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PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT (To Prospectus dated September 14, 2009)

1,500,000 Shares

Monmouth Real Estate Investment Corporation

Common Stock

\$ Per Share

We are offering 1,500,000 shares of our common stock, par value \$0.01 per share.

Our common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "MNR." On November 25, 2011, the closing price for our common stock on the New York Stock Exchange was \$8.70 per share.

We have retained CSCA Capital Advisors, LLC ("CSCA") to act as placement agent in connection with this offering. CSCA has no commitment to purchase our common stock and will act only as an agent in obtaining indications of interest in the common stock from certain investors. We have agreed to pay CSCA a placement agent fee of 2.5% of gross proceeds and to pay certain of its expenses. After paying the placement agent fee and other estimated expenses payable by us, we anticipate receiving approximately \$\\$ in net proceeds from this offering (assuming the sale of all 1,500,000 shares being offered).

Investing in our common stock involves risks, including those that are described in the "Risk Factors" sections beginning on page S-6 of this prospectus supplement, page 2 of the accompanying prospectus and page 6 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2010, which is incorporated herein by reference.

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Public Offering Price	\$	\$
Placement Agent Fees and		
Commissions	\$	\$
Proceeds to us (before expenses)	\$	\$

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

You should carefully read this prospectus supplement along with the accompanying prospectus, as well as the information incorporated by reference herein and therein, before you invest in our common stock. These documents contain important information that you should consider before making your investment decision. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus contain the terms of this offering of common stock. The accompanying prospectus contains information about our securities generally, some of which does not apply to the common stock covered by this prospectus supplement. This prospectus supplement may add, update or change information contained in or incorporated by reference in the accompanying prospectus. If the information in this prospectus supplement is inconsistent with any information contained in or incorporated by reference in the accompanying prospectus, the information in this prospectus supplement will apply and will supersede the inconsistent information contained in or incorporated by reference in the accompanying prospectus.

It is important for you to read and consider all of the information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus before making your investment decision. You should also read and consider the additional information incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus before making your investment decision. See "Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference" in this prospectus supplement.

You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and any related free writing prospectus required to be filed with the SEC. Neither we nor CSCA have authorized any other person to provide you with additional or different information. If anyone provides you with additional or different information, you should not rely on it. Neither we nor CSCA are making an offer to sell the common stock in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus, any free writing prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein is accurate only as of their respective dates. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

Unless this prospectus supplement otherwise indicates or the context otherwise requires, the terms "our," "us," "our company" and "we" as used in this prospectus supplement refer to Monmouth Real Estate Investment Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Statements contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including the documents that are incorporated by reference, that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). Also, when we use any of the words "anticipate," "assume," "believe," "continue," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "may," "plan," "project," "should," "will" or similar expressions, we are forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are not guarantees and are based on our current intentions and on our current expectations and assumptions. These statements, intentions, expectations and assumptions involve risks and uncertainties, some of which are beyond our control that could cause actual results or events to differ materially from those we anticipate or project, such as:

- the ability of our tenants to make payments under their respective leases;
- our reliance on certain major tenants and our ability to re-lease properties that are currently vacant or that become vacant;
 - our ability to obtain suitable tenants for our properties;
 - changes in real estate market conditions and general economic conditions;
 - the inherent risks associated with owning real estate, including local real estate market conditions, governing laws and regulations and illiquidity of real estate investments;
 - our ability to sell properties at an attractive price;
 - our ability to repay debt financing obligations;
 - our ability to refinance amounts outstanding under our credit facilities at maturity on terms favorable to us;
 - the loss of any member of our management team;
 - our ability to comply with certain debt covenants;
 - our ability to integrate acquired properties and operations into existing operations;
 - continued availability of debt or equity capital;
 - market conditions affecting our equity capital;
- changes in interest rates under our current credit facilities and under any additional variable rate debt arrangements that we may enter into in the future;
 - our ability to implement successfully our selective acquisition strategy;
- our ability to maintain internal controls and procedures to ensure all transactions are accounted for properly, all relevant disclosures and filings are timely made in accordance with all rules and regulations and any potential fraud or embezzlement is thwarted or detected;
 - changes in federal or state tax rules or regulations that could have adverse tax consequences; and
 - our ability to qualify as a real estate investment trust for federal income tax purposes.

You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, as events described or implied in such statements may not occur. We undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

For more information regarding risks that may cause our actual results to differ materially from any forward-looking statements, please see the discussion under "Risk Factors" contained in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2010, as well as the other information contained in our publicly available filings with the SEC, including our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2010 and our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended December 31, 2010, March 31, 2011 and June 30, 2011.

SUMMARY

The following summary is qualified in its entirety by the more detailed information and consolidated financial statements and notes thereto appearing elsewhere in, or incorporated by reference into, this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. This summary is not complete and does not contain all of the information you should consider before purchasing our common stock. You should carefully read the "Risk Factors" sections beginning on page S-6 of this prospectus supplement, page 2 of the accompanying prospectus and page 6 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2010 to determine whether an investment in our common stock is appropriate for you.

The Company

General

Monmouth Real Estate Investment Corporation is a Maryland corporation operating as a qualified real estate investment trust ("REIT") under Sections 856 through 860 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). Currently, we seek to invest in well-located, modern buildings leased to investment grade tenants on long-term leases. Our primary business is the ownership of real estate. Our investment focus is to own net leased industrial properties which are leased primarily to investment-grade tenants on long-term leases. In addition, we hold a portfolio of REIT securities.

Currently, we derive our income primarily from real estate rental operations. At November 25, 2011, we owned approximately 7,983,400 square feet of property, of which approximately 3,553,000 square feet, or 45%, was leased to Federal Express Corporation and its subsidiaries. In addition, approximately 388,700 square feet in St. Joseph, Missouri, or approximately 5%, was leased to Mead Corporation, which subleased the space to Hallmark Cards, Incorporated, and approximately 381,240 square feet in Lebanon, Tennessee, or approximately 5%, was leased to Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. During fiscal 2011, the only tenant that accounted for more than 5% of our total rental and reimbursement revenue was Federal Express Corporation and its subsidiaries. During fiscal 2011, 2010 and 2009, rental and reimbursement revenue from Federal Express Corporation and its subsidiaries represented approximately 56%, 57% and 59%, respectively, of our total rental and reimbursement revenue.

At November 25, 2011, we had investments in 68 properties totaling approximately 8,000,000 square feet, consisting of 67 industrial properties and one shopping center. Our occupancy rate at November 25, 2011 was 97%. These properties are located in twenty-five states: Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin. All of our properties are wholly owned, with the exception of two properties in New Jersey in which we own a majority interest. At November 25, 2011, all of our wholly-owned industrial properties and the shopping center were managed by a management company affiliated with one of our directors. All properties in which we have investments are leased on a net basis except an industrial property located in Monaca, Pennsylvania and the shopping center, located in Somerset, New Jersey.

During fiscal 2011, we purchased three industrial properties totaling approximately 562,000 square feet, located in Illinois, Tennessee and Texas, for approximately \$28,300,000. In addition, during fiscal 2011 we paid approximately \$1,134,000 to purchase, for future expansion, a parcel of land adjacent to an industrial property currently owned by us in El Paso, Texas. As of November 25, 2011, during the first quarter of fiscal 2012, we have purchased three industrial properties totaling approximately 489,000 square feet, located in New York, Ohio, and Texas, for approximately \$30,600,000, and have sold a 37,660 square foot industrial building in Quakertown, Pennsylvania with gross proceeds to us of \$2,765,000. We have entered into an agreement to purchase one industrial property located in Ohio for

approximately \$5,100,000 and expect to consummate this transaction during the first quarter of fiscal 2012. We have also entered into agreements to acquire two industrial properties in Texas and one industrial property in Oklahoma, subject to due diligence which we are currently conducting. Subject to satisfactory due diligence, we anticipate closing these three transactions during the second half of fiscal 2012 or the first quarter of fiscal 2013. We anticipate acquiring additional properties in fiscal 2012. The funds for these acquisitions are expected to come from our available line of credit, mortgages, other bank borrowings, proceeds from the Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan ("DRIP") and private or public placements of common or preferred stock. To the extent that funds or appropriate properties are not available, few or no acquisitions may be made. Because of the contingent nature of contracts to purchase real property, we typically announce acquisitions only upon closing.

We compete with other investors in real estate for attractive investment opportunities. These investors include other "equity" real estate investment trusts, limited partnerships, syndications and private investors, among others. Competition in the market areas in which we operate is significant and affects our ability to acquire or expand properties, occupancy levels, rental rates and operating expenses of certain properties. Management has built relationships with merchant builders that have historically provided us with investment opportunities that fit our investment policy; however, the amount of construction of new industrial properties has significantly decreased in recent years due to the economic recession and subsequent low levels of GDP growth.

We have a flexible investment policy concentrating our investments in the area of long-term net-leased industrial properties, primarily to investment grade tenants. Our strategy is to obtain a favorable yield spread between the income from the net-leased industrial properties and the mortgage interest costs. We anticipate that we will continue to purchase well-located, net-leased industrial properties because our management believes that these investments offer a potential for long-term capital appreciation. There is the risk that, on expiration of leases, the properties can become vacant or re-leased at lower rents. The results we obtain by re-leasing the properties will depend on the market for industrial properties at that time.

We also continue to invest in both debt and equity securities of other REITs. We, from time to time, may purchase these securities on margin when the interest and dividend yields exceed the cost of the funds. This securities portfolio, to the extent not pledged to secure borrowings, provides us with liquidity and additional income. Such securities are subject to risk arising from adverse changes in market rates and prices, primarily interest rate risk relating to debt securities and equity price risk relating to equity securities. From time to time, we may use derivative instruments to mitigate interest rate risk.

Since June 1, 2010, our common stock has been traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "MNR." Previously, our common stock was traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market. As of November 25, 2011, our authorized capital stock consisted of 57,139,750 shares, classified as 50,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (of which 37,260,740 shares were outstanding), 5,000,000 shares of excess stock, par value \$0.01 per share (of which no shares were outstanding), and 2,139,750 shares of Series A 7.625% Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, \$25 liquidation value per share (of which 2,139,750 shares were outstanding).

Prior to July 31, 2007, we operated as part of a group of three public companies (all REITs) which included UMH Properties, Inc. ("UMH") and Monmouth Capital Corporation ("Monmouth Capital" and together with UMH, the "affiliated companies"). Monmouth Capital was merged into us on July 31, 2007. We continue to operate in conjunction with UMH. UMH has focused its investing in manufactured home communities. General and administrative expenses are allocated between the two remaining affiliated companies based on use or services provided. We currently have ten employees. Allocations of salaries and benefits are made between the affiliated companies based on the amount of the employees' time dedicated to each affiliated company.

Our executive offices are located at Juniper Business Plaza, Suite 3-C, 3499 Route 9 North, Freehold, New Jersey 07728, and our telephone number is (732) 577-9996. Our website is located at www.mreic.com. Information contained on our website is not a part of this prospectus supplement.

Recent Developments

On October 11, 2011, we purchased a 368,060 square foot industrial building located in Streetsboro, Ohio. The building is 100% net leased to Best Buy Warehousing Logistics, Inc. through January 31, 2022. The purchase price was approximately \$19,600,000. We obtained a mortgage of \$12,740,000 at a fixed interest rate of 5.5% for 10 years and paid the remaining amount with a draw on our line of credit. This mortgage matures on November 1, 2021. Annual rental income over the term of the lease is \$1,586,000.

