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REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

EMPIRE STATE REALTY TRUST, INC. EMPIRE STATE REALTY OP, L.P.

(Exact name of registrants as specified in charter)

Maryland679837-1645259Delaware650045-4685158(State or other jurisdiction of(Primary Standard Industrial(I.R.S. Employer

incorporation or organization) Classification Code Number) Identification Number)

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The Registrants hereby amend this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrants shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

Empire State Building 250 West 57th St.

60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C.
Associates L.L.C.
Associates L.L.C.

One Grand Central Place

60 East 42nd Street

New York, New York 10165

NOTICE OF CONSENT SOLICITATION TO PARTICIPANTS

, 2012

Malkin Holdings LLC, the supervisor of each limited liability company listed above, requests that you consent to the following:

Proposed consolidation of your subject LLC into Empire State Realty Trust, Inc. As described in the attached Prospectus/Consent Solicitation Statement, Malkin Holdings LLC, as supervisor, proposes a consolidation of certain office and retail properties in Manhattan and the greater New York metropolitan area owned by Empire State Building Associates L.L.C., 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C. and 250 West 57th St. Associates L.L.C., or the subject LLCs, and certain private entities supervised by the supervisor, and certain related management businesses into Empire State Realty Trust, Inc., or the company. The consolidation is conditioned, among other things, upon the closing of the initial public offering, or the IPO, of the company s Class A common stock. The company will issue to each of the participants in the subject LLCs a specified number of operating partnership units, or at each participant s election, Class A common stock or, to a limited extent, Class B common stock. Each participant may elect to receive one share of Class B common stock instead of one operating partnership unit for every 50 operating partnership units such participant would otherwise receive in the consolidation. Each share of Class B common stock has 50 votes on all matters on which stockholders are entitled to vote and the same economic interest as a share of Class A common stock, and one share of Class B common stock and 49 operating partnership units together represent a similar economic value as 50 shares of Class A common stock. The company expects the Class A common stock and the operating partnership units offered herein to be listed on the New York Stock Exchange. After the series of transactions in which the subject LLCs will be consolidated into the company, the company will own, through direct and indirect subsidiaries, the assets of the subject LLCs and the assets of the private entities, along with certain related management businesses. There are 22 private entities involved in the consolidation, including the operating lessees of each of the subject LLCs, from which all required consents to the consolidation have previously been obtained. Attached to the supplement for each subject LLC as Appendix B is the contribution agreement for each subject LLC, which describes the terms of the consolidation in detail. Only the participants holding participation interests in a subject LLC during the consent solicitation period are entitled to notice of, and to vote FOR or AGAINST, the proposed consolidation. For the reasons the supervisor believes this proposal is fair and reasonable, see Background of and Reasons for the Consolidation.

Proposal to authorize the supervisor to sell or contribute the property interests in a third-party portfolio transaction. As a potential alternative to the consolidation, the supervisor requests that the participants consent to the sale or contribution of the subject LLCs property interests as part of a sale or contribution of the properties owned by the subject LLCs, the private entities and the management companies as a portfolio to an unaffiliated third party. The third-party portfolio transaction would be undertaken only if the aggregate consideration is at least 115% of the aggregate exchange value for the subject LLCs, the private entities and the management companies included in the third-party portfolio transaction and certain other conditions are met. The proposal must provide for all cash, payable in full at closing, but such proposal may provide for an option for all participants to elect to receive securities as an alternative to cash. If the proposal provides for a securities option, the Malkin Family will have the right to elect to receive securities only on the same proportional basis as other participants. No member of the Malkin Family will be an affiliate, consultant, employee, officer or director of the acquiror after the closing or receive any compensation from the acquiror (other than their pro rata share of the consideration that they will receive in the third-party portfolio transaction). For the reasons the supervisor believes this proposal is fair and reasonable, see Third-Party Portfolio Proposal.

Voluntary pro rata reimbursement program for expenses of legal proceedings with former property manager and leasing agent. In addition, the participants are being asked to consent to a voluntary pro rata

reimbursement to the supervisor and Peter L. Malkin for the prior advances of all costs, plus interest, incurred in connection with litigations and arbitrations with the former property manager and leasing agent of the properties owned by the subject LLCs. For the reasons the supervisor believes this proposal is reasonable, see Voluntary Pro Rata Reimbursement Program for Expenses of Legal Proceedings with Former Property Manager and Leasing Agent.

The supervisor invites you to vote using the enclosed consent form because it is important that your participation interest in your subject LLC be represented. Please sign, date and return the enclosed consent form in the accompanying postage-paid envelope or by facsimile, as described in the Prospectus/Consent Solicitation Statement. You also may revoke your consent to the consolidation, the third-party portfolio proposal, or both, at any time in writing before the later of the date that consents from participants equal to the percentage required to approve the consolidation and the third-party portfolio proposal, as applicable, as set forth later in the attached Prospectus/Consent Solicitation Statement are received by your subject LLC and the 60th day after the date of the attached Prospectus/Consent Solicitation Statement.

Malkin Holdings LLC

By: Peter L. Malkin
Chairman
The attached Prospectus/Consent Solicitation Statement is dated

Anthony E. Malkin

President
, 2012 and is being mailed to participants on or about , 2012.

The information in this Prospectus/Consent Solicitation Statement is not complete and may be changed. A registration statement relating to the securities has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Empire State Realty Trust, Inc. may not sell the securities offered by this Prospectus/Consent Solicitation Statement until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission becomes effective. This Prospectus/Consent Solicitation Statement is not an offer to sell these securities and Empire State Realty Trust, Inc. is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED NOVEMBER 2, 2012

PROSPECTUS/CONSENT SOLICITATION STATEMENT

shares of Class A common stock, par value \$.01 per share, shares of Class B common stock, par value \$.01 per share Empire State Realty OP, L.P.

units of limited partnership interests consisting of Series ES units of limited partnership interest,

Series 60 units of limited partnership interest and Series 250 units of limited partnership interest

If you are a participant in any of the following subject LLCs, your vote is very important:

Empire State Building 60 East 42nd St. 250 West 57th St.

Associates L.L.C. Associates L.L.C. Associates L.L.C.

Malkin Holdings LLC, the supervisor of three publicly-registered entities, Empire State Building Associates L.L.C., 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C. and 250 West 57th St. Associates L.L.C., or the subject LLCs, requests that you, as a holder of a participation interest in one or more of the subject LLCs, vote on whether to approve the proposed consolidation of the subject LLC in which you are a participant into Empire State Realty Trust, Inc., or the company, as part of a consolidation of office and retail properties in Manhattan and the greater New York metropolitan area owned by the subject LLCs and the private entities supervised by the supervisor, along with certain related management businesses, into the company, as described in more detail herein. Such transaction is referred to herein as the consolidation. The principals of the supervisor include Peter L. Malkin and Anthony E. Malkin.

The supervisor believes you will benefit from this consolidation through newly created opportunities for liquidity, enhanced property diversification, increased growth opportunities, enhanced operating and financing abilities and efficiencies, combined balance sheets, anticipated regular quarterly cash distributions, and continued leadership by the principals of the supervisor under the accountability of the governance structure of a reporting company with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, with a board of directors consisting

predominantly of independent directors, Anthony E. Malkin will be the only management member of the board of directors,

The supervisor believes that the consolidation is the best way for participants to achieve liquidity and maximize the value of their investment in their subject LLC. Following the consolidation, participants may liquidate their investments and realize current values in cash as and when they so desire (subject to the restrictions of the applicable U.S. federal and state securities laws and after expiration of the lock-up period as described in this prospectus/consent solicitation) or may hold operating partnership units and/or shares of common stock they receive in the company in which certain executives of the supervisor will be members of the senior management team and Anthony E. Malkin, an executive and principal of the supervisor, will be Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, President and a director of the company. The company intends to apply to have the Class A common stock listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol ESB. The operating partnership units will be issued in three separate series to the participants in each of the three subject LLCs, other than the Wien group, each of which has identical rights as to distributions, liquidation and other rights as a limited partner in the operating partnership. The operating partnership intends to apply to have each of the series of its operating partnership units offered herein listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbols ESBA, FISK. Each participant will receive operating partnership units, unless such participant elects to receive shares of Class A common stock or, to a limited extent, as described herein, Class B common stock. Each participant may elect to receive one share of Class B common stock instead of one operating partnership unit for every 50 operating partnership units such participant would otherwise receive in the consolidation. Each share of Class B common stock has 50 votes on all matters on which stockholders are entitled to vote and the same economic interest as a share of Class A common stock, and one share of Class B common stock and 49 operating partnership units together represent a similar economic value as 50 shares of Class A common stock. A holder of operating partnership units will not have economic interests in the company (but will have the same rights to distributions as stockholders of the company) or voting rights in the company (except to the extent a participant elects to receive Class B common stock instead of a portion of operating partnership units as described above).

The supervisor recommends that you vote **FOR** the consolidation. The Malkin Holdings group (as defined herein), will receive substantial benefits from the consolidation and have conflicts of interest making this recommendation. See Conflicts of Interest.

As a potential alternative to the consolidation, the supervisor also requests that the participants consent to the sale or contribution of the subject LLCs property interests as part of a sale or contribution of the properties owned by the subject LLCs, the private entities and the management companies as a portfolio to an unaffiliated third party. While the supervisor believes the consolidation represents the best opportunity for participants to achieve liquidity and to maximize the value of their investment, the supervisor believes it also is in the best interest of all participants for the supervisor to have the flexibility and discretion, subject to certain conditions, to accept an offer for the portfolio of properties from an unaffiliated third party if the supervisor determines that the offer price includes what the supervisor believes is an adequate premium above the value that is expected to be realized over time from the consolidation. The third-party portfolio transaction would be undertaken only if the aggregate consideration is at least 115% of the aggregate exchange value for the subject LLCs, the private entities and the management companies included in the third-party portfolio transaction and certain other conditions are met. The proposal must provide for all cash, payable in full at closing, but such proposal may provide for an option for all participants to elect to receive securities as an alternative to cash. If the proposal provides for a securities option, the Malkin Family will have the right to elect to receive securities only on the same proportional basis as other participants. No member of the Malkin Family will be an affiliate, consultant, employee, officer or director of the acquiror after the closing or receive any compensation from the acquiror (other than their pro rata share of the consideration that they will receive in the third-party portfolio transaction).

The supervisor recommends that you vote **FOR** the third-party portfolio transaction proposal. The Malkin Holdings group will receive substantial benefits from the consolidation and have conflicts of interest making this recommendation. See Conflicts of Interest.

Participants also are being asked to consent to a voluntary pro rata reimbursement program pursuant to which the supervisor and Peter L. Malkin, a principal of the supervisor, will be reimbursed for the prior advances of all costs, plus interest, incurred in connection with the legal proceedings required to remove and replace the former property manager and leasing agent. The supervisor believes that the voluntary pro rata reimbursement program is fair and reasonable because the successful resolution of the legal proceedings allowed the properties owned by the subject LLCs and certain of the private entities to participate in a renovation and repositioning turnaround program conceived and implemented by the supervisor. The estate of Leona M. Helmsley, or the Helmsley estate, as part of an agreement with the supervisor covering this and other matters, has paid the voluntary pro rata reimbursement to the supervisor for its pro rata share of costs advanced, plus interest, which totaled \$5,021,048.

This solicitation of consents expires at 5:00 p.m., Eastern time on , 2012, unless the supervisor extends the solicitation period. The supervisor reserves the right to extend on one or more occasions the solicitation period for one or more proposals for one or more subject LLCs or one or more participating groups in a subject LLC without extending for other proposals, subject LLCs or participating groups whether or not it has received approval for the consolidation or the third-party portfolio proposal.

The Wien group, which consists of each of the lineal descendants of Lawrence A. Wien, including Peter L. Malkin and Anthony E. Malkin (including spouses of such descendants), any estates of any of the foregoing, any trusts now or hereafter established for the benefit of any of the foregoing, or any corporation, partnership, limited liability company or other legal entity controlled by Anthony E. Malkin for the benefit of any of the foregoing, collectively owns participation interests in the subject LLCs and has advised that it will vote in favor of the consolidation and the third-party portfolio proposal. These participation interests represent the following percentage ownership for each subject LLC: 8.5921% for Empire State Building Associates L.L.C., 8.7684% for 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C. and 7.3148% for 250 West 57th St. Associates L.L.C.

The supervisor and the Malkin Holdings group receive substantial benefits and from inception have had conflicts of interest in connection with the subject LLCs, including in connection with the consolidation or a third-party portfolio transaction. There are material risks and potential disadvantages associated with the consolidation or a third-party portfolio transaction. The supervisor and the Malkin Holdings group will receive substantial benefits in connection with the consolidation or a third-party portfolio transaction. See Risk Factors beginning on page 95 and Conflicts of Interest beginning on page 270.

A participant s interest in Empire State Building Associates L.L.C. and 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C. may, in some cases, as described below, be subject to a buyout if he or she votes AGAINST or ABSTAINS on either the consolidation or the third-party portfolio transaction proposal, or does not vote. If you are a participant in Empire State Building Associates L.L.C. or 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C., and you vote AGAINST the consolidation or the third-party portfolio transaction proposal, you do not vote or you ABSTAIN and your subject LLC participates in the consolidation, your participation interests will be subject to a buyout if you do not vote in favor of the consolidation or third-party portfolio transaction proposal within ten days after notice that the required supermajority consent has been received from the participants in your participating group, and the buyout amount for your interest, which is equal to the original cost less capital repaid, but not less than \$100 and is currently \$100, would be substantially lower than the consideration you would receive in connection with the consolidation or third-party portfolio transaction. Unanimity on the consents is required pursuant to the organizational documents of Empire State Building Associates L.L.C. and 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C. with respect to both the consolidation and the third-party portfolio proposal for the consent of a participating group; therefore, a participant in either of such subject LLCs who does not vote in favor of either the consolidation or third-party portfolio transaction proposal (and does not change his or her vote after notice that the requisite supermajority consent has been obtained) will be subject to this buyout if the tabulation of consents by MacKenzie Partners, Inc. shows that the required consent in his or her participating group has been received, but in no event before the expiration of the 60-day solicitation period as the same may be extended, regardless of whether either or neither transaction is consummated or the required consent of other participating groups is received. You will not be subject to a buyout merely by voting AGAINST or ABSTAINING on the consolidation or third-party portfolio transaction, or by not voting.

THE SUPERVISOR BELIEVES THAT THE CONSOLIDATION PROVIDES SUBSTANTIAL BENEFITS AND IS FAIR TO THE PARTICIPANTS IN EACH SUBJECT LLC AND RECOMMENDS THAT ALL PARTICIPANTS VOTE **FOR** THE CONSOLIDATION. SEE BACKGROUND OF AND REASONS FOR THE CONSOLIDATION THE SUPERVISOR S REASONS FOR PROPOSING THE CONSOLIDATION.

THE SUPERVISOR BELIEVES IT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE PARTICIPANTS TO PROVIDE THE SUPERVISOR WITH THE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE A THIRD-PARTY PORTFOLIO TRANSACTION AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE CONSOLIDATION AND RECOMMENDS THAT ALL PARTICIPANTS VOTE **FOR** THE THIRD-PARTY PORTFOLIO PROPOSAL. SEE THIRD PARTY PORTFOLIO PROPOSAL FOR THE SUPERVISOR S REASONS FOR RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSAL.

THE SUPERVISOR BELIEVES THAT THE VOLUNTARY PRO RATA REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM IS FAIR AND REASONABLE AND RECOMMENDS THAT ALL PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY CONSENTED TO THE VOLUNTARY PRO RATA REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM CONSENT TO THE PROPOSAL. SEE VOLUNTARY PRO RATA REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM FOR EXPENSES OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS WITH FORMER PROPERTY MANAGER AND LEASING AGENT FOR A DISCUSSION OF THE SUPERVISOR S REASONS FOR RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSAL AND THE BENEFITS TO THE SUPERVISOR.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of the Class A common stock, Class B common stock or operating partnership units or passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this Prospectus/Consent Solicitation Statement. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

After you read this Prospectus/Consent Solicitation Statement, the company and the supervisor urge you to read the accompanying supplement for your subject LLC. The supplement contains information particular to your subject LLC. This information is material in your decision whether to your **FOR** or **AGAINST** the consolidation.

THIS PROSPECTUS/CONSENT SOLICITATION IS AUTHORIZED FOR DELIVERY TO PARTICIPANTS ONLY WHEN ACCOMPANIED BY ONE OR MORE SUPPLEMENTS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT LLCS IN WHICH SUCH PARTICIPANTS HOLD PARTICIPATION INTERESTS. SEE WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION.

WHO CAN HELP ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS?

If you have more questions about the proposed consolidation or would like additional copies of this Prospectus/Consent Solicitation Statement or the supplement relating to your subject LLC(s) (which will be provided at no cost), you should contact the person designated on the consent form sent to you.

To obtain timely delivery, you should request this information no later than , 2012.

The date of this Prospectus/Consent Solicitation Statement is , 2012.

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The company uses market data and industry forecasts and projections throughout this Prospectus/Consent Solicitation Statement, and in particular in the sections entitled Economic and Market Overview, The Company Business and Properties and Business of the Subject LLCs. The company has obtained all of this information from a market study prepared for the company by Rosen Consulting Group, or RCG, a nationally recognized real estate consulting firm, in August 2012. The company has paid RCG a fee for such services. Such information is included herein in reliance on RCG s authority as an expert on such matters. See Experts. The company believes the data prepared by RCG is reliable, but it has not independently verified this information. Any forecasts prepared by RCG are based on data (including third party data), models and experience of various professionals, and are based on various assumptions, all of which are subject to change without notice. There is no assurance that any of the forecasts will be achieved.

The term greater New York metropolitan area is used herein to refer only to Fairfield County, Connecticut and Westchester County, New York. The manner in which the company defines its property markets and submarkets differs from how RCG has done so in its market study included herein. Further, RCG s definition of the New York metropolitan area differs from the company s definition of the greater New York metropolitan area. RCG s definition includes Putnam County and Rockland County in New York and Bergen County, Hudson County, and Passaic County in Northern New Jersey and excludes Fairfield County in Connecticut.

Unless the context otherwise requires or indicates, references in this Prospectus/Consent Solicitation Statement, which is referred to herein as the prospectus/consent solicitation, to:

- (i) the subject LLCs refers to Empire State Building Associates L.L.C., 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C. and 250 West 57th St. Associates L.L.C.,
- (ii) the private entities refer to the privately-held entities supervised by the supervisor, which are all of the entities, other than the subject LLCs, listed in the chart under the section Summary The Subject LLCs, the Private Entities and the Management Companies, which will be included in the consolidation,
- (iii) the company refers to Empire State Realty Trust, Inc. (formerly known as Empire Realty Trust, Inc.), a Maryland corporation, together with its consolidated subsidiaries, including Empire State Realty OP, L.P. (formerly known as Empire Realty Trust, L.P.), a Delaware limited partnership, which is referred to herein as the operating partnership, after giving effect to the series of transactions involving the consolidation of the subject LLCs and the private entities described in this prospectus/consent solicitation that have consented to the consolidation and a combination of (a) Malkin Holdings LLC, a New York limited liability company that acts as the supervisor of, and performs various asset management services and routine administration with respect to, the subject LLCs and certain of the private entities (as discussed in this prospectus/consent solicitation), which is referred to herein as the supervisor; (b) Malkin Properties, L.L.C., a New York limited liability company that serves as the manager and leasing agent to certain of the private entities in Manhattan, (c) Malkin Properties of New York, L.L.C., a New York limited liability company that serves as the manager and leasing agent to certain of the private entities located in Westchester County, New York, (d) Malkin Properties of Connecticut, Inc., a Connecticut corporation that serves as the manager and leasing agent to certain of the private entities in the State of Connecticut and (e) Malkin Construction Corp., a Connecticut corporation that is a general contractor and provides services to the private entities and third parties (including certain tenants at the properties owned by the private entities), which collectively are referred to herein as the management companies,
- (iv) the properties refers to the subject LLCs direct or indirect fee ownership interests in the Empire State Building, One Grand Central Place and 250 West 57th Street, respectively,
- (v) the properties of the company and the portfolio refer to the properties, the other assets of the subject LLCs, the ownership interests of the private entities in their properties and the other assets of the private entities,

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- (vi) the agents refer to holders of the membership interests in the subject LLCs for the benefit of participants in the agent s participating group; each of the agents is an affiliate of the supervisor,
- (vii) the participants refer to the holders of participation interests in the membership interests held by the agents and, as applicable, investors in the private entities,
- (viii) the participation interests refer to the beneficial ownership interests of participants in the membership interest of the subject LLCs held by an agent for the benefit of participants and, as applicable, membership or partnership interests or the beneficial interests therein held by investors in the private entities,
- (ix) common stock and shares of common stock refer to both shares of the company s Class A common stock, par value \$0.01, and Class B common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, unless otherwise indicated,
- (x) the IPO refers to the initial public offering of the Class A common stock of the company, and IPO price refers to the price per share of Class A common stock in the IPO,
- (xi) operating partnership units refer to the operating partnership s limited partnership interests. The operating partnership will have two classes of units of limited partnership interest operating partnership units and LTIP units. The operating partnership units will have four series Series PR operating partnership units, Series ES operating partnership units, Series 60 operating partnership units and Series 250 operating partnership units, which are referred to either collectively, or with respect to one or more series, as the operating partnership units, as the context requires or indicates. Operating partnership units are redeemable for a cash amount equal to the then-current market value of one share of Class A common stock per operating partnership unit, or at the company s election, shares of Class A common stock on a one-for-one basis. The Series ES operating partnership units will be issued to participants in Empire State Building Associates L.L.C., the Series 60 operating partnership units will be issued to participants in 250 West 57th St.

 Associates L.L.C., in each case except for the Wien group. The operating partnership intends to apply to have the Series ES operating partnership units, Series 60 operating partnership units and Series 250 operating partnership units listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbols ESBA, OGCP, and FISK, respectively. The Series PR operating partnership units will be issued to the participants in the private entities and the Wien group and will not be listed on a national securities exchange, and
- (xii) organizational documents refer to the limited liability company agreement, the participating agreements and the terms of any voluntary capital transaction override program and voluntary pro rata reimbursement programs for each subject LLC, to the extent applicable.

All references to the enterprise value refer to the value of the company after completion of the consolidation determined in connection with the IPO by the company in consultation with the investment banking firms managing the IPO and prior to the issuance of Class A common stock in the IPO and any issuance of Class A common stock pursuant to equity incentive plans.

All references to the aggregate exchange value refer to the aggregate exchange value of the subject LLCs, the private entities and the management companies based on the appraisal, or the Appraisal, by Duff & Phelps, LLC, the independent valuer. The exchange values as of June 30, 2012 are based on a final valuation analysis prepared by the independent valuer as of June 30, 2012. The final valuation updates a preliminary valuation prepared as of June 30, 2011. The preliminary exchange values based on such preliminary valuation were used in connection with the solicitation of consents from participants in the private entities in November 2011. See Appendix C-2 Preliminary Exchange Values and Projections used in Connection with Preliminary Exchange Values, which sets forth the preliminary exchange values and preliminary valuation.

All references (other than information labeled as pro forma information, including the pro forma financial statements) to the number of shares of common stock, on a fully-diluted basis, issued in the consolidation refer to

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the number of shares of Class A common stock and Class B common stock issued or received in the consolidation, prior to the issuance of Class A common stock in the IPO and pursuant to any incentive plans, assuming that (i) the enterprise value in connection with the IPO equals the aggregate exchange value, (ii) the offering price per share in the IPO used herein which is used solely for illustrative purposes equals a hypothetical \$10 per share, (iii) all of the subject LLCs, the private entities and the management companies participate in the consolidation, (iv) no cash is paid to participants in the private entities, (v) no shares of Class A common stock are issued to the supervisor pursuant to the voluntary pro rata reimbursement program, (vi) no fractional shares are issued and (vii) all operating partnership units issued in the consolidation are redeemed on a one-for-one basis and all shares of Class B common stock issued in the consolidation are converted on a one-for one basis for shares of Class A common stock.

The enterprise value will equal the total number of shares of common stock and total number of operating partnership units issuable in the consolidation (excluding any shares of common stock issued in the IPO, and assuming all participants in the private entities receive shares of common stock or operating partnership units and not cash) multiplied by the IPO price. The enterprise value (which is based on the IPO price) will be determined by, among other things, market conditions at the time of pricing of the IPO, the historical and future performance of the company and its portfolio of properties and the market s view of the company s net asset value and other valuation metrics. Today, some REITs common stock trades at a premium to perceived net asset value and others trade at a discount to perceived net asset value. The market s view of the company s net asset value determined in connection with the IPO could be less than the exchange values determined based on the Appraisal. The Appraisal was undertaken in connection with establishing relative value for the purpose of allocation of interests in the company among contributors of interests in the properties and not to establish the value of shares of common stock in the company upon completion of the IPO. In contrast, the pricing of REIT initial public offerings generally takes into account different factors not considered in the Appraisal, including current conditions in the securities markets, investor preferences and the market s view of the company s management team. Additionally, the Appraisal did not take into account transaction costs for the consolidation and the IPO.

The supervisor believes that initial public offering pricing for REIT common stock generally is at a discount to the market price for common stock of well-established, publicly-traded REITs, and that the company s IPO pricing will be no different. For this and other reasons, the supervisor expects that the enterprise value at the pricing of the IPO will be lower than the aggregate exchange value at the pricing of the IPO, and such discount at the pricing of the IPO could be material and substantial. This discount cannot be determined until the pricing of the IPO. As the company continues to develop a track record as a public company, the supervisor believes that the company s trading price following the IPO will be based on, among other things, the company s historical and future performance, its performance relative to its peers, market conditions generally and its continued seasoning in the public markets. The company currently intends to pay regular quarterly dividends based on the performance of the company and its portfolio of properties, rather than just one property, and those distributions are required to be at least 90% of annual REIT taxable income (determined without regard to the deduction for dividends paid, and excluding net capital gains) to maintain its qualification as a REIT. REIT taxable income will be determined by the performance of the portfolio of the company s properties and unaffected by its stock price.

All references to distributions to participants assume that all amounts payable under the voluntary pro rata reimbursement program are paid out of cash distributions from the subject LLCs and the private entities, as applicable and that no shares of Class A common stock are issued to the supervisor for amounts due under the voluntary pro rata reimbursement program.

The supervisor has made certain of these assumptions to permit the presentation of information in tables in this prospectus/consent solicitation on a consistent basis. For example, while throughout this prospectus/consent solicitation the supervisor has assumed for purposes of this presentation of information that no cash is paid, cash will be paid to non-accredited investors in the private entities and to certain investors in the private entities that are charitable organizations and elect to receive cash pursuant to the cash option described herein.

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All references to the stockholders refer to the holders of Class A common stock and Class B common stock of the company.

All references to the Malkin Family refer to Anthony E. Malkin, Peter L. Malkin, each of their lineal descendants (including spouses of any of the foregoing), any estates of any of the foregoing, any trusts now or hereafter established for the benefit of any of the foregoing, or any corporation, partnership, limited liability company or other legal entity controlled by Anthony E. Malkin or any permitted successor in such entity for the benefit of any of the foregoing.

All references to the Malkin Holdings group refer to the Malkin Family and Thomas N. Keltner, Jr., and his spouse.

All references to the Wien group refer to each of the lineal descendants of Lawrence A. Wien, including Peter L. Malkin and Anthony E. Malkin (including spouses of such descendants), any estates of any of the foregoing, any trusts now or hereafter established for the benefit of any of the foregoing, or any corporation, partnership, limited liability company or other legal entity controlled by Anthony E. Malkin for the benefit of any of the foregoing.

For demonstrative purposes, the supervisor has assigned a hypothetical IPO price of \$10 per share. That value is strictly hypothetical and is for illustrative purposes only.

All references to the property and assets owned by the company upon completion of the consolidation refer to the company upon completion of the consolidation, without giving effect to the IPO, and assuming that all required supermajority consents of the participants in the subject LLCs have been obtained and all of the properties and assets to be acquired from the subject LLCs, the private entities and the management companies pursuant to the consolidation have been acquired.

All references to a third-party portfolio transaction refer to the sale or contribution of the subject LLCs property interests and other assets as part of a sale or contribution of the properties owned by the subject LLCs, the private entities and the management companies as a portfolio to an unaffiliated third party. The description of the company in this prospectus/consent solicitation assumes that all of the properties and assets to be acquired from the subject LLCs, the private entities and the management companies pursuant to the consolidation have been acquired by the company rather than an unaffiliated third party pursuant to a third-party portfolio transaction.

Certain terms and provisions of various agreements are summarized in this prospectus/consent solicitation. These summaries are qualified in their entirety by reference to the complete text of any such agreements, which are either attached as exhibits or appendices to this prospectus/consent solicitation or the supplement for your subject LLC in the form in which they are expected to be signed (but subject to change, including potentially significant changes, as described below) or filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement on Form S-4 of which this prospectus/consent solicitation is a part. The parties to such agreements may make changes (including changes that may be deemed material) to the forms of the agreements attached as appendices or exhibits hereto, contained in the applicable supplement or filed as exhibits to the Registration Statement on Form S-4.

Upon completion of the IPO, the company expects to grant LTIP units and/or restricted shares of its Class A common stock (at the grantee s discretion) to the company s independent directors, executive officers (other than Anthony E. Malkin) and certain other employees, which will be subject to time-based and performance-based vesting over a three to four year period. The aggregate number of LTIP units/shares the company intends to grant to such individuals, including a total of 90,000 LTIP units and/or restricted shares of the company s Class A common stock which the company intends to grant to its independent directors, will be in an amount equal to 1.8% of the gross proceeds raised in the IPO (excluding the underwriters—option to purchase additional shares of the Class A common stock) divided by the IPO price. Assuming the company receives gross proceeds from the IPO of \$1,000,000,000 (excluding the underwriters—option to purchase additional shares of the Class A common stock), and assuming an IPO price of \$10 per share, the aggregate number of LTIP units and/or restricted shares of the Class A common stock the company intends to grant to its independent directors, executive officers (other than Anthony E. Malkin) and certain other employees will be 1,800,000 units/shares and will have an aggregate dollar value of \$18,000,000.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT

THE CONSOLIDATION

- Q: What am I being asked to approve?
- A: The supervisor, which is an affiliate of Peter L. Malkin and Anthony E. Malkin, is submitting the following proposals for your approval:

A consolidation of your subject LLC and certain office and retail properties in Manhattan and the greater New York metropolitan area owned by the subject LLCs and the private entities, all of which are supervised by the supervisor, and certain related management businesses, into the company, which is intended to qualify for taxation as a real estate investment trust for U.S. federal income tax purposes, which is referred to herein as a REIT.

As a potential alternative to the consolidation, the sale or contribution of the subject LLCs property interests as part of a sale or contribution of the properties owned by the subject LLCs, the private entities and the management companies as a portfolio to an unaffiliated third party. While the supervisor believes the consolidation represents the best opportunity for participants to achieve liquidity and to maximize the value of their investment, the supervisor believes it also is in the best interest of all participants for the supervisor to have the flexibility and discretion, subject to certain conditions, to accept an offer for the portfolio of properties from an unaffiliated third party if the supervisor determines that the offer price includes what the supervisor believes is an adequate premium above the value that is expected to be realized over time from the consolidation. The third-party portfolio transaction would be undertaken only if the aggregate consideration is at least 115% of the aggregate exchange value for the subject LLCs, the private entities and the management companies included in the third-party portfolio transaction and certain other conditions are met. The proposal must provide for all cash, payable in full at closing, but such proposal may provide for an option for all participants to elect to receive securities as an alternative to cash. If the proposal provides for a securities option, the Malkin Family will have the right to elect to receive securities only on the same proportional basis as other participants. No member of the Malkin Family will be an affiliate, consultant, employee, officer or director of the acquiror after the closing or receive any compensation from the acquiror (other than their pro rata share of the consideration that they will receive in the third-party portfolio transaction).

Voluntary pro rata reimbursement to the supervisor and Peter L. Malkin for the prior advances of all costs, plus interest, incurred in connection with litigations and arbitrations with the former property manager and leasing agent of the property.

Each of these proposals is subject to a separate consent, and approval of each proposal is not dependent on approval of any other proposal.

Q: Who is the supervisor?

A: The supervisor of the subject LLCs, Malkin Holdings LLC, provides all asset management services for, and supervises the operations of, the subject LLCs. Anthony E. Malkin and Peter L. Malkin are principals of the supervisor. The supervisor, which is related to the principals who formed the subject LLCs, was appointed as the supervisor of the subject LLCs pursuant to the original partnership agreement of each of the subject LLCs and is the only party which has performed, and is authorized to perform, this role under the subject LLCs organizational documents. The supervisor is controlled and managed by lineal descendants of the founder of the subject LLCs, Lawrence A. Wien. The subject LLCs were originally established as partnerships with no managing general partner or managing member and the supervisor is responsible for the operations and administrative functions on behalf of the subject LLCs. The supervisor, in its capacity as supervisor of each of the subject LLCs, provides and directs all administrative and oversight services. The supervisor also provides similar services to the private entities, including the private entities that hold operating lease interests in the properties owned by the subject LLCs.

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Q: Why is the supervisor proposing the consolidation?

A: The supervisor believes this transaction represents the best opportunity for value enhancement for your investment in the subject LLC after years of action under the supervisor s leadership to preserve, restore, and enhance your investment. Included in that history is a challenging time, which began with litigation commenced in 1997 by Peter L. Malkin and the supervisor to remove Helmsley-Spear, Inc., which is referred to herein as the former property manager and leasing agent (after it was sold by entities controlled by Leona M. Helmsley) as property manager and leasing agent of the properties owned by the subject LLCs and other properties which are now included in the plans for this consolidation.

