Purchase Price Allocation
Real estate assets	\$445,396
Acquisition-related intangible assets (in deferred financing and leasing costs)	50,595
Mortgages and notes payable	(127,891)
Acquisition-related below market lease liabilities (in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities)	(17,818)
Total allocation	\$350,282

The following table sets forth our rental and other revenues and net income, adjusted for interest expense and depreciation and amortization related to purchase price allocations, acquisition costs and equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates previously recognized as income assuming the Orlando, FL, Nashville, TN and Atlanta, GA acquisitions discussed in the preceding paragraph had been completed as of January 1, 2012:

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2013	2012
	(unaudited)	
Pro forma rental and other revenues	\$593,778	\$541,092
Pro forma net income	\$121,754	\$69,111
Pro forma earnings per share - basic	\$1.33	\$0.82
Pro forma earnings per share - diluted	\$1.33	\$0.83

The 2013 acquisitions in Orlando, FL, Nashville, TN and Atlanta, GA discussed in the preceding paragraphs resulted in revenues of \$25.0 million and net losses of \$0.2 million recorded in the Consolidated Statements of Income for the year ended December 31, 2013.

During 2012, we acquired:

• 492,000 rentable square foot office property in Atlanta, GA for a purchase price of \$144.9 million;

• 616,000 rentable square foot office property in Pittsburgh, PA for a purchase price of \$91.2 million;

• three medical office properties in Greensboro, NC for a purchase price of \$29.6 million, which consisted of the issuance of 66,864 Common Units to noncontrolling interests, contingent consideration with fair value at the acquisition date of \$0.7 million, and the assumption of secured debt due August 2014 recorded at fair value of \$7.9

million, with an effective interest rate of 4.06%;

a 178,300 rentable square foot office property in Cary, NC from our Highwoods DLF 98/29, LLC joint venture for an agreed upon value of \$26.0 million, the net proceeds of which were used to reduce the balance of the advance due to us from the joint venture; and

68 acres of development land currently zoned for 1.3 million rentable square feet of future office development in Nashville, TN for a purchase price of \$15.0 million.

We expensed \$1.5 million of acquisition costs (included in general and administrative expenses) in 2012 related to these acquisitions. The assets acquired and liabilities assumed were recorded at fair value as determined by management based on information available at the acquisition date and on current assumptions as to future operations.

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2. Real Estate Assets - Continued

The following table sets forth a summary of the fair value of the major assets acquired and liabilities assumed relating to the acquisition of the 492,000 rentable square foot office building in Atlanta, GA discussed in the preceding paragraph:

	Total Purchase Price Allocation
Real estate assets	\$135,128
Acquisition-related intangible assets (in deferred financing and leasing costs)	21,637
Acquisition-related below market lease liabilities (in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities)	(11,875)
Total allocation	\$144,890

The following table sets forth our rental and other revenues and net income, adjusted for interest expense and depreciation and amortization related to purchase price allocations and acquisition costs, assuming the 492,000 rentable square foot office building in Atlanta, GA discussed in the preceding paragraphs had been acquired on January 1, 2011:

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2012	2011
	(unaudited)	
Pro forma rental and other revenues	\$499,557	\$448,420
Pro forma net income	\$84,135	\$44,817
Pro forma earnings per share - basic	\$1.02	\$0.49
Pro forma earnings per share - diluted	\$1.01	\$0.49

During 2011, we acquired a six-building, 1.54 million rentable square foot office complex in Pittsburgh, PA for a purchase price of \$188.5 million. The purchase price included the assumption of secured debt recorded at fair value of \$124.5 million, with an effective interest rate of 4.27%, including amortization of deferred financing costs. This debt matures in November 2017. We expensed \$4.0 million of costs related to this acquisition (included in general and administrative expenses). Additionally, we acquired a 503,000 rentable square foot office building in Atlanta, GA for a purchase price of \$78.3 million. The purchase price included the assumption of secured debt recorded at fair value of \$67.9 million, with an effective interest rate of 5.45%, including amortization of deferred financing costs. This debt matures in January 2014. We expensed \$0.3 million of costs related to this acquisition.

The following table sets forth a summary of the fair value of the major assets acquired and liabilities assumed relating to the acquisitions discussed in the preceding paragraph:

Total Purchase Price Allocation

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Real estate assets	\$241,602
Acquisition-related intangible assets (in deferred financing and leasing costs)	39,721
Furniture, fixtures and equipment (in prepaid expenses and other assets)	1,101
Acquisition-related below market lease liabilities (in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities)	(15,627)
Total allocation	\$266,797

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2. Real Estate Assets - Continued

The following table sets forth our rental and other revenues and net income, adjusted for interest expense and depreciation and amortization related to purchase price allocations and acquisition costs, assuming the 1.54 million rentable square foot office complex in Pittsburgh, PA and the 503,000 rentable square foot office building in Atlanta, GA discussed in the preceding paragraph had been acquired on January 1, 2011:

	Year Ended December 31, 2011 (unaudited)
Pro forma rental and other revenues	\$473,584
Pro forma net income	\$45,674
Pro forma earnings per share - basic	\$0.50
Pro forma earnings per share - diluted	\$0.50

During 2011, we also acquired a 48,000 rentable square foot medical office property in Raleigh, NC for \$8.9 million and expensed \$0.1 million of acquisition costs related to this transaction.

Dispositions

During 2013, we sold:

eight office properties in Greenville, SC for a sale price of \$57.9 million (before \$0.1 million in closing credits to buyer for unfunded tenant improvements and after \$0.3 million in closing credits to buyer for free rent) and recorded a gain on disposition of discontinued operations of \$3.1 million;

an office property in Tampa, FL for a sale price of \$11.5 million (before \$0.6 million in closing credits to buyer for unfunded tenant improvements) and recorded a gain on disposition of discontinued operations of \$2.8 million;

an office property in Atlanta, GA for a sale price of \$13.8 million and recorded a gain on disposition of discontinued operations of \$3.0 million;

four office properties in Winston-Salem, NC for a sale price of \$6.2 million and recorded a gain on disposition of discontinued operations of \$0.1 million;

an office property in Winston-Salem, NC for a sale price of \$5.3 million and recorded a gain on disposition of discontinued operations of \$2.5 million;

an office property in Tampa, FL for a sale price of \$11.6 million and recorded a gain on disposition of discontinued operations of \$1.2 million;

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sixteen industrial properties and a land parcel in a single transaction in Atlanta, GA for a sale price of \$91.6 million (before \$0.3 million in closing credits to buyer for unfunded tenant improvements and after \$0.3 million in closing credits to buyer for free rent). We recorded gains on disposition of discontinued operations of \$36.7 million related to the industrial properties and a gain on disposition of property of less than \$0.1 million related to the land parcel;

five industrial properties in Atlanta, GA for a sale price of \$4.5 million (after \$0.1 million in closing credits to buyer for free rent) and recorded a gain on disposition of discontinued operations of less than \$0.1 million;

six industrial properties and a land parcel in a single transaction in Atlanta, GA for a sale price of \$38.7 million (before \$1.8 million in closing credits to buyer for unfunded tenant improvements and after \$1.3 million in closing credits to buyer for free rent) and recorded a gain on disposition of discontinued operations of \$13.2 million;

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