On October 18, 2011, we purchased a 46,000 square foot industrial building located in Corpus Christi, Texas. The building is 100% net leased to FedEx Ground Package Systems, Inc. through August 31, 2021 and is subject to a ground lease with the City of Corpus Christi. The purchase price was approximately \$4,992,000. We obtained a mortgage of \$3,150,000 at a fixed interest rate of 5.5% for the first 5 years and paid the remaining amount with a draw on our line of credit. On October 1, 2016, the interest rate resets to the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York rate plus 300 basis points with a floor of 5.5%. This mortgage matures on November 1, 2021. Annual rental income over the term of the lease is \$417,000.

On November 10, 2011, we purchased a 75,000 square foot industrial building located in Halfmoon, New York. The building is 100% net leased to RHG Holdings, Inc. d/b/a/Edgepark Medical Supplies through December 1, 2021. The purchase price was approximately \$6,019,000. We used a draw on our line of credit to fund this purchase. Annual rental income over the term of the lease is \$575,000.

On October 31, 2011, we sold a 37,660 square foot industrial building in Quakertown, Pennsylvania with gross proceeds to us of \$2,765,000. The property was leased to MagiKitch'n, Inc. at the time of the sale through March 31, 2015 and the lease was terminated in conjunction with the sale. We anticipate an immaterial gain to be recognized on the sale. The operating results of the property will be presented as discontinued operations in the financial statements for our fiscal year ended September 30, 2011. The net proceeds were used to pay down our line of credit.

We have entered into an agreement to purchase a new built-to-suit, 51,140 square foot industrial building in Lebanon, Ohio, to be net-leased to Siemens Real Estate, a division of Siemens AG, through May 31, 2019. The purchase price is approximately \$5,100,000. We expect to consummate this transaction during the first quarter of fiscal 2012, once construction is completed and the building is ready for occupancy by the tenant.

We have also entered into agreements to acquire two industrial properties in Texas and one industrial property in Oklahoma, subject to due diligence which we are currently conducting. These are new constructions that will be subject to 10 year net-leases to FedEx Ground Package Systems, Inc. These properties are scheduled for completion and occupancy in the second half of fiscal 2012 or the first quarter of fiscal 2013. The combined purchase price for these three properties will be approximately \$31,950,000. Subject to satisfactory due diligence, we anticipate closing

these three transactions upon rent commencement. We anticipate acquiring additional properties in fiscal 2012.

On November 30, 2011, our common stock will be added to the MSCI US REIT Index. The MSCI US REIT Index is one of the most commonly used benchmarks for the overall U.S. public REIT market and includes the leading real estate investment trusts in the country.

For our fiscal year ended September 30, 2011, we expect to report rental and reimbursement revenue of approximately \$48,141,000, compared to \$45,213,000 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2010. In addition, for fiscal 2011, we expect to report income from continuing operations of approximately \$15,237,000 or \$0.43 per diluted share as compared to \$11,353,000 or \$0.37 per diluted share for fiscal 2010. We expect to report net income attributable to common shareholders for fiscal 2011 of approximately \$11,339,000 or \$0.32 per diluted share as compared to \$8,486,000 or \$0.28 per diluted share for the prior fiscal year.

For the three months ended September 30, 2011, we expect to report rental and reimbursement revenue of approximately \$11,958,000, compared to \$11,750,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2010. In addition, for the three months ended September 30, 2011, we expect to report income from continuing operations of approximately \$2,715,000 or \$0.07 per diluted share, compared to \$3,341,000 or \$0.10 per diluted share for the same period in fiscal 2010. We expect to report net income attributable to common shareholders for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2011 of approximately \$1,740,000 or \$0.04 per diluted share, as compared to \$2,407,000 or \$0.07 per diluted share for the corresponding quarter of fiscal 2010.

As of September 30, 2011, we had total assets of approximately \$476,987,000, total real estate investments of approximately \$409,024,000, total debt outstanding of approximately \$237,390,000 and total shareholders' equity of approximately \$234,543,000.

The Offering

The following is a brief summary of some of the terms of this offering. For a more complete description of the terms of our common stock see "Summary – The Company" above and "Description of Capital Stock" in the accompanying prospectus.

Issuer Monmouth Real Estate Investment Corporation, a Maryland corporation.

Securities Offered 1,500,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share.

Price per Share \$

Common Stock outstanding after this 38,760,740 shares offering

New York Stock Exchange symbol MNR

Restriction on Ownership and Transfer

No person may own, or be deemed to own by virtue of the attribution rules of the Code, more than 9.8% in value or in number of shares of our outstanding stock (other than shares of our excess stock), subject to certain exceptions. In addition, no person may own, or be deemed to own, shares of our stock (other than shares of our excess stock) that would result in shares of our stock being owned by fewer than 100 persons, us being "closely held" within the meaning of Section 856 of the Code or us otherwise failing to qualify as a REIT under the Code. See "Description of Capital Stock—Restrictions on Ownership and Transfer"

in the accompanying prospectus.

Use of Proceeds We intend to use the proceeds of this offering to purchase properties in the

ordinary course of our business and for general corporate purposes. See "Use of

Proceeds" beginning on page S-13 of this prospectus supplement.

Risk Factors You should read carefully the "Risk Factors" beginning on page S-6 of this

prospectus supplement, page 2 of the accompanying prospectus and page 6 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2010,

for certain considerations relevant to investing in the common stock.

RISK FACTORS

Investing in our common stock involves risks. You should carefully consider the following risk factors and the information under the heading "Risk Factors" beginning on page 2 of the accompanying prospectus and page 6 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2010, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Real Estate Industry Risks

Our business and financial results are affected by local real estate conditions in areas where we own properties.

We may be affected adversely by general economic conditions and local real estate conditions. For example, an oversupply of industrial properties in a local area or a decline in the attractiveness of our properties to tenants and potential tenants would have a negative effect on us.

Other factors that may affect general economic conditions or local real estate conditions include:

- population and demographic trends;
 employment and personal income trends;
 zoning, use and other regulatory restrictions;
 income tax laws;
 changes in interest rates and availability and costs of financing;
 competition from other available real estate;
 our ability to provide adequate maintenance and insurance; and
- increased operating costs, including insurance premiums, utilities and real estate taxes, which may not be offset by increased rents.

We may be unable to compete with our larger competitors and other alternatives available to tenants or potential tenants of our properties.

The real estate business is highly competitive. We compete for properties with other real estate investors and purchasers, including other real estate investment trusts, limited partnerships, syndications and private investors, many of whom have greater financial resources, revenues and geographical diversity than we have. Furthermore, we compete for tenants with other property owners. All of our industrial properties are subject to significant local competition. We also compete with a wide variety of institutions and other investors for capital funds necessary to support our investment activities and asset growth. To the extent that we are unable to effectively compete in the marketplace, our business may be adversely affected.

We are subject to significant regulation that inhibits our activities and may increase our costs.

Local zoning and use laws, environmental statutes and other governmental requirements may restrict expansion, rehabilitation and reconstruction activities. These regulations may prevent us from taking advantage of economic opportunities. Legislation such as the Americans with Disabilities Act may require us to modify our properties at a substantial cost and noncompliance could result in the imposition of fines or an award of damages to private litigants. Future legislation may impose additional requirements. We cannot predict what requirements may be enacted or amended or what costs we will incur to comply with such requirements.

Our investments are concentrated in the industrial distribution sector and our business would be adversely affected by an economic downturn in that sector.

Our investments in real estate assets are primarily concentrated in the industrial distribution sector. This concentration may expose us to the risk of economic downturns in this sector to a greater extent than if our business activities included a more significant portion of other sectors of the real estate industry.

Risks Associated with Our Properties

We may be unable to renew leases or relet space as leases expire.

While we seek to invest in well-located, modern buildings leased to investment grade tenants on long-term leases, a number of our properties are subject to short-term leases. When a lease expires, a tenant may elect not to renew it. We may not be able to relet the property on similar terms, if we are able to relet the property at all. The terms of renewal or re-lease (including the cost of required renovations and/or concessions to tenants) may be less favorable to us than the prior lease. If we are unable to relet all or a substantial portion of our properties, or if the rental rates upon such reletting are significantly lower than expected rates, our cash generated before debt repayments and capital expenditures and our ability to make expected distributions, may be adversely affected. We have established an annual budget for renovation and reletting expenses that we believe is reasonable in light of each property's operating history and local market characteristics. This budget, however, may not be sufficient to cover these expenses.

Our business is substantially dependent on Federal Express Corporation.

Federal Express is our largest tenant. As of November 25, 2011, Federal Express and its subsidiaries leased approximately 45% of the total square footage that we own. Annualized rental income and occupancy charges from Federal Express and its subsidiaries are estimated at approximately 56% of total rental and reimbursement revenue for fiscal 2011. If Federal Express were to terminate its leases with us or become unable to make lease payments because of a downturn in its business or otherwise, our financial condition and ability to make expected distributions would be materially and adversely affected.

We are subject to risks involved in single tenant leases.

We focus our acquisition activities on real properties that are net leased to single tenants. Therefore, the financial failure of, or other default by, a single tenant under its lease is likely to cause a significant reduction in the operating cash flow generated by the property leased to that tenant and might decrease the value of that property. In addition, we will be responsible for 100% of the operating costs following a vacancy at a single tenant building.

We may be affected negatively by tenant financial difficulties and leasing delays.

At any time, a tenant may experience a downturn in its business that may weaken its financial condition. Similarly, a general decline in the economy may result in a decline in the demand for space at our industrial properties. As a result, our tenants may delay lease commencement, fail to make rental payments when due, or declare bankruptcy. Any such event could result in the termination of that tenant's lease and losses to us, resulting in a decrease of distributions to investors.

We receive a substantial portion of our income as rents under long-term leases.

If tenants are unable to comply with the terms of their leases because of rising costs or falling revenues, we, in our sole discretion, may deem it advisable to modify lease terms to allow tenants to pay a lower rental rate or a smaller share of operating costs, taxes and insurance. If a tenant becomes insolvent or bankrupt, we cannot be sure that we could recover the premises from the tenant promptly or from a trustee or debtor-in-possession in any bankruptcy proceeding relating to the tenant. We also cannot be sure that we would receive rent in the proceeding sufficient to cover our expenses with respect to the premises. If a tenant becomes bankrupt, the federal bankruptcy code will apply and, in some instances, may restrict the amount and recoverability of our claims against the tenant. A tenant's default on its obligations to us for any reason could adversely affect our financial condition and the cash we have available for distribution.

We may be unable to sell properties when appropriate because real estate investments are illiquid.

Real estate investments generally cannot be sold quickly and, therefore, will tend to limit our ability to vary our property portfolio promptly in response to changes in economic or other conditions. In addition, the Code limits our ability to sell our properties. The inability to respond promptly to changes in the performance of our property portfolio could adversely affect our financial condition and ability to service debt and make distributions to our stockholders.

Environmental liabilities could affect our profitability.