Since the successful resolution of that litigation, the supervisor has overseen the engagement by the subject LLCs of independent property management and leasing agents and the transformation of the Empire State Building to a self management structure, retaining a third party agent for leasing only; developed and is in the process of effecting a comprehensive renovation and repositioning program for improving the physical condition of, and upgrading the credit quality of, tenants at the property, and raised the properties profile as part of a well regarded portfolio brand. The supervisor believes that it is an opportune time for the subject LLCs to take advantage of the opportunity to participate in the consolidation which will afford participants better value protection through diversification, growth opportunities through potential acquisitions and potential growth in revenue of the initial properties and more stable cash flows for distributions, as well as administrative and operating efficiencies. Additionally, the supervisor believes the consolidation provides value enhancement through better access to capital and options for liquidity for investors who so desire and allows participants to receive operating partnership units in a transaction expected to be tax-deferred for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

The supervisor has reviewed this transaction carefully and believes that current and anticipated property results provide favorable prospects for the consolidation. The supervisor will consider the capital market conditions at the time the IPO is ready to commence, but the supervisor is confident that a well located, well run, well capitalized portfolio of office and retail properties in Manhattan and in the greater New York metropolitan area is a desirable portfolio for an IPO. The consolidation and IPO will launch the company as a public company with its Class A common stock expected to be listed on the New York Stock Exchange, which is referred to herein as the NYSE, upon completion of the IPO. The operating partnership units issued to participants in the subject LLCs are also expected to be listed on the NYSE upon completion of the IPO. The operating partnership units will be issued in three separate series to the participants in each of the three subject LLCs (other than the Wien group) and in a separate series to the participants in the private entities receiving operating partnership units and the Wien group. Each series of operating partnership units will have identical rights as to distributions, liquidation and other rights as a limited partner in the operating partnership. The separate series were created because there are unique U.S. federal income tax consequences to the participants receiving each series of listed operating partnership units (as compared to ownership of operating partnership units of another series) depending on the subject LLC in which they have an interest and the tax aspects of the property contributed by such entity.

The supervisor believes that the consolidation is the best way for participants to achieve liquidity and to maximize the value of their investment in the subject LLCs. The supervisor believes that benefits to participants from the consolidation include:

The opportunity for participants to receive interests in the company s operating partnership on the same basis as participants in the private entities and the Malkin Family in a transaction expected to be tax-deferred for U.S. federal income tax purposes;

Liquidity for participants that elect to receive shares of Class A common stock expected to be listed on the NYSE, which investors may sell from time to time as and when they so desire (subject to the restrictions of applicable U.S. federal and state securities laws and after expiration of the lock-up period as described in this prospectus/consent solicitation). Presently there is no active trading market for the participation interest you hold in your subject LLC, which is only an indirect interest in real property subject to an operating lease, which is not under the operational control of your subject LLC.

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Participants may also achieve liquidity through sale of Class A common stock issued in exchange for operating partnership units and Class B common stock, subject to such restrictions. Participants in the subject LLCs who receive operating partnership units may also sell operating partnership units, which also are expected to be listed on the NYSE, subject to restrictions described above, although the market for operating partnership units may be more limited than the market for Class A common stock. In addition, each participant in the subject LLCs that receives operating partnership units may, immediately following the consolidation and the IPO, sell up to 4.0% of the operating partnership units he or she receives with respect to each subject LLC (assuming all of the participants in each subject LLC elect to receive operating partnership units, the enterprise value equals the aggregate exchange value and the IPO price equals \$10 per share), which treats all three subject LLCs equally after having determined for Empire State Building Associates L.L.C. the minimum amount required by the NYSE for it to meet the requirements as the primary listing;

Anticipated value enhancement through property diversification and operating and capital structure efficiencies;

Anticipated regular quarterly cash distributions on their operating partnership units and shares of common stock, which will include distributions of at least 90% of its annual REIT taxable income (determined without regard to the deduction for dividends paid, and excluding net capital gains), which is required for REIT qualification as described below. REIT taxable income will be determined by the performance of the portfolio of the company s properties and unaffected by its stock price;

Conversion of the current governance structure which is inefficient and costly in general and in which participants do not share in the same economic benefit that they would receive through ownership and operation of the properties by a single entity into a modern, centralized and efficient governance structure;

The opportunity to continue to hold interests in an entity operating under the brand developed by the supervisor and to participate in any future growth of the company through potential acquisitions and potential growth in revenue of the initial properties, while removing obstacles to obtaining true synergies and realization of value, such as combining financings, movements of tenants from one building to another, sharing of employees and management and oversight;

The opportunity to continue to hold interests in an entity in which certain executives of the supervisor will be members of the senior management team and Anthony E. Malkin will be Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, President and a director of the company and

The governance structure of an SEC reporting company with its Class A common stock expected to be listed on the NYSE, which provides accountability through the oversight of the company by a board of directors consisting predominantly of independent directors.

Q: Why is the company entering into the IPO?

A: The IPO is an integral part of the consolidation, the reasons for which are described in response to the immediately preceding question. The supervisor believes that the IPO will provide liquidity by exchanging the current, illiquid interests held by participants for shares of Class A common stock (or operating partnership units or to a limited extent, as described herein, Class B common stock exchangeable for Class A common stock) expected to be listed on the NYSE, which investors may sell from time to time as and when they so desire (subject to the restrictions of applicable U.S. federal and state securities laws and after expiration of the lock-up period as described in this prospectus/consent solicitation). There is expected to be an active trading market in the Class A common stock as a result of the IPO. The supervisor also believes the consolidated entity will have access to additional sources of capital. The company intends to use the proceeds from the IPO (i) to provide cash consideration in the consolidation to the non-accredited investors in the private entities in an estimated amount equal to \$85.3 million, (ii) to pay fees and other

expenses of the consolidation and the IPO (including in connection with the assumption of indebtedness), in an estimated amount equal to \$145.0 million, (iii) to repay a loan made by investors in one of the private entities, including Anthony E. Malkin and Peter L. Malkin, to such private entity, in an amount equal to \$3.6 million, (iv) to pay transfer taxes and other expenses and for general working capital purposes, in an estimated amount equal to \$83.0 million, and (v) with respect to the balance of the net proceeds, to provide cash consideration to the Helmsley estate and other charitable organizations, to provide them cash in lieu of common stock or operating partnership units in an amount estimated to equal \$683.1 million. The estimated amounts shown in the preceding sentences assume that the net proceeds from the IPO are equal to the assumed net proceeds set forth in the pro forma financial statements. If additional shares of Class A common stock are sold in the IPO, the net proceeds will be used to pay additional cash in lieu of common stock or operating partnership units to the Helmsley estate and other charitable organizations. See the unaudited pro forma financial information for the company beginning on page F-5 of this prospectus/consent solicitation.

Q: What discretion does the supervisor and the Helmsley estate have not to proceed with the IPO?

A: The company will proceed with the IPO only if the IPO is approved by a pricing committee formed in connection with the IPO. The pricing committee will have the authority to evaluate market conditions, determine the desirability of continuing to pursue the IPO and approve the price and terms of the IPO, based, in part, on discussions with the underwriters retained for the IPO. The pricing committee will consist of representatives of the supervisor and a representative of the Helmsley estate, who must act unanimously to approve the IPO. Accordingly, the supervisor and the Helmsley estate each have the discretion to determine whether the IPO will proceed. If the IPO does not close, the consolidation will not close.

Q: What is the proposed consolidation upon which I am being asked to vote?

A: You are being requested to approve the consolidation in which your subject LLC will contribute its assets to the operating partnership in exchange for operating partnership units, Class A common stock and to a limited extent, as described herein, Class B common stock. All of the subject LLCs together represent 39.69% of the aggregate exchange value. As part of the consolidation, the company also will enter into similar transactions with the other subject LLCs, private entities and the management companies described elsewhere in this prospectus/consent solicitation.

Through the consolidation, the company intends to combine the properties of the subject LLCs and the private entities and the assets and operations of the supervisor and the other management companies into the company, and intends to elect and to qualify as a REIT for U.S. federal income tax purposes commencing with its taxable year ending December 31, 2013. The closing of the consolidation will occur substantially simultaneously with the closing of the IPO. If the consolidation is approved by the three subject LLCs, the company acquires the properties from each of private entities and the company acquires the management companies, the company will own 12 office properties (including one long-term ground leasehold interest) which, as of June 30, 2012, encompass approximately 7.7 million rentable square feet of office space, and which were approximately 78.7% leased (or 82.5% giving effect to leases signed but not yet commenced as of that date). Seven of these properties are located in the midtown Manhattan market and encompass in the aggregate approximately 5.9 million rentable square feet of office space, including the Empire State Building. The Manhattan office properties also contain an aggregate of 428,431 rentable square feet of premier retail space on the ground floor and/or lower levels. The remaining five office properties are located in Fairfield County, Connecticut and Westchester County, New York, encompassing in the aggregate approximately 1.8 million rentable square feet. The majority of the square footage for these five properties is located in densely populated metropolitan communities with immediate access to mass transportation. Additionally, the company has entitled land at the Stamford Transportation Center in Stamford, Connecticut, adjacent to one of its office properties, that will support the development of an approximately 340,000 rentable square foot office building and garage, which is referred to herein as Metro Tower. As of June 30, 2012, the portfolio also included four standalone re

standalone retail properties located in the city center of Westport, Connecticut, encompassing 204,452 rentable square feet in the aggregate. As of June 30, 2012, the standalone retail properties were approximately 99.0% leased in the aggregate (or 100.0% giving effect to leases signed but not yet commenced as of that date).

The consolidation offers participants the opportunity to become limited partners in the operating partnership or stockholders of the company, which will own a diversified portfolio of properties and have as senior management certain executives of the supervisor, a recognized operator of office and retail properties in Manhattan and the greater New York metropolitan area. The supervisor has a comprehensive knowledge of its markets that has been developed through the supervisor s principals substantial experience. The consolidation also will result in the creation of a company with a board of directors consisting predominantly of independent directors, which will be responsible for overseeing the operations of the company. Anthony E. Malkin will be the only management member of the board of directors.

All of the properties are located in Manhattan and the greater New York metropolitan area, which, according to RCG, is one of the most-prized office markets in the world and a world-renowned retail market due to a combination of supply constraints, high barriers to entry, near-term and long-term prospects for job creation, vacancy absorption and rental rate growth. The supervisor believes that the company will represent a unique opportunity to invest in a well-capitalized company with real estate in these most-prized markets and recognized and respected leadership. The company s primary focus will be to continue to own, operate and manage its current portfolio and to acquire and reposition office and retail properties in Manhattan and the greater New York metropolitan area.

- Q: Has the company received consents from the private entities and the management companies for the consolidation?

 A: All required consents of the private entities and the management companies, including the consents of the Wien group and the interests of the estate of Leona M. Helmsley (which is referred to herein as the Helmsley estate), to the acquisition by the company of the assets of the private entities and the management companies have been obtained prior to the date of this prospectus/consent solicitation. In addition, the Wien group collectively owns participation interests in the subject LLCs and has advised that it will vote in favor of the consolidation and the third-party portfolio proposal. These participation interests held by the Wien group represent the following percentage ownership for each subject LLC: 8.5921% for Empire State Building Associates L.L.C., 8.7684% for 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C. and 7.3148% for 250 West 57th St. Associates L.L.C. In addition to the participation interests, members of the Wien group hold override interests, which are non-voting. See Background of and Reasons for the Consolidation Background of the Subject LLCs.
- Q: What are the conditions for the consolidation to close?
- A: The following conditions must be satisfied to consummate the consolidation of the subject LLC: (i) requisite consent of the participants in the subject LLC must have been received; (ii) the closing of the IPO and the listing of the three series of operating partnership units issued to participants in the subject LLCs and Class A common stock on the NYSE or another national securities exchange; (iii) the closing of the consolidation no later than December 31, 2014; (iv) the contribution to the company of the property interests in the Empire State Building owned by Empire State Building Associates L.L.C., which owns the fee interest and the underlying land, and Empire State Building Company L.L.C., the private entity which is the operating lessee with respect to the Empire State Building, and (v) other customary conditions. The consolidation is not conditioned on any of the other subject LLCs or private entities contributing their property interests to the company in the consolidation.
- $Q{:}\quad \ \ Have there been prior transactions that are comparable to the consolidation?$
- A: The proposed consolidation and IPO include many elements that generally are not present in other transactions. These elements include the acquisitions of properties and assets from more than 20 private

entities and the three publicly registered entities, the acquisition of the properties from the subject LLCs in a transaction in which the securities are being registered on a Registration Statement on Form S-4 that is subject to the SEC s roll-up regulations, certain of the subject LLCs and the private entities having a two-tier ownership structure, and an IPO by the company following completion of the solicitation of the participants in the subject LLCs and simultaneously with the closing of the consolidation. As a result, the supervisor believes that the consolidation is a unique transaction and is not aware of any comparable transaction.

- Q: Who will pay transaction expenses relating to the consolidation and the IPO if the consolidation closes and the IPO is consummated, and who will pay the transaction costs relating to the consolidation and the IPO if the consolidation does not close?
 A: If the company acquires the property of your subject LLC in the consolidation and the IPO is consummated, the company will bear all consolidation and IPO expenses. Your subject LLC will be reimbursed for the consolidation expenses previously paid by it out of the proceeds from the IPO. If the consolidation does not close or your subject LLC does not approve the consolidation, your subject LLC will bear its proportionate share of the consolidation and IPO expenses based on exchange values and will not be reimbursed for the consolidation and IPO expenses previously paid by it.
- Q: What will I be entitled to receive if I vote **FOR** the consolidation and the consolidation is approved by my subject LLC?

 A: If you vote **FOR** the consolidation and your subject LLC participates in the consolidation, you will receive operating partnership units, unless you elect to receive shares of Class A common stock or, to a limited extent, Class B common stock. You may elect to receive one share of Class B common stock instead of one operating partnership unit for every 50 operating partnership units you would otherwise receive in the consolidation. Each share of Class B common stock has 50 votes on all matters on which stockholders are entitle to vote and the same economic interest as a share of Class A common stock, and one share of Class B common stock and 49 operating partnership units together represent a similar economic value as 50 shares of Class A common stock. The percentage of the aggregate exchange value and the company s common stock on a fully diluted basis allocated to each of Empire State Building Associates L.L.C., 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C. and 250 West 57th St. Associates L.L.C. is 28.30%, 7.49% and 3.90%, respectively. See Summary Allocation of Consideration in the Consolidation.

The operating partnership units will be issued in three separate series to the participants in each of the three subject LLCs (other than the Wien group) and in a separate series to the participants in the private entities receiving operating partnership units and the Wien group. Each series of operating partnership units will have identical rights as to distributions, liquidation and other rights as a limited partner in the operating partnership. The separate series were created because there are unique U.S. federal income tax consequences to the participants receiving each series of listed operating partnership units (as compared to ownership of operating partnership units of another series) depending on the subject LLC in which they have an interest and the tax aspects of the property contributed by such entity.

Q: What will I be entitled to receive if I don t vote **FOR** the consolidation and the consolidation proposal is approved by my subject LLC? A: If you vote **AGAINST** the consolidation, you do not vote or you **ABSTAIN**, and your subject LLC participates in the consolidation, if you are a participant in 250 West 57th St. Associates L.L.C., you will receive operating partnership units, unless you elect to receive shares of Class A common stock or, to a limited extent, as described in response to the immediately preceding question, Class B common stock, and, as set forth under the section entitled Summary Voting Procedures for the Consolidation Proposal and the Third-Party Portfolio Proposal, if you are a participant in Empire State Building Associates L.L.C. and 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C., your participation interests will be subject to a buyout pursuant to a buyout right included in the

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participating agreements since inception of the subject LLCs, even if the consolidation is not consummated or the consolidation is not approved by the other participating groups in your subject LLC. The buyout amount for your interest would be substantially lower than the exchange value. The buyout amount, which is equal to the original cost less capital repaid, but not less than \$100, is currently \$100 for the interest held by a participant in Empire State Building Associates L.L.C. and \$100 for the interest held by a participant in 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C., as compared to the exchange value of \$323,800 (or \$358,670 if you are not subject to the voluntary capital override) per \$10,000 original investment for Empire State Building Associates L.L.C. and \$402,660 per \$10,000 original investment for 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C., respectively. Prior to an agent purchasing the participation interests of non-consenting participants for the benefit of the applicable subject LLC, the agent will give such participants not less than ten days notice after the required supermajority consent is received by the applicable participating group in such subject LLC to permit them to consent to the consolidation or the third-party portfolio proposal, as applicable, in which case their participation interests will not be purchased.

- Q: If my subject LLC consolidates with the company, may I choose to receive something other than operating partnership units?

 A: Yes. Each participant will have the opportunity to receive operating partnership units in a transaction expected to be tax-deferred for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Each participant in the subject LLCs will receive operating partnership units, unless he or she elects to receive shares of Class A common stock or, to a limited extent, Class B common stock. Each participant may elect to receive one share of Class B common stock instead of one operating partnership unit for every 50 operating partnership units such participant would otherwise receive in the consolidation. Each share of Class B common stock has 50 votes on all matters on which stockholders are entitled to vote and the same economic interest as a share of Class A common stock, and one share of Class B common stock and 49 operating partnership units together represent a similar economic value as 50 shares of Class A common stock.
- Q: Will I receive a distribution of cash from my subject LLC at the closing of the consolidation?

 A: The subject LLCs will distribute promptly following the closing any excess cash held by them at the time of the closing of the consolidation.

 The cash to be distributed by a subject LLC will be (i) any cash held by such entity at the closing in excess of the normalized level of net working capital for such entity, as determined by the supervisor, (ii) the consolidation expenses reimbursed by the company to the subject LLC at the closing of the consolidation out of proceeds of the IPO and (iii) overage rent that will have accrued through the date of the closing of the consolidation.

At June 30, 2012, each of Empire State Building Associates L.L.C., 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C. and 250 West 57th St. Associates L.L.C. had cash, which would have been available for distribution (in addition to any amounts that would have been distributable out of accrued overage rent) had the closing occurred on such date, of \$6,700,000, \$700,000 and \$430,000, respectively, and as of June 30, 2012 would have been entitled to receive \$12,062,687, \$3,052,936 and \$1,431,585, respectively, as reimbursement for costs incurred in connection with the consolidation and the IPO, out of the proceeds of the IPO. A participant share of such excess cash would have been \$5,350, \$4,830 and \$4,650, respectively, per \$10,000 original investment for each of Empire State Building Associates L.L.C., 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C. and 250 West 57th St. Associates L.L.C. The actual amount of distributions will be based on cash available at closing of the consolidation and no assurance can be given that these cash amounts will be available for distribution.

Q: When can I sell operating partnership units or shares of Class A common stock of the company after the consolidation and the IPO? A: After the consolidation and the IPO, each participant (except the Malkin Family, whose members are subject to a longer restrictive period in which they cannot sell) will have the ability to sell up to 50% of both

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the operating partnership units and common stock received in the consolidation at any time after the 180th day following the IPO pricing date and the balance of the operating partnership units and Class A common stock 12 months after the IPO pricing date. This includes Class A common stock issuable in exchange for operating partnership units, which are only issuable in exchange for operating partnership units beginning 12 months after the completion of the IPO, and Class B common stock. In addition, each participant in the subject LLCs that receives operating partnership units may, immediately following the consolidation and the IPO, sell up to 4.0% of the operating partnership units he or she receives with respect to each subject LLC (assuming all of the participants in each subject LLC elect to receive operating partnership units, the enterprise value equals the aggregate exchange value and the IPO price equals \$10 per share), which treats all three subject LLCs equally after having determined for Empire State Building Associates L.L.C. the minimum amount required by the NYSE for it to meet the requirements as the primary listing. Participants in the subject LLCs who receive operating partnership units may also sell operating partnership units, subject to restrictions described above, although the market for operating partnership units may be more limited than the market for Class A common stock.

Q: How was the value of my participation interest determined?

A: The value of your participation interest, as described in this prospectus/consent solicitation, was determined based on the exchange value for your subject LLC. The exchange value of your subject LLC and the other subject LLCs, the private entities and the management companies is the value of each of and all these entities based on the Appraisal by Duff & Phelps, LLC, which is referred to herein as Duff & Phelps or the independent valuer, which serves as the independent valuer for all the subject LLCs, the private entities and the management companies. Shares of common stock, operating partnership units and/or cash, as applicable, will be allocated among the subject LLCs, the private entities and the management companies. The exchange value was then allocated among the participants and the holders of the override interests by the independent valuer in accordance with each subject LLC s organizational documents. However, as described elsewhere in this prospectus/consent solicitation, while the exchange value was used to establish the relative value of the properties and participation interests, this value does not necessarily represent the fair market value of your participation interest. The number of shares of Class A common stock, Class B common stock, and operating partnership units issued in the consolidation will be determined based on the company s enterprise value, which will be determined based on the IPO price, without giving effect to shares of Class A common stock issued in the IPO.

The fair market value of the consideration that you receive will not be known until the pricing of the IPO, which will occur after you vote upon the approval of the consolidation transaction. The value of the consideration will be based on the enterprise value determined in connection with pricing of the IPO. The enterprise value (which is based on the IPO price) will be determined by, among other things, market conditions at the time of pricing of the IPO, the historical and future performance of the company and its portfolio of properties and the market s view of the company s net asset value and other valuation metrics. Today, some REITs—common stock trades at a premium to perceived net asset value and others trade at a discount to perceived net asset value. The market—s view of the company—s net asset value determined in connection with the IPO could be less than the exchange values determined based on the Appraisal. The Appraisal was undertaken in connection with establishing relative value for the purpose of allocation of interests in the company among contributors of interests in the properties and not to establish the value of shares of common stock in the company upon completion of the IPO. In contrast, the pricing of REIT initial public offerings generally takes into account different factors not considered in the Appraisal, including current conditions in the securities markets, investor preferences and the market—s view of the company—s management team. Additionally, the Appraisal did not take into account transaction costs for the consolidation and the IPO.

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The supervisor believes that initial public offering pricing for REIT common stock generally is at a discount to the market price for common stock of well-established, publicly-traded REITs, and that the company s IPO pricing will be no different. For this and other reasons, the supervisor expects that the enterprise value at the pricing of the IPO will be lower than the aggregate exchange value at the pricing of the IPO, and such discount at the pricing of the IPO could be material and substantial. This discount cannot be determined until the pricing of the IPO. As the company continues to develop a track record as a public company, the supervisor believes that the company s trading price following the IPO will be based on, among other things, the company s historical and future performance, its performance relative to its peers, market conditions generally and its continued seasoning in the public markets. The company currently intends to pay regular quarterly dividends based on the performance of the company and its portfolio of properties, rather than just one property, and those distributions are required to be at least 90% of annual REIT taxable income (determined without regard to the deduction for dividends paid, and excluding net capital gains) to maintain its qualification as a REIT. REIT taxable income will be determined by the performance of the portfolio of the company s properties and unaffected by its stock price.

Q: What is the difference between how the exchange value was determined and how the enterprise value of the company will be determined? A: In the prospectus/consent solicitation, there are descriptions of the exchange values of the subject LLCs and discussion of the enterprise value in valuing the consideration that participants will receive. The following summarizes how the exchange value and the enterprise value are determined.

The aggregate exchange value is the sum of the exchange values of each of the subject LLCs, private entities and the management companies. These exchange values were calculated by the independent valuer based on the Appraisal (after making certain adjustments). The description of the Appraisal is set forth under Reports, Opinions and Appraisals Appraisal and the adjustments to the Appraisal to calculate the exchange values is set forth under Exchange Value and Allocation of Operating Partnership Units and Common Stock Derivation of Exchange Values.

The enterprise value is the value of the company after completion of the consolidation (but immediately before the IPO). While this prospectus/consent solicitation shows the value of the consideration that you would receive based on the exchange value solely for illustrative purposes, the actual value of your consideration will be based on the enterprise value. The enterprise value is the value of the company determined based on IPO price rather than the appraised value. The enterprise value will equal the total number of shares of common stock and total number of operating partnership units issuable in the consolidation (excluding any shares of common stock issued in the IPO, and assuming all participants in the private entities receive shares of common stock or operating partnership units and not cash) multiplied by the IPO price. The enterprise value will not be known until the IPO pricing date. The prospectus for the IPO will show the number of shares of common stock and operating partnership units outstanding immediately before the IPO (which may be different from the hypothetical number of shares calculated by dividing the aggregate exchange value by the \$10 per share hypothetical price per share) and the IPO price.

The enterprise value (which is based on the IPO price) will be determined by, among other things, market conditions at the time of pricing of the IPO, the historical and future performance of the company and its portfolio of properties and the market s view of the company s net asset value and other valuation metrics. The Appraisal was undertaken in connection with establishing relative pre-consolidation value for the purpose of allocation of interests in the company among contributors of interests in the properties and not to establish the value of shares of common stock in the company upon completion of the IPO. In contrast, the pricing of REIT initial public offerings generally takes into account different factors not considered in the Appraisal, including current conditions in the securities markets, investor preferences and the market s view of the company s management team. Additionally, the Appraisal did not take into account transaction costs for the consolidation and IPO.

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Q: How many operating partnership units and shares of common stock will I be entitled to receive if my subject LLC is consolidated with the company?

A: The number of operating partnership units and shares of common stock that will be allocated to each subject LLC in the consolidation based on the exchange value is set forth in the chart under the caption Summary Allocation of Consideration in the Consolidation. The following table sets forth the exchange value allocated to each of the subject LLCs and the shares of common stock or operating partnership units and the exchange value to participants per \$10,000 original investment.

		Exchange Value to Participants	
		Per \$10,000 Original Investment (except as otherwise noted) Value of Shares Number of	
		of Common Stock or	Shares of Common
Entity	Total Exchange Value(1)(2)	Operating Partnership Units ⁽²⁾	Stock, on a Fully-Diluted Basis
Empire State Building Associates L.L.C.	\$ 1,183,612,549		
Participants (subject to voluntary override)		\$ 323,803	32,380
Participants (not subject to voluntary override)		\$ 358,670	35,867
60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C.	\$ 313,069,533		
Participants	, , ,	\$ 402,658	40,266
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250 West 57th St. Associates L.L.C.	\$ 163,064,607		
Participants (subject to voluntary override)		\$ 409,662	40,966
Participants (not subject to voluntary override)		\$ 452,957	45,296

- (1) The exchange value is determined as described in Exchange Value and Allocation of Operating Partnership Units and Common Stock Derivation of Exchange Values.
- (2) The exchange value of each subject LLC, each private entity and the management companies is based on each subject LLC s, each private entity s and each management company s assets and liabilities included in the quarterly balance sheets of the subject LLC, private entity or the management companies, as of June 30, 2012. The exchange value will be revised to reflect changes in the balance sheet items included in the calculation of the exchange value in subsequent quarterly balance sheets but will not be revised based on changes in the balance sheets or other events after the final quarterly balance sheet date prior to the closing of the consolidation.

You will receive a portion of the operating partnership units and common stock allocated to your subject LLC in accordance with your election and with your percentage interest in the subject LLC and the subject LLC s organizational documents, after taking into account the allocations in respect of the supervisor s override interests. The number of operating partnership units and shares of common stock presented in this prospectus/consent solicitation is based on the hypothetical \$10 per share exchange value arbitrarily assigned by the supervisor to illustrate the number of operating partnership units and/or shares of common stock that a participant would receive if the enterprise value of the company determined in connection with the IPO were the same as the aggregate exchange value and the IPO price were \$10 per share. The actual number of operating partnership units and shares of common stock, on a fully-diluted basis, issued in the consolidation will equal the enterprise value divided by the actual IPO price upon pricing of the IPO. The enterprise value (which is based on the IPO price) will be determined by, among other things, market conditions at the time of pricing of the IPO, the historical and future performance of the company and its portfolio of properties and the market s view of the company s net asset value and other valuation metrics. Today, some REITs common stock trades at a premium to perceived net asset value and others trade at a discount to perceived net asset value. The market s view of the company s net asset value determined in connection with the IPO could be less than the exchange values determined based on the Appraisal. The Appraisal was undertaken in connection with establishing relative value for the purpose of allocation of interests in the company among contributors of interests in the properties and not to establish the value of shares of common stock in the company upon completion of the IPO. In contrast, the pricing of REIT initial public offerings generally takes into account different factors not considered in the Appraisal, including current conditions in the securities markets, investor preferences and the market s view of the company s management team. Additionally, the Appraisal did not take into account transaction costs for the consolidation and the IPO.

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The supervisor believes that initial public offering pricing for REIT common stock generally is at a discount to the market price for common stock of well-established, publicly-traded REITs, and that the company s IPO pricing will be no different. For this and other reasons, the supervisor expects that the enterprise value at the pricing of the IPO will be lower than the aggregate exchange value at the pricing of the IPO, and such discount at the pricing of the IPO could be material and substantial. This discount cannot be determined until the pricing of the IPO. As the company continues to develop a track record as a public company, the supervisor believes that the company s trading price following the IPO will be based on, among other things, the company s historical and future performance, its performance relative to its peers, market conditions generally and its continued seasoning in the public markets. The company currently intends to pay regular quarterly dividends based on the performance of the company and its portfolio of properties, rather than just one property, and those distributions are required to be at least 90% of annual REIT taxable income (determined without regard to the deduction for dividends paid, and excluding net capital gains) to maintain its qualification as a REIT. REIT taxable income will be determined by the performance of the portfolio of the company s properties and unaffected by its stock price.

Q: What are the rights of holders of Class A common stock and Class B common stock?

A: Each share of Class A common stock entitles the holder to one vote. Operating partnership units have economic rights similar to the Class A common stock but do not have the right to vote on matters presented to holders of Class A common stock and Class B common stock. The participants in the subject LLCs have an option to elect to receive one share of Class B common stock instead of one operating partnership unit for every 50 operating partnership units such participant would otherwise receive in the consolidation. Accredited investors in the private entities and the management companies had the same option at the time they made their election of consideration in the private solicitation. The Class B common stock provides its holder with a voting right that is no greater than if such holder had received solely Class A common stock in the consolidation. Each outstanding share of Class B common stock entitles the holder to 50 votes on all matters on which the stockholders of Class A common stock are entitled to vote, including the election of directors, and holders of shares of Class A common stock and Class B common stock will vote together as a single class. Each share of Class B common stock has the same economic interest as a share of Class A common stock, and one share of Class B common stock and 49 operating partnership units together represent a similar economic value as 50 shares of Class B common stock. One share of Class B common stock may be converted into one share of Class A common stock at any time, and one share of Class B common stock or certain transfers of the operating partnership units held by the holder of Class B common stock (or a permitted transferee) to a person other than a permitted transferee.

Q: What are the rights of holders of operating partnership units, and when are operating partnership units exchangeable for shares of common stock?

A: Holders of operating partnership units and stockholders of the company will have the same rights to distributions. Holders of operating partnership units will not have the right to vote on matters presented to holders of common stock. Participants will have the right to elect to receive Class B common stock, which vote together as a class with the Class A common stock, in lieu of a portion of the operating partnership units issuable to them, as described in response to the immediately preceding question.

Beginning 12 months after the completion of the IPO, each holder of operating partnership units will have the right, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the operating partnership agreement, to require the operating partnership to redeem all or a portion of its operating partnership units for a cash amount equal to the then-current market value of one share of Class A common stock per operating partnership unit, or, at the company s election, to exchange each such operating partnership unit for a share of Class A common stock on a one-for-one basis.

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The operating partnership units will be issued in three separate series to the participants in each of the three subject LLCs, other than the Wien group. The operating partnership units of each of these series are expected to be separately listed on the NYSE and traded separately. In addition, a separate series of operating partnership units, which will not be listed on a national securities exchange, will be issued to the participants in the private entities and the Wien group. Each series of operating partnership units has identical rights as to distributions, liquidation and other rights as a limited partner in the operating partnership. The four series vote together as a single class on all matters on which the holders of operating partnership units have the right to vote or consent. The separate series were created because there are unique U.S. federal income tax consequences to the participants receiving each series of listed operating partnership units (as compared to ownership of operating partnership units of another series) depending on the subject LLC in which they have an interest and the tax aspects of the property contributed by such entity. By issuing the operating partnership units in separate series, each of the operating partnership units in a series that will be trading on the NYSE is expected to be uniform with other operating partnership units of that series with regard to distributions, liquidation and other rights as a limited partner in the operating partnership.

Q: What is the operating partnership?

A: The structure of the company generally is referred to as an UPREIT structure. Substantially all of the company s assets will be held directly or indirectly by the operating partnership. Holders of operating partnership units and stockholders of the company will have the same rights to distributions. This structure generally will enable the company to acquire assets in transactions that will not trigger the recognition of gain to the owners of the acquired assets, assuming certain conditions are met.

The company will be the sole general partner of the operating partnership. As such, the company generally has the exclusive power under the operating partnership agreement to manage and conduct the business of the operating partnership, without the consent of the holders of operating partnership units or the stockholders.

The operating partnership units will be owned by the company and by any person who transfers interests or assets to the operating partnership or one of its subsidiaries in exchange for operating partnership units, including participants in the private entities and the Malkin Holdings group that will be issued operating partnership units as part of the consolidation in exchange for their participation interests and override interests in the private entities and the subject LLCs and their interests in certain of the management companies, as applicable. The company will own one operating partnership unit for each outstanding share of common stock.

Q: Why am I being asked to consent to a third-party portfolio proposal?

A: As a potential alternative to the consolidation, you also are being asked to consent to the sale or contribution of the subject LLC s property interest as part of a sale or contribution of the properties owned by the subject LLCs, the private entities and the management companies as a portfolio to an unaffiliated third party. Through solicitation of consents, for the first time the properties owned by the subject LLCs and the private entities can be joined as a single portfolio. While the supervisor believes the consolidation and IPO represent the best opportunity for participants in the subject LLCs and the private entities to achieve liquidity and to maximize the value of their respective investments, the supervisor also believes it is in the best interest of all participants for the supervisor to be able to approve offers from unaffiliated third parties for the portfolio as a whole.