We face possible environmental liabilities. Environmental laws today can impose liability on a previous owner or operator of a property that owned or operated the property at a time when hazardous or toxic substances were disposed on, or released from, the property. A conveyance of the property, therefore, does not relieve the owner or operator from liability. As a current or former owner and operator of real estate, we may be required by law to investigate and clean up hazardous substances released at or from the properties we currently own or operate or have in the past owned or operated. We may also be liable to the government or to third parties for property damage, investigation costs and cleanup costs. In addition, some environmental laws create a lien on the contaminated site in favor of the government for damages and costs the government incurs in connection with the contamination. Contamination may adversely affect our ability to sell or lease real estate or to borrow using the real estate as collateral. We are not aware of any environmental liabilities relating to our investment properties which would have a material adverse effect on our business, assets, or results of operations. However, we cannot assure you that environmental liabilities will not arise in the future and that such liabilities will not have a material adverse effect on our business, assets or results of operation.

Actions by our competitors may decrease or prevent increases in the occupancy and rental rates of our properties.

We compete with other owners and operators of real estate, some of which own properties similar to ours in the same submarkets in which our properties are located. If our competitors offer space at rental rates below current market rates or below the rental rates we currently charge our tenants, we may lose potential tenants, and we may be pressured to reduce our rental rates below those we currently charge in order to retain tenants when our tenants' leases expire. As a result, our financial condition, cash flow, cash available for distribution, market price of our preferred and common stock and ability to satisfy our debt service obligations could be materially adversely affected.

Coverage under our existing insurance policies may be inadequate to cover losses.

We generally maintain insurance policies related to our business, including casualty, general liability and other policies, covering our business operations, employees and assets. However, we would be required to bear all losses that are not adequately covered by insurance. In addition, there are certain losses that are not generally insured because it is not economically feasible to insure against them, including losses due to riots or acts of war. If an uninsured loss or a loss in excess of insured limits were to occur with respect to one or more of our properties, then we could lose the capital we invested in the properties, as well as the anticipated future revenue from the properties and, in the case of debt, which is with recourse to us, we would remain obligated for any mortgage debt or other financial obligations related to the properties. Although we believe that our insurance programs are adequate, we cannot assure you that we will not incur losses in excess of our insurance coverage, or that we will be able to obtain insurance in the future at acceptable levels and reasonable costs.

We may be unable to acquire properties on advantageous terms or acquisitions may not perform as we expect.

We have acquired individual properties and portfolios of properties, and intend to continue to do so. Our acquisition activities and their success are subject to the following risks:

- when we are able to locate a desired property, competition from other real estate investors may significantly increase the purchase price;
 - acquired properties may fail to perform as expected;
 - the actual costs of repositioning or redeveloping acquired properties may be higher than our estimates;

- acquired properties may be located in new markets where we face risks associated with an incomplete knowledge or understanding of the local market, a limited number of established business relationships in the area and a relative unfamiliarity with local governmental and permitting procedures;
- we may be unable to quickly and efficiently integrate new acquisitions, particularly acquisition of portfolios of properties, into our existing operations, and as a result, our results of operations and financial condition could be adversely affected; and
- we may acquire properties subject to liabilities and without any recourse, or with only limited recourse. As a result, if a claim were asserted against us based upon ownership of those properties, we might have to pay substantial sums to resolve it, which could adversely affect our cash flow and financial condition.

Financing Risks

We face inherent risks associated with our debt incurrence.

We finance a portion of our investments in properties and marketable securities through the incurrence of debt. We are subject to the risks normally associated with debt financing, including the risk that our cash flow will be insufficient to meet required payments of principal and interest. In addition, debt creates other risks, including:

- rising interest rates on our variable rate debt;
- failure to repay or refinance existing debt as it matures, which may result in forced disposition of assets on disadvantageous terms;
 - refinancing terms less favorable than the terms of existing debt; and
 failure to meet required payments of principal and/or interest.

We mortgage our properties, which subjects us to the risk of foreclosure in the event of non-payment.

We mortgage many of our properties to secure payment of indebtedness and if we are unable to meet mortgage payments, then the property could be foreclosed upon or transferred to the mortgagee with a consequent loss of income and asset value. A foreclosure of one or more of our properties could adversely affect our financial condition, results of operations, cash flow, and ability to service debt and make distributions and the market price of our preferred and common stock.

We face risks related to "balloon payments" and refinancings.

Certain of our mortgages will have significant outstanding principal balances on their maturity dates, commonly known as "balloon payments." There can be no assurance that we will be able to refinance the debt on favorable terms or at all. To the extent we cannot refinance debt on favorable terms or at all, we may be forced to dispose of properties on disadvantageous terms or pay higher interest rates, either of which would have an adverse impact on our financial performance and ability to service debt and make distributions.

We face risks associated with our dependence on external sources of capital.

In order to qualify as a REIT, we are required each year to distribute to our stockholders at least 90% of our REIT taxable income, and we are subject to tax on our income to the extent it is not distributed. Because of this distribution requirement, we may not be able to fund all future capital needs from cash retained from operations. As a result, to fund capital needs, we rely on third-party sources of capital, which we may not be able to obtain on favorable terms, if at all. Our access to third-party sources of capital depends upon a number of factors, including (i) general market conditions; (ii) the market's perception of our growth potential; (iii) our current and potential future earnings and cash distributions; and (iv) the market price of our capital stock. Additional debt financing may substantially increase our

debt-to-total capitalization ratio. Additional equity issuance may dilute the holdings of our current stockholders.

We may become more highly leveraged, resulting in increased risk of default on our obligations and an increase in debt service requirements which could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations and our ability to pay distributions.

We have incurred, and may continue to incur, indebtedness in furtherance of our activities. Our governing documents do not limit the amount of indebtedness we may incur. Accordingly, our board of directors may vote to incur additional debt and would do so, for example, if it were necessary to maintain our status as a REIT. We could therefore become more highly leveraged, resulting in an increased risk of default on our obligations and in an increase in debt service requirements which could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations and our ability to pay distributions to stockholders.

Covenants in our credit agreements could limit our flexibility and adversely affect our financial condition.

The terms of our various credit agreements and other indebtedness require us to comply with a number of customary financial and other covenants, such as maintaining debt service coverage and leverage ratios and maintaining insurance coverage. These covenants may limit our flexibility in our operations, and breaches of these covenants could result in defaults under the instruments governing the applicable indebtedness even if we had satisfied our payment obligations. If we were to default under credit agreements, our financial condition would be adversely affected.

Other Risks

Current economic conditions, including recent volatility in the capital and credit markets, could harm our business, results of operations and financial condition.

The United States is continuing to experience the effects of an economic recession, during which the capital and credit markets experienced extreme volatility and disruption. The current economic environment has been affected by dramatic declines in the stock and housing markets, increases in foreclosures, unemployment and living costs as well as limited access to credit. This economic situation has impacted and is expected to continue to impact consumer spending levels. A sustained economic downward trend could impact our tenants' ability to meet their lease obligations due to poor operating results, lack of liquidity, bankruptcy or other reasons. Our ability to lease space and negotiate rents at advantageous rates could also be affected in this type of economic environment. Additionally, if markets again experience periods of volatility, access to capital and credit markets could be disrupted over a more extended period, which may make it difficult to obtain the financing we may need for future growth and/or to meet our debt service obligations as they mature. Any of these events could harm our business, results of operations and financial condition.

We may not be able to access adequate cash to fund our business.

Our business requires access to adequate cash to finance our operations, distributions, capital expenditures, debt service obligations, development and redevelopment costs and property acquisition costs, if any. We expect to generate the cash to be used for these purposes primarily with operating cash flow, borrowings under secured term loans, proceeds from sales of strategically identified assets and, when market conditions permit, through the issuance of debt and equity securities from time to time. We may not be able to generate sufficient cash to fund our business, particularly if we are unable to renew leases, lease vacant space or re-lease space as leases expire according to expectations.

Moreover, difficult conditions in the financial markets and the economy generally, have caused many lenders to suffer substantial losses, thereby causing many financial institutions to seek additional capital, to merge with other institutions and, in some cases, to fail. As a result, the real estate debt markets are continuing to experience a period of uncertainty, which may reduce our access to funding alternatives, or our ability to refinance debt on favorable terms, or at all. In addition, market conditions, such as the current global economic environment, may also hinder our ability to sell strategically identified assets and access the debt and equity capital markets. If these conditions persist, we may need to find alternative ways to access cash to fund our business, including distributions to shareholders. Such alternatives may include, without limitation, curtailing development or redevelopment activity, disposing of one or more of our properties possibly on disadvantageous terms or entering into or renewing leases on less favorable terms than we otherwise would, all of which could adversely affect our profitability. If we are unable to generate, borrow or raise adequate cash to fund our business through traditional or alternative means, our business, operations, financial condition and distribution to shareholders will be adversely affected.

We are dependent on key personnel.

Our executive and other senior officers have a significant role in our success. Our ability to retain our management group or to attract suitable replacements should any members of the management group leave is dependent on the competitive nature of the employment market. The loss of services from key members of the management group or a limitation in their availability could adversely affect our financial condition and cash flow. Further, such a loss could be negatively perceived in the capital markets.

We may amend our business policies without stockholder approval.

Our board of directors determines our growth, investment, financing, capitalization, borrowing, REIT status, operations and distributions policies. Although our board of directors has no present intention to amend or reverse any of these policies, they may be amended or revised without notice to stockholders. Accordingly, stockholders may not have control over changes in our policies. We cannot assure you that changes in our policies will serve fully the interests of all stockholders.

The market value of our common stock could decrease based on our performance and market perception and conditions.

The market value of our common stock may be based primarily upon the market's perception of our growth potential and current and future cash dividends, and may be secondarily based upon the real estate market value of our underlying assets. Rising interest rates may lead potential buyers of our stock to expect a higher dividend rate, which would adversely affect the market price of our stock. In addition, rising interest rates would result in increased expense, thereby adversely affecting cash flow and our ability to service our indebtedness and pay distributions.

There are restrictions on the ownership and transfer of our capital stock.

To maintain our qualification as a REIT under the Code, no more than 50% in value of our outstanding capital stock may be owned, actually or by attribution, by five or fewer individuals, as defined in the Code to also include certain entities, during the last half of a taxable year. Accordingly, our charter and bylaws contain provisions restricting the ownership and transfer of our capital stock.

Our earnings are dependent, in part, upon the performance of our investment portfolio.

As permitted by the Code, we invest in and own securities of other real estate investment trusts. To the extent that the value of those investments declines or those investments do not provide an attractive return, our earnings and cash flow could be adversely affected.

We are subject to restrictions that may impede our ability to effect a change in control.

Certain provisions contained in our charter and bylaws and certain provisions of Maryland law may have the effect of discouraging a third party from making an acquisition proposal for us and thereby inhibit a change in control. These provisions include the following:

- Our charter provides for three classes of directors with the term of office of one class expiring each year, commonly referred to as a "staggered board." By preventing common stockholders from voting on the election of more than one class of directors at any annual meeting of stockholders, this provision may have the effect of keeping the current members of our board of directors in control for a longer period of time than stockholders may desire.
- •Our charter generally limits any holder from acquiring more than 9.8% (in value or in number of shares, whichever is more restrictive) of our outstanding equity stock (defined as all of our classes of capital stock, except our excess stock). While this provision is intended to assure our ability to remain a qualified REIT for Federal income tax purposes, the ownership limit may also limit the opportunity for stockholders to receive a premium for their shares of common stock that might otherwise exist if an investor was attempting to assemble a block of shares in excess of 9.8% of the outstanding shares of equity stock or otherwise effect a change in control.
- The request of stockholders entitled to cast a majority or more of votes entitled to be cast at such meeting is necessary for stockholders to call a special meeting. We also require advance notice by stockholders for the nomination of directors or proposals of business to be considered at a meeting of stockholders.

Our Board of Directors may authorize and issue securities without stockholder approval.

Under our Charter, the board has the power to classify and reclassify any of our unissued shares of capital stock into shares of capital stock with such preferences, rights, powers and restrictions as the board of directors may determine. The authorization and issuance of a new class of capital stock could have the effect of delaying or preventing someone from taking control of us, even if a change in control were in our stockholders' best interests.

Maryland business statutes may limit the ability of a third party to acquire control of us.

The duties of directors of Maryland corporations do not require them to (a) accept, recommend or respond to any proposal by a person seeking to acquire control of the corporation, (b) authorize the corporation to redeem any rights under, or modify or render inapplicable, any stockholders rights plan, (c) make a determination under the Maryland Business Combination Act or the Maryland Control Share Acquisition Act, or (d) act or fail to act solely because of the effect of the act or failure to act may have on an acquisition or potential acquisition of control of the corporation or the amount or type of consideration that may be offered or paid to the stockholders in an acquisition. Maryland law also contains a statutory presumption that an act of a director of a Maryland corporation satisfies the applicable standards of conduct for directors under Maryland law.

The Maryland Business Combination Act provides that unless exempted, a Maryland corporation may not engage in business combinations, including mergers, dispositions of 10 percent or more of its assets, certain issuances of shares of stock and other specified transactions, with an "interested stockholder" or an affiliate of an interested stockholder for five years after the most recent date on which the interested stockholder became an interested stockholder, and thereafter unless specified criteria are met. An interested stockholder is generally a person owning or controlling, directly or indirectly, 10 percent or more of the voting power of the outstanding stock of the Maryland corporation. In our charter, we have expressly elected that the Maryland Business Combination Act not govern or apply to any transaction with our affiliated company UMH, a Maryland corporation.

We cannot assure you that we will be able to pay distributions regularly.

Our ability to pay distributions in the future is dependent on our ability to operate profitably and to generate cash from our operations and the operations of our subsidiaries. We cannot guarantee that we will be able to pay distributions on a regular quarterly basis in the future.

If our leases are not respected as true leases for federal income tax purposes, we would fail to qualify as a REIT.

To qualify as a REIT, we must, among other things, satisfy two gross income tests, under which specified percentages of our gross income must be passive income, such as rent. For the rent paid pursuant to our leases to qualify for purposes of the gross income tests, the leases must be respected as true leases for federal income tax purposes and not be treated as service contracts, joint ventures or some other type of arrangement. We believe that our leases will be respected as true leases for federal income tax purposes. However, there can be no assurance that the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") will agree with this view. If the leases are not respected as true leases for federal income tax purposes, we would not be able to satisfy either of the two gross income tests applicable to REITs, and we could lose our REIT status.

Failure to make required distributions would subject us to additional tax.

In order to qualify as a REIT, we must, among other requirements, distribute, each year, to our stockholders at least 90 percent of our taxable income, excluding net capital gains. To the extent that we satisfy the 90 percent distribution requirement, but distribute less than 100 percent of our taxable income, we will be subject to federal corporate income tax on our undistributed income. In addition, we will incur a 4 percent nondeductible excise tax on the amount, if any, by which our distributions (or deemed distributions) in any year are less than the sum of:

• 85 percent of our ordinary income for that year; 95 percent of our capital gain net earnings for that year; and 100 percent of our undistributed taxable income from prior years.

To the extent we pay out in excess of 100 percent of our taxable income for any tax year, we may be able to carry forward such excess to subsequent years to reduce our required distributions for purposes of the 4 percent excise tax in such subsequent years. We intend to pay out our income to our stockholders in a manner intended to satisfy the 90 percent distribution requirement. Differences in timing between the recognition of income and the related cash receipts or the effect of required debt amortization payments could require us to borrow money or sell assets to pay out enough of our taxable income to satisfy the 90 percent distribution requirement and to avoid corporate income tax.

We may not have sufficient cash available from operations to pay distributions, and, therefore, distributions may be made from borrowings.

The actual amount and timing of distributions will be determined by our board of directors in its discretion and typically will depend on the amount of cash available for distribution, which will depend on items such as current and projected cash requirements and tax considerations. As a result, we may not have sufficient cash available from operations to pay distributions as required to maintain our status as a REIT. Therefore, we may need to borrow funds to make sufficient cash distributions in order to maintain our status as a REIT, which may cause us to incur additional interest expense as a result of an increase in borrowed funds for the purpose of paying distributions.

We may be required to pay a penalty tax upon the sale of a property.

The federal income tax provisions applicable to REITs provide that any gain realized by a REIT on the sale of property held as inventory or other property held primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of business is treated as income from a "prohibited transaction" that is subject to a 100 percent penalty tax. Under current law, unless a sale of real property qualifies for a safe harbor, the question of whether the sale of real estate or other property constitutes the sale of property held primarily for sale to customers is generally a question of the facts and circumstances regarding a particular transaction. We intend that we and our subsidiaries will hold the interests in the real estate for investment with a view to long-term appreciation, engage in the business of acquiring and owning real estate, and make occasional sales as are consistent with our investment objectives. We do not intend to engage in prohibited transactions. We cannot assure you, however, that we will only make sales that satisfy the requirements of the safe harbors or that the IRS will not successfully assert that one or more of such sales are prohibited transactions.

We may be adversely affected if we fail to qualify as a REIT.

If we fail to qualify as a REIT, we will not be allowed to deduct distributions to stockholders in computing our taxable income and will be subject to Federal income tax, including any applicable alternative minimum tax, at regular corporate rates. In addition, we might be barred from qualification as a REIT for the four years following disqualification. The additional tax incurred at regular corporate rates would reduce significantly the cash flow available for distribution to stockholders and for debt service.

Furthermore, we would no longer be required to make any distributions to our stockholders as a condition to REIT qualification. Any distributions to stockholders would be taxable as ordinary income to the extent of our current and accumulated earnings and profits, although such dividend distributions would be subject to a top federal tax rate of 15% through 2012. Corporate distributees, however, may be eligible for the dividends received deduction on the distributions, subject to limitations under the Code.

To qualify as a REIT, we must comply with certain highly technical and complex requirements.

We cannot be certain we have complied, and will always be able to comply, with the requirements to qualify as a REIT because there are few judicial and administrative interpretations of these provisions. In addition, facts and circumstances that may be beyond our control may affect our ability to continue to qualify as a REIT. We cannot

assure you that new legislation, regulations, administrative interpretations or court decisions will not change the tax laws significantly with respect to our qualification as a REIT or with respect to the Federal income tax consequences of qualification. We believe that we have qualified as a REIT since our inception and intend to continue to qualify as a REIT. However, we cannot assure you that we are qualified or will remain qualified.

There is a risk of changes in the tax law applicable to real estate investment trusts.

Because the IRS, the United States Treasury Department and Congress frequently review federal income tax legislation, we cannot predict whether, when or to what extent new federal tax laws, regulations, interpretations or rulings will be adopted. Any of such legislative action may prospectively or retroactively modify our tax treatment and, therefore, may adversely affect taxation of us and/or our investors.

We may be unable to comply with the strict income distribution requirement applicable to REITs.

As noted above, to maintain qualification as a REIT under the Code, a REIT must annually distribute to its stockholders at least 90% of its REIT taxable income, excluding the dividends paid deduction and net capital gains. This requirement limits our ability to accumulate capital. We may not have sufficient cash or other liquid assets to meet the 90% distribution requirement. Difficulties in meeting the 90% distribution requirement might arise due to competing demands for our funds or to timing differences between tax reporting and cash receipts and disbursements, because income may have to be reported before cash is received, because expenses may have to be paid before a deduction is allowed, because deductions may be disallowed or limited or because the IRS may make a determination that adjusts reported income. In those situations, we might be required to borrow funds or sell properties on adverse terms in order to meet the 90% distribution requirement and interest and penalties could apply which could adversely affect our financial condition. If we fail to satisfy the 90% distribution requirement, we would cease to be taxed as a REIT.

Notwithstanding our status as a REIT, we are subject to various federal, state and local taxes on our income and property.

Even if we continue to qualify as a REIT, we will be taxed at regular corporate rates on any undistributed taxable income, including undistributed net capital gains; provided, however, that properly designated undistributed capital gains will effectively avoid taxation at the stockholder level. We may be subject to other Federal income taxes and may also have to pay some state income or franchise taxes because not all states treat REITs in the same manner as they are treated for Federal income tax purposes.

Future terrorist attacks and military conflicts could have a material adverse effect on general economic conditions, consumer confidence and market liquidity.

Among other things, it is possible that interest rates may be affected by these events. An increase in interest rates may increase our costs of borrowing, leading to a reduction in our earnings. Terrorist acts could also result in significant damages to, or loss of, our properties.

We and our tenants may be unable to obtain adequate insurance coverage on acceptable economic terms for losses resulting from acts of terrorism. Our lenders may require that we carry terrorism insurance even if we do not believe this insurance is necessary or cost effective. We may also be prohibited under the applicable lease from passing all or a portion of the cost of such insurance through to the tenant. Should an act of terrorism result in an uninsured loss or a loss in excess of insured limits, we could lose capital invested in a property, as well as the anticipated future revenues from a property, while remaining obligated for any mortgage indebtedness or other financial obligations related to the property. Any loss of these types would adversely affect our financial condition.

We are subject to risks arising from litigation.

We may become involved in litigation. Litigation can be costly, and the results of litigation are often difficult to predict. We may not have adequate insurance coverage or contractual protection to cover costs and liability in the event we are sued, and to the extent we resort to litigation to enforce our rights, we may incur significant costs and ultimately be unsuccessful or unable to recover amounts we believe are owed to us. We may have little or no control of the timing of litigation, which presents challenges to our strategic planning.

Future sales or issuances of our common stock may cause the market price of our common stock to decline.

The sale of substantial amounts of our common stock, whether directly by us or in the secondary market, the perception that such sales could occur or the availability of future issuances of shares of our common stock or other securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for our common stock, could materially and adversely affect the market price of our common stock and our ability to raise capital through future offerings of equity or equity-related securities. In addition, we may issue capital stock that is senior to our common stock in the future for a number of reasons, including to finance our operations and business strategy, to adjust our ratio of debt to equity or for other reasons.

The market price of our common stock may fluctuate significantly.

The market price of our common stock may fluctuate significantly in response to many factors, including:

- our ability to comply with applicable financial covenants under our lines of credit,
- actual or anticipated variations in our operating results, funds from operations, cash flows or liquidity,
 - changes in our earnings estimates or those of analysts,

- changes in our dividend policy,
- publication of research reports about us or the real estate industry generally,
- the ability of our tenants to pay rent to us and meet their obligations to us under the current lease terms and our ability to re-lease space as leases expire,
 - changes in market valuations of similar companies,
- adverse market reaction to the amount of our debt outstanding at any time, the amount of our debt maturing in the near- and medium-term and our ability to refinance our debt, or our plans to incur additional debt in the future,
 - additions or departures of key management personnel,
 - actions by institutional stockholders,
 - speculation in the press or investment community,
- the realization of any of the other risk factors included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, and
 - general market and economic conditions.