Market forces are dynamic, unpredictable, and subject to volatility. Should the public awareness of the proposed consolidation and IPO produce potential compelling offers from unaffiliated third parties to purchase the consolidated portfolio, it will be costly and time consuming to solicit consents to allow a sale or contribution of the portfolio to a third party, and there is considerable risk that any opportunity which might appear would be lost without the requested consent in place. Therefore, the supervisor believes that it is advisable to have the flexibility and discretion, subject to certain conditions, to accept an offer for the entire portfolio of properties from an unaffiliated third party, rather than pursue the consolidation and IPO,

if the supervisor determines the offer price includes what the supervisor believes is an adequate premium above the value that is expected to be realized over time from the consolidation. The third-party portfolio transaction would be undertaken only if the aggregate consideration payable in the third-party portfolio transaction is at least 115% of the aggregate exchange value for the subject LLCs, the private entities and the management companies included in the third-party portfolio transaction and certain other conditions are met. Any third-party portfolio proposal must provide for all cash, payable in full at closing, but such proposal may provide for an option for all participants to elect to receive securities as an alternative to cash. If the proposal provides for a securities option, the Malkin Family will have the right to elect to receive securities only on the same proportional basis as other participants. No member of the Malkin Family will be an affiliate, consultant, employee, officer or director of the acquiror after the closing or receive any compensation from the acquiror (other than consideration that that they will receive in the third-party portfolio transaction). In addition, the supervisor has agreed that it will not accept a third-party offer unless it is unanimously approved by a committee which will include representatives of the supervisor and a representative of the Helmsley estate. The supervisor will be authorized to approve offers only if definitive agreements are entered into prior to December 31, 2015 or such earlier date as the supervisor may set with or without notice or public announcement.

What will I be entitled to receive if I don t vote **FOR** the third-party portfolio proposal and it is approved by my subject LLC? A: If you vote AGAINST the third-party portfolio proposal, you do not vote or you ABSTAIN, and your subject LLC participates in the third-party portfolio proposal, if you are a participant in 250 West 57th St. Associates L.L.C. you will receive the same consideration as other participants. Participants in 250 West 57th St. Associates L.L.C. are not subject to a buyout. As set forth under the section entitled Summary Voting Procedures for the Consolidation Proposal and the Third-Party Portfolio Proposal, if you are a participant in Empire State Building Associates L.L.C. and 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C., your participation interests will be subject to a buyout pursuant to a buyout right included in the participating agreements since inception of the subject LLCs even if the third-party portfolio proposal is not approved by the other participating groups in your subject LLC. The buyout amount for your interest would be substantially lower than the exchange value in connection with the allocation of consideration in the consolidation. The buyout amount, which is equal to the original cost less capital repaid, but not less than \$100, is currently \$100 for the interest held by a participant in Empire State Building Associates L.L.C. and \$100 for the interest held by a participant in 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C., as compared to the exchange value of \$323,800 (or \$358,670 if you are not subject to the voluntary capital override) per \$10,000 original investment for Empire State Building Associates L.L.C. and \$402,660 per \$10,000 original investment for 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C., respectively. Prior to an agent purchasing the participation interests of non-consenting participants for the benefit of the applicable subject LLC, the agent will give such participants not less than ten days notice after the required supermajority consent is received by the applicable participating group in such subject LLC to permit them to consent to the consolidation or the third-party portfolio proposal, as applicable, in which case their participation interests will not be purchased.

Q: When will the buyout provisions be triggered?

A: The buyout provisions for Empire State Building Associates L.L.C. and 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C. are triggered only if a supermajority consent is received with respect to either the consolidation or the third-party portfolio transaction by the applicable participating group. Unanimity on the consents is required pursuant to the organizational documents of Empire State Building Associates L.L.C. and 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C. with respect to both the consolidation and the third-party portfolio proposal for the consent of a participating group; therefore, a participant in either of such subject LLCs who does not vote in favor of such proposal (and does not change his or her vote after notice that the requisite supermajority consent has been obtained) will be subject to this buyout regardless of whether either or

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neither transaction is consummated or the required consent of other participating groups is received. If the required supermajority consent is not received by the applicable participating group, participants cannot and will not be subject to the buyout provisions. Thus, a participant in Empire State Building Associates L.L.C. or 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C. would be subject to a buyout if such participant:

votes **AGAINST** or **ABSTAINS** with respect to the consolidation, and the supermajority consent from participants in such participant s participating group is obtained with respect to the consolidation, and votes **FOR** the third-party portfolio transaction;

votes **AGAINST** or **ABSTAINS** with respect to the third-party portfolio transaction, and the supermajority consent from participants in such participant s participating group is obtained with respect to the third-party portfolio transaction, and votes **FOR** the consolidation:

votes **AGAINST** or **ABSTAINS** with respect to the consolidation and votes **AGAINST** or **ABSTAINS** with respect to the third-party portfolio transaction, and the supermajority consent from participants in such participant s participating group is obtained with respect to either or both proposals; or

does not vote and the supermajority consent from participants in such participant s participating group is obtained with respect to either or both proposals.

Q: Why am I being asked to consent to a voluntary pro rata reimbursement program?

A: You are being asked to consent to a voluntary pro rata reimbursement program pursuant to which the supervisor and Peter L. Malkin, a principal of the supervisor, will be reimbursed for the prior advances of all costs, plus interest, incurred in connection with the legal proceedings with Helmsley-Spear, Inc., the former property manager and leasing agent, which resulted in the removal of the former property manager and leasing agent as property manager and leasing agent of the properties owned by the subject LLCs and certain of the private entities and has enabled a renovation and repositioning turnaround program to be implemented by the supervisor. If you consent to the voluntary pro rata reimbursement program, the supervisor and Peter L. Malkin will be reimbursed for your pro rata share of costs, plus interest, previously incurred out of your share of the excess cash of your subject LLC that is being distributed to participants, and, to the extent that is insufficient, the consideration that you would receive in the consolidation or the consolidation is consummated, at the IPO price) and such balance would be paid to the supervisor and Peter L. Malkin in shares of Class A common stock, if the consolidation is consummated, or out of distributions of the subject LLC.

The table below shows the amount to be received by the supervisor out of the distributions of each consenting participant for each \$10,000 of original investment by a participant pursuant to the voluntary pro rata reimbursement program:

	Voluntary	Voluntary Reimbursement		
	Per	To	tal Potential	
	\$10,000	Rei	mbursement	
	Original	Original wit		
	Investment(1)	Pa	articipation	
Empire State Building Associates L.L.C.	\$ 1,024	\$	3,378,431	
60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C.	\$ 2,383	\$	1,667,938	
250 West 57th St. Associates L.L.C.	\$ 2,068	\$	744,638	

⁽¹⁾ Empire State Building Associates L.L.C. s, 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C. s and 250 West 57th St. Associates L.L.C. s share of the aggregate voluntary reimbursement (before any reimbursements) is \$3,150,896, \$1,564,930, and \$694,487, respectively, plus interest. The amount shown in the table includes accrued interest through June 30, 2012 and does not include interest which will accrue subsequent to June 30, 2012.

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97% of the potential voluntary reimbursement is attributable to advances by Peter L. Malkin for payments to unaffiliated third parties, with interest thereon at prime, and 3% is for amounts to be paid to the supervisor for work it performed.

The Helmsley estate, as part of an agreement with the supervisor covering this and other matters, has paid the voluntary pro rata reimbursement to the supervisor for its pro rata share of costs advanced, plus interest, which totaled \$5,021,048.

To consent to this proposal, simply indicate on the enclosed consent form that you want to consent to this proposal, then sign and submit the consent form by mail in the accompanying postage-paid envelope or by facsimile as soon as possible. If you **CONSENT** to the voluntary pro rata reimbursement program, your consent is made only with respect to your participation interest, and your participation in the program is not dependent on the consent of any other participant. If you sign and send in your consent form and do not indicate that you want to consent, you will be counted as **NOT** consenting to this proposal. If you indicate on your consent form that you **ABSTAIN**, you will be counted as **NOT** consenting to this proposal.

Q: What is a REIT, and why will the company elect to be a REIT?

A: A REIT is an entity that has elected and qualifies to be taxed as a real estate investment trust under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, referred to herein as the Code. A REIT is subject to requirements under the Code related to, among other things, the nature of its income and the composition of its assets, the amount of its annual distributions, and the diversity of its stock ownership. The primary benefit of REIT qualification is that a REIT is generally entitled to a deduction for dividends that it pays and, therefore, is not subject to U.S. federal corporate income tax on its net income distributed to its stockholders if it distributes its net taxable income to its stockholders on an annual basis. Therefore, upon a distribution of dividends by the company to its stockholders, income generated by the company will be taxed only at the stockholder-level. By contrast, a non-REIT C corporation is subject to U.S. federal corporate income tax on its taxable income without regard to dividends paid, and its stockholders are subject to U.S. federal income tax on dividends received.

Q: What is the scope of the public U.S. REIT market?

A: According to the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts, as of September 9, 2012, there were approximately 150 REITs in the U.S. that trade on one of the major stock exchanges, with 140 trading on the NYSE. Total equity market capitalization was approximately \$533 billion.

Q: Who can vote on the consolidation and third-party portfolio proposal?

A: Participants in each subject LLC who hold participation interests in such subject LLC during the consent solicitation period are entitled to vote **FOR** or **AGAINST** each of the proposed consolidation and the third-party portfolio proposal with respect to such subject LLC. In the event of a transfer of a participation interest that previously has been voted, that vote will remain in effect unless revoked by the transferee.

The Wien group collectively owns participation interests in the subject LLCs and has advised that it will vote in favor of the consolidation and the third-party portfolio proposal. These participation interests represent the following percentage ownership for each subject LLC: 8.5921% for Empire State Building Associates L.L.C., 8.7684% for 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C. and 7.3148% for 250 West 57th St. Associates L.L.C. In addition to the participation interests, members of the Wien group hold override interests which are non-voting. See Background of and Reasons for the Consolidation Background of the Subject LLCs.

Q: How do I vote **FOR** the consolidation and the third-party portfolio proposal?

A: Simply indicate on the enclosed consent form how you want to vote for each proposal, then sign and submit the consent form by mail in the accompanying postage-paid envelope or by facsimile as soon as possible so that your participation interest may be voted **FOR** or **AGAINST** each proposal. If you sign and send in your consent form and do not indicate how you want to vote on either one of these proposals, your consent will be counted as a vote **FOR** such proposal. If you do not submit your consent form or you

indicate on your consent form that you **ABSTAIN** from either proposal, it will have the effect of voting **AGAINST** such proposal. If you vote **FOR** the consolidation and your subject LLC participates in the consolidation, you effectively will preclude other alternatives, other than a third-party portfolio transaction, unless you vote **AGAINST** the third-party portfolio proposal. These alternatives include continuation of your subject LLC and a sale of your subject LLC s interest in the property and the resulting distribution of the net proceeds to its participants. Each of these proposals is subject to a separate consent and approval of each proposal is not dependent on approval of any other proposal.

Q: Can I change my vote on the consolidation proposal or the third-party portfolio proposal after I submit my consent form?

A: Yes. You can change your vote on the consolidation proposal, the third-party portfolio proposal, or both, at any time before the later of the date that consents from participants holding the required percentage interests in your participating group are received and the 60th day after the date of this prospectus/consent solicitation, as described in further detail in response to the next question. In addition, participants in Empire State Building Associates L.L.C. and 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C. that voted against the consolidation proposal, the third-party portfolio proposal, or both, or abstained from either or both of those proposals, will be notified and may change their vote within ten days of receiving notice that the subject LLC has received consents from participants holding the required percentage interests. The required percentage interests for Empire State Building Associates L.L.C. is 80% of the outstanding participation interests in each of the seven participating groups and for 250 West 57th St. Associates L.L.C. is 75% of the outstanding participation interests in eight out of the ten participating groups. As of June 30, 2012, each of Empire State Building Associates L.L.C., 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C. and 250 West 57th St. Associates L.L.C. had 2,839, 850, and 633 total participants holding 3,300, 700, and 720 total participation interests, respectively.

As of June 30, 2012, the following numbers of participation interests were held by the number of participants in each subject LLC s participating groups:

		Number of
	Number of	Participation
Empire State Building Associates L.L.C.	Participants	Interests Held(1)
Participating Group 1.	1,155	1,100
Participating Group 2	1,138	1,100
Participating Group 3	1,141	1,100

(1) Based on an original investment per participation interest of \$10,000.

		Number of
	Number of	Participation
60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C.	Participants	Interests Held ⁽¹⁾
Participating Group 1.	128	100
Participating Group 2	148	100
Participating Group 3	131	100
Participating Group 4.	130	100
Participating Group 5	144	100
Participating Group 6	136	100
Participating Group 7.	144	100

(1) Based on an original investment per participation interest of \$10,000.

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250 West 57th St. Associates L.L.C.	Number of Participants	Number of Participation Interests Held ⁽¹⁾
Participating Group 1.	46	72
Participating Group 2	73	72
Participating Group 3	88	72
Participating Group 4.	63	72
Participating Group 5	84	72
Participating Group 6	73	72
Participating Group 7.	66	72
Participating Group 8.	58	72
Participating Group 9	87	72
Participating Group 10	69	72

⁽¹⁾ Based on an original investment per participation interest of \$5,000.

You can change your vote in one of two ways: you can send the company a written statement that you would like to change your vote, or you can send the company a new consent form. Any change in your vote or new consent form should be sent to MacKenzie Partners, Inc., the vote tabulator, by mail or facsimile, as described below.

Q: What is the process by which I may change my vote on the consolidation proposal or the third-party portfolio proposal?

A: You may change your vote at any time before the later of the date that consents from participants holding the required percentage interest in your participating group are received and the 60th day after the date of this prospectus/consent solicitation. In addition, a participant in Empire State Building Associates L.L.C. or 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C. that does not consent to (or who abstains from or does not vote with respect to) the consolidation or the third-party portfolio proposal, as applicable, may also change his or her vote to consent to the consolidation or the third-party portfolio proposal, as applicable, within ten days after the notice that the required supermajority consent from the participants in such participant s participating group has been received with respect to such proposal is sent, as described below.

A participant can change his or her vote by sending to MacKenzie Partners, Inc., the vote tabulator, (i) a written statement that he or she would like to change his or her vote, or (ii) a new consent form, in either case, by mail, to 105 Madison Avenue, NY, NY 10016, or by facsimile, to (212) 929-0308. Either MacKenzie Partners, Inc. or the supervisor will send to the participant a written acknowledgment by facsimile or, if requested by the participant, mail, that the participant s vote has been changed promptly following receipt of a changed vote. Participants may call MacKenzie Partners, Inc. during the solicitation period to check whether or not the required supermajority consent from the participants in such participant s participant group has been received, or to confirm that such participant s changed vote has been received.

If a participant in Empire State Building Associates L.L.C. or 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C. votes **AGAINST** the consolidation or the third-party portfolio proposal, **ABSTAINS** or does not submit a consent form and the supermajority consent of his or her participating group is received, the agent for his or her participating group will provide the written buyout notice, stating that such supermajority consent from the participants in such participant such participants a participating group has been received to the participant following the expiration of the solicitation period, as the same may be extended.

The following is a hypothetical example illustrating the general timeline for this process:

DAY 1: the prospectus/consent solicitation is mailed to participants

DAY 46: the required supermajority consent for the consolidation is received by the participating group

DAY 47: the required supermajority consent for the third-party portfolio transaction is received by the participating group

DAY 61: the solicitation period expires; for the applicable participating group in Empire State Building Associates L.L.C. and 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C., the buyout notice that such supermajority consent from the participants in the applicable participating group has been received is mailed to participants who voted **AGAINST** or **ABSTAINED** on the consolidation or the third-party portfolio transaction, or did note vote.

DAY 71: expiration of 10-day period during which participants may change their vote to **FOR**.

Q: Are there tax consequences as a result of the consolidation?

A: It is expected that the consolidation should be treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes as follows:

- (i) If you receive solely shares of Class A common stock, the consolidation should be treated as a taxable sale of your participation interest in which gain or loss is recognized. Such gain or loss should generally equal the difference between your amount realized (which generally will equal the amount of the aggregate fair market value of shares of common stock that you receive, plus the share of liabilities associated with your participation interests that you are deemed to be relieved of under U.S. federal income tax law) and your adjusted tax basis in your participation interests. You will realize phantom income if you have a negative capital account with respect to your participation interest. In each of 250 West 57th St. Associates L.L.C. and 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C., original participants have a negative capital account. If you are an individual or a partnership for New York State personal income tax purposes, any gain that you recognize in the consolidation will generally be treated as New York source income for New York State personal income tax purposes. As a result, you (or, if you are a partnership, any of your partners who are individuals) will generally be subject to New York State personal income tax on such gain even if you are treated as a New York nonresident for purposes of the New York State personal income tax. The New York City personal income tax should not apply to individuals who are treated as New York City nonresidents for purposes of the tax. If all of your participation interest is exchanged for Class A common stock pursuant to the consolidation, suspended passive activity losses associated with your participation interest, if any, may be eligible for treatment as losses that are not from a passive activity to the extent that they exceed income and gains from passive activities for your taxable year that includes the consolidation.
- (ii) If you receive solely operating partnership units, or if you receive a combination of (a) operating partnership units and (b) shares of common stock that do not exceed your allocable share of certain qualified capital expenditures of the subject LLC as described under U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Consolidation Receipt of Operating Partnership Units (the reimbursement amount), the consolidation should be treated as a tax-deferred contribution by the subject LLC of the subject LLC s property to the operating partnership in exchange for operating partnership units and common stock as a reimbursement of certain qualified capital expenditures, followed by a tax-deferred distribution of such operating partnership units and common stock to you. You should not generally recognize gain unless (i) the disguised sale rules of the Code apply, (ii) you are deemed to receive a constructive distribution of cash in excess of your tax basis in your operating partnership units under Sections 731 and 752(b) of the Code due to a reduction in your share of partnership liabilities or (iii) you have at-risk recapture income under Section 465(e) of the Code. To the extent that you do not recognize gain in the consolidation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, you also generally should not recognize gain for purposes of the New York State personal income tax and, if applicable, the New York City personal income tax.
- (iii) If you receive a combination of (a) operating partnership units and (b) shares of common stock in excess of your reimbursement amount, you should be treated as first selling a portion of your participation interest for such excess shares of common stock in a transaction in which gain or loss is recognized. Following such sale, the subject LLC should be treated as contributing the portion

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of its property not attributable to participation interests otherwise treated as having been sold to the operating partnership in exchange for operating partnership units and common stock as a reimbursement of qualified capital expenditures in a tax-deferred contribution, and the subject LLC should be treated as distributing operating partnership units and shares of common stock equal to your reimbursement amount to you in a tax-deferred distribution.

If you consent to the voluntary pro rata reimbursement program, you may be treated as receiving shares of common stock that you would otherwise receive in the consolidation and immediately transferring such shares of common stock to the supervisor as a reimbursement payment. For this purpose, even if you elect to receive solely operating partnership units in the consolidation, you should be treated as receiving shares of common stock equal to the amount that you are treated as transferring to the supervisor as a reimbursement payment. Accordingly, the gain or loss that you recognize in the consolidation transaction should take into account your deemed receipt of such common stock. You should be entitled to deduct the value of the shares of common stock that you are deemed to pay to the supervisor as an expense associated with your participation interest in your subject LLC. This deduction should offset the amount of gain you recognize, or increase the amount of losses you would otherwise recognize, as a result of your deemed receipt of shares of common stock. However, this deduction may be subject to certain limitations depending on your individual circumstances and may be required to be capitalized, and you should consult with your tax advisor regarding your ability to utilize all or a portion of this deduction for U.S. federal income tax purposes. See U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations of the Voluntary Pro Rata Reimbursement Program for the Former Property Manager and Leasing Agent Legal Proceedings.

Participants should carefully review U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Consolidation. Participants should consult with their tax advisors with regard to the U.S. federal income tax, New York State personal income tax and New York City personal income tax consequences of receiving operating partnership units or common stock in exchange for their participation interests in their particular circumstances.

- Q: Will I be able to transfer the operating partnership units and shares of Class A common stock I receive in the consolidation?

 A: As limited partners of the operating partnership or stockholders of the company, participants will own operating partnership units and Class A common stock, as applicable, which are expected to be listed on the NYSE, and therefore will be publicly valued and freely tradable.

 Participants will be able to achieve liquidity by selling all or part of their shares of Class A common stock, subject to the restrictions of applicable U.S. federal and state securities laws and after expiration of the lock-up period. Participants may also achieve liquidity through sale of Class A common stock issued in exchange for operating partnership units and Class B common stock, subject to such restrictions. Participants in the subject LLCs who receive operating partnership units may also sell operating partnership units, subject to restrictions described above, although the market for operating partnership units may be more limited than the market for Class A common stock. In addition, each participant in the subject LLCs that receives operating partnership units may, immediately following the consolidation and the IPO, sell up to 4.0% of the operating partnership units, the enterprise value equals the aggregate exchange value and the IPO price equals \$10 per share), which treats all three subject LLCs equally after having determined for Empire State Building Associates L.L.C. the minimum amount required by the NYSE for it to meet the requirements as the primary listing.
- Q: In addition to this prospectus/consent solicitation, I received a supplement. What is the difference between this prospectus/consent solicitation and the supplement?

A: The purpose of this prospectus/consent solicitation is to describe the consolidation generally and to provide you with a summary of the investment considerations generally applicable to all of the subject LLCs. The purpose of the supplement is to describe the investment considerations particular to your subject LLC.

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After you read this prospectus/consent solicitation, the supervisor urges you to read the supplement. The supplement contains information particular to your subject LLC. This information is material in your decision whether to vote **FOR** or **AGAINST** the consolidation.

Q: When do you expect the consolidation to be completed?

A: The company plans to complete the consolidation as soon as possible after the receipt of the approval by the required vote of your subject LLC s participants and the approval by the required vote of the other subject LLCs participants, conditioned on the closing of the IPO. The company is unable to estimate the closing date of the consolidation and has required that it be completed no later than December 31, 2014. Your consent form must be received by , 2012, unless the supervisor extends the solicitation period. The supervisor reserves the right to extend on one or more occasions the solicitation period for one or more proposals for one or more subject LLCs or one or more participating groups in a subject LLC without extending for other proposals, subject LLCs or participating groups whether or not it has received approval for the consolidation or the third-party portfolio proposal.

If the consolidation is approved, the contribution agreements require that the consolidation be consummated by December 31, 2014. There could be significant changes in the value of the company between the date that the consents are received and the date of consummation of the consolidation. The contribution agreements use a formula to ascribe value to the subject LLCs, the private entities, and the management companies based, in part, on the relative exchange values of the subject LLCs, the private entities, and the management companies determined as of June 30, 2012 and effectively locks in the relative values of the subject LLCs, the private entities, and the management companies for purposes of the consolidation, whenever consummated. The consents will not be affected by any change in value, including any change in the relative value of a subject LLC as compared to the value of other subject LLCs, private entities or the management companies. The consolidation may be consummated regardless of how significant such changes are and may be consummated notwithstanding such changes.

Q: If I own participation interests in more than one subject LLC, what should I do?

A: For each subject LLC in which you own a participation interest, in the same mailing in which you received this prospectus/consent solicitation you have received a transmittal letter, supplement and consent form which provides for vote with respect to the consolidation proposal and the third-party portfolio proposal. Regardless of how many subject LLCs in which you own a participation interest, you have received a single copy of the prospectus/consent solicitation. Participants in each subject LLC will vote separately on whether or not to approve the consolidation. Accordingly, if you hold participation interests in more than one subject LLC, you must complete one consent form for each subject LLC in which you are a participant.

Q: Information in this prospectus/consent solicitation is based on a \$10,000 original investment. Where can I find information about my actual original investment?

A: Information is presented in this prospectus/consent solicitation based on a \$10,000 original investment to allow participants to determine the effect on them individually. Information regarding the amount of your actual original investment will be provided on the consent form sent to you.

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WHO CAN HELP ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS?

If you have more questions about the consolidation or would like additional copies of the prospectus/consent solicitation or the supplement relating to your subject LLC(s) (which will be provided at no cost), you should contact the person designated on the consent form sent to you.

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SUMMARY

This summary highlights information contained elsewhere in this prospectus/consent solicitation and may not contain all of the information regarding the consolidation that is important to you. To understand the consolidation and the third-party portfolio proposal fully and for a more complete description of the terms of and risks related to the consolidation and the third-party portfolio proposal, you should read carefully this entire prospectus/consent solicitation, the accompanying supplement relating to your subject LLC, the accompanying transmittal letter and the other documents to which the supervisor or the company, as applicable, has referred you, including the appendices and documents incorporated into this prospectus/consent solicitation by reference. See Where You Can Find More Information.

Purpose of this Prospectus/Consent Solicitation

You are being requested to approve the consolidation in which your subject LLC will contribute its assets to the company as part of the consolidation, the company also will enter into similar transactions with the other subject LLCs, the private entities and with the supervisor and other management companies that provide services to the subject LLCs and these entities. The company will be led by its Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President, Anthony E. Malkin, who has provided portfolio leadership as president of the supervisor, while Peter L. Malkin will continue to provide guidance as Chairman Emeritus, all supported by the supervisor s team of executives and staff, who are expected to join the company as part of the consolidation. The consolidation also will result in the creation of a company with a board of directors consisting predominantly of independent directors, which will be responsible for overseeing the operations of the company. Anthony E. Malkin will be the only management member of the board of directors and will be the only member of the Malkin Family that will be employed by the company or receive salary or other compensation from the company.

The supervisor believes you will benefit from this consolidation through newly created opportunities for liquidity, enhanced property diversification, increased growth opportunities, enhanced operating and financing abilities and efficiencies, combined balance sheets, anticipated regular quarterly cash distributions, and continued leadership by the principals of the supervisor under the accountability of the governance structure of a company with its Class A common stock expected to be listed on the New York Stock Exchange, which is referred to herein as the NYSE, and a board of directors consisting predominantly of independent directors.

The supervisor believes this transaction represents the best opportunity for value enhancement for your investment in the subject LLC after years of action under the supervisor s leadership to preserve, restore, and enhance your investment. Included in that history is a challenging time, which began with litigation commenced in 1997 by Peter L. Malkin and the supervisor to remove Helmsley-Spear, Inc., the former property manager and leasing agent (after it was sold by entities controlled by Leona M. Helmsley), as property manager and leasing agent of the properties owned by the subject LLCs and other properties, which are now included in the plans for this consolidation.

Since the successful resolution of that litigation, the supervisor has overseen the engagement by the subject LLCs of independent property management and leasing agents, developed and substantially effected a comprehensive renovation and repositioning program for improving the physical condition of and upgrading the credit quality of tenants at the property, and raised the property s profile as part of a well regarded portfolio brand. The supervisor believes that it is an opportune time for the subject LLCs to take advantage of the opportunity to participate in the consolidation which will afford participants better value protection through diversification, growth opportunities through potential acquisitions and potential growth in revenue of the initial properties and more stable cash flows for distributions, as well as administrative and operating efficiencies. Additionally, the supervisor believes the consolidation provides value enhancement through better access to capital and liquidity for investors who so desire.

The supervisor has reviewed this transaction carefully and believes that current and anticipated property results provide favorable prospects for the consolidation. The supervisor will consider the capital market conditions at the time the IPO is ready to commence, but the supervisor is confident that a well located, well run, well capitalized portfolio of office and retail properties in Manhattan and in the greater New York metropolitan area is a desirable portfolio for an IPO.

The consolidation offers participants the opportunity to become limited partners in the operating partnership and stockholders of the company, which is being formed to continue and expand the commercial real estate business of the subject LLCs, the private entities and the management companies participating in the consolidation. The supervisor has developed a comprehensive knowledge of its markets that has been acquired through its senior management team s substantial experience and is a recognized operator of office and retail properties.

Manhattan and the greater New York metropolitan area is one of the most-prized office markets in the world and a world-renowned retail market. Its status is derived from a combination of supply constraints and high barriers to entry, as well as near-term and long-term prospects for job creation, vacancy absorption and rental rate growth. Upon completion of the consolidation, all of the company s properties will be located in Manhattan and the greater New York metropolitan area. The supervisor believes that the company will represent a unique opportunity to invest in a well-capitalized company with real estate in these most-prized markets and recognized and respected leadership. The company s primary focus will be to manage its current portfolio and acquire and reposition office and retail properties in Manhattan and the greater New York metropolitan area.

A subject LLC will participate in the consolidation only if participants holding more than the required percentage of the outstanding participation interests in the subject LLC vote in favor of the consolidation, as described herein.

Description of the Company and the Subject LLCs

Overview

The company is a self-administered and self-managed real estate investment trust, or REIT, that owns, manages, operates, acquires and repositions office and retail properties in Manhattan and the greater New York metropolitan area. The company was formed to continue and expand the commercial real estate business of the supervisor and its affiliates. The company s primary focus will be to continue to own, manage and operate its current portfolio and to acquire and reposition office and retail properties in Manhattan and the greater New York metropolitan area.

As of June 30, 2012, the company owned 12 office properties (including one long-term ground leasehold interest) encompassing approximately 7.7 million rentable square feet of office space, which were approximately 78.7% leased (or 82.5% giving effect to leases signed but not yet commenced as of that date). Seven of these properties are located in the midtown Manhattan market and encompass in the aggregate approximately 5.9 million rentable square feet of office space, including the Empire State Building. The company s Manhattan office properties also contain an aggregate of 428,431 rentable square feet of premier retail space on their ground floor and/or lower levels. The company s remaining five office properties are located in Fairfield County, Connecticut and Westchester County, New York, encompassing in the aggregate approximately 1.8 million rentable square feet. The majority of square footage for these five properties is located in densely populated metropolitan communities with immediate access to mass transportation. Additionally, the company has entitled land at the Stamford Transportation Center in Stamford, Connecticut, adjacent to one of its office properties, that will support the development of an approximately 340,000 rentable square foot office building and garage, which is referred to herein as Metro Tower. As of June 30, 2012, the company s portfolio also included four standalone retail properties located in Manhattan and two standalone retail properties located in the city center of Westport,

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Connecticut, encompassing 204,452 rentable square feet in the aggregate. As of June 30, 2012, the company s standalone retail properties were approximately 99.0% leased in the aggregate (or 100.0% giving effect to leases signed but not yet commenced as of that date).

In addition, the company has an option to acquire from three private entities supervised by the supervisor two additional Manhattan office properties encompassing approximately 1.5 million rentable square feet of office space and 153,298 rentable square feet of ground floor retail space. Each of the Malkin Holdings group and the Helmsley estate owns interests in such private entities. These option properties currently are subject to ongoing litigation and the company has an option to acquire fee, long-term leasehold, sub-leasehold and/or sub-subleasehold interests in these two properties, as applicable, after such litigation is resolved. These properties are referred to herein as the option properties. For more information please see The Company Business and Properties Description of Option Properties.

From 2002 through 2006, the supervisor gradually gained full control of the day-to-day management of the company s Manhattan office properties (with the Helmsley estate holding certain approval rights at some of these properties as a result of its interest in the entities owning the properties). Helmsley-Spear, Inc. had provided property management services to the company s Manhattan office properties during the period from 2002 through 2006 prior to its removal as property manager. See Business and Properties History for more information regarding how the supervisor gained full control of the day-to-day management of the company s Manhattan office properties. Since then, the supervisor has been undertaking a comprehensive renovation and repositioning strategy of its Manhattan office properties that has included the physical improvement through upgrades and modernization of, and tenant upgrades in, such properties. Since the supervisor assumed full control of the day-to-day management of the company s Manhattan office properties beginning with One Grand Central Place in 2002 and through June 30, 2012, the subject LLCs and the private entities have invested a total of approximately \$330.0 million (excluding tenant improvement costs and leasing commissions) in its Manhattan office properties pursuant to this program. The company currently intends to invest between \$115.0 million and \$145.0 million of additional capital through the end of 2013. The company expects to complete substantially this program by the end of 2013, except with respect to the Empire State Building, which is the last Manhattan office property that began its renovation program. In addition, the company currently estimates that between \$85.0 million and \$115.0 million of capital is needed beyond 2013 to complete substantially the renovation program at the Empire State Building, which the company expects to occur by the end of 2016, due to the size and scope of the company s remaining work and the company s desire to minimize tenant disruptions at the property. The company intends to fund these capital improvements through a combination of operating cash flow and borrowings.

These improvements, within the renovation and repositioning program, include restored, renovated and upgraded or new lobbies; elevator modernization; renovated public areas and bathrooms; refurbished or new windows; upgrade and standardization of retail storefront and signage; façade restorations; modernization of building-wide systems and enhanced tenant amenities. These improvements are designed to improve the overall value and attractiveness of the company s properties and have contributed significantly to its tenant repositioning efforts, which seek to increase the company s occupancy; raise the company s rental rates; increase the company s rentable square feet; increase the company s aggregate rental revenue; lengthen the company s average lease term; increase the company s average lease size; and improve the company s tenant credit quality. The company has also aggregated smaller spaces in order to offer larger blocks of office space, including multiple floors, that are attractive to larger, higher credit-quality tenants and to offer new, pre-built suites with improved layouts. This strategy has shown attractive results to date, as illustrated by the case studies which are described in The Company Business and Properties Renovation and Repositioning Case Studies, and the company believes it has the potential to improve the company s operating margins and cash flows in the future. The company believes the company will continue to enhance its tenant base and improve rents as the company s pre-renovation leases continue to expire and be re-leased.

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The Empire State Building is the company s flagship property and provides the company with a significant and diversified source of revenue through its office and retail leases, observatory operations and broadcasting licenses and related leased space. Empire State Building Associates L.L.C. owns the fee interest in, and the land underlying, the Empire State Building. On a pro forma basis, during the six months ended June 30, 2012 and the year ended December 31, 2011, respectively, the company generated approximately \$108.8 million and \$193.6 million of revenue from the Empire State Building. The ongoing repositioning of the Empire State Building, which comprises 2,682,458 rentable square feet of office space and 163,655 rentable square feet of retail space, is representative of the company s strategic vision for its Manhattan office properties. To date, the renovation and repositioning efforts have enabled the supervisor to lease significant amounts of space at the Empire State Building to new higher credit-quality tenants, including: LF USA; Skanska; Coty, Inc.; the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Funaro & Co.; Kaltex North America, Inc.; LinkedIn; Noven Pharmaceuticals; People s Daily Online USA; Taylor Global; The Freeh Group; Turkish Airlines; and World Monuments Fund. The company believes completing the repositioning program for the Empire State Building, as well as its other Manhattan office properties, represents a significant growth opportunity for the company.

In addition to the Empire State Building, the company s portfolio attracts high quality tenants to its high quality, midtown Manhattan and greater New York metropolitan area office properties.

Major tenants of 1333 Broadway include LF USA, Inc., Aetna Life Insurance Company, OCE-USA Holdings, and a variety of service firms and retail tenancy in its multi-level retail space. Major tenants of 1350 Broadway include E-Bay, Tarter Krinsky & Drogin LLP, Marketfish, EchoLab, Open Space Institute, a variety of service firms including Carrier Corporation and retail tenancy in its multi-level retail space including Bank Santander (Sovereign Bank), Duane Reade (a division of Walgreen Co.), HSBC, Starbucks, and FedEx/Kinko s. Major tenants of 1359 Broadway include LF USA Inc., IPREO Holdings LLC, Actimize, Inc., Equifax, Parkinson s Disease Foundation and a variety of leading not-for-profit and service firms. Major tenants of 501 Seventh Avenue include the corporate headquarters of both Carolina Herrera Ltd. and Warnaco, Local Initiatives Support Corporation, a variety of service firms and retail tenancy including Chipotle Mexican Grill and Pot Belly Sandwich Shop. One Grand Central Place is largely a small tenant building. Its major tenants include Fairfield Maxwell Group, Ales Group USA, Inc., Tourist Office of Spain, American Bureau of Shipping, Pine Brook Road Partners LLC, a variety of financial, services, corporate, and not-for-profit tenants and retail tenancy in its multi-level retail space including JP Morgan Chase Bank, Bank of America, N.A., and Charles Schwab & Co. 250 West 57th Street is largely a small tenant building. Its major tenant is Perseus Books Group and its other tenants include a variety of financial, services, corporate, and not-for-profit tenants including N.S. Bienstock, Inc., Chase Paymentech (a division of JPMorgan Chase Bank) and retail tenancy in its multi-level retail space including TJ Maxx, the Gap, and Duane Reade (a division of Walgreen Co.).

In the greater New York metropolitan area, the company s portfolio includes high quality suburban office properties in densely populated metropolitan communities in Fairfield County, Connecticut and Westchester County, New York. Major tenants of the greater New York metropolitan area flagship Metro Center (at the Transportation Center in Stamford, Connecticut) include Thomson Reuters, Jefferies Group, Columbus Circle Investors, OMI Group, Olympus Partners, BP Energy, Tweedy, Browne Company and a variety of other investment management and private equity firms. Major tenants of First Stamford Place (within a short walking distance of the Transportation Center in Stamford, Connecticut) include Ernst & Young, Legg Mason, Citibank, N.A., Elizabeth Arden, Inc., Thomson Reuters, Guardian Life Insurance Company, the corporate headquarters of Crane Co., Air Castle Advisor LLC, National Indemnity Company, Gleacher Securities Group Inc., Robert W. Baird, Inc., MKM Partners, Jones Lang LaSalle, Bank of Ireland, Forevermark US Inc., and a variety of investment management and service firms. Major tenants of 383 Main Avenue (at the intersection of the Merritt Parkway and Route 7 in Norwalk, Connecticut) include Reed Elsevier, Inc., Nestle Holdings, Inc., Cisco Systems, Inc., SunGard, CIT LLC, SAP America, Inc., SymphonyIRI Group, Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, and a variety of not-for-profit and service firms. Major tenants of 10 Bank Street (at the Transportation Center in White Plains, New York) include

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JP Morgan Chase Bank, Pearson Education, Inc., Fifth Street Capital, Inc., Rockwood Capital, LLC, Pine Brook Road Partners, LLC, Evolution Markets, LLC, US Renewables Group, Liberty Mutual, Nokia, Marubeni Specialty Chemicals Inc., Hitachi Cable America Inc., and a variety of leading investment management and service firms. Major tenants of 500 Mamaroneck Avenue (between the Hutchinson River Parkway and Interstate 95 in Harrison, New York) include Mariner Investment Group, O Connor Davies Munn & Dobbins, Pasternak Wine Imports, Universal Remote Control, Stark Business Solutions and a variety of financial and service firms.

The company s portfolio also includes high quality retail properties located in premier retail corridors in Manhattan and Westport, Connecticut. Tenants at 10 Union Square in Manhattan include Best Buy Mobile, Starbucks, A&P, Panera Bread, FedEx/Kinko s, Au Bon Pain, Chipotle Mexican Grill, and GameStop. Tenants at 1010 Third Avenue s multi-level retail space in Manhattan include Ethan Allen. Tenants at 55 West 57th Street include Tapps Supermarkets and Bank of America, N.A. Tenants at 69-97 Main Street in Westport, Connecticut include Ann Taylor, Lululemon, Allen Edmonds, Nike, and Theory. Tenants at 103-109 Main Street include Kate Spade.

112-122 West 34th Street, one of the option properties, is in transition from a garment tenant profile. 112-122 West 34th Street is the recipient of BOMA 2012 Pinnacle Award for the Renovated Building of the Year. Its major tenants include the corporate headquarters of Aeropostale Inc. and Venator Group, Inc., Regus Plc, Kahn Lucas Lancaster, Inc., Carr Business Systems (a division of Xerox), a variety of services firms and retail tenancy includes Foot Locker, Billabong, and FedEx/Kinko s. 1400 Broadway, the other option property, is in transition from a garment tenant profile. Its major tenants include Kohl s Corporation, Men s Wearhouse, VeriFone Systems, Burlington Coat Factory, LLC, Hatch Mott Macdonald, and a variety of services firms.

The company is led by Anthony E. Malkin, its Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President, who has a strong reputation in the industry for quality management, repositioning and marketing expertise. Mr. Malkin, together with the company s senior management team, has developed the company s strategy with a focus on tenant and broker relationships and the cultivation of the company s brand to attract higher credit-quality tenants to its improved buildings and negotiate attractive rental terms. Mr. Malkin has over 24 years of real estate experience specifically in expanding, renovating, repositioning and managing this portfolio. The company s senior management team has an average of approximately 29 years of experience covering all aspects of real estate, including asset and property management, leasing, marketing, acquisitions, construction, development, legal and finance, and Messrs. Malkin, Thomas P. Durels and Thomas N. Keltner, Jr. have worked together for the supervisor for over 22 years, and have supervised the design and implementation of the company s renovation and repositioning program.

The Company s Competitive Strengths

The company believes that it distinguishes itself from other owners and operators of office and retail properties as a result of the following competitive strengths:

Irreplaceable Portfolio of Office Properties in Midtown Manhattan. The company s Manhattan office properties are located in one of the most prized office markets in the world due to a combination of supply constraints, high barriers to entry, near-term and long-term prospects for job creation, vacancy absorption and rental rate growth. The company s management believes these properties could not be replaced today on a cost-competitive basis, if at all. As of June 30, 2012, the company owned seven Manhattan office properties (including one long-term ground leasehold interest) encompassing approximately 5.9 million rentable square feet of office space, including the Empire State Building, the company s flagship property.

Expertise in Repositioning and Renovating Manhattan Office Properties. The company has substantial expertise in renovating and repositioning Manhattan office properties, having invested a

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total of approximately \$330.0 million (excluding tenant improvement costs and leasing commissions) in the Manhattan office properties since the supervisor assumed full control of the day-to-day management of these properties beginning with One Grand Central Place in November 2002 through June 30, 2012. The supervisor has successfully aggregated and is continuing to aggregate smaller spaces to offer larger blocks of space, including multiple floors, that are attractive to larger, higher credit-quality tenants and to offer new, pre-built suites with improved layouts. As part of this program, the supervisor converted some or all of the ground office floors of certain of its Manhattan office properties to higher rent retail space. The company believes that the post-renovation high quality of its buildings and the service the company provides also attract higher credit-quality tenants and allow it to grow cash flow.

Leader in Energy Efficiency Retrofitting. The company has pioneered certain practices in energy efficiency at the Empire State Building where the company has partnered with the Clinton Climate Initiative, Johnson Controls Inc., Jones Lang LaSalle and the Rocky Mountain Institute to create and implement a groundbreaking, replicable process for integrating energy efficiency retrofits in the existing built environment. The reduced energy consumption reduces costs for the company and its tenants, and the company believes creates a competitive advantage for its properties. As a result of the energy efficiency retrofits, the company currently estimates that the Empire State Building will save at least 38% of its energy use, resulting in at least \$4.4 million of annual energy cost savings. Johnson Controls Inc. has guaranteed minimum energy cost savings of \$2.2 million, from 2010 through 2025, with respect to certain of the energy efficiency retrofits which Johnson Controls Inc. was responsible for installing. In 2011, the actual energy cost savings for the energy efficiency retrofits which Johnson Controls Inc. was responsible for installing was \$2.4 million. As a result of the company s efforts, the Empire State Building is now an Energy Star building and has been awarded LEED EBOM-Gold certification. The company is currently underway with the design and specification process to implement energy efficiency retrofitting projects in its Manhattan and greater New York metropolitan area office properties based on its work at the Empire State Building. The company believes that its portfolio s attractiveness is enhanced by these practices and that this should result in higher rental rates, longer lease terms and higher quality tenants.

Attractive Retail Locations in Densely Populated Metropolitan Communities. As of June 30, 2012, the company s portfolio also included six standalone retail properties and retail space at the ground floor and/or lower levels of its Manhattan office properties. All of these properties are located in premier retail corridors with convenient access to mass transportation, a diverse tenant base and high pedestrian traffic and/or main destination locations. The company s retail portfolio includes 611,450 rentable square feet located in Manhattan and 21,433 rentable square feet located in Westport, Connecticut. The company s retail tenants cover a number of industries, including financial services, and include Allen Edmonds; Ann Taylor; AT&T; Bank of America; Bank Santander (Sovereign Bank); Best Buy Mobile; Charles Schwab; Chipotle; Duane Reade (a division of Walgreen Co.); Ethan Allen; Food Emporium; the GAP; HSBC; JP Morgan Chase; Kate Spade; Loews Theatre; Lululemon; Men s Wearhouse; Nike; Panera Bread; Payless Shoesource; Potbelly Sandwich Works; Sprint; Starbucks; Theory; TJ Maxx; and Walgreens.

Experienced and Committed Management Team with Proven Track Record. The company s senior management team is highly regarded in the real estate community and has extensive relationships with a broad range of brokers, owners, tenants and lenders. The company has substantial in-house expertise and resources in asset and property management, leasing, marketing, acquisitions, construction, development and financing and a platform that is highly scalable. Members of the company s senior management team have worked in the real estate industry for an average of approximately 29 years, and Messrs. Malkin, Durels and Keltner have worked together for the supervisor for over 22 years. Upon completion of the IPO, the company s senior management team is

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expected to own 8.7% of the company s common stock on a fully diluted basis (including shares of common stock on a fully diluted basis as to which Anthony E. Malkin has the right to vote, but does not have a pecuniary interest), and therefore their interests are expected to be aligned with those of the company s stockholders, and they are incentivized to maximize returns for the company s stockholders.

Strong Balance Sheet Well Positioned For Future Growth. Upon completion of the consolidation and the IPO, the company expects to have pro forma total debt outstanding of approximately \$1.08 billion, with a weighted average interest rate of 5.27%, a weighted average maturity of 3.6 years and 80.4% of which is fixed-rate indebtedness. Additionally, the company expects to have approximately \$134.1 million of available borrowing capacity under its loans on a pro forma basis (excluding amounts under the \$800.0 million secured revolving and term credit facility which the company expects to obtain upon the closing of the IPO from lenders that will include certain of the underwriters of the IPO or their respective affiliates). Upon completion of the IPO and on a pro forma basis for the year ended December 31, 2011, the company had a debt-to-earnings before interest, income tax, depreciation and amortization, or EBITDA, ratio of approximately 5.61x. For the year ended December 31, 2011, the company s pro forma EBITDA and pro forma net income were approximately \$187.3 million and \$57.9 million, respectively. The company has no debt maturing in the remainder of 2012 and approximately \$57.3 million maturing in 2013.

Business and Growth Strategies

The company s primary business objectives are to maximize cash flow and total returns to its stockholders and to increase the value of the company s properties through the pursuit of the following business and growth strategies:

Lease-up Available Space at Manhattan Office Properties. As of June 30, 2012, the company s Manhattan office properties were approximately 75.7% leased (or 80.6% giving effect to leases signed but not yet commenced as of that date) and had approximately 1.1 million rentable square feet of available space (excluding leases signed but not yet commenced). This compares to an average of 90.2% leased in midtown Manhattan according to RCG as of June 30, 2012. The company believes its renovation and repositioning program for its Manhattan office properties is a catalyst for additional lease-up. To date the company believes these efforts have accelerated its ability to lease space to new higher credit-quality tenants, many of which have expanded the office space they lease from the company over time. Examples of this include LF USA, Coty, Inc., the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and Actimize which collectively have leases signed with the company for over 1,397,250 rentable square feet that represent additional annualized base rent of \$56,424,227 as of June 30, 2012.

Increase Existing Below-Market Rents. The company believes it can capitalize on the successful repositioning of its Manhattan office portfolio and improving market fundamentals to increase rents. For example, the company expects to benefit from the re-leasing of 18.8%, or approximately 1.1 million rentable square feet (including month-to-month leases), of its Manhattan office leases expiring through December 31, 2014, which the company generally believes are currently at below market rates. These expiring leases represent a weighted average base rent of \$37.50 per square foot based on current measurements. As older leases expire, the company expects to continue to upgrade certain space to further increase rents and the company expects to increase the total rentable square footage of such space as a result of remeasurement and application of market loss factors to the company s space which the company expects will generate additional rental revenue.

Complete the Redevelopment and Repositioning of the Company s Current Portfolio. The company intends to continue to increase occupancy, improve tenant quality and enhance cash flow and value by completing the renovation and repositioning of its Manhattan office properties. The company intends selectively to continue to allow leases for smaller spaces to expire or relocate smaller tenants in order to aggregate, demolish and re-demise existing office space into larger blocks of vacant space,

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which the company believes will attract higher credit-quality tenants at higher rental rates. In addition, the company is a leader in developing economically justified energy efficiency retrofitting and sustainability and has made it a portfolio-wide initiative. The company believes this makes its properties desirable to high credit-quality tenants at higher rental rates and longer lease terms.

Pursue Attractive Acquisition and Development Opportunities. The company will opportunistically pursue attractive opportunities to acquire office and retail properties, including the option properties. For more information regarding the option properties, please see
The Company Business and Properties Description of Option Properties. The company intends to focus its acquisition strategy primarily on Manhattan office properties and, to a lesser extent, office and multi-tenanted retail properties in densely populated communities in the greater New York metropolitan area and other markets the company may identify in the future. The company s strong balance sheet, access to capital, and ability to offer operating partnership units in tax deferred acquisition transactions should give the company significant flexibility in structuring and consummating acquisitions.

Proactively Manage the Company s Portfolio. The company believes its proactive, service-intensive approach to asset and property management helps increase occupancy and rental rates. The company utilizes its comprehensive building management services and its strong commitment to tenant and broker relationships and satisfaction to negotiate attractive leasing deals and to attract high credit-quality tenants. The company proactively manages its rent roll and maintains continuous communication with its tenants. The company believes long-term tenant relationships will improve its operating results over time by reducing leasing, marketing and tenant improvement costs and reducing tenant turnover.

Company Information

As of June 30, 2012, the company had approximately 595 employees, 98 of whom were managers and professionals. The company s principal executive offices are located at One Grand Central Place, 60 East 42^{nd} Street, New York, New York 10165. In addition, the company has six additional regional leasing and property management offices in Manhattan and the greater New York metropolitan area. The company s telephone number is (212) 953-0888. The company s website address is www.empirestaterealtytrust.com. The information on or otherwise accessible through, the company s website does not constitute a part of this prospectus/consent solicitation.

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The Properties

As of June 30, 2012, the company s portfolio consisted of 12 office properties and six standalone retail properties totaling approximately 8.4 million rentable square feet and was approximately 79.3% leased (or 82.9% giving effect to leases signed but not yet commenced as of that date). In addition, the company owned entitled land that will support the development of an approximately 340,000 rentable square foot office building and garage (Metro Tower) at the Stamford Transportation Center in Stamford, Connecticut, adjacent to one of the company s office properties, as of June 30, 2012. The table below presents an overview of the company s portfolio and the option properties as of June 30, 2012:

		Year Built /	Rentable Square	Percent	Annualized	Base Leas	nualized e Rent Per sed Squard	R Leas	ent Per sed Square	
Property Name	Submarket	Renovated ⁽¹⁾	Feet ⁽²⁾	Leased(3)	Base Rent ⁽⁴⁾		Foot ⁽⁵⁾]	Foot ⁽⁶⁾	Leases ⁽⁷⁾
Manhattan Office Properties	D Ct-ti									
The Empire State Building	Penn Station- Times Sq. South	1931/ In process						\$	42.07	
Office ⁽⁸⁾			2,682,458	64.6%	\$ 64,326,741	\$	37.12			261
Retail ⁽⁹⁾			163,655	89.7%	\$ 14,700,784	\$	100.18			24
One Grand Central Place	Grand Central	1930/ In process						\$	46.98	
Office			1,180,095	78.7%	\$ 41,528,075	\$	44.72			297
Retail			68,451	87.7%	\$ 5,557,878	\$	92.54			18
250 West 57th Street	Columbus Circle- West Side	1921/ In process						\$	45.29	
Office		-,, p	476,574	85.3%	\$ 16,728,425	\$	41.13			165
Retail			52,247	100.0%	\$ 4,566,250	\$	87.40			7
501 Seventh Avenue	Penn Station- Times Sq. South	1923/ In process			, ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,			\$	35.71	
Office	Times 5q. 50util	1723/ III process	441,203	89.3%	\$ 13,777,270	\$	34.97	Ψ	33.71	33
Retail			35,502	100.0%	\$ 1,771,501	\$	49.90			10
1359 Broadway	Penn Station-		33,302	100.070	Ψ 1,771,501	Ψ	17.70			10
1505 Broadway	Times Sq. South	1924/ In process						\$	38.54	
Office		-, p	440,099	93.5%	\$ 15,462,766	\$	37.57			32
Retail			27,618	78.9%	\$ 1,665,115	\$	76.37			6
1350 Broadway ⁽¹⁰⁾	Penn Station- Times Sq. South	1929/ In process	.,,		, ,,,,,			\$	56.07	
Office	rimes sqr south	1)2)/ In process	367,819	79.5%	\$ 11,792,127	\$	40.32	Ψ	20107	75
Retail			30,895	100.0%	\$ 5,730,477	\$	185.48			6
1333 Broadway	Penn Station- Times Sq. South	1915/ In process	•					\$	43.96	
Office	Times bq. boutin	1918/ III process	302,277	96.6%	\$ 11,996,983	\$	41.09	Ψ	13.70	11
Retail			50,063	6.4%	\$ 745,713	\$	233.11			3
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Sub-Total / Weighted Averag	ge Manhattan Office	Properties	6,318,956	76.1%	\$ 210,350,106	\$	43.74	\$	43.56	948
Office			5,890,525	75.7%	\$ 175,612,388	\$	39.39			874
Retail			428,431	81.8%	\$ 34,737,719	\$	99.13			74
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Greater New York Metropolita		rties								
First Stamford Place ⁽¹¹⁾	Stamford, Connecticut ⁽¹²⁾	1986/2003	782,916	87.6%	\$ 26,516,502	\$	38.68	\$	39.59	35
Metro Center	Stamford, Connecticut ⁽¹²⁾	1987/1999	275,758	98.6%	\$ 12,841,161	\$	47.22	\$	46.89	26
383 Main Avenue	Norwalk,	1707/1777	213,136	90.070	\$ 12,641,101	φ	47.22	φ	40.07	20
363 Maiii Avenue	Connecticut ⁽¹³⁾	1985/1996	259.856	80.2%	\$ 5,752,129	\$	27.61	\$	28.03	18
500 Mamaroneck Avenue	Harrison, New	1703/1770	237,030	00.270	ψ 3,732,12 <i>)</i>	Ψ	27.01	Ψ	20.03	10
	York ⁽¹⁴⁾	1986/2004	289,805	88.4%	\$ 6,939,329	\$	27.07	\$	26.76	29
10 Bank Street	White Plains, New York ⁽¹⁵⁾	1989/2001	228,994	86.8%	\$ 6,651,991	\$	33.47	\$	33.88	28
Sub-Total / Weighted Averag Area Office Properties	ge Greater New York	k Metropolitan	1,837,329	88.2%	\$ 58,701,111	\$	36.21	\$	36.60	136

Total / Weighted Average Office Properties

7,727,854

78.7% \$ 234,313,499 \$

38.54

1,010

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Property Name	Submarket	Year Built / Renovated ⁽¹⁾	Rentable Square Feet ⁽²⁾	Percent Leased(3)	Annualized Base Rent ⁽⁴⁾	Base Leas	nualized Rent Per ed Square Foot ⁽⁵⁾	R Leas	Effective ent Per ed Square Foot ⁽⁶⁾	Number of Leases ⁽⁷⁾
Standalone Retail Properties										
10 Union Square	Union Square	1988/1997	58,005	100.0%	\$ 4,688,292	\$	80.83	\$	81.95	13
1542 Third Avenue	Upper East Side	1993(16)	56,250	100.0%	\$ 2,754,471	\$	48.97	\$	47.71	3
1010 Third Avenue	Upper East Side	1963/2007(17)	44,662	100.0%	\$ 2,812,709	\$	62.98	\$	65.88	2
77 West 55th Street	Midtown	1962(16)	24,102	100.0%	\$ 2,104,651	\$	87.32	\$	79.62	3
69-97 Main Street	Westport,									
	Connecticut	1922/2005	17,103	88.3%(18)	\$ 1,303,459	\$	86.33	\$	88.24	4
103-107 Main Street	Westport,									
	Connecticut	1900(16)	4,330	100.0%	\$ 423,696	\$	97.85	\$	94.69	3
Sub-Total / Weighted Average	ge Standalone Retail	Properties	204,452	99.0%	\$ 14,087,278	\$	69.59	\$	69.36	28
Total / Weighted Average Re	etail Properties ⁽¹⁹⁾		632,883	87.4%	\$ 48,824,997	\$	88.31			102
Portfolio Total			8,360,737	79.3%	\$ 283,138,496	\$	42.69	\$	42.65	1,112
Option Properties										
112-122 West 34th Street(20)	Penn Station-	1954/ In								
	Times Sq. South	process						\$	35.52	
Office	·	•	608,050	86.8%						58
Retail			133,437	100.0%						3
1400 Broadway	Penn Station-	1930/ In								
	Times Sq. South	process						\$	35.49	
Office	•	_	859,102	79.8%						78
Retail			19,861	36.8%						6
Option Properties Total			1,620,450							145

- (1) For more information regarding the status of ongoing renovations at certain of the company s properties, see The Company Business and Properties Description of the Company s Properties.
- (2) Office property measurements are based on the Real Estate Board of New York measurement standards; retail property measurements are based on useable square feet. Excludes (i) 131,173 square feet of space across the company s portfolio attributable to building management use and tenant amenities and (ii) 71,054 square feet of space attributable to the company s observatory.
- (3) Based on leases signed and commenced as of June 30, 2012 and calculated as (i) rentable square feet less available square feet divided by (ii) rentable square feet.
- Annualized base rent for office properties is calculated by multiplying (i) base rental payments (defined as cash base rents (before abatements and free rent)) for the month ended June 30, 2012 for leases commenced as of June 30, 2012, by (ii) 12. Total abatements and free rent with respect to the office properties for leases in effect as of June 30, 2012 for the 12 months ending June 30, 2013 are \$5,177,263. Total annualized base rent, net of abatements and free rent, for the company s office properties is \$229,136,236. Annualized base rent for retail properties (including the retail space in the company s Manhattan office properties) is calculated by multiplying (i) base rental payments (defined as cash base rents (before abatements, tenant reimbursements and free rent)) for the month ended June 30, 2012 for leases commenced as of June 30, 2012, by (ii) 12. Total abatements, tenant reimbursements and free rent with respect to the retail properties (including the retail space in the company s Manhattan office properties) for leases in effect as of June 30, 2012 for the 12 months ending June 30, 2013 are \$128,803. Total annualized base rent, net of abatements, tenant reimbursements and free rent, for the company s retail properties is \$48,696,194. Annualized base rent data for the company s office and retail properties is as of June 30, 2012 and does not reflect scheduled lease expirations for the 12 months ending June 30, 2013.
- (5) Represents Annualized Base Rent under leases commenced as of June 30, 2012 divided by leased square feet.
- (6) Net effective rent per leased square foot represents (i) the contractual base rent for office and retail leases in place as of June 30, 2012, calculated on a straight-line basis to amortize free rent periods and abatements, but without regard to tenant improvement allowances and leasing commissions, divided by (ii) square footage under commenced leases as of June 30, 2012.
- (7) Represents the number of leases at each property or on a portfolio basis. If a tenant has more than one lease, whether or not at the same property, but with different expirations, the number of leases is calculated equal to the number of leases with different expirations.
- (8) Includes 88,078 rentable square feet of space leased by the company s broadcasting tenants.
- (9) Includes 6,180 rentable square feet of space leased by Host Services of New York, a licensee of the company s observatory.
- (10) Denotes a ground leasehold interest in the property with a remaining term, including unilateral extension rights available to the company, of approximately 39 years (expiring July 31, 2050).
- (11) First Stamford Place consists of three buildings.
- (12) This submarket is part of the Stamford, Connecticut central business district (CBD) submarket as defined by RCG. See Economic and Market Overview.
- (13) This submarket is part of the South Central Stamford, Connecticut submarket as defined by RCG. See Economic and Market Overview.
- (14) This submarket is part of the Eastern Westchester County submarket as defined by RCG. See Economic and Market Overview.

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- (15) This submarket is part of the White Plains, New York CBD submarket as defined by RCG. See Economic and Market Overview.
- (16) No major renovation activity was undertaken at this property.
- (17) This property underwent major renovations in 2007 to coincide with the signing of a significant retail lease.
- (18) 100% leased, including leases signed but not yet commenced.
- (19) Includes 428,431 rentable square feet of retail space in the company s Manhattan office properties.
- (20) 112-122 West 34th Street consists of two parcels having separate owners and ownership structures. The real property interests that the company will acquire with respect to the parcel located at 112-120 West 34th Street consist of (i) a ground leasehold interest currently

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held by 112 West 34th Street Associates L.L.C., one of the affiliates of the supervisor with whom the company has entered into an option agreement and (ii) an operating leasehold interest currently held by 112 West 34th Street Company L.L.C., another affiliate of the supervisor with whom the company has entered into an option agreement. The real property interests that the company will acquire with respect to the parcel located at 122 West 34th Street consist of (i) a fee interest and a subleasehold interest currently held by 112 West 34th Street Associates L.L.C. and (ii) an operating leasehold interest currently held by 112 West 34th Street Company L.L.C.

Background of and Reasons for the Consolidation

The Subject LLCs, the Private Entities and the Management Companies

The three subject LLCs are publicly-registered limited liability companies originally formed as partnerships by principals of the supervisor from 1953 to 1961. The principals of the supervisor during this period consisted of Lawrence A. Wien, until his death in 1988 and, beginning in 1958, Mr. Wien s son-in-law Peter L. Malkin. Anthony E. Malkin, Mr. Wien s grandson, joined his father Peter L. Malkin as a principal in 1989. In exercising control, Peter L. Malkin and Anthony E. Malkin have been, and continue to be, subject to fiduciary duties owed to multiple sets of equity owners in each subject LLC and private entity. Each subject LLC was formed to acquire the fee title or long-term ground lease interest in an office property located in Manhattan and to lease the property to an operating lessee, which operates the property. The private entities, including the operating lessees were formed between 1953 and 2008 and own office properties, retail properties and, in one case, fully entitled land including a development site, in Manhattan and the greater New York metropolitan area. The supervisor and the Malkin Family provide supervisory and other services for each subject LLC, each operating lessee and the other private entities.

As lessor, each subject LLC receives from its operating lessee fixed basic rent (and, in the case of 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C. and 250 West 57th St. Associates L.L.C., primary additional rent), and overage rent (equal to 50% of the operating lessee s net operating profit). In the case of Empire State Building Associates L.L.C., net operating profit is calculated as net operating profits in excess of \$1,000,000 per annum, which amount is retained by Empire State Building Company L.L.C., and in the case of 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C. and 250 West 57th St. Associates L.L.C., net operating profit is calculated as net operating profits in excess of \$1,053,800 per annum and \$752,000 per annum, respectively, of primary additional rent, which is paid by the operating lessee to the applicable subject LLC to the extent of net profits. Such amounts represent approximately 2.78%, 4.35% and 10.59%, respectively, of the original purchase price of each of the Empire State Building, One Grand Central Place and 250 West 57th Street. Each operating lessee was formed initially as a partnership, the partners of which included Lawrence A. Wien and Harry B. Helmsley, and later converted to a limited liability company. Under the operating lease, the subject LLC, as lessor, has no right to operate the property. The operating lessee does not require any approval from the subject LLC for any operating decision. As such, the operating lessee makes all decisions relating to the operations of the property, including decisions as to leasing the property and selection of tenants and timing of leasing; what repairs to make, how much to spend on them and how to maintain the property (consistent with its obligation to repair, maintain and replace the property, subject to the lessor's consent for certain alterations which must be reasonably given); whether to hire property management and leasing agents or to handle such work internally; how to use the cash flow from the property; whether to seek financing for major expenditures; and whether to use cash flow for property-related expenses or to establish reserves. Each subject LLC has the right to approve a sale or mortgage of the entire property. The control by the operating lessee affects the cash returns to a subject LLC above basic rent (and, in the case of 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C. and 250 West 57th St. Associates L.L.C., primary additional rent) because, under the lease, the subject LLC and operating lessee have a 50/50 split of net operating profit above such specified amount.

A subject LLC, as lessor, cannot decide whether to take steps to maximize the value of the property or to undertake improvements or repairs and maintenance. A subject LLC, as lessor, also cannot determine to obtain additional financing to maximize cash flows and therefore distributions unless the operating lessee also agrees to the financing, because, in view of the operating lessee s rights under the operating lease, lenders generally could be expected to require in connection with any significant financing that the operating lessee subordinate its

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interest to the financing. A subject LLC, as lessor, has the right to sell its fee interest in the property without the operating lessee s consent. While the operating lessee does not have a contractual right to approve a sale of the property by the subject LLC, any property sale not agreed to by the operating lessee necessarily will be subject to the operating lease. The supervisor believes this limitation reduces the value of the subject LLCs unless sold with the operating lease position.

The supervisor, which is related to the principals who formed the subject LLCs, was appointed as the supervisor of the subject LLCs pursuant to the original partnership agreements of each of the subject LLCs and is the only party which has performed, and is authorized to perform, this role under the subject LLCs organizational documents. The subject LLCs were originally established as general partnerships with no managing general partner or managing member and the supervisor is responsible for the operations and administrative functions on behalf of the subject LLCs. The supervisor, in its capacity as supervisor of each of the subject LLCs, provides all administrative and oversight services, such as maintaining the entity s records, including those related to participants, performing physical inspections of the property, providing or coordinating certain counsel services to the subject LLC, reviewing insurance coverage, arranging for financing, conducting annual supervisory review meetings, payment of monthly and additional distributions to the participants, payment of all other disbursements including real estate taxes, review of operations of the properties by the operating lessee, preparation and filing of tax returns, preparation of financial statements of the subject LLC and preparation of quarterly, annual and other periodic filings with the SEC and applicable state authorities and distribution of tax information and other information to the participants. The supervisor performs all of these services itself. In exchange for such services, the supervisor has received supervisory fees as described in the section entitled Distributions and Compensation Paid to the Supervisor and its Affiliates Compensation, Reimbursement and Distributions to the Supervisor and its Affiliates in the supplement for each subject LLC. The supervisor currently receives supervisory fees at the rate of \$761,888, \$189,158, and \$107,190, per annum, from each of Empire State Building Associates L.L.C., 60 East 42nd St. Associates, L.L.C., and 250 West 57th St. Associates, L.L.C., respectively, for such services, in addition to compensation at an hourly rate for special supervisory services. During 2011, the supervisor billed fees for special supervisory services (primarily relating to legal and accounting services) as follows: \$1,094,938 to Empire State Building Associates L.L.C. (\$93,693 regarding mortgage financing and \$1,001,245 regarding the proposed consolidation and IPO), \$228,603 to 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C. (all regarding the proposed consolidation and IPO) and \$109,560 to 250 West 57th St. Associates L.L.C. (all regarding the proposed consolidation and IPO). The fees for basic and special supervisory services expected to be received over the 10 years ended 2020 were taken into account in determining the exchange value of the management companies. The fees for special supervisory services in connection with the consolidation and IPO were not included in determining the exchange value of the management companies. The supervisor also serves as supervisor of the private entities and in that capacity, in addition to providing the administrative functions similar to those it provides to the subject LLCs, it supervises all aspects of property operations, leasing, reporting and financing. The supervisor s supervisory services on behalf of the subject LLCs and the operating lessees are interrelated, as they have been since inception. The supervisor owes a fiduciary duty to the subject LLCs.

Principals of the supervisor have been partners, members or agents in the operating lessees from the origination of these entities, and in its capacity as supervisor of the operating lessees, the supervisor oversees the day-to-day operations of the operating lessees and the properties.

Each of the agents is a member of the subject LLCs with the right to approve actions requiring the consent of members of the subject LLCs, subject to approval of certain significant actions by participants to the extent required under the participating agreements and as described in the next paragraph and under Comparison of Ownership of Participation Interests, Operating Partnership Units and Shares of Common Stock Voting Rights. The agents, in their capacities as agents, have no economic interest in the subject LLCs. From inception, the agents have been persons who have been principals of, or are related to principals of, the supervisor. The supervisor has played the central role in administering the subject LLCs and the agents role has been primarily performing ministerial

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functions and consenting to matters proposed by the supervisor for which the participants have given any required consent. The agents have a duty to comply with the participating agreements and the organizational documents of the subject LLCs and owe a fiduciary duty to the participants in their participation groups.