Many of the factors listed above are beyond our control. Those factors may cause the market price of our common stock to decline significantly, regardless of our financial condition, results of operations and prospects. It is impossible to provide any assurance that the market price of our common stock will not fall in the future, and it may be difficult for stockholders to resell shares of our common stock at prices they find attractive, or at all.

USE OF PROCEEDS

We estimate the net proceeds from the sale of all the 1,500,000 shares of common stock offered hereby will be approximately \$, assuming a public offering price of \$ per share and after deducting the placement agent fee and other estimated expenses of approximately \$. It is possible that not all of the shares of common stock we are offering pursuant to this prospectus supplement will be sold, in which case our net proceeds would be reduced. We intend to use the net proceeds to purchase additional properties in the ordinary course of our business and for general corporate purposes. Until we use the net proceeds from this offering, they may be deposited in interest bearing cash accounts or invested in short-term securities, including securities that may not be investment grade.

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES

The following discussion supplements the discussion under the heading "Material United States Federal Income Tax Consequences" in the accompanying prospectus. Terms used in this section but not defined in this section have the meanings ascribed to them elsewhere in this prospectus supplement or in "Material United States Federal Income Tax Consequences" in the prospectus. You should refer to the discussion in the prospectus under "Material United States Federal Income Tax Consequences" for a discussion of the tax consequences of our election to be taxed as a REIT and the tax consequences to owners of shares of our common stock.

Recent Legislation

Legislation was recently enacted into law that will materially change the requirements for obtaining an exemption from United States federal withholding tax and impose withholding taxes on certain types of payments made to "foreign financial institutions" and certain other non-U.S. entities. In general, and depending on the specific facts and circumstances, the failure to comply with certain certification, information reporting and other specified requirements will result in a 30% withholding tax being imposed on "withholdable payments" to such institutions and entities, including payments of dividends and proceeds from the sale or exchange of our common stock. The legislation generally applies to payments made after December 31, 2012, although recent guidance from the IRS provides that withholding obligations under the legislation will not begin until January 1, 2014. Each prospective investor should consult its tax advisor regarding this legislation and the potential implications of this legislation on its investment in our common stock.

On March 30, 2010, President Obama signed into law the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (the "Reconciliation Act"). The Reconciliation Act will require certain U.S. shareholders who are individuals, estates or trusts to pay a 3.8% Medicare tax on, among other things, dividends on and capital gains from the sale or other disposition of shares, subject to certain exceptions. This tax will apply for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2012.

On December 17, 2010, President Obama signed the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization and Job Creation Act (the "2010 Tax Relief Act"). The 2010 Tax Relief Act continues the 15% maximum tax rate for long-term capital gains and qualified dividend income for taxable years through December 31, 2012. For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2012, the capital gains tax rate is scheduled to increase to 20%, and the rate applicable to dividends is scheduled to increase to the tax rate then applicable to ordinary income. In addition, the backup withholding rate remains at 28% through December 31, 2012. Because we are not generally subject to federal income tax on the portion of our REIT taxable income or capital gains distributed to our stockholders, our dividends will generally not be eligible for the 15% tax rate on qualified dividends. As a result, our ordinary REIT dividends will continue to be taxed at the higher tax rates applicable to ordinary income. However, the 15% tax rate for long-term capital gains and dividends will generally apply to: (i) long-term capital gains, if any, recognized on the disposition of our shares; (ii) our distributions designated as long-term capital gain dividends (except to the extent attributable to "unrecaptured Section 1250 gain," in which case such distributions would continue to be subject to a 25% tax rate); (iii) our dividends attributable to dividends received by us from non-REIT corporations, such as taxable REIT subsidiaries; and (iv) the portion, if any, of our dividends to the extent attributable to income upon which we have paid corporate income tax (e.g., to the extent that we distribute less than 100% of our taxable income).

Changes to REIT Distributions

Internal Revenue Service Revenue Procedure 2010-12, 2010-3 I.R.B, updates the circumstances that permits us to make taxable distributions of our stock (in lieu of cash) if (x) any such distribution is declared on or before December

31, 2012 with respect to a taxable year ending on or before December 31, 2011, and (y) each of our stockholders is permitted to elect to receive its entire entitlement under such declaration in either cash or shares of equivalent value subject to a limitation in the amount of cash to be distributed in the aggregate; provided that (i) the amount of cash that we set aside for distribution is not less than 10 percent of the aggregate distribution so declared, and (ii) if too many of our stockholders elect to receive cash, a pro rata amount of cash will be distributed to each such stockholder electing to receive cash, but in no event will any such stockholder receive less than 10 percent of its entire entitlement under such declaration in cash. We have no present intentions of using our stock in connection with any dividend distributions.

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We are offering the shares of our common stock through a placement agent. Subject to the terms and conditions contained in the placement agent agreement, dated , 2011, CSCA Capital Advisors, LLC ("CSCA") has agreed to act as the placement agent for this offering. The placement agent agreement provides that the obligation of the placement agent is subject to certain conditions precedent, including, among other things, the absence of any material adverse change in our business and the receipt of customary opinions, letters and closing certificates.

CSCA may be an underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act in connection with its placement agent activities in this offering.

CSCA has no commitment to purchase any shares of our common stock and will act only as an agent in obtaining indications of interest in our common stock from certain investors. We have agreed to pay the placement agent a fee of 2.5% of the gross proceeds and to pay certain of its expenses.

We have agreed to indemnify the placement agent and each of its partners, directors, officers, associates, affiliates, subsidiaries, employees, consultants, attorneys, agents, and each person, if any, controlling the placement agent and any of its affiliates, against liabilities resulting from this offering and to contribute to payments the placement agent may be required to make for these liabilities.

In connection with this offering, CSCA may engage broker dealers as sub-placement agents to participate in the placement of the common stock. Such sub-placement agents may receive a portion of the placement agent fee paid to CSCA, as well as other compensation and fees.

In the ordinary course of business, CSCA and/or its affiliates have engaged, and may in the future engage, in financial advisory, investment banking and other transactions with us for which customary compensation has been, and will be, paid.

Subject to customary closing conditions, certain institutional investors have agreed to purchase, and we have agreed to sell, shares of common stock at a negotiated purchase price of \$ per share. It is possible that not all of the shares of common stock we are offering pursuant to this prospectus supplement will be sold at the closing, in which case our net proceeds would be reduced. We expect that the sale will be completed on the date indicated on the cover page of this prospectus supplement. In negotiating the offering price per share of our common stock, we considered the dilution to our stockholders that will result from this offering.

Weeden & Co. LP is acting as settlement agent in connection with the sale of our common stock under the purchase agreements and will receive a fee of \$.

Regulation M Restrictions

The placement agent may be deemed to be an underwriter within the meaning of Section 2(a)(11) of the Securities Act, and any commissions received by it and any profit realized on the resale of the securities sold by them while acting as principals might be deemed to be underwriting discounts or commissions under the Securities Act. As an underwriter, the placement agent would be required to comply with the requirements of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act, including, without limitation, Rule 415(a)(4) under the Securities Act and Rule 10b-5 and Regulation M under the Exchange Act. These rules and regulations may limit the timing of purchases and sales of securities by the placement agent acting as a principal. Under these rules and regulations, the placement agent:

must not engage in any stabilization activity in connection with our securities; and
must not bid for or purchase any of our securities or attempt to induce any person to purchase any of our securities, other than as permitted under the Exchange Act, until it has completed its participation in the distribution.

LEGAL MATTERS

Certain legal matters will be passed upon for us by Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP, as our securities and tax counsel. Certain matters of Maryland law will be passed on for us by Venable LLP.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements and schedule of Monmouth Real Estate Investment Corporation as of September 30, 2010 and 2009, and for each of the years in the three-year period ended September 30, 2010, and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2010, included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2010, have been incorporated by reference herein in reliance upon the report of PKF LLP, our independent registered public accounting firm, incorporated by reference herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We have filed with the SEC a shelf registration statement under the Securities Act with respect to the securities offered hereunder. As permitted by the rules and regulations of the SEC, this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus do not contain all the information set forth in the registration statement. For further information regarding our company and our securities, please refer to the registration statement and the contracts, agreements and other documents filed as exhibits to the registration statement. Additionally, you should refer to our

annual, quarterly and special reports, proxy statements and other information we file with the SEC.

You may read and copy all or any portion of the registration statement or any other materials that we file with the SEC at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the operation of the public reference rooms. Our SEC filings, including the registration statement, are also available to you on the SEC's website (http://www.sec.gov). We also have a website (www.mreic.com) through which you may access our recent SEC filings. Information contained on our website is not a part of this prospectus supplement. In addition, you may look at our SEC filings at the offices of the New York Stock Exchange, which is located at 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005. Our SEC filings are available at the New York Stock Exchange because our common stock and preferred stock are listed and traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the respective symbols "MNR" and "MNR PRA."

INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to "incorporate by reference" the information contained in documents that we file with them. That means we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus supplement, and information that we later file with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information.

We incorporate by reference the documents listed below and any future filings we make with the SEC pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, until we sell all the securities offered by this prospectus supplement.

- Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2010, as filed with the SEC on December 9, 2010.
- Our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarters ended December 31, 2010, March 31, 2011 and June 30, 2011, as filed with the SEC on February 8, 2011, May 9, 2011 and August 8, 2011, respectively.
- All other reports filed pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act since September 30, 2010, except for information furnished under Current Reports on Form 8-K, which is not deemed filed and not incorporated herein by reference.
- The description of our common stock which is contained in a registration statement filed under the Exchange Act, including any amendment or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.

You may request a free copy of these filings (other than the exhibits thereto, unless they are specifically incorporated by reference in the documents) by writing or telephoning us at the following address and telephone number:

Monmouth Real Estate Investment Corporation Attention: Stockholder Relations 3499 Route 9 N, Suite 3-C Juniper Business Plaza Freehold, NJ 07728 (732) 577-9996

PROSPECTUS

\$115,000,000

MONMOUTH REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

Common Stock

Preferred Stock

Debt Securities

We may use this prospectus to offer and sell our common stock, preferred stock or debt securities from time to time. The aggregate public offering prices of the common stock, preferred stock and debt securities covered by this prospectus, which we refer to collectively as the securities, will not exceed \$115,000,000. The securities may be offered, separately or together, in separate classes or series, in amounts, at prices and on terms to be determined at the time of the offering and set forth in one or more supplements to this prospectus. Our common stock is listed and traded on the Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol "MNRTA." Our 7.625% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock is listed and traded on the Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol "MNRTP."

We will provide the specific terms and conditions of these securities in supplements to this prospectus in connection with each offering. Such specific terms may include limitations on direct or beneficial ownership and restrictions on transfer of the securities, in each case as may be appropriate to preserve our status as a real estate investment trust ("REIT") for U.S. federal income tax purposes. See "Description of Capital Stock—Restrictions on Ownership and Transfer." Please read this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement carefully before you invest.

We may offer the securities directly, through agents designated by us from time to time, or to or through underwriters or dealers. If any agents, underwriters or dealers are involved in the sale of any of the securities, their names, and any applicable purchase price, fee, commission or discount arrangement between or among them will be set forth or will be calculable from the information set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. See "Plan of Distribution."

An investment in our securities involves a high degree of risk. See "Risk Factors" beginning on page 2 of this prospectus for a discussion of risk factors that you should consider in connection with an investment in our securities.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is September 14, 2009.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the SEC using a "shelf" registration process. Under this process, we may from time to time sell in one or more offerings any of the securities described in this prospectus, or any combination thereof, up to a total amount of \$100,000,000. In addition, we may sell up to an additional \$15,000,000 in Common or Preferred Stock. In this prospectus, we refer collectively to our common stock and preferred stock as our "capital stock," and collectively to our senior and subordinated debt as our "debt securities."

You should read this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement together with the additional information described under the heading "Where You Can Find More Information" in this prospectus. The prospectus supplement may add, update or change the information contained in this prospectus. The registration statement that contains this prospectus and the exhibits to that registration statement contain additional important information about us and the securities offered under this prospectus. Specifically, we have filed certain legal documents that control the terms of the securities as exhibits to the registration statement. We may file certain other legal documents that control the terms of the securities as exhibits to reports we file with the SEC. That registration statement and the other reports can be read at the SEC's website or at the SEC offices mentioned under the heading "Where You Can Find More Information," or can be obtained by writing or telephoning us at the following address and telephone number:

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MONMOUTH REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

Monmouth Real Estate Investment Corporation is a Maryland corporation operating as a qualified REIT under Sections 856 through 860 of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code"). Currently, we seek to invest in well-located, modern buildings leased to investment grade tenants on long-term leases and derive our income primarily from the rental of these facilities. At June 30, 2009, we owned approximately 6,070,000 square feet of property, of which approximately 2,810,000 square feet, or 46%, was leased to Federal Express Corporation and its subsidiaries and approximately 279,000 square feet, or 5%, was leased to Keebler Company, a subsidiary of the Kellogg Company. During fiscal 2008, 2007 and 2006 rental and reimbursement revenue from properties leased to these two companies approximated 61%, 55% and 55%, respectively, of our total rental and reimbursement revenue.

At June 30, 2009, we owned fifty-seven industrial properties and one shopping center. These properties are located in Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and Wisconsin. All properties are managed by a management company. All properties are leased on a net basis except the property located in Monaca, Pennsylvania and the shopping center in Somerset, New Jersey.

We anticipate acquiring additional properties in the second half of 2009. The funds for these acquisitions are expected to come from our available line of credit, mortgages, other bank borrowings, proceeds from the Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan ("DRIP") and private or public placements of additional common or preferred stock. To the extent that funds or appropriate properties are

not available, few or no acquisitions may be made. Because of the contingent nature of contracts to purchase real property, we will announce acquisitions only upon closing.

We compete with other investors in real estate for attractive investment opportunities. These investors include other "equity" real estate investment trusts, limited partnerships, syndications and private investors, among others. Competition in the market areas in which we operate is significant and affects our ability to acquire or expand properties, occupancy levels, rental rates and operating expenses of certain

properties. Management has built relationships with merchant builders that have historically provided us with investment opportunities that fit our investment policy.

We have a flexible investment policy concentrating our investments in the area of long-term net-leased industrial properties to investment grade tenants. Our strategy is to obtain a favorable yield spread between the yield from the net-leased industrial properties and interest costs. We anticipate that we will continue to purchase net-leased, well-located industrial properties, because our management believes these investments offer a potential for long-term capital appreciation. There is the risk that, on expiration of current leases, the properties can become vacant or released at lower rents. The results we obtain by re-leasing the properties will depend on the market for industrial properties at that time.

We also continue to invest in both debt and equity securities of other REITs. We from time to time may purchase these securities on margin when the interest and dividend yields exceed the cost of the funds. This securities portfolio, to the extent not pledged to secure borrowing, provides us with liquidity and additional income. Such securities are subject to risk arising from adverse changes in market rates and prices, primarily interest rate risk relating to debt securities and equity price risk relating to equity securities. From time to time, we may use derivative instruments to mitigate interest rate risk.

Prior to July 31, 2007, we operated as part of a group of three public companies (all REITs) which included UMH Properties, Inc. ("UMH") and Monmouth Capital Corporation ("Monmouth Capital" and together with UMH, the "affiliated companies"). Monmouth Capital was merged into us on July 31, 2007. We continue to operate in conjunction with UMH. UMH has focused its investing in manufactured home communities. General and administrative expenses are allocated between the two remaining affiliated companies based on use or services provided. We currently have nine employees. Allocations of salaries and benefits are made between the affiliated companies based on the amount of the employees' time dedicated to each affiliated company.

Our executive offices are located at Juniper Business Plaza, Suite 3-C, 3499 Route 9 North, Freehold, New Jersey 07728, and our telephone number is (732) 577-9996. Our website is located at www.mreic.com. Information contained on our website is not a part of this prospectus.

RISK FACTORS

Set forth below are the risks that we believe are important to investors in our securities. Before you decide to purchase our securities, you should consider carefully the risks described below, together with the information provided in the other parts of this prospectus and any related prospectus supplement.

Real Estate Industry Risks

We face risks associated with local real estate conditions in areas where we own properties. We may be affected adversely by general economic conditions and local real estate conditions. For example, an oversupply of industrial

properties in a local area or a decline in the attractiveness of our properties to tenants and potential tenants would have a negative effect on us.

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Other factors that may affect general economic conditions or local real estate conditions include:

- population and demographic trends;
- zoning, use and other regulatory restrictions;
 - income tax laws;
- changes in interest rates and availability and costs of financing;
 - competition from other available real estate;
- our ability to provide adequate maintenance and insurance; and
- increased operating costs, including insurance premiums, utilities and real estate taxes, which may not be offset by increased rents.

We may be unable to compete with our larger competitors and other alternatives available to tenants or potential tenants of our properties. The real estate business is highly competitive. We compete for properties with other real estate investors and purchasers, including other real estate investment trusts, limited partnerships, syndications and private investors, many of whom have greater financial resources, revenues and geographical diversity than we have. Furthermore, we compete for tenants with other property owners. All of our industrial properties are subject to significant local competition. We also compete with a wide variety of institutions and other investors for capital funds necessary to support our investment activities and asset growth. To the extent that we are unable to effectively compete in the marketplace, our business may be adversely affected.

We are subject to significant regulation that inhibits our activities and may increase our costs. Local zoning and use laws, environmental statutes and other governmental requirements may restrict expansion, rehabilitation and reconstruction activities. These regulations may prevent us from taking advantage of economic opportunities. Legislation such as the Americans with Disabilities Act may require us to modify our properties at a substantial cost and noncompliance could result in the imposition of fines or an award of damages to private litigants. Future legislation may impose additional requirements. We cannot predict what requirements may be enacted or amended or what costs we will incur to comply with such requirements.

Our investments are concentrated in the industrial distribution sector and our business would be adversely affected by an economic downturn in that sector. Our investments in real estate assets are primarily concentrated in the industrial distribution sector. This concentration may expose us to the risk of economic downturns in this sector to a greater extent than if our business activities included a more significant portion of other sectors of the real estate industry.

Risks Associated with Our Properties

We may be unable to renew leases or relet space as leases expire. While we seek to invest in well-located, modern buildings leased to investment grade tenants on long term leases, a number of our properties are subject to short term leases. When a lease expires, a tenant may elect not to renew it. We may not be able to relet the property on similar terms, if we are able to relet the property at all. The terms of renewal or re-lease (including the cost of required renovations and/or concessions to tenants) may be less favorable to us than the prior lease. If we are unable to relet all or a substantial portion of our properties, or if the rental rates upon such reletting are significantly lower than expected rates, our cash

generated before debt repayments and capital expenditures and our ability to make expected distributions, may be adversely affected. We have established an annual budget for renovation and reletting expenses that we believe is reasonable in light of each property's operating history and local market characteristics. This budget, however, may not be sufficient to cover these expenses.

Our business is substantially dependent on Federal Express Corporation. Federal Express Corporation is our largest tenant. As of June 30, 2009, Federal Express Corporation leased approximately 46% of the total square footage that we own. Annualized rental income and occupancy charges from Federal Express Corporation and its subsidiaries are estimated at approximately 57% of total rental and reimbursement revenue for fiscal 2009. If Federal Express Corporation terminated its leases with us or was unable to make lease payments because of a downturn in its business or otherwise, our financial condition and ability to make expected distributions will be materially and adversely affected.

We have been and may continue to be affected negatively by tenant financial difficulties and leasing delays. At any time, a tenant may experience a downturn in its business that may weaken its financial condition. Similarly, a general decline in the economy may result in a decline in the demand for space at our industrial properties. As a result, our tenants may delay lease commencement, fail to make rental payments when due, or declare bankruptcy. Any such event could result in the termination of that tenant's lease and losses to us, resulting in a decrease of distributions to investors. We receive a substantial portion of our income as rents under long-term leases. If tenants are unable to comply with the terms of their leases because of rising costs or falling revenues, we, in our sole discretion, may deem it advisable to modify lease terms to allow tenants to pay a lower rental rate or a smaller share of operating costs, taxes and insurance. If a tenant becomes insolvent or bankrupt, we cannot be sure that we could recover the premises from the tenant promptly or from a trustee or debtor-in-possession in any bankruptcy proceeding relating to the tenant. We also cannot be sure that we would receive rent in the proceeding sufficient to cover our expenses with respect to the premises. If a tenant becomes bankrupt, the federal bankruptcy code will apply and, in some instances, may restrict the amount and recoverability of our claims against the tenant. A tenant's default on its obligations to us for any reason could adversely affect our financial condition and the cash we have available for distribution.

We may be unable to sell properties when appropriate because real estate investments are illiquid. Real estate investments generally cannot be sold quickly and, therefore, will tend to limit our ability to vary our property portfolio promptly in response to changes in economic or other conditions. In addition, the Code limits our ability to sell our properties. The inability to respond promptly to changes in the performance of our property portfolio could adversely affect our financial condition and ability to service debt and make distributions to our stockholders.

Environmental liabilities could affect our profitability. We face possible environmental liabilities. Environmental laws today can impose liability on a previous owner or operator of a property that owned or operated the property at a time when hazardous or toxic substances were disposed on, or released from, the property. A conveyance of the property, therefore, does not relieve the owner or operator from liability. As a current or former owner and operator of real estate, we may be required by law to investigate and clean up hazardous substances released at or from the properties we currently own or operate or have in the past owned or operated. We may also be liable to the government or to third parties for property damage, investigation costs and cleanup costs. In addition, some environmental laws create a lien on the contaminated site in favor of the government for damages and costs the government incurs in connection with the contamination. Contamination may adversely affect our ability to sell or lease real estate or to borrow using the real estate as collateral. We are not aware of any environmental liabilities relating to our investment properties which would have a material adverse effect on our business, assets, or results of operations. However, we cannot assure you that environmental liabilities

will not arise in the future and that such liabilities will not have a material adverse effect on our business, assets or results of operation.