The participants are divided into participating groups and the participants in each participating group have been granted participations in the membership interest of one of the agents. Under the participating agreements, the agent has the right to take all actions with respect to its membership interest, except for certain significant actions, such as sales, financings and amendment to the operating lease, that require the consent of the participants. For a more detailed list of such actions requiring consent of the participants, see Comparison of Ownership of Participation Interests, Operating Partnership Units and Shares of Common Stock Voting Rights. The agents distribute all amounts received by them to the participants in their participating group, pro rata in proportion to their participation interests.

The Malkin Holdings group and the Helmsley estate own, on an aggregate basis, the following interests in each of the subject LLCs, each of the operating lessees and the private entities (other than the operating lessees), as a group, based on exchange values and percentage of aggregate exchange value for the applicable entity:

Entity	Malkin Holdir	ngs group	Helmsley estate		
	Exchange Value	Percentage	Exchange Value	Percentage	
Empire State Building Associates L.L.C.					
As holders of participation interests ⁽¹⁾	\$ 74,481,907	6.29%	\$ 971,410	0.08%	
Override Interests ⁽²⁾	\$ 108,143,382	9.14%			
Total	\$ 182,625,289	15.43%	\$ 971,410	0.08%	
60 East 42 nd St. Associates L.L.C.					
As holders of participation interests ⁽³⁾	\$ 22,600,706	7.22%	\$ 1,207,974	0.39%	
Override Interests ⁽²⁾	\$ 31,208,953	9.97%			
Total	\$ 53,809,659	17.19%	\$ 1,207,974	0.39%	
250 West 57 th St. Associates L.L.C.					
As holders of participation interests	\$ 10,933,720	6.71%	\$ 452,957	0.28%	
Override Interests ⁽²⁾	\$ 12,207,951	7.49%			
Total	\$ 23,141,671	14.19%	\$ 452,957	0.28%	
Empire State Building Company L.L.C.	,,		7 15 2,2 5		
As holders of participation interests ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 24,724,899	2.13%	\$ 740,862,007	63.75%	
Override Interests ⁽²⁾	\$ 52,889,643	4.55%			
Total	\$ 77,614,543	6.68%	\$ 740,862,007	63.75%	
Lincoln Building Associates L.L.C.	+,		4	321,0,1	
As holders of participation interests ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 19,979,144	6.75%	\$ 79,916,576	27.00%	
Override Interests ⁽²⁾	\$ 29,598,732	10.0%			
Total	\$ 49,577,876	16.75%	\$ 79,916,576	27.00%	
Fisk Building Associates L.L.C.	4 12,077,070	10.70 %	Ψ 7,5,510,070	27.0070	
As holders of participation interests	\$ 18,354,490	12.14%	\$ 47,611,871	31.50%	
Override Interests ⁽²⁾	\$ 31,851,768	21.07%			
	, ,				
Total	\$ 50,206,258	33.22%	\$ 47,611,871	31.50%	
Other Private Entities	\$ 20,200,200	23.2270	Ψ,511,0/1	31.3070	
As holders of participation interests ⁽⁶⁾	\$ 239,052,294	26.65%	\$ 157,600,323	17.57%	
Override Interests ⁽²⁾	\$ 38,451,943	4.29%	, , ,	2.12.70	
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Total	\$ 277,504,237	30.94%	\$ 157,600,323	17.57%	

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(1) Does not include participation interests in which the Malkin Holdings group controls the vote, but does not have an economic interest. A member of the Malkin Holdings group is the trustee of a trust that owns participation interests. The member of the Malkin Holdings group does not require the consent of the participants/partners to give its consent with respect to such participation interests. These participation interests represent 0.2% of the participation interests of Empire State Building Associates L.L.C.

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- (2) The percentage determined is based on the percentage of distributions that will be received based on the exchange values, which were determined as described in Exchange Value and Allocation of Operating Partnership Units and Common Stock Derivation of Exchange Values. In the case of Empire State Building Associates L.L.C. and 250 West 57th St. Associates L.L.C., the override interests included in the table represent a voluntary capital override, which was voluntarily agreed to by certain participants.
- (3) Does not include participation interests in which the Malkin Holdings group controls the vote, but does not have an economic interest. A member of the Malkin Holdings group is the trustee of a trust that owns participation interests. The member of the Malkin Holdings group does not require the consent of the participants/partners to give its consent with respect to such participation interests. These participation interests represent 0.1% of the participation interests of 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C.
- (4) Does not include participation interests in which the Malkin Holdings group controls the vote, but does not have an economic interest. A member of the Malkin Holdings group either acts as agent for a participating group that owns the economic interests in the participation interests or is the general partner of a partnership that owns participation interests. In either case, the member of the Malkin Holdings group does not require the consent of the participants/partners to give its consent with respect to such participation interests. These participation interests represent 23.75% of the participation interests of Empire State Building Company L.L.C.
- (5) Does not include participation interests in which the Malkin Holdings group controls the vote, but does not have an economic interest. A member of the Malkin Holdings group is the trustee of a trust that owns participation interests. The member of the Malkin Holdings group does not require the consent of the participants/partners to give its consent with respect to such participation interests. These participation interests represent 4.5% of the participation interests of Lincoln Building Associates L.L.C.
- (6) Does not include participation interests in which the Malkin Holdings group controls the vote, but does not have an economic interest. A member of the Malkin Holdings group either acts as agent for a participating group that owns the economic interests in the participation interests, is the general partner of a partnership that owns participation interests or is the trustee of a trust that owns participation interests in certain of the subject LLCs and private entities. In either case, the member of the Malkin Holdings group does not require the consent of the participants/partners to give its consent with respect to such participation interests. With respect to the other private entities, a member of the Malkin Holdings group serves as trustee for a trust that holds participation interests in one of the other private entities and, in such capacity, controls the vote for participants owning participation interests having an aggregate exchange value of \$1,586,319, or 10% of the participation interests in such private entity.

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The following is a list of the subject LLCs and the private entities and the appraised value of the real property interests owned by the subject LLCs and the private entities, before deducting mortgage indebtedness or other liabilities and the exchange value, which is calculated as described in this prospectus/consent solicitation after deducting mortgage indebtedness and other liabilities:

$Entity^{(1)}$	Appraised Property Value ⁽²⁾	Appraised Entity Value	Exchange Value
Empire State Building	\$ 2,530,000,000		
Empire State Building Associates L.L.C.		\$ 1,306,500,000	\$ 1,183,612,549
Empire State Building Company L.L.C. ⁽³⁾		\$ 1,223,500,000	\$ 1,162,136,482
Total		\$ 2,530,000,000	\$ 2,345,749,031
One Grand Central Place	\$ 704,000,000		
60 East 42 nd St. Associates L.L.C.		\$ 359,500,000 \$ 344,500,000	\$ 313,069,533
Lincoln Building Associates L.L.C. ⁽⁴⁾		\$ 344,500,000	\$ 295,987,317
Total		\$ 704,000,000	\$ 609,056,850
250 West 57th St.	\$ 361,000,000		
250 West 57th St. Associates L.L.C.		\$ 186,000,000	\$ 163,064,607
Fisk Building Associates L.L.C. ⁽⁵⁾		\$ 175,000,000	\$ 151,148,797
Total		\$ 361,000,000	\$ 314,213,405
1333 Broadway	# 200 000 000	ф. 2 00 000 000	Φ. 156.225.546
1333 Broadway Associates L.L.C.	\$ 209,000,000	\$ 209,000,000	\$ 156,335,546
1350 Broadway 1350 Broadway Associates L.L.C.	\$ 187,000,000	\$ 187,000,000	\$ 135,845,247
1359 Broadway			
Marlboro Building Associates L.L.C.	\$ 206,000,000	\$ 206,000,000	\$ 158,233,045
501 Seventh Avenue	\$ 178,000,000		
Seventh & 37 th Building Associates L.L.C.		\$ 91,000,000	\$ 66,208,949
501 Seventh Avenue Associates L.L.C.		\$ 87,000,000	\$ 62,736,281
Total		\$ 178,000,000	\$ 128,945,230
69-97 Main Street Soundview Plaza Associates II L.L.C.	\$ 31,000,000	\$ 31,000,000	\$ 21,557,416
	\$ 51,000,000	\$ 31,000,000	\$ 21,337,410
1010 Third Avenue and 77 West 55th Street East West Manhattan Retail Portfolio L.P.	\$ 85,000,000	\$ 85,000,000	\$ 56,011,882
	\$ 85,000,000	φ 85,000,000	\$ 50,011,882
Metro Center One Station Place, Limited Partnership	\$ 157,000,000	\$ 157,000,000	\$ 57,902,962
10 Union Square			
New York Union Square Retail L.P.	\$ 105,000,000	\$ 105,000,000	\$ 83,379,307
103-107 Main Street Westroot Main Street Detail L. C.	\$ 7,000,000	\$ 7,000,000	\$ 6,925,553
Westport Main Street Retail L.L.C.	,,	\$ 7,000,000	\$ 0,923,333
First Stamford Place ⁽⁶⁾ Fairfax Merrifield Associates L.L.C.	\$ 266,000,000	\$ 82,938,800	\$ 6,337,762
Merrifield Apartments Company L.L.C.		\$ 82,938,800	\$ 6,337,762
First Stamford Place L.L.C.		\$ 100,122,400	\$ 7,385,119
Total		\$ 266,000,000	\$ 20,060,643
10 Bank Street 1185 Swap Portfolio L.P.	\$ 50,000,000	\$ 50,000,000	\$ 15,580,253
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1542 Third Avenue 1185 Swap Portfolio L.P.	\$ 41,000,000	\$ 41,000,000	\$ 21,274,903
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383 Main Ave			

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Total	\$ 5,235,375,000	\$ 5,235,375,000	\$ 4,182,309,039
Supervisor and Management Companies ⁽⁷⁾	\$ 14,775,000	\$ 14,775,000	\$ 16,302,000
BBSF LLC	\$ 14,600,000	\$ 14,600,000	\$ 14,600,000
500 Mamaroneck Ave 500 Mamaroneck Avenue L.P.	\$ 52,000,000	\$ 52,000,000	\$ 14,623,879
Fairfield Merrittview Limited Partnership	\$ 37,000,000	\$ 37,000,000	\$ 5,711,887

- (1) Excludes three private entities which are the ground lessees and an operating lessee of two properties that are supervised by the supervisor, having an appraised value of \$776,000,000 (after reduction for the third-party ground lease). The operating partnership has entered into option agreements pursuant to which it has the option to acquire their property interests upon the final resolution of certain ongoing litigation with respect to these properties. The appraised values of such properties are the appraised values the properties would have had if the litigation is resolved, and were determined on a basis consistent with the exchange values of the subject LLCs and the private entities.
- (2) Represents the appraised value of each property owned (or in the case of a property subject to a third-party ground lease, the value of the interest as ground lessee) by or subject to an operating lease with each subject LLC and each private entity and the appraised value of management companies.
- (3) Operating lessee of Empire State Building Associates L.L.C.
- (4) Operating lessee of 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C.
- (5) Operating lessee of 250 West 57th St. Associates L.L.C.
- (6) First Stamford Place L.L.C. is a 37.64% co-tenant with Fairfax Merrifield Associates L.L.C. and Merrifield Apartments Company L.L.C., together owning a 62.36% interest. Merrifield Apartments Company L.L.C. is the operating lessee, owning a 50.00% interest in the co-tenancy, for an aggregate ownership interest of 31.18% in the property.
- (7) The value represents the appraised value of the management companies excluding the value attributable to the supervisor s overrides, which are included in the value of the overrides that the Malkin Holdings group holds in the subject LLCs and the private entities.

The Supervisor s Reasons for Proposing the Consolidation

The supervisor proposed the consolidation and recommends that you vote **FOR** the consolidation. The supervisor believes this transaction represents the best opportunity for value enhancement for your investment in the subject LLC.

From time to time, for various reasons, the supervisor has pursued sales of properties supervised by the supervisor in Manhattan, when the supervisor believed a sale would produce a higher return than continuing to hold the property. After the death of Leona Helmsley in August 2007, the supervisor briefly considered, and had discussions with representatives of the Helmsley estate concerning, the possible sale of the Empire State Building. It was ultimately decided that there was greater value for Empire State Building Associates L.L.C. and Empire State Building Company L.L.C. in holding, improving, and repositioning the Empire State Building rather than selling the Empire State Building in its then-current condition. In 2010, Anthony E. Malkin and Peter L. Malkin, as principals of the supervisor, met with the executors of the Helmsley estate, as a significant investor, to discuss the merits of a consolidation of several properties, including the subject LLCs, and a subsequent initial public offering of the consolidated entity. Thereafter, Anthony E. Malkin and Peter L. Malkin, as principals of the supervisor, investigated the feasibility of a consolidation transaction and IPO of the company which would be formed in connection with the consolidation and took steps to consider and pursue the consolidation.

The Helmsley estate has expressed its intention that, if the consolidation and IPO do not occur, it will liquidate its interests in the private entities, including each of the operating lessees. The supervisor believes that such liquidation by the Helmsley estate is required pursuant to the specific terms of Leona Helmsley s will.

In the event of such a liquidation, the supervisor and the other participants in the subject LLCs and the private entities will not be able to influence or control the selection of the purchaser. Such purchaser would own the Helmsley estate s current position in the operating lessee of the Empire State Building, which would provide it with the ability to veto all decisions, and a large percentage of each of the other two operating lessees.

The Malkin Family and the Helmsley estate each effectively has an ability to veto actions by Empire State Building Company L.L.C., because under the operating agreement of Empire State Building Company L.L.C., full administrative and operational control of all matters connected with the business of Empire State Building Company L.L.C., including all matters connected with the operation, management, leasing, maintenance, repair and improvement of the Empire State Building, require the consent of 80% in interest of the participants in Empire State Building Company L.L.C. The Helmsley estate (or its successor) owns 63.75% of the participation

interests while principals of the supervisor have the right to vote as to 23.75% of the participation interests. Because the consent of each of the supervisor and the Helmsley estate is needed for such actions, the potential for a stalemate is created. The Helmsley estate is required to sell its interests in the private entities, including the operating lessees of the subject LLCs, pursuant to the will of Leona M. Helmsley. As a result, the status quo, which consists of the current working arrangement between the supervisor and the Helmsley estate, will not continue and the supervisor and any transferee of the Helmsley estate s interest may not reach agreement on actions to be taken to operate the Empire State Building.

Since an operating lessee controls all aspects of the operations of its property, and that control allows it to make decisions that affect property performance and the availability of profits which are shared 50/50 with the subject LLCs, such purchaser may take actions which adversely affect the value and distributions for the Empire State Building Associates L.L.C. and its participants and could influence materially the activities in the other two subject LLCs.

The consolidation and IPO would permit the Helmsley estate to monetize a significant portion of its interests at the IPO price without creating such a potentially adverse event. Further, it would also provide a liquid trading market for the Helmsley estate to monetize the remainder of its interests in an efficient manner that will be transparent to the public markets.

The supervisor believes it is in the best interests of the participants and the company to provide to the Helmsley estate the right to receive an allocation of excess IPO proceeds in exchange for their interests in the private entities, to the extent available after providing cash to redeem non-accredited investors in the private entities and other uses of proceeds. This would include proceeds from any upsize of the IPO and any exercise of the underwriters option to purchase additional shares of the company s Class A common stock.

The supervisor has overseen the engagement by the subject LLC of independent property management and leasing agents, developed and substantially effected a comprehensive renovation and repositioning program for improving the physical condition of and upgrading the credit quality of tenants at the property, and raised the property s profile as part of a well regarded portfolio brand. The supervisor believes that it is an opportune time for the subject LLCs to take advantage of the opportunity to participate in the consolidation which will afford participants better value protection through diversification, growth opportunities through potential acquisitions and potential growth in revenue of the initial properties and more stable cash flows for distributions, as well as administrative and operating efficiencies. Additionally, the supervisor believes the consolidation provides value enhancement through better access to capital and options for liquidity for investors who so desire.

The supervisor believes that the consolidation of your subject LLC into the company is the best way for you to maximize the value of your investment in your subject LLC and to achieve liquidity through ownership of operating partnership units (which are exchangeable for cash or, at the option of the company, Class A common stock) and/or shares of Class A common stock, in each case, expected to be listed on the NYSE, which investors may sell from time to time as and when they so desire (subject to the restrictions of applicable U.S. federal and state securities laws and after expiration of the lock-up period as described in this prospectus/consent solicitation). The supervisor believes that in view of the fact that the subject LLCs own the interests in the properties, but the operating lessees operate the properties, it would not be in the best interests of the subject LLCs to sell their interests in the properties separate from a sale by the operating lessees. The private entities (including the operating lessees), with the required consent of their participants, have agreed to transfer their interests in the properties, including their interests in the operating lessees, as part of the consolidation. The supervisor believes that the consolidation, over time, likely will result in higher values for participants in the subject LLCs than if the interests in the properties were sold individually and the subject LLCs were liquidated as a result of increased efficiencies, growth opportunities and other opportunities for value enhancement. The Malkin Holdings group will receive substantial benefits from the consolidation and have conflicts of interest in making this recommendation.

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Benefits of Participation in the Consolidation

The supervisor believes that the consolidation will provide you with the following benefits:

Tax-deferred Transaction. You will have the opportunity to receive interests in the company s operating partnership on the same basis as participants in the private entities and the Malkin Family in a transaction expected to be tax-deferred for U.S. federal income tax purposes. See U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Consolidation. Participants are urged to consult with their tax advisor as to the tax consequences of the consolidation in light of their particular circumstances;

Liquidity. You will be able to achieve liquidity by selling all or part of your shares of Class A common stock, subject to the restrictions of applicable U.S. federal and state securities laws and after expiration of the lock-up period described under The Consolidation Lock-Up Agreement. The shares of Class A common stock are expected to be listed on the NYSE. Participants may also achieve liquidity through sale of Class A common stock issued in exchange for operating partnership units and Class B common stock, subject to such restrictions. Participants who receive operating partnership units may also sell operating partnership units, which also are expected to be listed on the NYSE, subject to restrictions described above, although the market for operating partnership units may be more limited than the market for Class A common stock. In addition, each participant in the subject LLCs that receives operating partnership units may, immediately following the consolidation and the IPO, sell up to 4.0% of the operating partnership units he or she receives with respect to each subject LLC (assuming all of the participants in each subject LLC elect to receive operating partnership units, the enterprise value equals the aggregate exchange value and the IPO price equals \$10 per share), which treats all three subject LLCs equally after having determined for Empire State Building Associates L.L.C. the minimum amount required by the NYSE for it to meet the requirements as the primary listing. There is only a limited market for the participation interests in the subject LLCs and the highest price for sales of participation interests since January 1, 2009 of which the supervisor is aware is \$50,000 per \$10,000 original investment for Empire State Building Associates L.L.C., \$16,000 per \$10,000 original investment for 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C. and \$50,000 per \$10,000 original investment for 250 West 57th St. Associates L.L.C., which the supervisor believes is substantially below their value;

Risk Diversification. The company will own a large number of quality office and retail properties in the Manhattan and the greater New York metropolitan area and have much broader tenant diversification than your subject LLC, which owns an interest in a single property. This diversification will reduce the dependence of your investment upon the performance of, and the exposure to the risks associated with, owning an interest in a single property, and allow for more stable cash flows for distributions;

Regular Quarterly Cash Distributions. Similar to the subject LLCs present method of operation, the supervisor expects that the company and the operating partnership will make regular quarterly cash distributions on the operating partnership units and common stock, which will include distributions of at least 90% of the company s annual REIT taxable income (determined without regard to the deduction for dividends paid, and excluding net capital gains), which is required for REIT qualification. REIT taxable income will be determined by the performance of the portfolio of the company s properties and unaffected by its stock price.

The expected regular quarterly dividends to stockholders in the company will be based on the performance of a portfolio of properties rather than just one property and are required to be at least 90% of annual REIT taxable income (determined without regard to the deduction for dividends paid, and excluding net capital gains) to maintain the company s qualification as a REIT. The supervisor believes that participants have greater potential for increased distributions as a holder of operating partnership units or common stock than as a participant in a subject LLC from improved performance

of the properties, potential growth from acquisitions and a better capital structure made possible by the combined balance sheet of all the properties. There is no assurance, however, that the company s dividends will increase over time or be greater than the historical distributions made to participants in a subject LLC.

More Efficient Decision-Making. Each subject LLC currently requires several internal procedural steps to undertake major transactions, which affects its ability to take timely advantage of favorable opportunities. Financing and sales require costly and time consuming steps to obtain consent of a very high percentage of the participants in a subject LLC;

Improved Capital Structure by Eliminating Two-Tier Ownership. Except for very small loans supported by basic rent, the relationship between the subject LLCs and the operating lessees requires that any additional financing placed on an entire property requires the agreement of both the operating lessee and the subject LLCs.

Easier Access to Financing. A subject LLC cannot require the operating lessee to obtain or utilize financing to maximize its cash flow and therefore overage rent available for additional distributions to participants in the subject LLCs. Each operating lessee controls all aspects of property operations, leasing, and investment and has broad discretion to use cash flow from the property for purposes related to the applicable property. Operating lessee decisions can result in little or no overage rent to the corresponding subject LLC, and additional distributions to the subject LLC s participants are contingent on overage rent.

Eliminates Two-Tier Ownership Impact on Borrowing. In the past, decisions by operating lessees have resulted in uneven payments of overage rent to the subject LLCs from year to year. Without the cooperation of the operating lessee, there is very limited opportunity for financing by the subject LLCs to provide funds for distributions. It is likely that any lender would require agreement of the operating lessee before making any loan to a subject LLC.

Shared Motivations to Reinvest and Maintain Properties. Additionally, the operating leases between the subject LLCs and the operating lessees do not address reinvestment by the operating lessees in capital improvements for the properties. To induce reinvestment by their operating lessees, two of the subject LLCs (60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C. and 250 West 57th St. Associates L.L.C.) have agreed, in accordance with their participants—consent and the supervisor—s recommendation, to extend the operating lessees. These extensions have been coupled with consents by the operating lessees to allow financing on the entire property, which minimized the impact of reinvestment on operating profit and allowed for additional distributions from overage rent.

In connection with these extension and financing agreements, the basic rent has been increased by the amount of the increase in debt service arising from the financing, and such increase in basic rent is deducted in calculating overage rent, ultimately resulting in the debt service being shared 50/50 between each such subject LLC and its operating lessee. In the case of the Empire State Building, because of the pendency of this proposed consolidation, there has been no such lease extension request, though the operating lessee has consented to limited advances under a property mortgage loan made to Empire State Building Associates L.L.C. and has subordinated the operating lease to such advances. If the consolidation does not go forward, the operating lessee has indicated it will request additional lease extensions as a condition for subordination to additional mortgage advances at that time.

Broader Markets for Property Sales. Finally, as described under Background of and Reasons for the Consolidation The Supervisor's Reasons for Proposing the Consolidation, the supervisor believes that, unless the operating lessee joins with the corresponding subject LLC in a sale of the property, such a sale would not maximize the value of the such subject LLC s interests in the property.

Modern Governance Structure. The company will have a modern governance structure. Capital reinvestment and financing decisions will be based on what is considered to be best for the company, and there will be no need to secure approvals of operating lessees or subject LLCs. Such decisions will be made under a corporate governance structure governed by a board of directors, with six of seven directors being independent.

Quarterly Distributions of a Minimum of 90% of REIT Taxable Income. The supervisor expects that the company and the operating partnership will make regular quarterly cash distributions on the operating partnership units and common stock, which will include distributions of at least a minimum of 90% of the company s annual REIT taxable income (determined without regard to the deduction for dividends paid, and excluding any net capital gains), as required for REIT qualification. REIT taxable income will be determined by the performance of the portfolio of the company s properties and unaffected by its stock price. Such distributions will be based on a portfolio of properties, rather than investors being dependent on a single property. The subject LLCs generally have been required to maintain property-level reserves to meet potential future expenditures, including those relating to repairs, maintenance and capital improvement, and such reserves generally have been, and in the future, if the consolidation is not consummated, are expected to be, required under the subject LLCs loan agreements. The supervisor does not believe that property-level reserves will be required to be maintained by the company and, as a result, additional cash should be available to the company for distribution;

Risk of Reduction in Distributions if Consolidation is Not Consummated. Distributions from your subject LLC come from payments made by the operating lessee. Your operating lessee is required to pay a low basic rent to your subject LLC. Any payment you receive above that comes from the profits from your operating lessee s performance and comes in the form of payment of overage rent out of profits from the operating lessee s operations of the property. The operating lessee makes all decisions relating to the operations of the property.

Decisions over which the operating lessee has control which directly impact whether or not there is overage rent from which you may receive additional distributions include whether or not to lease, whether or not to improve the property, whether to use the cash flow from the property or to seek financing for capital expenditures, and whether to use cash flow for property-related expenses. From the overage rent which is paid, the supervisor maintains reserves for expenses. The balance, if any, is paid out as a distribution from overage rent. In recent years, overage rent has been made possible from time to time through the operating lessee working with your subject LLC to gain consents for financing, the operating lessee agreeing to borrow, and the proceeds of borrowing being used to pay for expenses rather than relying exclusively on cash flow from the property.

In the past, when the operating lessee for your subject LLC has not used financing, overage rent has decreased or ceased. If the operating lessee for your subject LLC exercises its right to use cash flow to fund future capital improvements, tenant installation costs, commissions and other expenses rather than to use financing, your distributions from overage rent may again decrease or cease. If the operating lessee for your subject LLC has a deadlock in operating decision-making, it may make decisions or take actions which meaningfully reduce the prospects of your subject LLC s receipt of overage rent in the future. In the case of the Empire State Building, because of the pendency of this proposed consolidation, Empire State Building Company, L.L.C., the operating lessee, has consented to advances of up to the current outstanding principal amount under a property mortgage loan made to Empire State Building Associates L.L.C. and has subordinated the operating lease to such advances, as required by the lender, without having requested an extension of the term of the operating lease.

At the two other properties involved in this consent solicitation, 250 West 57th Street and One Grand Central Place, their improvement and financing programs were linked to extensions of their operating leases. If the consolidation does not go forward, it is possible that the operating lessee of the Empire State Building may not approve additional advances under the loan agreement unless Empire State

Building Associates L.L.C. approves lease extensions, in which case the operating lessee may use cash flow for expenditures to improve the building and conclude leases, resulting in immediate and sustained reductions or cessation of overage rent, or may either defer or not make such expenditures.

Decisions as to whether to use cash flow or financing are made by the operating lessees from time to time and no decision has been made by any of the operating lessees involved in this consent. Any decision by the operating lessees for 250 West 57th St. Associates L.L.C. and 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C. would require the consent of members of the Malkin Holdings group and/or the Helmsley estate or their successor in interest. Any decision by the operating lessee of the Empire State Building would require the consent of the members of both the Malkin Holdings group and the Helmsley estate or their successor in interest.

Increased Accountability. As a result of the governance structure of a company with its Class A common stock and operating partnership units expected to be listed on the NYSE, stockholders will benefit from the oversight by a board of directors consisting predominantly of independent directors.

Growth Potential. The supervisor believes that you have greater potential for increased distributions as a unitholder or stockholder and increased value from capital appreciation than as a participant in your subject LLC. The supervisor s belief is based on the anticipated growth in the revenues of the initial properties operated as a portfolio under the Malkin brand and potential additional investments by the company;

Greater and More Efficient Access to Capital. The company will have a larger base of assets and believes that it will have a greater variety of options and ability to access the capital markets and the equity value in its assets than any of the subject LLCs individually. As a result, the company expects to have greater and more efficient access to the capital necessary to fund its operations, fund renovations to the properties and consummate acquisitions than would be available to any of the subject LLCs individually. The supervisor believes that it would be extremely difficult for the subject LLCs to obtain similar access to capital due to their size and ownership structure;

Elimination of Risk and Discount in Value from Subject LLCs Passive Ownership of the Property Interests. Each subject LLC owns an interest in a single property subject to an operating lease. The operating lessee operates the property and the subject LLC does not participate in the management of the operations of the property. The market for the interest held by each subject LLC is smaller and the interest less valuable than of the entire property not subject to the operating lease. Following the consolidation, ownership and operation of the properties owned by the subject LLCs and private entities will be integrated;

Valuable Synergies. The subject LLCs presently benefit from being part of a portfolio of properties with a common brand awareness. However, under the current structure, there are major obstacles to obtaining true synergies and realization of value, such as combining financings, movements of tenants from one building to another, sharing of employees and management and oversight. The consolidation will remove such obstacles and free up access to value creation;

Position in Highly Desirable Marketplace. The properties owned by the subject LLCs and the private entities are concentrated in Manhattan and the greater New York metropolitan area. The supervisor believes this is one of the most highly desired markets in the world for office and retail properties;

Reduced Conflicts of Interest. From inception, the supervisor has represented many different ownership interests, and the subject LLCs and the private entities, therefore, have been exposed to conflicts of interest. For example, the supervisor and persons associated with the supervisor act as an external manager for all of the entities (including the subject LLCs and the operating lessees), serve as agents for the participants in the subject LLCs and certain of the private entities, determine when to make recommendations on sales, financings and operations of the properties, and make or recommend all

operating and leasing decisions in all operating entities and all decisions of the subject LLCs. Decisions made by the supervisor in its capacity as supervisor of the operating lessees with regard to property operations dictate the cash available for distribution to the subject LLCs, which are also supervised by the supervisor. The company, on the other hand, will be managed by its officers, subject to the direction and control of its board of directors, which will consist predominantly of independent directors, and all the properties will be owned directly or indirectly by a single entity, without a division of interests. There will not be separate interests of different groups of owners and there will not be a role for, or *requirement* of, an outside supervisor. Accordingly, the supervisor believes this consolidated structure eliminates the conflicts inherent in the structure which have been there from inception of the subject LLCs and the private entities and more closely aligns the interests among the stockholders and management; and

Election to Receive Operating Partnership Units, Class A Common Stock and/or Class B Common Stock. Each participant in a subject LLC will have the option to receive operating partnership units in a transaction expected to be tax-deferred for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Each participant will receive operating partnership units, unless such participant elects to receive shares of Class A common stock or, to a limited extent, Class B common stock. Each participant may elect to receive one share of Class B common stock instead of one operating partnership unit for every 50 operating partnership units such participant would otherwise receive in the consolidation. Each share of Class B common stock has 50 votes on all matters on which stockholders are entitled to vote and the same economic interest as a share of Class A common stock, and one share of Class B common stock and 49 operating partnership units together represent a similar economic value as 50 shares of Class A common stock. The Malkin Holdings group will receive its consideration as follows: 97.00% in operating partnership units, 1.03% in Class A common stock and 1.97% in Class B common stock. The operating partnership units will be issued in three separate series to the participants in each of the three subject LLCs (other than the Wien group) and in a separate series to the participants in the private entities receiving operating partnership units and the Wien group. Each series of operating partnership units will have identical rights as to distributions, liquidation and other rights as a limited partner in the operating partnership.

Third-Party Portfolio Transaction

As a potential alternative to the consolidation, you also are being asked to consent to the sale or contribution of the subject LLC s property interest as part of a sale or contribution of the properties owned by the subject LLCs, the private entities and the management companies as a portfolio to an unaffiliated third party. Through solicitation of consents, for the first time the properties owned by the subject LLCs and the private entities can be joined as a single portfolio. While the supervisor believes the consolidation and IPO represent the best opportunity for participants in the subject LLCs and the private entities to achieve liquidity and to maximize the value of their respective investments, the supervisor also believes it is in the best interest of all participants for the supervisor to be able to approve offers from unaffiliated third parties for the portfolio as a whole.

Market forces are dynamic, unpredictable, and subject to volatility. Should the public awareness of the proposed consolidation and IPO produce potential compelling offers from unaffiliated third parties to purchase the consolidated portfolio, it will be costly and time consuming to solicit consents to allow a sale or contribution of the portfolio to a third party, and there is considerable risk that any opportunity which might appear would be lost without the requested consent in place. Therefore, the supervisor believes that it is advisable to have the flexibility and discretion, subject to certain conditions, to accept an offer for the entire portfolio of properties from an unaffiliated third party, rather than pursue the consolidation and IPO. The supervisor will consider an offer from an unaffiliated third party only for the entire portfolio of properties owned by all of the subject LLCs and all of the private entities (including the operating lessees of the subject LLCs), excluding (a) the option properties, (b) certain properties owned by the private entities that are not included in the consolidation, (c) any

property interest as to which the required consent is not received, and (d) any property interest as to which customary contract conditions, such as absence of a material adverse change, are not satisfied. A third-party portfolio transaction also will include the management companies.

The third-party portfolio transaction would be undertaken only if the aggregate consideration payable in the third-party portfolio transaction is at least 115% of the aggregate exchange value for the subject LLCs, the private entities and the management companies included in the third-party portfolio transaction and certain other conditions are met. If such a third-party portfolio transaction were to proceed, the consideration will be allocated among the subject LLCs, the private entities and the management companies on a basis consistent with the exchange values.

A third-party portfolio transaction would include the following:

The proposal must provide for all cash, payable in full at closing.

The proposal may provide for an option for all participants to elect to receive securities as an alternative to cash. If the proposal provides for a securities option, the Malkin Family will have the right to elect to receive securities only on the same proportional basis as other participants.

No member of the Malkin Family will be an affiliate, consultant, employee, officer or director of the acquiror after the closing or receive any compensation from the acquiror (other than their pro rata share of the consideration that they will receive in the third-party portfolio transaction).

Employees of the supervisor, other than the Malkin Family, could become officers, directors, and/or employees of the acquiring entity after a third-party portfolio transaction.

Because of the inability to act without consent of the subject LLCs and certain of the private entities, the supervisor intends to inform any unaffiliated third-party which expresses interest in making a third-party offer that it will not consider any offer until after completion of the solicitation of consents of the subject LLCs. If an offer is submitted during the solicitation period, the supervisor may be required to provide information regarding the proposal to participants, to assist them in their decision regarding the consolidation.

The supervisor has agreed that it will not accept a third-party offer unless it is unanimously approved by a committee which will include representatives of the supervisor and a representative of the Helmsley estate. The supervisor will be authorized to approve offers only if a definitive agreement is entered into prior to December 31, 2015 or such earlier date as the supervisor may set with or without notice or public announcement. The tax protection agreement will not apply to a third-party portfolio transaction.

Risk Factors

The Consolidation or a Third-Party Portfolio Transaction

The following is a summary of the material risks of the consolidation and the third-party portfolio transaction. The risks are more fully discussed in Risk Factors. The supervisor believes that the risks described hereunder have substantially the same effect on each of the subject LLCs. You should consider these risks in determining whether or not to vote **FOR** the consolidation proposal or the third-party portfolio proposal.

The fair market value of the consideration that you receive will not be known until the pricing of the IPO, which will occur after you vote upon the approval of the consolidation transaction. The valuation of the consideration that you will receive in the consolidation, as presented in this prospectus/consent solicitation, is based on the exchange value of your subject LLC and the aggregate exchange value. These exchange valuations were based on the Appraisal by the independent valuer. The enterprise value (which is based on the IPO price) will be determined by, among other things, market conditions

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at the time of pricing of the IPO, the historical and future performance of the company and its portfolio of properties and the market s view of the company s net asset value and other valuation metrics. Today, some REITs—common stock trades at a premium to perceived net asset value and others trade at a discount to perceived net asset value. The market—s view of the company—s net asset value determined in connection with the IPO could be less than the exchange values determined based on the Appraisal. The Appraisal was undertaken in connection with establishing relative value for the purpose of allocation of interests in the company among contributors of interests in the properties and not to establish the value of shares of common stock in the company upon completion of the IPO. In contrast, the pricing of REIT initial public offerings generally takes into account different factors not considered in the Appraisal, including current conditions in the securities markets, investor preferences and the market—s view of the company—s management team. Additionally, the Appraisal did not take into account transaction costs for the consolidation and the IPO.

The supervisor believes that initial public offering pricing for REIT common stock generally is at a discount to the market price for common stock of well-established, publicly-traded REITs, and that the company s IPO pricing will be no different. For this and other reasons, the supervisor expects that the enterprise value at the pricing of the IPO will be lower than the aggregate exchange value at the pricing of the IPO, and such discount at the pricing of the IPO could be material and substantial. This discount cannot be determined until the pricing of the IPO.

The participants will not know at the time they vote on the consolidation the size, makeup and leverage of the company or the exact number of operating partnership units and/or shares of common stock that the participants in the subject LLCs will receive in the consolidation. The consolidation is conditioned on the contribution to the company of the property interests in the Empire State Building owned by Empire State Building Associates L.L.C., which owns the fee interest and the underlying land; and Empire State Building Company L.L.C., the private entity which is the operating lessee with respect to the Empire State Building but is not conditioned on any of the other subject LLCs or private entities contributing their property interests to the company in the consolidation. Each subject LLC represents a significant portion of the exchange value and anticipated future net income and cash flow of the company;

If the consolidation is approved, the contribution agreements require that the consolidation be consummated by December 31, 2014. There could be significant changes in the value of the company between the date that the consents are received and the date of consummation of the consolidation. The consolidation may be consummated regardless of how significant such changes are and may be consummated notwithstanding such changes;

The supervisor arbitrarily has assigned \$10 as the hypothetical value of each operating partnership unit and share of common stock for purposes of illustrating the number of shares of common stock and operating partnership units that will be issued to each of the subject LLCs, the private entities and the management companies in the consolidation. The IPO price of the Class A common stock may be below the hypothetical \$10 per share;

After the consolidation and completion of the IPO, your investment will be subject to market risk and the trading price of the operating partnership units and Class A common stock may fluctuate significantly and may trade at prices below the IPO price. Your ability to sell operating partnership units and shares of Class A common stock will be subject to the restrictions of applicable U.S. federal and state securities laws and subject to the lock-up period described herein;

The value of the operating partnership units and common stock to be received by the participants in connection with the consolidation may be less than the fair market value of the participants participation interests in the subject LLCs;

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The consolidation of your subject LLC into the company involves a fundamental change in the nature of your investment, including:

You no longer will hold a participation interest in a subject LLC that owns an interest in a single property subject to an operating lease located in Manhattan. Instead, you will own operating partnership units in the operating partnership and/or shares of common stock in the company if the consolidation is consummated, which will own a portfolio of office and retail assets in Manhattan and the greater New York metropolitan area. The company will own, and in the future may invest in, types of properties different from those in which your subject LLC has invested, and you may be subject to increased risk because of the larger number of properties and broader types of properties held by the company;

Historically, the supervisor generally has not reinvested the proceeds from a sale of properties by investment programs that it supervises, although it is not restricted from doing so. Net proceeds which are not reinvested or reserved in the supervisor s discretion would be distributed to the participants in accordance with each subject LLC s organizational documents. As the company expects to reinvest the proceeds from sales of its properties, you likely will not receive a distribution of any such proceeds, and such reinvestments may be made in properties that are not profitable;

While the participants in Empire State Building Associates L.L.C. in 2008 authorized the supervisor to obtain financing to invest in properties, none of the subject LLCs has acquired any additional properties. The company may raise additional funds through equity or debt financings to make future acquisitions of properties. You may be subject to the risk that the company s future issuances of debt or equity securities or the company s other borrowings will reduce the market price of the operating partnership units or shares of Class A common stock and dilute your ownership in the company;

You will have different voting rights as a result of the consolidation. As a holder of participation interests in a subject LLC, you generally have voting rights only on the sale, mortgage or transfer of the interest in the property, modification of the existing lease on the property held by your subject LLC or entry into a new lease affecting your subject LLC. As a stockholder of the company, you will have voting rights that permit you to elect the board of directors and to approve certain major actions such as mergers and sales of all or substantially all of the assets of the company. Such voting rights do not include the right to consent to a financing;

As a result of the consolidation, you will no longer own a participation interest in your subject LLC which entitles you to a pro rata share of distributions made to participants in your subject LLC derived from cash flow from operations or cash flow from sales or financings. Your subject LLC makes small regular monthly distributions and annual distributions out of overage rent to the extent paid under the operating lease, in each case, to the extent of available cash flow. You will hold operating partnership units in the operating partnership and/or shares of common stock in the company, which will entitle you to a per share/unit amount of dividends and distributions paid with respect to the operating partnership units and common stock (which are expected to be paid quarterly and include distributions of at least 90% of the company s annual REIT taxable income determined without regard to the deduction for dividends paid and excluding net capital gains). REIT taxable income will be determined by the performance of the portfolio of the company s properties and unaffected by its stock price; as is required for the company s continued REIT qualification, if, as and when declared by the board of directors of the company. The amount of such dividends and distributions and the timing thereof will be established by the board of directors; and

As a result of the consolidation, the Malkin Holdings group and its affiliates will no longer receive supervisory fees and distributions on account of their participation interests and override interests. Anthony E. Malkin, David A. Karp, Thomas P. Durels and Thomas N. Keltner, Jr., executives of the supervisor, will become officers, and Mr. Malkin will become a director, of the company, and will receive customary salaries, bonuses and benefits as determined by the company s board of directors, in addition to dividends and distributions payable to the Malkin Holdings group in respect of shares of common stock and operating partnership units they hold.

Participants will receive operating partnership units, unless they elect to receive shares of Class A common stock or, to a limited extent, Class B common stock. Each participant may elect to receive one share of Class B common stock instead of one operating partnership unit for every 50 operating partnership units such participant would otherwise receive in the consolidation. While the holders of operating partnership units generally will have the same rights to distributions as stockholders in the company, holders of operating partnership units will not have the same voting rights as stockholders, although participants will have the right to elect to receive Class B common stock, which vote together as a class with the Class A common stock, in lieu of a portion of their operating partnership units;

While the operating partnership units issued to participants in the subject LLCs are expected to be listed on the NYSE, they will not be acquired by investors in the IPO. The market for the operating partnership units may be more limited than for the Class A common stock, and, accordingly participants who receive operating partnership units may not be able to liquidate their investment prior to 12 months after the completion of the IPO when they can redeem all or a portion of their operating partnership units for a cash amount equal to the then-current market value of one share of Class A common stock per operating partnership unit, or, at the company s election, to exchange each such operating partnership unit for a share of Class A common stock on a one-for-one basis;

The operating partnership units to be issued to participants in the subject LLCs (other than the Wien group) will be issued in three separate series, each of which will be listed and traded separately. Because the operating partnership units are in separate series, there will be fewer holders of each series. While each of the series has the same rights, the tax consequences to a participant that receives, and a subsequent purchaser of, operating partnership units of a particular series will be different than those to a participant that receives, and a subsequent purchaser of, operating partnership units of another series (based on different and unique tax attributes of the properties being contributed by each of the subject LLCs). These factors may adversely affect the market for operating partnership units. To avoid such factors and to achieve liquidity, holders of operating partnership units may elect to exercise their redemption rights with respect to such operating partnership units, which commence 12 months after the completion of the IPO, and, if applicable, sell the Class A common stock received in exchange;

While the subject LLCs exchange values have been determined based on the Appraisal by the independent valuer, which has also delivered a fairness opinion, no independent representative was retained to negotiate on behalf of the participants. There are 23 subject LLCs and private entities and groups with different interests in many of these entities. The supervisor does not believe that a single independent representative could have represented the interests of all participants and believes that to locate and retain an independent and equally competent and qualified representative for each separate interest in the consolidation is not possible. The supervisor represents the interests of all participants in the subject LLCs and private entities. The supervisor has served the same role in the past for sales of other properties with different groups of participants, which included the sale of three office properties in New York City in the past fifteen years, 200 Fifth Avenue (known as the International Toy Center), 498 Seventh Avenue and 500-512 Seventh Avenue, and believes it is not required to retain any independent representative on behalf of each group of participants or all of the participants as a whole. The supervisor believes the Appraisal prepared by the independent valuer serves the purposes of representing all parties fairly and that the consolidation is fair to all participants regardless of the absence of any such

independent representative. If a representative or representatives had been retained for the participants, the terms of the consolidation might have been different and, possibly, more favorable to the participants;

While the independent valuer appraised each property, the independent valuer s fairness opinion addressed only the allocation of consideration (Class A common stock, Class B common stock, operating partnership units or cash consideration) (i) among the subject LLCs, the private entities and the management companies and (ii) to the participants in each subject LLC and each private entity (without giving effect to any impact of the consolidation on any particular participant other than in its capacity as a participant in each of the subject LLCs and each of the private entities);

The independent value s fairness opinion cannot address the market value of the operating partnership units and/or common stock you will receive, which can only be set by the market value at the time the IPO is consummated;

For each subject LLC, approval of the consolidation by the requisite vote of the participants will cause the subject LLC to participate in the consolidation, whether you vote **FOR** or **AGAINST** the consolidation;

The organizational documents provide that if more than a specified percentage of participation interests in Empire State Building Associates L.L.C. and 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C. approve an action, the agents may purchase on behalf of the subject LLC the participation interests of participants who do not approve such action, and that price would be substantially below the exchange value of the participation interests. If the required supermajority consent of the participation interests in a participating group in a subject LLC approves the consolidation, an agent s participating group will purchase on behalf of the subject LLC the participation interests of the participants that do not approve the consolidation, at a price substantially below the exchange value of the participation interests;

If the required percentage of participation interests in the participating groups in a subject LLC approves the consolidation and the subject LLC is consolidated with the company, the subject LLC no longer can enter into alternatives to the consolidation. These alternatives include (i) continuation of the subject LLC and (ii) a sale of the subject LLC s interest in the property followed by the distribution of the net proceeds to its participants;

From inception, the supervisor has represented many different ownership interests, and the subject LLCs and the private entities, therefore, have been exposed to conflicts of interest. For example, the supervisor and persons associated with the supervisor act as an external manager for all of the entities (including the subject LLCs and operating lessees), serve as agents for the participants in the subject LLCs and certain of the private entities, determine when to make recommendations on sales, financings and operations of the properties, and make or recommend all operating and leasing decisions in all operating entities and all decisions of the subject LLCs. Decisions made with regard to property operations dictate the cash available for distribution to the subject LLCs;

The Malkin Holdings group will receive shares of Class A common stock and Class B common stock and operating partnership units which are exchangeable for cash or, at the company selection, Class A common stock, having an aggregate value of \$730,781,533, which they will receive in accordance with the allocation of exchange value based on the Appraisal. The amounts allocated to the Malkin Holdings group are based on the hypothetical \$10 per share exchange value that the supervisor arbitrarily assigned for illustrative purposes, and consists of: their interests as participants which will be allocated to them on the same basis as other participants; their interests as holders of override interests which will be allocated to them in accordance with the subject LLCs and private entities organizational documents; and their interests in the management companies, which will be allocated to them in accordance with the valuations of the management companies by the independent valuer. This is in addition to shares of Class A common stock issuable in respect of the voluntary pro rata reimbursement program consented to by participants in the subject LLCs and its share of distributions of any cash

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available for distribution from the subject LLCs prior to the consolidation. The Malkin Holdings group also will receive other benefits from the consolidation, and have interests that conflict with those of the participants. The Malkin Family is also subject to a longer lock-up period than other participants before they can begin to sell common stock or operating partnership units. The Malkin Family may not sell their common stock or operating partnership units until one year after the IPO pricing date. See Conflicts of Interest and Benefits to the Supervisor and its Affiliates.

If you receive solely Class A common stock, you generally will recognize gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes with respect to your participation interest equal to the amount by which the value of any shares of Class A common stock you receive in connection with the consolidation, plus the amount of liabilities allocable to your participation interest, exceeds your tax basis in your participation interest. You will recognize phantom income (*i.e.*, income in excess of the value of any shares of Class A common stock you receive) if you have a negative capital account with respect to your participation interest. The supervisor urges you to consult with your tax advisor to evaluate the tax consequences to you in your particular circumstances as a result of the consolidation:

To the extent you receive or are deemed to receive common stock you may also recognize gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes, as more fully discussed under U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Consolidation and U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations of the Voluntary Pro Rata Reimbursement Program for the Former Property Manager and Leasing Agent Legal Proceedings. The supervisor urges you to consult with your tax advisor to evaluate the tax consequences to you in your particular circumstances as a result of your participation in the consolidation;

The supervisor may not approve a third-party portfolio transaction even if it provides for more consideration than to be issued or paid pursuant to the consolidation. The supervisor is authorized to approve a third-party portfolio transaction only if the aggregate consideration is at least 115% of the aggregate exchange value for the subject LLCs, the private entities and the management companies included in the third-party portfolio transaction and certain other conditions are met; provided that, subject to its fiduciary duties, the supervisor is not required to accept any offer that the supervisor is authorized to accept. The proposal must provide for all cash, payable in full at closing, but such proposal may provide for an option for all participants to elect to receive securities as an alternative to cash. If the proposal provides for a securities option, the Malkin Family will have the right to elect to receive securities only on the same proportional basis as other participants. No member of the Malkin Family will be an affiliate, consultant, employee, officer or director of the acquiror after the closing or receive any compensation from the acquiror (other than their pro rata share of the consideration that they will receive in the third-party portfolio transaction). In addition, supervisor has agreed that it will not accept a third-party offer unless it is unanimously approved by a committee which will include representatives of the supervisor and a representative of the Helmsley estate;

If the required percentage of participation interests in their participating group consents to the third-party portfolio proposal, participants in Empire State Building Associates L.L.C. and 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C. who voted **AGAINST** the third-party portfolio proposal, did not return a consent form or **ABSTAINED** will be bought out regardless of whether the required consents of other participating groups is received or whether there is a third-party portfolio offer at a price substantially below the exchange value of their participation interests;

At the time you vote on the third-party portfolio proposal, there will be significant uncertainties as to the terms of any third-party portfolio transaction, which may not be received until after the consent solicitation has been completed, including the amount of consideration you would receive if a third-party portfolio transaction is consummated. These uncertainties affect your ability to evaluate the third-party portfolio proposal. The supervisor may approve a third-party portfolio transaction which you may view as less favorable than the consolidation; and

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The supervisor, the agents and their affiliates serve in their respective capacities with respect to each subject LLC and each private entity, and, as such, have conflicts of interest in connection with decisions concerning the terms of a third-party portfolio transaction.

Ownership of Operating Partnership Units in the Operating Partnership and Shares of Common Stock in the Company

The following is a summary of the material risks of ownership of operating partnership units in the operating partnership and shares of common stock in the company.

There is no assurance as to the amount or source of funds for the estimated initial cash distributions of the operating partnership or the company, and the expected initial cash distributions to the participants following the consolidation could be less than the estimated cash distributions participants would receive from their respective subject LLCs;

All of the company s properties are located in Manhattan and the greater New York metropolitan area, in particular midtown Manhattan, and adverse economic or regulatory developments in this area could materially and adversely affect the company;

Adverse economic and geopolitical conditions in general and in Manhattan and the greater New York metropolitan area commercial office and retail markets in particular, could have a material adverse effect on the company s results of operations, financial condition and its ability to make distributions to its stockholders and holders of operating partnership units;

There can be no assurance that the company s renovation and repositioning program will be completed in its entirety in accordance with the anticipated timing or at the anticipated cost, or that the company will achieve the results it expects from the renovation and repositioning program, which could materially and adversely affect the company s financial condition and results of operations;

The company may be unable to renew leases, lease vacant space or re-lease space on favorable terms as leases expire, which could materially and adversely affect the company s financial condition, results of operations and cash flow;

The company is exposed to risks associated with property redevelopment and development that could materially and adversely affect its financial condition and results of operations;

The company depends on significant tenants in its office portfolio, including LF USA, Coty, Inc., Legg Mason, Warnaco and Thomson Reuters, which together represented approximately 19.2% of the company s total portfolio s annualized base rent as of June 30, 2012:

The company s dependence on rental income may materially and adversely affect its profitability, its ability to meet its debt obligations and its ability to make distributions to its stockholders and holders of operating partnership units;

The company s option properties are subject to various risks, and the company may not be able to acquire them;

Competition for acquisitions may reduce the number of acquisition opportunities available to the company and increase the costs of those acquisitions, which may impede the company s growth;

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The observatory operations at the Empire State Building are not traditional real estate operations, and competition and changes in tourist trends may subject the company to additional risks;

The broadcasting operations at the Empire State Building are not traditional real estate operations, and competition and changes in the broadcasting of signals over air may subject the company to additional risks, which could materially and adversely affect the company;

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The company s outstanding indebtedness upon completion of the IPO reduces cash available for distribution and may expose the company to the risk of default under its debt obligations;

The continuing threat of a terrorist event may materially and adversely affect the company s properties, their value and the ability to generate cash flow;

The company may assume unknown liabilities in connection with the consolidation, which, if significant, could materially and adversely affect its business;

The departure of any of the company s key personnel could materially and adversely affect the company;

The company s Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President has outside business interests that will take his time and attention away from the company, which could materially and adversely affect the company;

The company s operating performance and value are subject to risks associated with real estate assets and the real estate industry, the occurrence of which could materially and adversely affect the company;

The company has no operating history as a REIT or as a publicly-traded company and its lack of experience could materially and adversely affect the company;

Certain provisions of Maryland law could inhibit changes in control of the company, which could negatively affect the market price of the Class A common stock;

There will be no public market for the operating partnership units or common stock prior to the IPO and an active trading market may not develop or be sustained following the IPO, which may negatively affect the market price of the operating partnership units and shares of the Class A common stock and make it difficult for investors to sell their operating partnership units or shares;

Cash available for distribution may not be sufficient to make distributions at expected levels;

Failure of the operating partnership to maintain its status as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes and/or the company to qualify or remain qualified as a REIT would subject the operating partnership and/or the company to U.S. federal income tax and applicable state and local taxes, which would reduce the amount of cash available for distribution to holders of operating partnership units and/or company shareholders; and

The REIT distribution requirements could require the company to borrow funds during unfavorable market conditions or subject the company to tax, which would reduce the cash available for distribution to the stockholders.

Conflicts of Interest and Benefits to the Supervisor and its Affiliates

From inception of the subject LLCs, the supervisor, the agents of the subject LLCs and their respective affiliates and related persons have served as supervisor, agents for groups of participants or in a similar capacity with respect to each subject LLC and each private entity with conflicts of interest and as such have conflicts of interest in connection with the consolidation. The supervisor and its affiliates will receive benefits as a result of the consolidation or a third-party portfolio transaction. These benefits and conflicts include:

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The Malkin Holdings group will receive 73,078,153 shares of Class A common stock, Class B common stock and operating partnership units, which they will receive in accordance with the allocation of exchange value based on the Appraisal by the independent valuer. The amounts allocated to the Malkin Holdings group consist of: their interests as participants which will be allocated to them on the same basis as other participants; their interests as holders of override interests which will be allocated to

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them in accordance with the subject LLCs and private entities organizational documents; and their interests in the management companies, which will be allocated to them in accordance with the valuations of the management companies by the independent valuer. This is in addition to shares of Class A common stock issuable in respect of the voluntary pro rata reimbursement program consented to by participants in the subject LLCs and its share of distributions of any cash available for distribution from the subject LLCs prior to the consolidation;

Following the consolidation, certain executives of the supervisor will be members of the senior management team and Anthony E. Malkin, an executive and principal of the supervisor, will be Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, President and a director of the company;

Upon completion of the IPO, the company expects to grant LTIP units and/or restricted shares of its Class A common stock to its independent directors, executive officers (other than Anthony E. Malkin) and certain other employees, including certain executives of the supervisor. Assuming the company receives gross proceeds from the IPO of \$1,000,000,000 (excluding the underwriters option to purchase additional shares of the company s Class A common stock), and assuming an IPO price of \$10 per share, David A. Karp, the company s Chief Financial Officer, Executive Vice President and Treasurer, is expected to be granted 114,500 LTIP units and/or restricted shares of Class A common stock, Thomas P. Durels, the company s Executive Vice President and Chief of Property Operations and Leasing, is expected to be granted 395,700 LTIP units and/or restricted shares of Class A common stock, and Thomas N. Keltner, Jr., the company s Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary, is expected be granted 252,800 LTIP units and/or restricted shares of Class A common stock. The LTIP units and/or restricted share will be subject to time-vesting and/or performance-vesting over a three to four year period;

The company intends to enter into (i) an employment agreement with Anthony E. Malkin providing for salary, bonus and other benefits, including severance upon a termination of employment under certain circumstances and the issuance of equity awards as described under Management Employment Agreement and (ii) change in control severance agreements with Thomas P. Durels, David A. Karp and Thomas N. Keltner, Jr. as described under Management Change in Control Severance Agreements, and it is expected that other members and officers of the supervisor will be officers and employees of the company;

Members, managers and officers of the supervisor, who will be employed by the company, will be indemnified by the company for certain liabilities and expenses incurred as a result of actions brought, or threatened to be brought, against them for actions taken as officers and as a director of the company and for actions taken on behalf of the supervisor and other management companies, in their capacities as such, including actions relating to the consolidation;

As part of the consolidation, the operating partnership intends to enter into a tax protection agreement with Peter L. Malkin and Anthony E. Malkin pursuant to which the operating partnership will agree to indemnify the Wien group and an additional third party investor in Metro Center (who was one of the original landowners and was involved in the development of the property) against certain tax liabilities if those tax liabilities result from (i) the operating partnership s sale, transfer, conveyance or other taxable disposition of four specified properties (First Stamford Place, Metro Center, 10 Bank Street and 1542 Third Avenue, which collectively represent approximately 1.99% of the aggregate exchange value) to be acquired by the operating partnership in the consolidation, for a period of 12 years with respect to First Stamford Place and for the later of (x) eight years or (y) the death of both of Peter L. Malkin and Isabel W. Malkin, who are 78 and 75 years old, respectively, for the three other properties, (ii) the operating partnership s failing to maintain until maturity the indebtedness secured by these properties or failing to use commercially reasonable efforts to refinance such indebtedness upon maturity in an amount equal to the principal balance of such indebtedness, or, if the operating partnership is unable to refinance such indebtedness at its current principal amount, at the highest principal amount possible, or (iii) the operating partnership s failing to make available to any of

these investors the opportunity to guarantee, or otherwise bear the risk of loss, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, of their allocable share of \$160 million of aggregate indebtedness meeting certain requirements, until such investor owns less than the aggregate number of operating partnership units and shares of common stock equal to 50% of the aggregate number of such units and shares such investor received in the consolidation. The company believes that it is consistent with market practice for significant contributing unitholders, such as the Malkin Group and the one additional third party investor in Metro Center, to be indemnified against certain tax liabilities as set forth in the tax protection agreement. Accordingly, the company believes it is appropriate to enter into a tax protection agreement. The operating partnership estimates that if all of its assets subject to the tax protection agreement were sold in a taxable transaction immediately after the IPO, the amount of the operating partnership s indemnification obligations (based on tax rates applicable for the taxable year ending December 31, 2012, and exchange values, and including additional payments to compensate the indemnified partners for additional tax liabilities resulting from the indemnification payments) would be approximately \$97.7 million.

The company will release (i) Anthony E. Malkin and Peter L. Malkin from all claims, liabilities, damages and obligations against them related to their ownership of interests in any of the subject LLCs or the private entities and (ii) certain members of the company s senior management team who were officers or employees of the supervisor from all claims, liabilities, damages and obligations against them related to their ownership in the subject LLCs, the private entities and the management companies and their employment with the management companies that exist at the closing of the consolidation, other than breaches by them or entities related to them, as applicable, of the employment and non-competition agreement and the contribution agreements and the merger agreements entered into by them and these entities in connection with the consolidation;

The company does not presently intend to sell or take any other action which would result in a tax protection payment with respect to the properties covered by the tax protection agreement. The tax protection agreement will not apply to a third-party portfolio transaction.

Peter L. Malkin and Anthony E. Malkin will be released from or otherwise indemnified for liabilities arising under certain guarantees and indemnities with respect to approximately \$1.11 billion of mortgage loans (including currently undrawn amounts) on the company s properties, which will be assumed by the company upon closing of the IPO and the consolidation in respect of obligations arising after the closing. The guarantees and indemnities with respect to mortgage loans of many of the existing entities, including the subject LLCs, were undertaken by Messrs. Malkin and Malkin to meet a conventional lender requirement which became standard only long after such entities were formed. In each case, Messrs. Malkin and Malkin provided such guarantee while serving in a representative capacity as an agent or member of a subject LLC or private entity which was then seeking a mortgage loan. The lender required such guarantee, and no party was available or willing to provide it except Messrs. Malkin and Malkin. They received no compensation for the guarantee and provided it as an accommodation to benefit such subject LLC or private entity in obtaining financing. The guarantees and indemnities with respect to all of the indebtedness are, in most instances, limited to losses incurred by the applicable lender arising from acts such as fraud, misappropriation of funds, intentional breach, bankruptcy and certain environmental matters. In connection with the company s assumption of these mortgage loans, it will seek to have the guarantors released from these guarantees and indemnities and to have the company s operating partnership assume any such guarantee and indemnity obligations as replacement guarantor and/or indemnitor. To the extent lenders do not consent to the release of these guarantors and/or indemnitors, and they remain guarantors and/or indemnitors on assumed indebtedness following the IPO and the consolidation, the company s operating partnership will enter into indemnification agreements with the guarantors and/or indemnitors pursuant to which the company s operating partnership will be obligated to indemnify such guarantors and/or indemnitors for any amounts paid by them under guarantees and/or indemnities with respect to the assumed indebtedness. The company believes that since the mortgage loans relating to the guarantees and

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indemnities will be assumed by the company upon closing of the consolidation, and it will have greater financial resources than the individual property owning entities which are subject to the mortgage loans, it is appropriate, and consistent with market practice, for Messrs. Malkin and Malkin to be indemnified by the company s operating partnership if the lenders do not consent to the release of these guarantors and/or indemnitors. Under the organizational documents of the subject LLCs and private entities and applicable law, Messrs. Malkin and Malkin are already generally entitled to indemnification from the participants in the subject LLCs and the private entities for liabilities incurred by them in good faith and not arising out of their own willful misconduct or gross negligence, including any such liabilities under these guarantees and indemnities. In addition, in connection with future mortgage loans that the company would enter into in connection with future property acquisitions or refinancing of the company s properties, the company intends to enter into any necessary guarantees directly, and neither Messrs. Malkin and Malkin nor any of the company s other directors, executive officers or stockholders would be expected to enter into such guarantees;

The supervisor and the Malkin Family may hold a greater interest (including their share of distributions in respect of the override interests) in other subject LLCs or private entities than in your subject LLC, including, in the case of 250 West 57th St. Associates L.L.C., the private entity which is the operating lessee of the property it owns. Accordingly, they would be benefited to the extent that a greater portion of the exchange value is allocated to other subject LLCs or private entities than to your subject LLC;

After the consolidation, the company intends to enter into management agreements with the entities that own interests in the excluded properties and services agreements with the managers of certain of the excluded businesses (other than with respect to the registered broker dealer), which entities are owned in part by Anthony E. Malkin. There may be conflicts of interest in the allocation of his time between the company and his other interests;

The operating partnership has entered into option agreements with three private entities controlled by the supervisor;

The company intends to enter into management agreements with the entities that own long-term leasehold, sub-leasehold and/or sub-subleasehold interests in the option properties, which entities are owned in part by Anthony E. Malkin, together with members of the Malkin Family and supervised by the supervisor, as well as management agreements with the entities that own interests in the excluded properties and services agreements with the managers of certain of the excluded businesses (other than with respect to the registered broker dealer);

Affiliates of the supervisor also will retain interests in the option properties, certain other properties to which the company will provide management services and certain excluded businesses. Affiliates of the supervisor are subject to conflicts of interest in connection with the terms of these arrangements; and

The supervisor and its affiliates may have a conflict of interest in deciding whether to approve a third-party portfolio transaction and with respect to the terms of the third-party portfolio transaction due to the benefits that the Malkin Holdings group could receive in that transaction.

The Consolidation

Principal Components of the Consolidation

The consolidation will consist of the following principal components:

The subject LLCs that approve the consolidation will contribute their assets to the operating partnership or subsidiaries of the operating partnership. As a result, the company will own an interest in each subject LLC s property indirectly through its ownership of the operating partnership, and the

operating partnership or its subsidiaries generally will assume each subject LLC sliabilities. Each participant in the subject LLCs will receive operating partnership units, unless he or she elects to receive shares of Class A common stock or, to a limited extent, Class B common stock. Each participant may elect to receive one share of Class B common stock instead of one operating partnership unit for every 50 operating partnership units such participant would otherwise receive in the consolidation. Each share of Class B common stock has 50 votes on all matters on which stockholders are entitled to vote and the same economic interest as a share of Class A common stock, and one share of Class B common stock and 49 operating partnership units together represent a similar economic value as 50 shares of Class A common stock. The company will issue operating partnership units, Class A common stock or Class B common stock, as applicable to the subject LLCs which, in turn, will distribute them in accordance with participants elections

The subject LLCs will distribute promptly following the closing any excess cash held by them at the time of the closing of the consolidation. The cash to be distributed by a subject LLC will be (i) any cash held by such entity at the closing in excess of the normalized level of net working capital for such entity, as determined by the supervisor, (ii) the consolidation expenses reimbursed by the company to the subject LLC at the closing of the consolidation out of proceeds of the IPO and (iii) overage rent that will have accrued through the date of the closing of the consolidation.

At June 30, 2012, each of Empire State Building Associates L.L.C., 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C. and 250 West 57th St. Associates L.L.C. had cash, which would have been available for distribution (in addition to any amounts that would have been distributable out of accrued overage rent) had the closing occurred on such date, of \$6,700,000, \$700,000 and \$430,000, respectively, and as of June 30, 2012 would have been entitled to receive \$12,062,687, \$3,052,936 and \$1,431,585, respectively, as reimbursement for costs incurred in connection with the consolidation and the IPO, out of the proceeds of the IPO. A participant share of such excess cash would have been \$5,350, \$4,830 and \$4,650, respectively, per \$10,000 original investment for each of Empire State Building Associates L.L.C., 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C. and 250 West 57th St. Associates L.L.C. The actual amount of distributions will be based on cash available at closing of the consolidation and no assurance can be given that these cash amounts will be available for distribution.

These distributions will be liquidating distributions and the business of each of the subject LLCs will be liquidated and wound up promptly following the closing.