Actions by our competitors may decrease or prevent increases in the occupancy and rental rates of our properties. We compete with other owners and operators of real estate, some of which own properties similar to ours in the same submarkets in which our properties are located. If our competitors offer space at rental rates below current market rates or below the rental rates we currently charge our tenants, we may lose potential tenants, and we may be pressured to reduce our rental rates below those we currently charge in order to retain tenants when our tenants' leases expire. As a result, our financial condition, cash flow, cash available for distribution, market price of our preferred and common stock and ability to satisfy our debt service obligations could be materially adversely affected.

Coverage under our existing insurance policies may be inadequate to cover losses. We generally maintain insurance policies related to our business, including casualty, general liability and other policies, covering our business operations, employees and assets. However, we would be required to bear all losses that are not adequately covered by insurance. In addition, there are certain losses that are not generally insured because it is not economically feasible to insure against them, including losses due to riots or acts of war. If an uninsured loss or a loss in excess of insured limits occurs with respect to one or more of our properties, then we could lose the capital we invested in the properties, as well as the anticipated future revenue from the properties and, in the case of debt, which is with recourse to us, we would remain obligated for any mortgage debt or other financial obligations related to the properties. Although we believe that our insurance programs are adequate, we cannot assure you that we will not incur losses in excess of our insurance coverage, or that we will be able to obtain insurance in the future at acceptable levels and reasonable costs.

We face risks associated with property acquisitions. We acquire individual properties and portfolios of properties, and intend to continue to do so. Our acquisition activities and their success are subject to the following risks:

- when we are able to locate a desired property, competition from other real estate investors may significantly increase the purchase price;
 - acquired properties may fail to perform as expected;
 - the actual costs of repositioning or redeveloping acquired properties may be higher than our estimates;
- acquired properties may be located in new markets where we face risks associated with an incomplete knowledge or understanding of the local market, a limited number of established business relationships in the area and a relative unfamiliarity with local governmental and permitting procedures;
- we may be unable to quickly and efficiently integrate new acquisitions, particularly acquisition of portfolios of properties, into our existing operations, and as a result, our results of operations and financial condition could be adversely affected; and
- we may acquire properties subject to liabilities and without any recourse, or with only limited recourse. As a result, if a claim were asserted against us based upon ownership of those properties, we might have to pay substantial sums to resolve it, which could adversely affect our cash flow.

Financing Risks

We face risks generally associated with our debt. We finance a portion of our investments in properties and marketable securities through debt. We are subject to the risks normally associated with debt financing, including the risk that our cash flow will be insufficient to meet required payments of principal and interest. In addition, debt creates risks, including:

- rising interest rates on our floating rate debt;
- failure to repay or refinance existing debt as it matures, which may result in forced disposition of assets on disadvantageous terms;
 - refinancing terms less favorable than the terms of existing debt; and
 - failure to meet required payments of principal and/or interest.

We mortgage our properties, which subjects us to the risk of foreclosure in the event of non-payment. We mortgage many of our properties to secure payment of indebtedness and if we are unable to meet mortgage payments, then the property could be foreclosed upon or transferred to the mortgagee with a consequent loss of income and asset value. A foreclosure of one or more of our properties could adversely affect our financial condition, results of operations, cash flow, ability to service debt and make distributions and the market price of our preferred and common stock.

We face risks related to "balloon payments." Certain of our mortgages will have significant outstanding principal balances on their maturity dates, commonly known as "balloon payments." There can be no assurance that we will be able to refinance the debt on favorable terms or at all. To the extent we cannot refinance debt on favorable terms or at all, we may be forced to dispose of properties on disadvantageous terms or pay higher interest rates, either of which would have an adverse impact on our financial performance and ability to service debt and make distributions.

We face risks associated with our dependence on external sources of capital. In order to qualify as a REIT, we are required each year to distribute to our stockholders at least 90% of our REIT taxable income, and we are subject to tax on our income to the extent it is not distributed. Because of this distribution requirement, we may not be able to fund all future capital needs from cash retained from operations. As a result, to fund capital needs, we rely on third-party sources of capital, which we may not be able to obtain on favorable terms, if at all. Our access to third-party sources of capital depends upon a number of factors, including (i) general market conditions; (ii) the market's perception of our growth potential; (iii) our current and potential future earnings and cash distributions; and (iv) the market price of our capital stock. Additional debt financing may substantially increase our debt-to-total capitalization ratio. Additional equity issuance may dilute the holdings of our current stockholders.

We may become more highly leveraged. Our governing documents do not limit the amount of indebtedness we may incur. Accordingly, our board of directors may vote to incur additional debt and would do so, for example, if it were necessary to maintain our status as a REIT. We might become more highly leveraged as a result, and our financial condition and cash available for service of debt and distributions might be negatively affected and the risk of default on our indebtedness could increase.

Covenants in our credit agreements could limit our flexibility and adversely affect our financial condition. The terms of our various credit agreements and other indebtedness require us to comply with a number of customary financial and other covenants, such as maintaining debt service coverage and leverage ratios and maintaining insurance coverage. These covenants may limit our

flexibility in our operations, and breaches of these covenants could result in defaults under the instruments governing the applicable indebtedness even if we had satisfied our payment obligations. If we were to default under credit agreements, our financial condition would be adversely affected.

Other Risks

Current economic conditions, including recent volatility in the capital and credit markets, could harm our business, results of operations and financial condition. The United States has experienced an economic recession with the capital and credit markets experiencing extreme volatility and disruption. The current economic environment has been affected by dramatic declines in the stock and housing markets, increases in foreclosures, unemployment and living costs as well as limited access to credit. This deteriorating economic situation has impacted and is expected to continue to impact consumer spending levels. A sustained economic downward trend could impact our tenants' ability to meet their lease obligations due to poor operating results, lack of liquidity, bankruptcy or other reasons. Our ability to lease space and negotiate rents at advantageous rates could also be affected in this type of economic environment. Additionally, if current levels of market volatility continue to worsen, access to capital and credit markets could be disrupted over a more extended period, which may make it difficult to obtain the financing we may need for future growth and/or to meet our debt service obligations as they mature. Any of these events could harm our business, results of operations and financial condition.

We may not be able to access adequate cash to fund our business. Our business requires access to adequate cash to finance our operations, distributions, capital expenditures, debt service obligations, development and redevelopment costs and property acquisition costs, if any. We expect to generate the cash to be used for these purposes primarily with operating cash flow, borrowings under secured term loans, proceeds from sales of strategically identified assets and, when market conditions permit, through the issuance of debt and equity securities from time to time. We may not be able to generate sufficient cash to fund our business, particularly if we are unable to renew leases, lease vacant space or re-lease space as leases expire according to expectations.

Moreover, difficult conditions in the financial markets, and the economy generally, have caused many lenders to suffer substantial losses, thereby causing many financial institutions to seek additional capital, to merge with other institutions and, in some cases, to fail. As a result, the real estate debt markets are experiencing a period of uncertainty, which may reduce our access to funding alternatives, or our ability to refinance debt on favorable terms, or at all. In addition, market conditions, such as the current global economic environment, may also hinder our ability to sell strategically identified assets and access the debt and equity capital markets. If these conditions persist, we may need to find alternative ways to access cash to fund our business, including distributions to stockholders. Such alternatives may include, without limitation, curtailing development or redevelopment activity, disposing of one or more of our properties possibly on disadvantageous terms or entering into or renewing leases on less favorable terms than we otherwise would, all of which could adversely affect our profitability. If we are unable to generate, borrow or raise adequate cash to fund our business through traditional or alternative means, our business, operations, financial condition and distributions to stockholders will be adversely affected.

We are dependent on key personnel. Our executive and other senior officers have a significant role in our success. Our ability to retain our management group or to attract suitable replacements should any members of the management group leave is dependent on the competitive nature of the employment market. The loss of services from key members of the management group or a limitation in their availability could adversely affect our financial condition and cash flow. Further, such a loss could be negatively perceived in the capital markets.

We may amend our business policies without your approval. Our board of directors determines our growth, investment, financing, capitalization, borrowing, REIT status, operations and distributions policies. Although our board of directors has no present intention to amend or reverse any of these policies, they may be amended or revised without notice to stockholders. Accordingly, stockholders may not have control over changes in our policies. We cannot assure you that changes in our policies will serve fully the interests of all stockholders.

The market value of our preferred and common stock could decrease based on our performance and market perception and conditions. The market value of our preferred and common stock may be based primarily upon the market's perception of our growth potential and current and future cash dividends, and may be secondarily based upon the real estate market value of our underlying assets. The market price of our preferred and common stock is influenced by their respective distributions relative to market interest rates. Rising interest rates may lead potential buyers of our stock to expect a higher distribution rate, which would adversely affect the market price of our stock. In addition, rising interest rates would result in increased expense, thereby adversely affecting cash flow and our ability to service our indebtedness and pay distributions.

There are restrictions on the transfer of our capital stock. To maintain our qualification as a REIT under the Code, no more than 50% in value of our outstanding capital stock may be owned, actually or by attribution, by five or fewer individuals, as defined in the Code to also include certain entities, during the last half of a taxable year. Accordingly, our charter and bylaws contain provisions restricting the transfer of our capital stock. See "Description of Capital Stock - Restrictions on Ownership and Transfer."

Our earnings are dependent, in part, upon the performance of our investment portfolio. As permitted by the Code, we invest in and own securities of other real estate investment trusts. To the extent that the value of those investments declines or those investments do not provide a return, our earnings and cash flow could be adversely affected.

We are subject to restrictions that may impede our ability to effect a change in control. Certain provisions contained in our charter and bylaws and certain provisions of Maryland law may have the effect of discouraging a third party from making an acquisition proposal for us and thereby inhibit a change in control. These provisions include the following:

- •Our charter provides for three classes of directors with the term of office of one class expiring each year, commonly referred to as a "staggered board." By preventing common stockholders from voting on the election of more than one class of directors at any annual meeting of stockholders, this provision may have the effect of keeping the current members of our board of directors in control for a longer period of time than stockholders may desire.
- Our charter generally limits any holder from acquiring more than 9.8% (in value or in number, whichever is more restrictive) of our outstanding equity stock (defined as all of our classes of capital stock, except our excess stock). While this provision is intended to assure our ability to remain a qualified REIT for Federal income tax purposes, the ownership limit may also limit the opportunity for stockholders to receive a premium for their shares of common stock that might otherwise exist if an investor was attempting to assemble a block of shares in excess of 9.8% of the outstanding shares of equity stock or otherwise effect a change in control.
- The request of the holders of a majority or more of our common stock is necessary for stockholders to call a special meeting. We also require advance notice by common stockholders for the nomination of directors or proposals of business to be considered at a meeting of stockholders.

Our Board of Directors may authorize and issue securities without stockholder approval. Under our Charter, the board has the power to classify and reclassify any of our unissued shares of capital stock into shares of capital stock with such preferences, rights, powers and restrictions as the board of directors may determine. The authorization and issuance of a new class of capital stock could have the effect of delaying or preventing someone from taking control of us, even if a change in control were in our stockholders' best interests.