Each subject LLC will enter into a contribution agreement conditioned on (i) the requisite consent of the participants in the subject LLC; (ii) the closing of the IPO and the listing of the operating partnership units and Class A common stock on the NYSE or another national securities exchange; (iii) the closing of the consolidation no later than December 31, 2014; (iv) the participation by Empire State Building Associates L.L.C. and Empire State Building Company L.L.C., the private entity that is the operating lessee of the Empire State Building, in the consolidation; and (v) other customary conditions;

Based on the hypothetical exchange value of \$10 per share which the supervisor has arbitrarily assigned for illustrative purposes, the company will issue to participants and holders of override interests in the private entities 129,080,462 operating partnership units having an exchange value of \$1,290,804,624; 6,974,722 shares of Class A common stock having an exchange value of \$69,747,222; and 1,007,830 shares of Class B common stock having an exchange value of \$10,078,299 and the company will issue to equity holders in the management companies 866,222 operating partnership units having an exchange value of \$8,662,220; 746,300 shares of Class A common stock having an exchange value of \$7,463,000; and 17,678 shares of Class B common stock having an exchange value of \$176,780, (not including, in each case, any additional shares of Class A common stock that may be issued to charitable organizations as described below). In addition, participants in the private entities who are non-accredited investors who would have been entitled to 8,530,581 shares of common stock on a fully diluted basis having an exchange value of \$85,305,810, will receive cash at a price per share

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equal to the offering price in the IPO. Participants in the private entities who are charitable organizations, including the Helmsley estate, who would have been entitled in the aggregate to 105,032,439 shares of common stock on a fully diluted basis having an exchange value of \$1,050,324,394 that have made a cash election will receive cash, subject to a cut back (at a price per share equal to the IPO price reduced by the underwriting discount per share paid by the company in the IPO) and will receive Class A common stock for the balance;

The Malkin Holdings group and the Helmsley estate will receive the largest amount of consideration in the consolidation, because they hold participation interests and, in the case of the Malkin Holdings group, overrides, issued to them or their predecessors during a period of more than 60 years in respect of their cumulative cash investments and their roles in the entity formation and property operations with respect to (a) all of the entities and properties in the case of the Malkin Holdings group including the activities of Lawrence A. Wien, Peter L. Malkin and Anthony E. Malkin for many decades and (b) a large number of them in the case of the Helmsley estate;

As part of the consolidation, each private entity will contribute its property interest and other assets, other than interests in certain properties excluded from the consolidation, to the operating partnership or its subsidiary, in exchange for operating partnership units or, at the option of the participants in the private entities, shares of common stock and/or cash. The private entities (including the operating lessees) with the required consent of their participants, have agreed to transfer their interests in the properties, including their interests in the operating lessees, as part of the consolidation. Each private entity has entered into a contribution agreement conditioned on (i) the closing of the IPO and the listing of the operating partnership units and Class A common stock on the NYSE or another national securities exchange; (ii) the closing of the consolidation no later than December 31, 2014; (iii) the contribution to the company of the property interests in the Empire State Building owned by Empire State Building Associates L.L.C., which owns the fee interest and the underlying land, and Empire State Building Company L.L.C., the private entity which is the operating lessee with respect to the Empire State Building; (iv) the delivery of a fairness opinion by the independent valuer to the private entities and (v) other customary conditions;

The company will acquire pursuant to a contribution agreement with the supervisor and the Wien group the participation interests held by the Wien group in the subject LLCs and override interests of the supervisor in the subject LLCs in exchange for operating partnership units. The override interests under which the supervisor will share in the proceeds from the consolidation are contractual rights, previously and separately documented. In the case of each of Empire State Building Associates L.L.C. and 250 West 57th St. Associates L.L.C., the overrides were agreed to by participants on an individual, voluntary basis and provide the supervisor with 10% of the distribution of capital proceeds otherwise payable to participants that have agreed to the voluntary capital override program after they have received a return of their original investment (or two times their original investment, in the case of 250 West 57th St. Associates L.L.C.). In the case of 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C., the override is payable pursuant to its organizational documents and provides that supervisor is entitled to 10% of the distributions (without specifying the source of distributions) after the members have received distributions equal to a return at the rate of 14% on their cash investment in the year in which the distribution is made. Each of the overrides was valued based on the amount distributable to the supervisor under the terms of the override. The overrides were granted by the participants in either the subject LLCs organizational documents or in the subsequent, separate voluntary agreements entered into individually, to permit the supervisor to share in benefits resulting from improvements in the property s operating results and value, and the supervisor did not pay any consideration for the overrides. The participation interests in each of the subject LLCs held by the Malkin Holdings group were acquired from Empire State Building Associates L.L.C., 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C. and 250 West 57th St. Associates L.L.C., respectively, for the same consideration paid by other participants or were purchased from participants at a purchase price equal to or in excess of the original purchase price;

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Each share of Class A common stock entitles the holder to one vote. Operating partnership units have economic rights similar to the Class A common stock but do not have the right to vote on matters presented to holders of Class A common stock and Class B common stock. The participants in the subject LLCs have an option to elect to receive one share of Class B common stock instead of one operating partnership unit for every 50 operating partnership units such participant would otherwise receive in the consolidation. Accredited investors in the private entities and the management companies had the same option at the time they made their election of consideration in the private solicitation. The Class B common stock provides its holder with a voting right that is no greater than if such holder had received solely Class A common stock in the consolidation. Each outstanding share of Class B common stock entitles the holder to 50 votes on all matters on which the stockholders of Class A common stock are entitled to vote, including the election of directors, and holders of shares of Class A common stock and Class B common stock will vote together as a single class. Each share of Class B common stock has the same economic interest as a share of Class A common stock, and one share of Class B common stock and 49 operating partnership units together represent a similar economic value as 50 shares of Class A common stock. One share of Class B common stock may be converted into one share of Class A common stock at any time, and one share of Class B common stock is subject to automatic conversion into one share of Class A common stock upon a direct or indirect transfer of such share of Class B common stock or certain transfers of the operating partnership units held by the holder of Class B common stock (or a permitted transferee) to a person other than a permitted transferee;

The company will acquire through merger the supervisor and the other management companies, which are owned by the same persons as own the supervisor. Holders of interests in the management companies will receive shares of common stock or operating partnership units in exchange for the interests in such entities;

Charitable organizations, including the Helmsley estate, were granted a cash option in connection with their interests in the private entities. These charitable organizations had the option to receive cash at a price per share equal to the IPO price per share (reduced by the underwriting discount per share paid by the company in the IPO) to the extent of cash available from the IPO for this purpose after providing cash to redeem non-accredited investors in the private entities and other uses of proceeds. To the extent that there is not sufficient available cash to pay in full the cash payable to electing charitable organizations, there will be a pro rata reduction in the cash received by each electing charitable organization and the balance will be in the form of Class A common stock;

Pursuant to the cash option referred to in the preceding paragraph, the Helmsley estate and other charitable organizations have exercised the cash option as to all of the operating partnership units issuable to them by the private entities in the consolidation (which based on the exchange values represents 24.59% for the Helmsley estate and 0.58% for the other charitable organizations, respectively, of the common stock on a fully-diluted basis or \$1.050 billion of the exchange value in the aggregate) and will receive Class A common stock, Class B common stock and/or operating partnership units to the extent that the cash available for this purpose is insufficient to pay all of the consideration in cash. The Helmsley estate will also receive an amount equal to any New York City transfer tax savings resulting from its status as a charitable organization. In addition, the company and the Helmsley estate have also agreed that if the IPO is upsized after the effective time of the registration statement filed in connection with the IPO or if the underwriters in the IPO exercise their option to purchase additional shares of Class A common stock, all additional net proceeds from the sale of Class A common stock issued by the company in such upsize or option will be allocated solely to the Helmsley estate for purposes of the consolidation at the same value as the cash option described above;

The company has provided the Helmsley estate with the cash option described above. Following the consummation of the consolidation and the IPO, the Helmsley estate is anticipated to continue to own a sizeable position in the company. Therefore, in light of the Helmsley estate s desire, and requirement,

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to sell all or a significant portion of its post-IPO position, which could adversely affect the market price of the company s Class A common stock following the IPO, the supervisor structured elements of the consolidation and the IPO, including this cash option, to minimize the Helmsley estate s post-IPO position. The company also has provided that the net proceeds from any potential upsizing of the IPO or any exercise of the underwriters option to purchase additional shares of the company s Class A common stock would also be applied to the Helmsley estate s cash election to further reduce the Helmsley estate s position in the company. Such reduction of the Helmsley estate s overhang would be viewed favorably by the market and would provide for a better trading market in the company s Class A common stock following the IPO for the benefit of all stockholders. The company has also provided registration rights to the Helmsley estate to provide for an efficient and transparent process for the Helmsley estate to sell all or a portion of its remaining interest in the company following the IPO. The Helmsley estate may receive cash only to the extent of cash available from the IPO after providing cash to redeem non-accredited investors in the private entities and other uses of proceeds, and therefore does not reduce cash required for the company.

The company has entered into a representation, warranty and indemnity agreement with Anthony E. Malkin and his siblings, Scott D. Malkin and Cynthia M. Blumenthal, pursuant to which they have made limited representations and warranties to the company and the operating partnership regarding the entities, properties and assets to be contributed to the company and agreed to indemnify the company and the operating partnership for 12 months following the closing of the consolidation for breaches of such representations subject to a \$1 million deduction and threshold of up to a maximum of \$25 million. Other than these individuals, none of the Malkin Family, or other participants in the subject LLCs, private entities or management companies, will provide the company with any indemnification;

The operating partnership intends to enter into a tax protection agreement with Anthony E. Malkin and Peter L. Malkin pursuant to which the company will agree to indemnify the Wien group and an additional third party investor in Metro Center (who was one of the original landowners and was involved in the development of the property) against certain tax liabilities if those tax liabilities result from (i) the operating partnership s sale, transfer, conveyance or other taxable disposition of four specified properties (First Stamford Place, Metro Center, 10 Bank Street and 1542 Third Avenue, which collectively represent approximately 1.99% of the aggregate exchange value) to be acquired by the operating partnership in the consolidation, for a period of 12 years with respect to First Stamford Place and for the later of (x) eight years or (y) the death of both of Peter L. Malkin and Isabel W. Malkin, who are 78 and 75 years old, respectively, for the three other properties, (ii) the operating partnership s failing to maintain until maturity the indebtedness secured by these properties or failing to use commercially reasonable efforts to refinance such indebtedness upon maturity in an amount equal to the principal balance of such indebtedness, or, if the operating partnership is unable to refinance such indebtedness at its current principal amount, at the highest principal amount possible, or (iii) the operating partnership s failing to make available to any of these investors the opportunity to guarantee, or otherwise bear the risk of loss, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, of their allocable share of \$160 million of aggregate indebtedness meeting certain requirements, until such investor owns less than the aggregate number of operating partnership units and shares of common stock equal to 50% of the aggregate number of such units and shares such investor received in the consolidation. The operating partnership estimates that if all of its assets subject to the tax protection agreement were sold in a taxable transaction immediately after the IPO, the amount of the operating partnership s indemnification obligations (based on tax rates applicable for the taxable year ending December 31, 2012, and exchange values, and including additional payments to compensate the indemnified partners for additional tax liabilities resulting from the indemnification payments) would be approximately \$97.7 million.

The company does not presently intend to sell or take any other action which would result in a tax protection payment with respect to the properties covered by the tax protection agreement. The tax protection agreement will not apply to a third-party portfolio transaction;

The company expects to obtain an \$800.0 million secured revolving and term credit facility upon the closing of the IPO from lenders that will include certain of the underwriters of the IPO or their respective affiliates. The company has obtained a commitment for \$400.0 million of availability under the secured revolving and term credit facility, subject to satisfaction of certain customary conditions precedent, from the representatives of the underwriters or their respective affiliates who have also agreed to use commercially reasonable efforts to syndicate the remainder of the facility. The company expects to use this secured revolving and term credit facility to, among other things, fund capital expenditures, potential acquisitions, general corporate matters and working capital. The company expects that the secured revolving and term credit facility will include an accordion feature that would allow the company to increase availability thereunder to \$1.25 billion, under specified circumstances. See Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations of Empire State Realty Trust Consolidated Indebtedness to be Outstanding After the IPO Description of Certain Debt Secured Revolving and Term Credit Facility. There is no assurance that the company will be able to enter into a definitive agreement relating to this facility on acceptable terms, or at all;

The company intends to enter into management agreements with the entities that own interests in the excluded properties and services agreements with certain of the excluded businesses or the managers thereof (other than with respect to the registered broker dealer). See Related Party Transactions Excluded Properties and Businesses;

The operating partnership has executed option agreements with three private entities supervised by the supervisor, one of which is the ground lessee of the property located at 112-120 West 34th Street and fee owner of the property located at 122 West 34th Street, one of which is the operating lessee of 112-122 West 34th Street and one of which is the ground lessee of 1400 Broadway, pursuant to which each of these private entities has granted to the operating partnership an option to acquire fee, long-term leasehold, sub-leasehold and/or sub-subleasehold interests in the option properties, as applicable. Concurrent with the closing of the consolidation, the company intends to enter into management agreements with respect to each of the option properties. Each of the Malkin Holdings group and the Helmsley estate owns interests in such private entities. Based on the exchange values the option properties would have had, calculated in accordance with the methodology used to derive the exchange values for the subject LLCs and the private entities, the Malkin Holdings group would receive consideration having an aggregate value of \$77,600,811 in respect of its participation interests and overrides in the entities which own the option properties, and the Helmsley estate would receive consideration having an aggregate value of \$160,160,461 in respect of its participation interests in such entities;

As a result of the consolidation, the company will assume approximately \$1.08 billion of total debt (based on June 30, 2012 pro forma outstanding balances), and the company expects to have approximately \$134.1 million of additional borrowing capacity under its loans on a pro forma basis (excluding amounts under the \$800.0 million secured revolving and term credit facility which the company expects to obtain upon the closing of the IPO from lenders that will include certain of the underwriters of the IPO or their respective affiliates);

The company will sell shares of Class A common stock in the IPO and will contribute the net proceeds from the IPO to the operating partnership in exchange for operating partnership units and

Upon completion of the IPO, the company expects to grant LTIP units and/or restricted shares of Class A common stock to its independent directors, executive officers (other than Anthony E. Malkin) and certain other employees, including certain executives of the supervisor.

The supervisor and its principals and certain of the private entities own interests in other properties, including the option properties, assets and businesses that will not be contributed to the company. The supervisor

provides supervisory or advisory services with respect to certain of these properties. The company intends to enter into management agreements with the entities that own interests in these excluded properties and excluded businesses after consummation of the consolidation.

The company and the supervisor have required that the consolidation be completed no later than December 31, 2014.

The following charts show the organization of each subject LLC prior to the consolidation:

Empire State Building Associates L.L.C.

- (1) Represents a voluntary capital override agreed to by approximately 94% of the participants and documented individually with each participant who granted the override, which provides the supervisor with 10% of the distribution of capital proceeds otherwise payable to participants that have agreed to the voluntary capital override program after they have received a return of their original investment. The supervisor will receive distributions on the voluntary capital overrides with respect to the consideration from the consolidation, because such consideration constitutes capital proceeds. Assuming that the enterprise value determined in connection with the IPO were the same as the aggregate exchange value, such overrides would comprise approximately 9.14% of the economic value of Empire State Building Associates L.L.C. These voluntary capital overrides were solicited pursuant to consent solicitation statements dated September 13, 1991, September 14, 2001 and June 9, 2008.
- (2) This override, which is not a voluntary override, is payable pursuant to the original offering documents for Empire State Building Associates L.L.C. and provides the supervisor the right to receive additional payments equal to 6% of any distributions of overage rent received under the operating lease, 6% of 50% of the amount of the reduction in mortgage charges due to the repayment of the purchase money mortgage placed at the time of the original acquisition by Empire State Building Associates L.L.C. of its interest in the Empire State Building and 6% of 50% of certain scheduled reductions in ground rent payable by Empire State Building Associates L.L.C. under the operating lease.

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60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C.

(1) The override, which is not a voluntary override, represents a contractual obligation of the subject LLC payable pursuant to a consent of participants in 1968 and provides that supervisor is entitled to receive 10% of all additional amounts paid out (without specifying the source of distributions) after the members have received distributions equal to a return at the rate of 14% on their cash investment in the year in which the distribution is made. The supervisor will receive distributions on the override with respect to the consideration from the consolidation, because such consideration constitutes capital proceeds.

Assuming that the enterprise value determined in connection with the IPO were the same as the aggregate exchange value, such override would comprise approximately 9.97% of the economic value of 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C.

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250 West 57th St. Associates L.L.C.

- (1) Represents a voluntary capital override agreed to by approximately 78.32% of the participants and documented individually with each participant who granted the override, which provides the supervisor with 10% of the distribution of capital proceeds otherwise payable to participants that have agreed to the voluntary capital override program after they have received a return of twice the amount of their original investment. The supervisor will receive distributions on the voluntary capital overrides with respect to the consideration from the consolidation, because such consideration constitutes capital proceeds. Assuming that the enterprise value determined in connection with the IPO were the same as the aggregate exchange value, such overrides would comprise approximately 7.49% of the economic value of 250 West 57th St. Associates L.L.C. These voluntary capital overrides were solicited pursuant to consent solicitation statements dated March 10, 2004 and May 17, 2006. All of these override interests are owned by the Malkin Holdings group.
- (2) The override, which is not a voluntary override, is payable pursuant to a consent of participants in 1968, represents the right to receive 10% of all cash distributions (other than from mortgage, sale or condemnation proceeds) in excess of 15% on the remaining cash investment in any one year.

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The following chart shows the percentage ownership of the common stock on a fully diluted basis in the company (assuming exchange of all operating partnership units for Class A common stock, conversion of all Class B common stock into Class A common stock, and that no cash is paid to any participants in the private entities) after closing of the consolidation but prior to the closing of the IPO, allocable to each of the entities shown in the table (including the Helmsley estate, which has made a cash election as described under Related Party Transactions Relating to the Consolidation), and assuming the consolidation is approved by all three subject LLCs:

- (1) 15.43% of the shares of common stock on a fully diluted basis issuable to the entity is allocable to the Malkin Holdings group and 0.08% of the shares of common stock on a fully diluted basis issuable to the entity is allocable to the Helmsley estate.
- (2) 6.68% of the shares of common stock on a fully diluted basis issuable to the entity is allocable to the Malkin Holdings group and 63.75% of the shares of common stock on a fully diluted basis issuable to the entity is allocable to the Helmsley estate.
- (3) 17.19% of the shares of common stock on a fully diluted basis issuable to the entity is allocable to the Malkin Holdings group and 0.39% of the shares of common stock on a fully diluted basis issuable to the entity is allocable to the Helmsley estate.
- (4) 16.75% of the shares of common stock on a fully diluted basis issuable to the entity is allocable to the Malkin Holdings group and 27.00% of the shares of common stock on a fully diluted basis issuable to the entity is allocable to the Helmsley estate.
- (5) 14.19% of the shares of common stock on a fully diluted basis issuable to the entity is allocable to the Malkin Holdings group and 0.28% of the shares of common stock on a fully diluted basis issuable to the entity is allocable to the Helmsley estate.
- (6) 33.22% of the shares of common stock on a fully diluted basis issuable to the entity is allocable to the Malkin Holdings group and 31.50% of the shares of common stock on a fully diluted basis issuable to the entity is allocable to the Helmsley estate.
- (7) 30.94% of the shares of common stock on a fully diluted basis issuable to the other private entities is allocable to the Malkin Holdings group and 17.57% of the shares of common stock on a fully diluted basis issuable to the other private entities is allocable to the Helmsley estate.
- (8) All of the shares of common stock on a fully diluted basis issuable to the entity are allocated to the Malkin Holdings group.
- (9) 17.44% of the shares of common stock on a fully diluted basis is allocable to the Malkin Holdings group and 24.59% of the shares of common stock on a fully diluted basis is allocable to the Helmsley estate.

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The following charts show, for each of the properties owned by the subject LLCs, the relative exchange value of the applicable property attributable to the subject LLC, the operating lessee, and, for each of the subject LLCs and operating lessees, the participants interests and override interests associated with the subject LLCs and operating lessees override interests, except as otherwise noted, are held by the Malkin Holdings group:

- (1) Voluntary capital transaction override.
- (2) \$53,218,257 of the overrides are paid to persons other than the Malkin Holdings group. The additional overrides not owned by the Malkin Holdings group are owned primarily by members of the Wien group (who are not members of the Malkin Family). Such overrides were created under agreements with participants who acquired their interests from Lawrence A. Wien, and they were transferred to members of the Wien group as descendants of Lawrence A. Wien. In addition, a portion of the overrides held by persons other than the Malkin Holdings group are held by other persons not members of the Wien group who sold their participation interests, but retained an override interest.

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- (1) Voluntary capital transaction override.
- (2) \$13,826,125 of the overrides are paid to persons other than the Malkin Holdings group. The additional overrides not owned by the Malkin Holdings group are owned by members of the Wien group (who are not members of the Malkin Family). The override interests were created under the agreements in which participants received their interests from Lawrence A. Wien and were transferred to members of the Wien group as descendants of Lawrence A. Wien.

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The following chart shows the organization of the company after the consolidation and the IPO, assuming the consolidation is approved by all three subject LLCs, that each participant in the subject LLCs elects to receive Class A common stock, Class B common stock and operating partnership units in the same proportion as participants (other than the Malkin Family and the Helmsley estate) in the private entities, that 100 million shares of Class A common stock are issued in the IPO at a purchase price of \$10 per share, that net proceeds from the IPO are used as set forth in the pro forma financial statements (unaudited) of the company and that cash is paid to participants in the private entities that are non-accredited investors or charitable organizations (including the Helmsley estate) that elected cash. The operating partnership units and common stock issuable to the Helmsley estate assumes the Helmsley estate receives cash in lieu of 69,360,195 shares of common stock on exercise of its cash election and does not give effect to any additional cash that the Helmsley estate may receive as a result of any exercise of the underwriters—option to purchase additional shares of the company—s Class A common stock in the IPO.

The Class A common stock, Class B common stock and operating partnership units represent 30.1%, 0.5% and 69.4%, respectively, of the common stock, on a fully diluted basis.

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What You Will Receive if Your Subject LLC is Included in the Consolidation

If the consolidation is approved by the participants in your subject LLC and is consummated, you will receive operating partnership units and/or shares of common stock as consideration for your participation interest, as described below.

Allocation of Consideration. Based upon the Appraisal that the independent valuer prepared, the number of operating partnership units and/or common stock you will receive was allocated as follows:

The exchange values were first determined for each subject LLC, each private entity and the management companies as follows:

The appraised values of the interests in the properties owned by the subject LLCs, the private entities and the management companies were determined by the independent valuer,

The appraised values were adjusted by the independent valuer as described more fully in Reports, Opinions and Appraisals to determine the exchange values and

The supervisor reviewed and approved the exchange values.

To allocate the operating partnership units and common stock, the supervisor arbitrarily assigned a hypothetical \$10 per share exchange value for illustrative purposes and arbitrarily assumed that the enterprise value of the company is equal to the aggregate exchange value of all of the contributed assets. The independent valuer allocated to each subject LLC a number of operating partnership units and shares common stock equal to the exchange value of its assets divided by \$10. See the section entitled Summary Allocation of Consideration in the Consolidation.

In accordance with each subject LLC sorganizational documents, all of the operating partnership units and shares of common stock were allocated to the participants holding participation interests in the subject LLC, after taking into account the allocations in respect of the supervisor soverride interest.

The allocation of operating partnership units and common stock to the participants in this prospectus/consent solicitation is based on the hypothetical \$10 per share exchange value arbitrarily assigned by the supervisor to illustrate the number of shares of common stock that a participant would receive if the enterprise value of the company determined in connection with the IPO were the same as the aggregate exchange value and the IPO price were \$10 per share of Class A common stock. The actual number of shares of common stock, on a fully-diluted basis, issued in the consolidation will equal the enterprise value (which will be allocated to each of the subject LLCs, the private entities and the management companies in proportion to their relative share of the aggregate exchange value) divided by the IPO price. The enterprise value (which is based on the IPO price) will be determined by, among other things, market conditions at the time of pricing of the IPO, the historical and future performance of the company and its portfolio of properties and the market s view of the company s net asset value and other valuation metrics. Today, some REITs—common stock trades at a premium to perceived net asset value and others trade at a discount to perceived net asset value. The market—s view of the company s net asset value determined in connection with the IPO could be less than the exchange values determined based on the Appraisal. The Appraisal was undertaken in connection with establishing relative value for the purpose of allocation of interests in the company among contributors of interests in the properties and not to establish the value of shares of common stock in the company upon completion of the IPO. In contrast, the pricing of REIT initial public offerings generally takes into account different factors not considered in the Appraisal, including current conditions in the securities markets, investor preferences and the market—s view of the company s management team. Additionally, the Appraisal did not take into

The supervisor believes that initial public offering pricing for REIT common stock generally is at a discount to the market price for common stock of well-established, publicly-traded REITs, and that the company s IPO

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pricing will be no different. For this and other reasons, the supervisor expects that the enterprise value at the pricing of the IPO will be lower than the aggregate exchange value at the pricing of the IPO, and such discount at the pricing of the IPO could be material and substantial. This discount cannot be determined until the pricing of the IPO. As the company continues to develop a track record as a public company, the supervisor believes that the company s trading price following the IPO will be based on, among other things, the company s historical and future performance, its performance relative to its peers, market conditions generally and its continued seasoning in the public markets. The company currently intends to pay regular quarterly dividends based on the performance of the company and its portfolio of properties, rather than just one property, and those distributions are required to be at least 90% of annual REIT taxable income (determined without regard to the deduction for dividends paid, and excluding net capital gains) to maintain its qualification as a REIT. REIT taxable income will be determined by the performance of the portfolio of the company s properties and unaffected by its stock price.

Allocation of Operating Partnership Units and/or Common Stock. You will receive operating partnership units, unless you elect to receive, in exchange for your participation interests, Class A common stock, or, to a limited extent, as described below, Class B common stock. The operating partnership units will be issued in three separate series to the participants in each of the three subject LLCs (other than the Wien group) and in a separate series to the participants in the private entities receiving operating partnership units and the Wien group. Each series of operating partnership units will have identical rights as to distributions, liquidation and other rights as a limited partner in the operating partnership.

Class A Common Stock. If you elect to receive Class A common stock in lieu of operating partnership units issuable to you, you will receive one share of Class A common stock for each operating partnership unit you would have otherwise been entitled to receive.

Class B Common Stock. Participants may elect to receive one share of Class B common stock instead of one operating partnership unit for every 50 operating partnership units such participant would otherwise receive in the consolidation. The Class B common stock provides its holder with a voting right that is no greater than if such holder had received solely Class A common stock in the consolidation. Each outstanding share of Class B common stock entitles the holder to 50 votes on all matters on which the stockholders of Class A common stock are entitled to vote, including the election of directors, and holders of shares of Class A common stock and Class B common stock will vote together as a single class. Each share of Class B common stock has the same economic interest as a share of Class A common stock, and one share of Class B common stock and 49 operating partnership units together represent a similar economic value as 50 shares of Class A common stock.

Lock-up Agreements. Pursuant to lock-up agreements, each participant in the subject LLCs and private entities may not sell or otherwise transfer or encumber shares of common stock or operating partnership units (i) with respect to 50% of the operating partnership units and shares of common stock owned by them at completion of the IPO, for a period of 180 days after the IPO pricing date and (ii) with respect to any remaining operating partnership units and shares of common stock, for a period of one year after the IPO pricing date, in each case without first obtaining the written consent of the representatives of the underwriters in the IPO. This includes Class A common stock issuable in exchange for the operating partnership units, which are only issuable in exchange for operating partnership units beginning 12 months after the completion of the IPO, and Class B common stock. In addition, each participant in Empire State Building Associates L.L.C. that receives operating partnership units may, immediately following the consolidation and the IPO, sell such participant s pro rata portion of the greater of 1,100,000 operating partnership units and \$40.0 million in value of operating partnership units (based on the IPO price of the Class A common stock), and each participant in 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C. and 250 West 57th St. Associates L.L.C. that receives operating partnership units may, immediately following the consolidation and the IPO, sell up to the same percentage as the percentage of each participant s operating partnership units that can be sold by participants in Empire State Building Associates L.L.C. immediately following the consolidation and the IPO. Therefore, each participant in the subject LLCs that

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receives operating partnership units may, immediately following the consolidation and the IPO, sell up to 4.0% of the operating partnership units he or she receives with respect to each subject LLC (assuming all of the participants in each subject LLC elect to receive operating partnership units, the enterprise value equals the aggregate exchange value and the IPO price equals \$10 per share), which treats all three subject LLCs equally after having determined for Empire State Building Associates L.L.C. the minimum amount required by the NYSE for it to meet the requirements as the primary listing.

However, the Malkin Family and the company s directors and senior management team members may not sell any of the shares of common stock or securities convertible or exchangeable into Class A common stock (including operating partnership units) held by any of them until one year after the IPO pricing date. In addition, the company has agreed with the representatives of the underwriters, subject to certain exceptions, not to sell or otherwise transfer or encumber any such shares or securities (including operating partnership units) at the completion of the IPO for a period of 180 days after the IPO pricing date without the prior written consent of the representatives of such underwriters.

Why the Supervisor Believes the Consolidation is Fair to You

The supervisor believes that the terms of the consolidation are fair and that the consolidation will allow you to achieve liquidity and maximize the value of your investment in your subject LLC for the following principal reasons, as well as allowing the company to achieve costs savings, faster decision-making and greater and more efficient access to capital, all of which should increase the value of your investment:

The exchange values of each of the subject LLCs, the private entities and the management companies are based on the Appraisal by Duff & Phelps, LLC, the independent valuer. The independent valuer determined the exchange value, which was reviewed and approved by the supervisor. The supervisor believes that the allocations in accordance with the Appraisal by the independent valuer were in the best interests of the participants;

The supervisor believes that the expected benefits of the consolidation to you outweigh the risks and potential detriments of the consolidation to you. Some of those benefits are described above. The risks and potential detriments are discussed in Risk Factors;

The supervisor considered alternatives to the consolidation including the continuation of the subject LLCs without change and the liquidation of the subject LLCs and the distributions of the net proceeds to you (as described below). The supervisor does not believe that the subject LLCs could realize their allocable share of the value of the properties through a sale of the interests in the properties held by them. The supervisor believes that, over time, the likely value of the interest you will receive in the consolidation will be higher than the value of the consideration you would receive from any of the other alternatives as a result of increased efficiencies, growth opportunities, more efficient access to financing and other opportunities for value enhancement;

The supervisor considered that each participant will be given the option to elect to receive operating partnership units, Class A common stock, or, to a limited extent, as described above, Class B common stock. Each participant may elect to receive one share of Class B common stock instead of one operating partnership unit for every 50 operating partnership units such participant would otherwise receive in the consolidation. The operating partnership units would be issued in a transaction expected to be tax-deferred for U.S. federal income tax purposes. These options allow participants to receive the same form of consideration as the participants in the private entities and the Malkin Family;

The supervisor believes that the consolidation is fair to all participants in each subject LLC and as a whole, regardless of which particular combination of entities participates in the consolidation. Even if less than all of the subject LLCs participate in the consolidation, the supervisor believes that the participants in the subject LLCs that do participate will realize the benefits described under Benefits of Participation in the

Consolidation. There are no material differences among the subject LLCs (such as with respect to types of assets owned or investment objectives) that affect the reasons why the supervisor believes that the consolidation is fair to you. While the supervisor believes that it would be more beneficial to participants if all of the subject LLCs participate in the consolidation, the supervisor believes that, through a combination of the properties of the private entities, for which necessary approvals have been obtained, and the property interests of Empire State Building Associates L.L.C. and Empire State Building Company L.L.C., the company will be of sufficient size and have sufficient assets to allow participants to realize the benefits described under Summary Benefits of Participation in the Consolidation even if one or both of 60 East 42 St. Associates L.L.C. and 250 West 57th St. Associates L.L.C. do not participate in the consolidation;

While the subject LLCs exchange values have been determined based on the Appraisal by the independent valuer, which has also delivered a fairness opinion as described above, no independent representative was retained to negotiate on behalf of the participants. There are 23 subject LLCs and private entities and groups with different interests in many of these entities. The supervisor does not believe that a single independent representative could have represented the interests of all participants and believes that to locate and retain an independent and equally competent and qualified representative for each separate interest in the consolidation is not possible. The supervisor represents the interests of all participants in the subject LLCs and private entities. The supervisor has served the same role in the past for sales of other properties with different groups of participants, which included the sale of three office properties in New York City in the past fifteen years, 200 Fifth Avenue (known as the International Toy Center), 498 Seventh Avenue and 500-512 Seventh Avenue, and believes it is not required to retain any independent representative on behalf of each group of participants or all of the participants as a whole. The supervisor believes the Appraisal prepared by the independent valuer serves the purposes of representing all parties fairly and that the consolidation is fair to all participants regardless of the absence of any such independent representative;

While the supervisor has had from inception conflicts of interest which are described under Conflicts of Interest, the supervisor does not believe that these conflicts of interests affected its fairness determination:

In considering fairness, the supervisor considered the following:

The tax protection agreement, which the supervisor believes is consistent with market practice for transactions of this type and generally would require payment only if the company took or failed to take certain actions, which it does not currently intend to take or fail to take, as the case may be, with respect to the protected properties;

The option agreements, which the supervisor believes benefit the company by providing it with the right to acquire attractive properties complementary to the company s portfolio on terms which the company believes are reasonable and with respect to which, any determination to be made by the company will be made by the company s independent directors; and

The agreements to indemnify the principals of the supervisor for certain liabilities relating to the subject LLCs and the private entities; the supervisor believes it is reasonable for a REIT which is being formed to assume indemnification obligations relating to the operations of entities whose assets are being acquired. Under the organizational documents of the subject LLCs and private entities and applicable law, the principals of the supervisor are already generally entitled to indemnification from the participants in the subject LLCs and the private entities for liabilities incurred by them in good faith and not arising out of their own willful misconduct or gross negligence.

The supervisor also took into account the terms of the compensation payable to persons in the Malkin Holdings group by the company after the closing of the consolidation as set forth under Management Executive Compensation, which, the supervisor believes, are on terms customary for similar publicly-traded REITs and are based on recommendations of a compensation consultant and

The supervisor has adopted and concurs with the conclusions of the fairness opinion from and the Appraisal by the independent valuer, which are described below.

Appraisal

The independent valuer has delivered to the supervisor a copy of its report, based upon the review, analysis, scope, assumptions, qualifications and limitations described therein, as to the estimated fair market value of the properties owned by the subject LLCs and the private entities as of June 30, 2012 (the Appraisal). The Appraisal, which contains a description of the assumptions and qualifications made, matters considered and limitations on the review and analysis, is attached to this prospectus/consent solicitation as Appendix B and should be read in its entirety.

The independent valuer has appraised the properties utilizing solely the income approach to valuation. The income approach is based on the assumption that the value of a property or portfolio of properties can be represented by the present value of future cash flows. These cash flows are compiled into a value through either direct capitalization or discounted cash flow analysis, or a combination of the two. The indicated value by the income approach represents the estimated amount an investor would pay for the expected future stream of net cash flow generated by a property or a portfolio of properties (calculated as gross income less operating expenses, capital expenditures, and leasing costs) generated by a property or a portfolio of properties. As used herein, market value is defined by the Appraisal of Real Estate, Thirteenth Edition, as follows: The most probable price, as of a specified date, in cash, or in terms equivalent to cash, or in other precisely revealed terms, for which the specified property rights should sell after reasonable exposure in a competitive market under all conditions requisite to fair sale, with the buyer and seller each acting prudently, knowledgeably and for self-interest, and assuming that neither is under undue duress.

The income approach was relied upon in determining the market value of the properties owned by the subject LLCs and private entities (with the exception of the Stamford, CT land which utilized the sales comparison approach). The independent valuer believes that the income approach is the approach utilized by typical investors and other market participants in the local market of the properties owned by the subject LLCs and private entities, and was therefore determined to be the most reliable indicator of market value.

In performing the Appraisal, the independent valuer conducted investigations and inquiries as it deemed appropriate in establishing its estimates of value and made assumptions and identified qualifications and limitations that it considered necessary in its findings. The independent valuer s opinion of the estimated value of the properties owned by each of the entities is as of June 30, 2012. They do not necessarily reflect the sales prices of the properties or portfolio that would be realized in actual sales of the properties or portfolio. These prices could be higher or lower than the appraised value of the properties or portfolio.

For further information, please see Reports, Opinions and Appraisals Appraisal.

Fairness Opinion

The independent valuer has delivered to the supervisor and each of the subject LLCs and the private entities its opinion, dated , 2012, to the effect that, as of that date and subject to the assumptions, limitations and qualifications contained therein, the allocation of consideration (Class A common stock, Class B common stock, operating partnership units or cash consideration) (i) among each subject LLC, each private entity and the management companies was fair from a financial point of view to each such subject LLC, each such private entity and the participants in each such subject LLC and each private entity was fair from a financial point of view to the participants in each such private entity (without giving effect to any impact of the consolidation on any particular participant other than in its capacity as a participant in each of the subject LLCs and each of the private

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entities). In this regard, the fairness opinion addressed the fairness of the consolidation assuming that each subject LLC and each private entity would participate in the proposed consolidation and did not address the fairness of all possible combinations in the proposed consolidation. The supervisor believes that, for reasons stated under Recommendation and Fairness Determination Material Factors Underlying Belief as to Fairness, such opinion addressing the fairness of all possible combinations in the proposed consolidation is not necessary because the supervisor believes that the consolidation is fair, regardless of which particular combination of entities participates in the consolidation among any such combination.

Since each subject LLC will receive capital transaction proceeds from its contribution of assets to the company and distribute such proceeds to all its interest holders including the participants and the supervisor, as holder of the override interests, the consideration allocable to the supervisor, as holder of the override interests, will be determined based on the amount to which it is entitled under such constituent documents in connection with a distribution by each subject LLC of capital transaction proceeds. Accordingly, the amounts of consideration to each participant will take into account the override interests held by the supervisor for each of the subject LLCs. The fairness opinion took those override interests into account in addressing the fairness of the allocation of consideration (Class A common stock, Class B common stock, operating partnership units or cash consideration) to the participants in each subject LLC and each private entity.

The fairness opinion, dated , 2012, is attached as Appendix A to this prospectus/consent solicitation. You should read the independent valuer s opinion in its entirety with respect to the assumptions made, matters considered and limits of the review undertaken by the independent valuer in rendering its opinion.

For further information, please see Reports, Opinions and Appraisals Fairness Opinion.

Alternatives to the Consolidation

In determining whether to propose and recommend the consolidation, the supervisor considered several alternatives. The following discussion summarizes the alternatives to the consolidation that each subject LLC could have pursued. Each of the alternatives that the supervisor considered, including the alternatives discussed below, is described in more detail under the section entitled The Consolidation Alternatives to the Consolidation.

The principal alternatives considered by the supervisor were:

Liquidation through the sale by each subject LLC of its interest in its property, either individually or as part of a third-party portfolio transaction, followed by a distribution of the net proceeds to its participants or

Continued management of each subject LLC as currently structured. The supervisor also considered other alternatives:

The possibility of converting each subject LLC into a separate REIT that would list its shares on a national securities exchange. The supervisor believes that a REIT with a relatively small capitalization that is advised by an outside advisor and owns an interest in the ground lessor of a single property with most of its cash flow dependent on overage rent under the operating lease would not be well-received by traditional open-market purchasers of REIT common stock.

Listing of the participation interests of each subject LLC in its current form as a limited liability company on a national securities exchange. The supervisor believes there would be limited trading interest in the presently outstanding participation interests due to, among other things, (i) the fact that the subject LLCs have a relatively small capitalization, own an interest in a property which is operated by an operating lessee that has significant decision-making authority with respect to the property; and (ii) the two-tier subject LLC structure, including the relative lack of certain corporate governance attributes, such as the ability to elect directors.

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Other means of producing liquidity for the participants, such as cash tender offers to acquire participation interests from participants or borrowing by the subject LLCs secured by their interests in properties to provide funds for distribution to participants. The supervisor believes that cash tender offers are costly and would not yield a good value for investors and that borrowing to fund added distributions is not a feasible alternative given that most of its cash flow is dependent on overage rent under the operating lease.

Advantages and Disadvantages of Liquidation Alternative. The supervisor believes that there would be advantages of a liquidation of your subject LLC, including:

Liquidation provides you with liquidity from a sale of an interest in the property owned by your subject LLC. You would receive your share of the net proceeds obtained from a sale of the interest in the property of your subject LLC;

The amount that you would receive would not depend on the stock market s valuation of the company, but rather your share of the consideration received from a sale of the interests in the property of your subject LLC and

You would avoid the risks of continued ownership of your subject LLC or ownership of the company and/or the operating partnership.

The supervisor believes that there would be disadvantages to a liquidation of your subject LLC, including:

The interest in the property owned by the subject LLC on its own may not create demand from investors, may not be as attractive for financing for investors to acquire the property and has a higher risk profile than the interest in the property as part of a portfolio;

You would not participate in potential increases in value resulting from anticipated operating efficiencies, marketing efficiencies, capital market efficiencies and an improved governance structure;

You would not participate in potential increases in value resulting from (a) enhanced performance of the existing portfolio due to leasing available and expiring space at higher rents following the recent renovations and repositioning of the initial properties operated as a branded portfolio and (b) potential additional investments;

The supervisor does not believe that the subject LLCs could realize their allocable share of the value of the properties through a sale of the interests in the properties held by them. The operating lessees have agreed to transfer their interests in the properties as part of the consolidation, regardless of whether a subject LLC approves the consolidation, and, if the consolidation closes, it may not be possible for a subject LLC to realize its allocable share of the value of the entire property through a sale and

You may not have the option to improve both your liquidity options and participate in a tax-deferred transaction, which you may do under the consolidation.

While the supervisor believes the consolidation will provide greater benefits to participants than a liquidation, the supervisor believes it is in the best interest of the participants to approve the third-party portfolio proposal, which will allow the supervisor to consider a third-party offer, if one is made, as an alternative to the consolidation.

Advantages and Disadvantages of Continuation Alternative. The supervisor believes there would be advantages to the continued operation of the subject LLCs, including:

The participants would continue to receive regular monthly distributions from Empire State Building Associates L.L.C., 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C. and 250 West 57th St. Associates L.L.C.;

The subject LLCs eventually may sell their interests in the properties and distribute the net proceeds, although the supervisor does not believe that such a sale would optimize the value of the participants participation interests;

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Continuing the subject LLC without change avoids the risks related to the consolidation as described in this prospectus/consent solicitation and

Each subject LLC would retain the individual benefits of ownership of its interest in its property. The supervisor believes that there would be disadvantages to the continued operation of the subject LLCs, including:

The interest in the property owned by the subject LLC on its own may not create demand from investors, may not be attractive for financing for investors to acquire the property and has a higher risk profile than the interest in the property as a portfolio.

Your investment would continue to be illiquid because your participation interest is not freely transferable and there is no established public trading market or market valuation for your participation interest;

There is a risk of reduction in distributions if the consolidation is not consummated. Distributions from your subject LLC come from payments made by the operating lessee. Your operating lessee is required to pay a low basic rent to your subject LLC. Any payment you receive above that comes from the profits from your operating lessee s performance and comes in the form of payment of overage rent out of profits from the operating lessee s operations of the property. The operating lessee makes all decisions relating to the operations of the property.

Decisions over which the operating lessee has control which directly impact whether or not there is overage rent from which you may receive additional distributions include whether or not to lease, whether or not to improve the property, whether to use the cash flow from the property or to seek financing for capital expenditures, and whether to use cash flow for property-related expenses. From the overage rent which is paid, the supervisor maintains reserves for expenses. The balance, if any, is paid out as a distribution from overage rent. In recent years, overage rent has been made possible from time to time through the operating lessee working with your subject LLC to gain consents for financing, the operating lessee agreeing to borrow, and the proceeds of borrowing being used to pay for expenses rather than relying exclusively on cash flow from the property.

In the past, when the operating lessee for your subject LLC has not used financing, overage rent has decreased or ceased. If the operating lessee for your subject LLC exercises its right to use cash flow to fund future capital improvements, tenant installation costs, commissions and other expenses rather than to use financing, your distributions from overage rent may again decrease or cease. If the operating lessee for your subject LLC has a deadlock in operating decision-making, it may make decisions or take actions which meaningfully reduce the prospects of your subject LLC is receipt of overage rent in the future. In the case of the Empire State Building, because of the pendency of this proposed consolidation, Empire State Building Company, L.L.C., the operating lessee, has consented to advances of up to the current outstanding principal amount under a property mortgage loan made to Empire State Building Associates L.L.C. and has subordinated the operating lease to such advances, as required by the lender, without having requested an extension of the term of the operating lease.

At the two other properties involved in this consent solicitation, 250 West 57th Street and One Grand Central Place, their improvement and financing programs were linked to extensions of their operating leases. If the consolidation does not go forward, it is possible that the operating lessee of the Empire State Building may not approve additional advances under the loan agreement unless Empire State Building Associates L.L.C. approves lease extensions, in which case the operating lessee may use cash flow for expenditures to improve the building and conclude leases, resulting in immediate and sustained reductions or cessation of overage rent, or may either defer or not make such expenditures.

Decisions as to whether to use cash flow or financing are made by the operating lessees from time to time and no decision has been made by any of the operating lessees involved in this consent. Any

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decision by the operating lessees for 250 West 57th St. Associates L.L.C. and 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C. would require the consent of members of the Malkin Holdings group and/or the Helmsley estate or their successor in interest. Any decision by the operating lessee of the Empire State Building would require the consent of the members of both the Malkin Holdings group and the Helmsley estate or their successor in interest.

The subject LLCs have limited roles in property operations;

The Helmsley estate is required under Leona Helmsley s will to sell its interest in the private entities that are the operating lessees of the subject LLCs. Because the consent of both the Malkin Holdings group and the Helmsley estate is required for action by Empire State Building Company L.L.C., the potential for deadlock exists, particularly after a sale of the Helmsley estate s interest. In addition, the Helmsley estate owns a 35% interest in the operating lessee of 250 West 57th St. Associates L.L.C. and 30% in the operating lessee of 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C. Any purchaser of the Helmsley estate interests will be able to block any decision of the operating lessee of the Empire State Building and will have influence over decisions made by the operating lessees of 250 West 57th St. Associates L.L.C. and 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C.:

There are inefficiencies which result from the current structure:

Presently, property management, leasing and financial reporting for each of the 23 ownership groups covering 18 different office and retail properties and one development site are provided by third party managers, third party leasing agents and outside accountants under the supervision of the supervisor. This is inefficient and that inefficiency causes distraction and requires time and effort. The supervisor believes that the consolidation will enable the company to centralize operations and leasing, which will be more efficient and enhance the competitive position of the properties. Combining the properties in a single entity with a modern corporate structure will also help the company attract qualified management and property leasing and management personnel (to the extent needed by the company) for management succession;

The current two-tier structure is archaic, complicates operations, financial reporting and financing of the subject LLCs and is inefficient and costly in general. The consolidation will create a modern governance structure in which participants will share in the ownership of a portfolio of properties by a single entity;

The subject LLCs have a cumbersome and costly approval process for certain actions, including financings;

Your subject LLC owns an interest in a single property and is not diversified and

The receipt of a Schedule K-1 for your subject LLC and each other subject LLC or private entity in which you own participation interests is a process which is complex and time consuming for both the supervisor and the participants. Separate financial statements and tax returns need to be prepared for each entity. With increasingly complex filing requirements, it has become unrealistic to complete all the necessary financial statements and tax returns required to complete and deliver Schedules K-1 to participants in time to file their federal income tax returns by April 15, causing participants to have to file their tax returns on extension. After the consolidation, tax returns will be required only for the company and the operating partnership. Participants who receive operating partnership units will receive only one Schedule K-1. Participants who receive only common stock in the consolidation will receive one Form 1099 for all their interests. The supervisor believes that the simplified financial reporting and tax filings will allow for faster completion and distribution of Forms 1099 and Schedules K-1 for participants and allow participants to file their taxes by April 15 of each year.

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Comparison of Distributions

The following table sets forth a comparison of the distributions by the subject LLCs and by the company:

Subject LLC	Dist the ye Dece 200 Per O	ge Annual ribution for ars ending mber 31, 07-2011 \$10,000 riginal stment(1)	Estimated Initial Distribution of the Company to Former Participants for the year ending June 30, 2013 Per \$10,000 Original Investment ⁽²⁾		
Empire State Building Associates L.L.C.					
Distributions out of basic rent	\$	1,179			
Distributions out of overage rent					
Overage rent distributions attributable to borrowing ⁽¹⁾	\$	140			
Overage rent distributions attributable to operations	\$	1,791			
Total distributions	\$	3,110	\$	5,879(4)	
60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C.					
Distributions out of basic rent	\$	1,495			
Distributions out of overage rent					
Overage rent distributions attributable to borrowing ⁽¹⁾	\$	1,498			
Overage rent distributions attributable to operations	\$	3,317			
Total distributions	\$	6,310	\$	7,310	
250 West 57th St. Associates L.L.C.	*	0,510	Ψ	,,010	
Distributions out of basic rent	\$	2,000			
Distributions out of overage rent	*	_,000			
Overage rent distributions attributable to borrowing ⁽¹⁾	\$	3,308			
Overage rent distributions attributable to extraordinary lease cancellation		-,			
payment ⁽³⁾	\$	652			
Overage rent distributions attributable to operations	\$	5,016			
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Total distributions	\$	10,976	\$	7,438(4)	
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⁽¹⁾ Distributions each year consist of small regular monthly distributions out of basic rent and larger, but variable, distributions out of overage rent. The amount of distributions out of overage rent varies from year to year depending on factors such as:

capital expenditures funded out of operating cash flow which reduced distributions;

borrowings to fund capital expenditures which must be agreed to by the operating lessees of each subject LLC and which would otherwise have been paid out of operating cash flow, which increases overage rent and the amount available for distribution; and

non-recurring events that generate additional cash, such as early lease cancellations, which may increase distributions and non-recurring events that require expenditure of funds, which may decrease distributions.

Accordingly, participants should not treat the amount distributed in any year as indicative of the amount that they would have received in future years if the subject LLC continued its operations. After the consolidation, a diverse collection of properties will be combined with more efficient access to capital and, as a result, the supervisor expects that overall distributions should be more consistent with less fluctuation due to these factors.

- (2) The calculation of the estimated annual distributions to stockholders of the company is shown in the table under Background of and Reasons for the Consolidation Comparison of Distributions by the Subject LLCs and the Company Distributions by the Company.
- (3) In 2010, the operating lessee received an extraordinary lease cancellation payment from a space tenant in the amount of \$7.9 million, which contributed to \$3,259 per \$10,000 original investment of overage rent distributions in that year (or \$652 per \$10,000 original investment of average annual overage rent distributions over the period).
- (4) Assumes that a participant is subject to the voluntary override.

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Voluntary Pro Rata Reimbursement Program for Expenses of Legal Proceedings with Former Property Manager and Leasing Agent

In 1997, the supervisor commenced litigation and arbitration proceedings, which is referred to herein as the former property manager and leasing agent legal proceedings, to remove Helmsley-Spear, Inc. (after it was sold by entities controlled by Leona M. Helmsley), the former property manager and leasing agent, as property manager and leasing agent of the properties owned by the subject LLCs.

The successful outcome of the former property manager and leasing agent legal proceedings and the settlement thereof enabled the subject LLCs to conclude the termination of the former property manager and leasing agent as property manager and leasing agent (with the release of claims) and engage new independent property managers (except Empire State Building Associates L.L.C., which later became self-managed) and leasing agents and to launch strategic improvements and Malkin branding programs for the properties that the subject LLCs own. The supervisor also added engineering, marketing and tax/accounting staff to compensate for the former property manager and leasing agent s deficiency. While the supervisor has believed from inception that it is entitled to be reimbursed for these litigation and arbitration expenses, it, together with Peter L. Malkin, advanced all costs pending the outcome.

Now, with the impending consolidation, the supervisor requests of each participant in each subject LLC, on a voluntary and individual basis, consent that a portion of your distributions to be received in connection with the consolidation or a third-party portfolio transaction, as applicable, be applied to reimburse the supervisor and Peter L. Malkin for a pro rata share of such advances, including interest at prime, from the date of each such advance. The same voluntary pro rata reimbursement program has been approved by holders representing 72.36% of the interests in the 13 private entities and other entities supervised by the supervisor to which the proposal has been made. These approvals include the Helmsley estate, which as part of an agreement with the supervisor covering this and other matters, has paid the voluntary pro rata reimbursement to the supervisor for its pro rata share of costs advanced, plus interest, which totaled \$5,021,048.

If you consent to the voluntary pro rata reimbursement program, the supervisor and Peter L. Malkin will be reimbursed for your pro rata share of costs, plus interest, previously incurred out of your share of the excess cash of your subject LLC that is being distributed to participants, and, to the extent that is insufficient, the consideration that you would receive in the consolidation or the consideration that you would receive in a third-party portfolio transaction, as applicable, will be reduced by the balance and such balance would be paid to the supervisor and Peter L. Malkin in shares of Class A common stock, if the consolidation is consummated, or out of distributions that you would receive from the proceeds of a third-party portfolio transaction, if consummated, or out of distributions from operations of the subject LLC. To the extent that the supervisor and Peter L. Malkin have not otherwise been reimbursed from distributions in connection with the consolidation, 50% of any distributions to be paid to you in excess of your share of aggregate distributions by the subject LLC equal to \$3,889,333 per annum, \$1,046,320 per annum and \$720,000 per annum, respectively, for Empire State Building Associates L.L.C., 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C. and 250 West 57th St. Associates L.L.C. for the period commencing January 1, 2008 (including any cumulative deficiency from prior months) will be applied to reimburse the supervisor and Peter L. Malkin for a pro rata share of such advances, including interest at prime from the date of each such advance, until your pro rata share of the costs is paid in full. Cumulative distributions equal to the target amount have been made for the period from January 1, 2008 through the date hereof and therefore there are no past cumulative deficiencies.

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The table below shows the amount to be received by the supervisor out of the distributions of each consenting participant for each \$10,000 of original investment by a participant pursuant to the voluntary pro rata reimbursement program:

	Voluntary	Voluntary Reimbursement		
	Per	To	tal Potential	
	\$10,000 Original	\$10,000 Reimburs		
	Investment ⁽¹⁾		with 100% Participation	
Empire State Building Associates L.L.C.	\$ 1,024	\$	3,378,431	
60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C.	\$ 2,383	\$	1,677,938	
250 West 57th St. Associates L.L.C.	\$ 2.068	\$	744,638	

(1) Empire State Building Associates L.L.C. s, 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C. s and 250 West 57th St. Associates L.L.C. s share of the aggregate voluntary reimbursement (before any reimbursements) is \$3,150,896, \$1,564,930, and \$694,487, respectively, plus interest. The amount shown in the table includes accrued interest through June 30, 2012 and does not include interest which will accrue subsequent to June 30, 2012.

97% of the potential voluntary reimbursement is attributable to advances by Peter L. Malkin for payments to unaffiliated third parties, with interest thereon at prime, and 3% is for amounts to be paid to the supervisor for work it performed.

The consent to the voluntary pro rata reimbursement program is independent of your vote on the consolidation. Thus, you can consent to the program whether you voted **FOR**, **AGAINST**, **ABSTAIN** or failed to vote on the consolidation and the third-party portfolio proposal. Your failure to consent to the program will not affect whether or not the subject LLC participates in the consolidation or a third-party portfolio transaction.

See Voluntary Pro Rata Reimbursement Program for Expenses of Legal Proceedings with Former Property Manager and Leasing Agent.

Allocation of Consideration in the Consolidation

The following table sets forth for each subject LLC, each private entity and the management companies:

the exchange value of each subject LLC, each private entity and the management companies;

the percentage of total exchange value and percentage of total shares of common stock, on a fully-diluted basis, to be issued;

the number of shares of common stock, on a fully-diluted basis, to be allocated to each subject LLC, each private entity and the management companies based on the hypothetical exchange value of \$10 per share arbitrarily assigned by the supervisor for illustrative purposes, including the number of operating partnership units to be allocated on account of the override interests of the supervisor and the Malkin Holdings group;

the value of common stock or operating partnership units based on the hypothetical exchange value of \$10 per share arbitrarily assigned by the supervisor for illustrative purposes for each \$10,000 of original investment in each subject LLC and its operating lessee;

the book value (deficit) of the assets determined in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, which is referred to herein as GAAP, per 10,000 original investment in each subject LLC and its operating lessee; and

the number of shares of common stock, on a fully-diluted basis, per \$10,000 original investment in each subject LLC and its operating lessee:

Per \$10,000 Original Investment (except as otherwise noted)

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		Percentage						
		of Total Exchange Value and Percentage of						
	Total Exchange Value ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	Total Shares of Common Stock Issued, on a Fully-Diluted	Number of Shares of Common Stock, on a Fully-Diluted	0	lue of Shares of Common Stock or Operating Partnership		AAP Book Value Deficit) as of June 30,	Number of Shares of Common Stock, on a Fully-Diluted
Entity ⁽¹⁾	Value(2)(3)	Basis ⁽⁴⁾	Basis ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾		Units(3)		2012	Basis ⁽⁵⁾
Empire State Building Associates L.L.C.	# 1 00 1 200 02 F	24.00	100 120 001	ф	222 002	ф	(621)	22 200
Participants (subject to voluntary override)	\$ 1,004,308,935	24.0%	100,430,894	\$	323,803	\$	(631)	32,380
Participants (not subject to voluntary override) Override Interests to the Malkin Holdings	\$ 71,160,232	1.7%	7,116,023	\$	358,670	\$	(631)	35,867
group ⁽⁶⁾	\$ 108,143,382	2.6%	10,814,338		NA		NA	NA
Other Override Interests	\$ 0	0%	0		NA		NA	NA
Total	\$ 1,183,612,549	28.3%	118,361,255					
60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C.	+ -,,,-		,					
Participants	\$ 281,860,580	6.7%	28,186,058	\$	402,658	\$	(19,692)	40,266
Override Interests to the Malkin Holdings	\$ 201,000,000	017 70	20,100,000	4	.02,000	Ψ.	(15,052)	.0,200
group	\$ 31,208,953	0.8%	3,120,895		NA		NA	NA
Other Override Interests	\$ 0	0%	0		NA		NA	NA
Other Override Interests	Ψ	070	O .		1171		1171	1111
Total 250 West 57 th St. Associates L.L.C.	\$ 313,069,533	7.5%	31,306,953					
Participants (subject to voluntary override)	\$ 115,510,893	2.8%	11,551,089	\$	409,662	\$	(14,974)	40,966
		0.9%			452,957	\$	(14,974)	,
Participants (not subject to voluntary override) Override Interests to the Malkin Holdings	\$ 35,345,763		3,534,576	\$		Ф	` ' '	45,296
group ⁽⁶⁾	\$ 12,207,951	0.3%	1,220,795		NA		NA	NA
Other Override Interests	\$ 0	0%	0		NA		NA	NA
Total	\$ 163,064,607	3.9%	16,306,461					
Empire State Building Company L.L.C. ⁽⁷⁾⁽⁸⁾								
Members and Participants	\$ 1,056,028,581	25.3%	105,602,858	\$	105,602,858	\$	24,724,586	10,560,286
Override Interests to the Malkin Holdings								
group	\$ 52,889,643	1.3%	5,288,964		NA		NA	NA
Other Override Interests	\$ 53,218,257	1.3%	5,321,826		NA		NA	NA
Total	\$ 1,162,136,482	27.8%	116,213,648					
Lincoln Building Associates L.L.C. ⁽⁹⁾								
Members	\$ 266,388,586	6.4%	26,638,859	\$	2,663,886	\$	562,474	266,389
Override Interests to the Malkin Holdings								
group	\$ 29,598,732	0.7%	2,959,873		NA		NA	NA
Other Override Interests	\$ 0	0%	0		NA		NA	NA
Total	\$ 295,987,317	7.1%	29,598,732					
Fisk Building Associates L.L.C. ⁽¹⁰⁾								
Members and Participants	\$ 105,470,905	2.5%	10,547,090	\$	10,547,090	\$	2,603,668	1,054,709
Override Interests to the Malkin Holdings								
group	\$ 31,851,768	0.8%	3,185,177		NA		NA	NA
Other Override Interests	\$ 13,826,125	0.3%	1,382,612		NA		NA	NA

Total	\$ 151,148,797	3.6%	15,114,880
1333 Broadway Associates L.L.C.			
Members	\$ 156,335,546	3.7%	15,633,555

Per \$10,000 Original Investment (except as otherwise noted)

					otherwise noted)	
Entity(1)	Total Exchange Value ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	Percentage of Total Exchange Value and Percentage of Total Shares of Common Stock Issued, on a Fully-Diluted Basis(4)	Number of Shares of Common Stock, on a Fully-Diluted Basis ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	Value of Shares of Common Stock or Operating Partnership Units ⁽³⁾	GAAP Book Value (Deficit) as of June 30, 2012	Number of Shares of Common Stock, on a Fully-Diluted Basis ⁽⁵⁾
1350 Broadway Associates L.L.C.	¢ 54.276.700	1.20/	5 427 (71			
Peter L. Malkin 50% Group	\$ 54,376,708	1.3%	5,437,671			
Override Interests to the Malkin	ф. 12.545.015	0.20	1 254 501			
Holdings group	\$ 13,545,915	0.3%	1,354,591			
Other Override Interests	\$ 0	0%	0			
David M. Baldwin 50% Group	\$ 67,922,623	1.6%	6,792,262			
Total	\$ 135,845,247	3.3%	13,584,525			
Marlboro Building Associates						
L.L.C.						
Members	\$ 147,828,064	3.5%	14,782,806			
Override Interests to the Malkin						
Holdings group ⁽⁶⁾	\$ 10,404,981	0.3%	1,040,498			
Other Override Interests	\$ 0	0%	0			
Total	\$ 158,233,045	3.8%	15,823,304			
Seventh & 37 th Building	Ψ 130,233,043	3.070	13,023,304			
Associates L.L.C.						
Participants	\$ 60,461,969	1.5%	6,046,197			
Override Interests to the Malkin	\$ 00,401,707	1.3 /0	0,040,177			
Holdings group ⁽⁶⁾	\$ 5,746,980	0.1%	574,698			
Other Override Interests	\$ 3,740,980	0.1 %	0			
Other Override Interests	Φ 0	070	0			
Total	\$ 66,208,949	1.6%	6,620,895			
501 Seventh Avenue Associates						
L.L.C.	h =< 1<0 <=0	4.46				
Member	\$ 56,462,653	1.4%	5,646,265			
Override Interests to the Malkin	Ф. (272.(20	0.20	(27.27.2			
Holdings group	\$ 6,273,628	0.2%	627,363			
Other Override Interests	\$ 0	0%	0			
Total	\$ 62,736,281	1.5%	6,273,628			
Soundview Plaza Associates II L.L.C. ⁽¹¹⁾						
Malkin Co-Investor Capital L.P.						
(General Partner) ⁽¹²⁾	\$ 114,039	0.0%	11,404			
Malkin Co-Investor Capital L.P.						
(Class A LPs)	\$ 11,289,834	0.3%	1,128,983			
Malkin Co-Investor Capital L.P.						
(Class B LPs) (13)	\$ 0	0.0%	0			
Peter L. Malkin	\$ 8,935,118	0.2%	893,512			
New Soundview Plaza Associates						
LLC (excluding interests held by						
the Malkin Holdings group)	\$ 1,218,425	0.0%	121,842			
Total	\$ 21,557,416	0.5%	2,155,742			
East West Manhattan Retail	Ψ 21,007,110	0.5 %	2,133,712			
Portfolio L.P.						

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General Partner ⁽¹²⁾	\$ 560,119	0.0%	56,012
Class A LPs	\$ 27,725,882	0.7%	2,772,588
Class B LP ⁽¹³⁾	\$ 27,725,882	0.7%	2,772,588
Total	\$ 56,011,882	1.3%	5,601,188
One Station Place, Limited			
Partnership ⁽¹¹⁾			
General Partner ⁽¹²⁾	\$ 579,030	0.0%	57,903
Class A LP	\$ 5,211,267	0.1%	521,127
Class B LPs	\$ 52,112,666	1.3%	5,211,267
Total	\$ 57,902,962	1.4%	5,790,296

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					otherwise noted)	
		Percentage of Total Exchange Value and Percentage of				
	Total Exchange	Total Shares of Common Stock Issued, on a Fully-Diluted	Number of Shares of Common Stock, on a Fully-Diluted	Value of Shares of Common Stock or Operating Partnership	GAAP Book Value (Deficit) as of June 30,	Number of Shares of Common Stock, on a Fully-Diluted
Entity ⁽¹⁾	Value ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	Basis ⁽⁴⁾	Basis ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	Units ⁽³⁾	2012	Basis ⁽⁵⁾
New York Union Square Retail L.P.	Ф. 022 702	0.00	02.270			
General Partner ⁽¹²⁾	\$ 833,793	0.0%	83,379			
Class A LPs	\$ 41,272,757	1.0%	4,127,276			
Class B LP ⁽¹³⁾	\$ 41,272,757	1.0%	4,127,276			
Total	\$ 83,379,307	2.0%	8,337,931			
Westport Main Street Retail L.L.C.(11)			, ,			
Manager ⁽¹⁴⁾	\$ 69,256	0.0%	6,926			
Class A Members	\$ 6,856,297	0.2%	685,630			
Class B Member ⁽¹³⁾	\$ 0	0.0%	0			
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Total	\$ 6,925,553	0.2%	692,555			
Fairfax Merrifield Associates L.L.C.	4 0,2 = 0,000		2,2,222			
Participants	\$ 5,703,986	0.1%	570,399			
Override Interests to the Malkin	+ -,,		2,2			
Holdings group	\$ 633,776	0.02%	63,378			
Other Override Interests	\$ 0	0%	0			
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Total	\$ 6,337,762	0.1%	633,776			
Merrifield Apartments Company L.L.C.			,			
55% Members	\$ 3,137,192	0.1%	313,719			
45% Members	\$ 1,283,397	0.0%	128,340			
Override Interests to the Malkin	, -,=,		,			
Holdings group	\$ 1,275,275	0.03%	127,547			
Other Override Interests	\$ 641,698	0.02%	64,170			
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Total	\$ 6,337,762	0.2%	633,776			
First Stamford Place L.L.C.						
Class A & A2 Members	\$ 3,655,634	0.1%	365,563			
Manager ⁽¹⁴⁾	\$ 73,851	0.0%	7,385			
Class B Member ⁽¹³⁾	\$ 3,655,634	0.1%	365,563			
Total	\$ 7,385,119	0.2%	738,512			
1185 Swap Portfolio L.P.(11)	Ψ 7,303,117	0.270	730,312			
1185 Bank L.L.C.(General Partner) ⁽¹²⁾	\$ 271,977	0.0%	27,198			
1185 Gotham L.L.C.(General	Ψ 2/1,2//	0.070	27,170			
Partner) ⁽¹¹⁾	\$ 371,386	0.0%	37,139			
Turnor).	Ψ 371,300	0.076	37,137			
Total (General Partner)	\$ 643,364	0.0%	64,336			
1185 Bank L.L.C.(Class 1 LP)	\$ 13,928,283	0.3%	1,392,828			
1185 Gotham L.L.C.(Class 1 LP)	\$ 19,019,130	0.5%	1,901,913			
1105 Goulain E.E.C.(Class 1 EF)	φ 15,015,150	0.570	1,501,513			
Total (Class 1 LP)	\$ 32,947,413	0.8%	3,294,741			
1185 Bank L.L.C.(Class 2 LP)	\$ 539,450	0.0%	53,945			
1185 Gotham L.L.C.(Class 2 LP)	\$ 736,621	0.0%	73,662			
1103 Journalii L.L.C.(Class 2 Li)	Ψ 750,021	0.070	13,002			
Total (Class 2 LP)	\$ 1,276,070	0.0%	127,607			

Malkin Support Fund L.P.	\$ 1,988,308	0.1%	198,831
Total (1185 Swap Portfolio L.P.)	\$ 36,855,156	0.9%	3,685,516

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Entity ⁽¹⁾		Value ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	Basis ⁽⁴⁾	Basis(4)(5)	Units(3)	2012	Basis ⁽⁵⁾
Fairfield Merrittview Limited Partnership ⁽¹¹⁾							
General Partner ⁽¹²⁾	\$	51,407	0.0%	5,141			
Class A LP	\$	2,804,539	0.1%	280,454			
Class B LP ⁽¹³⁾	\$		0.1%	228,475			
Override Interests to the Malkin							
Holdings group	\$	571,189	0.01%	57,119			
Other Override Interests	\$	0	0%	0			
Total	\$	5,711,887	0.1%	571,189			
500 Mamaroneck Avenue L.P.	·			,			
Class A LPs	\$	10,858,230	0.3%	1,085,823			
Class B LPs(13)	\$	0	0.0%	0			
General Partner ⁽¹²⁾	\$	109,679	0.0%	10,968			
Co-Tenant	\$	3,655,970	0.1%	365,597			
Total	\$	14,623,878	0.4%	1,462,388			
BBSF LLC	\$	14,600,000	0.4%	1,460,000			
Supervisor and Management Companies							
Malkin Holdings, LLC ⁽¹⁵⁾	\$	5,777,000	0.1%	577,700			
Malkin Properties ⁽¹⁶⁾	\$	5,500,000	0.1%	550,000			
Malkin Construction Corp.	\$	5,025,000					