Maryland business statutes may limit the ability of a third party to acquire control of us. Maryland law provides protection for Maryland corporations against unsolicited takeovers by limiting, among other things, the duties of the directors in unsolicited takeover situations. The duties of directors of Maryland corporations do not require them to (a) accept, recommend or respond to any proposal by a person seeking to acquire control of the corporation, (b) authorize the corporation to redeem any rights under, or modify or render inapplicable, any stockholders rights plan, (c) make a determination under the Maryland Business Combination Act or the Maryland Control Share Acquisition Act, or (d) act or fail to act solely because of the effect of the act or failure to act may have on an acquisition or potential acquisition of control of the corporation or the amount or type of consideration that may be offered or paid to the stockholders in an acquisition. Moreover, under Maryland law the act of a director of a Maryland corporation relating to or affecting an acquisition or potential acquisition of control is not subject to any higher duty or greater scrutiny than is applied to any other act of a director. Maryland law also contains a statutory presumption that an act of a director of a Maryland corporation satisfies the applicable standards of conduct for directors under Maryland law.

The Maryland Business Combination Act provides that unless exempted, a Maryland corporation may not engage in business combinations, including mergers, dispositions of 10 percent or more of its assets, certain issuances of shares of stock and other specified transactions, with an "interested stockholder" or an affiliate of an interested stockholder for five years after the most recent date on which the interested stockholder became an interested stockholder, and thereafter unless specified criteria are met. An interested stockholder is generally a person owning or controlling, directly or indirectly, 10 percent or more of the voting power of the outstanding stock of the Maryland corporation. In our charter, we have expressly elected that the Maryland Business Combination Act not govern or apply to any transaction with UMH, a Maryland corporation.

We cannot assure you that we will be able to pay dividends regularly. Our ability to pay dividends in the future is dependent on our ability to operate profitably and to generate cash from our operations and the operations of our subsidiaries. We cannot guarantee that we will be able to pay dividends on a regular quarterly basis in the future.

If our leases are not respected as true leases for federal income tax purposes, we would fail to qualify as a REIT. To qualify as a REIT, we must, among other things, satisfy two gross income tests, under which specified percentages of our gross income must be passive income, such as rent. For the rent paid pursuant to our leases, to qualify for purposes of the gross income tests, the leases must be respected as true leases for federal income tax purposes and not be treated as service contracts, joint ventures or some other type of arrangement. We believe that our leases will be respected as true leases for federal income tax purposes. However, there can be no assurance that the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") will agree with this view. If the leases are not respected as true leases for federal income tax purposes, we would not be able to satisfy either of the two gross income tests applicable to REITs, and we would most likely lose our REIT status.

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Failure to make required distributions would subject us to additional tax. In order to qualify as a REIT, we must, among other requirements, distribute, each year, to our stockholders at least 90 percent of our taxable income, excluding net capital gains. To the extent that we satisfy the 90 percent distribution requirement, but distribute less than 100 percent of our taxable income, we will be subject to federal corporate income tax on our undistributed income. In addition, we will incur a 4 percent nondeductible excise tax on the amount, if any, by which our distributions (or deemed distributions) in any year are less than the sum of:

- 85 percent of our ordinary income for that year;
- 95 percent of our capital gain net earnings for that year; and
- 100 percent of our undistributed taxable income from prior years.

To the extent we pay out in excess of 100 percent of our taxable income for any tax year, we may be able to carry forward such excess to subsequent years to reduce our required distributions in such years. We intend to pay out our income to our stockholders in a manner intended to satisfy the distribution requirement. Differences in timing between the recognition of income and the related cash receipts or the effect of required debt amortization payments could require us to borrow money or sell assets to pay out enough of our taxable income to satisfy the distribution requirement and to avoid corporate income tax.

We may not have sufficient cash available from operations to pay distributions, and, therefore, distributions may be made from borrowings. The actual amount and timing of distributions will be determined by our board of directors in its discretion and typically will depend on the amount of cash available for distribution, which will depend on items such as current and projected cash requirements and tax considerations. As a result, we may not have sufficient cash available from operations to pay distributions as required to maintain our status as a REIT. Therefore, we may need to borrow funds to make sufficient cash distributions in order to maintain our status as a REIT, which may cause us to incur additional interest expense as a result of an increase in borrowed funds for the purpose of paying distributions.

We may be required to pay a penalty tax upon the sale of a property. The federal income tax provisions applicable to REITs provide that any gain realized by a REIT on the sale of property held as inventory or other property held primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of business is treated as income from a "prohibited transaction" that is subject to a 100 percent penalty tax. Under current law, unless a sale of real property qualifies for a safe harbor, the question of whether the sale of real estate or other property constitutes the sale of property held primarily for sale to customers is generally a question of the facts and circumstances regarding a particular transaction. We intend that we and our subsidiaries will hold the interests in the real estate for investment with a view to long-term appreciation, engage in the business of acquiring and owning real estate, and make occasional sales as are consistent with our investment objectives. We do not intend to engage in prohibited transactions. We cannot assure you, however, that we will only make sales that satisfy the requirements of the safe harbors or that the IRS will not successfully assert that one or more of such sales are prohibited transactions.

We may fail to qualify as a REIT. If we fail to qualify as a REIT, we will not be allowed to deduct distributions to stockholders in computing our taxable income and will be subject to Federal income tax, including any applicable alternative minimum tax, at regular corporate rates. In addition, we might be barred from qualification as a REIT for the four years following disqualification. The additional tax incurred at regular corporate rates would reduce significantly the cash flow available for distribution to stockholders and for debt service.

Furthermore, we would no longer be required to make any distributions to our stockholders as a condition to REIT qualification. Any distributions to stockholders would be taxable as ordinary income to the extent of our current and accumulated earnings and profits, although such dividend distributions would be subject to a top federal tax rate of 15% through 2010. Corporate distributees, however, may be eligible for the dividends received deduction on the distributions, subject to limitations under the Code.

To qualify as a REIT, we must comply with certain highly technical and complex requirements. We cannot be certain we have complied, and will always be able to comply, with the requirements to qualify as a REIT because there are few judicial and administrative interpretations of these provisions. In addition, facts and circumstances that may be beyond our control may affect our ability to continue to qualify as a REIT. We cannot assure you that new legislation, regulations, administrative interpretations or court decisions will not change the tax laws significantly with respect to our qualification as a REIT or with respect to the Federal income tax consequences of qualification. We believe that we have qualified as a REIT since our inception and intend to continue to qualify as a REIT. However, we cannot assure you that we are qualified or will remain qualified.

There is a risk of changes in the tax law applicable to real estate investment trusts. Because the Internal Revenue Service, the United States Treasury Department and Congress frequently review federal income tax legislation, we cannot predict whether, when or to what extent new federal tax laws, regulations, interpretations or rulings will be adopted. Any of such legislative action may prospectively or retroactively modify our tax treatment and, therefore, may adversely affect taxation of us and/or our investors.

We may be unable to comply with the strict income distribution requirements applicable to REITs. To maintain qualification as a REIT under the Code, a REIT must annually distribute to its stockholders at least 90% of its REIT taxable income, excluding the dividends paid deduction and net capital gains. This requirement limits our ability to accumulate capital. We may not have sufficient cash or other liquid assets to meet the distribution requirements. Difficulties in meeting the distribution requirements might arise due to competing demands for our funds or to timing differences between tax reporting and cash receipts and disbursements, because income may have to be reported before cash is received, because expenses may have to be paid before a deduction is allowed, because deductions may be disallowed or limited or because the Internal Revenue Service may make a determination that adjusts reported income. In those situations, we might be required to borrow funds or sell properties on adverse terms in order to meet the distribution requirements and interest and penalties could apply which could adversely affect our financial condition. If we fail to make a required distribution, we would cease to be taxed as a REIT.

Notwithstanding our status as a REIT, we are subject to various federal, state and local taxes on our income and property. For example, we will be taxed at regular corporate rates on any undistributed taxable income, including undistributed net capital gains, provided; however, that properly designated undistributed capital gains will effectively avoid taxation at the stockholder level. We may be subject to other Federal income taxes as more fully described in "Material United States Federal Income Tax Consequences-Taxation of Us as a REIT." We may also have to pay some state income or franchise taxes because not all states treat REITs in the same manner as they are treated for Federal income tax purposes.

DISCLOSURE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

From time to time, we may make forward-looking statements (within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21F of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")) in documents filed under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act, press releases or other public

statements with respect to our financial condition, results of operations and business. Words such as "anticipates," "expects," "intends," "plans," "believes," "seeks," "estimates," "could," "may," and similar expressions, and the negatives of s words and expressions as they relate to us or our management are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance. Potential investors should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements as they involve numerous risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from the results stated or implied in the forward-looking statements. If we make forward-looking statements, we assume no obligation to update forward-looking statements. In evaluating the securities offered by this prospectus, you should carefully consider the discussion of risks and uncertainties in the section entitled "Risk Factors" beginning on page 2 of this prospectus and those in the documents we incorporate by reference that could cause actual results to differ materially from the results contemplated by the forward-looking statements.

USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless otherwise described in the applicable prospectus supplement, we intend to use the net proceeds of any sale of securities for working capital and general corporate purposes, including, without limitation, the development and acquisition of additional properties in the ordinary course of our business.

RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES AND COMBINED FIXED CHARGES AND PREFERRED STOCK DIVIDENDS

The following table sets forth our consolidated ratio of earnings to fixed charges and combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends for the nine months ended June 30, 2009, and for each of the last five fiscal years.

	Nine Months Ended June 30,		Year Ended September 30,			
	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges	0.97	1.28	1.62	1.60	1.94	1.87
Ratio of Earnings to Combined Fixed Charges and Preferred	0.92	1.00	1.24	1.60	1.04	1 07
Stock Dividends	0.83	1.08	1.34	1.60	1.94	1.87

For the purpose of computing these ratios, earnings have been calculated by adding pre-tax income from continuing operations before adjustment for income or loss from equity investees; fixed charges; amortization of capitalized interest; distributed income of equity investees; and the Company's share of pre-tax losses of equity investees for which charges arising from guarantees are included in fixed charges; and subtracting from the total of those items capitalized interest; preference security dividend requirements of consolidated subsidiaries; and the noncontrolling interest in pre-tax income of subsidiaries that have not incurred fixed charges. Fixed charges consist of the sum of interest costs, whether expensed or capitalized, the estimated interest component of rental expenses, amortized premiums, discounts and capitalized expenses related to indebtedness, and preference security dividend requirements of consolidated subsidiaries. Preferred stock dividends are the amount of pre-tax earnings that are required to pay the dividends on outstanding preferred securities.

For the nine months ended June 30, 2009, the dollar amount of the deficiency is \$290,487 for the ratio of earnings to fixed charges and is \$2,181,398 for the ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends.

DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

The following description is only a summary of certain terms and provisions of our capital stock. You should refer to our charter and bylaws for a complete description.

General. Our authorized capital stock consists of 41,322,500 shares, classified as 35,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, and 5,000,000 shares of excess stock, par value \$0.01 per share, and 1,322,500 shares of 7.625% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, \$25 liquidation value per share, ("Series A Preferred Stock"). The excess stock is designed to protect our status as a REIT under the Code. See "—Restrictions on Ownership and Transfer."

As of August 3, 2009, 25,332,551 and 25,327,551 shares of common stock were issued and outstanding, respectively and no shares of excess stock were issued and outstanding. Our outstanding shares of common stock are currently listed on the Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol "MNRTA." As of August 3, 2009, 1,322,500 shares of our Series A Preferred Stock were issued and outstanding. Our outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock are currently listed on the Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol "MNRTP." We intend to apply to the Nasdaq Global Select Market to list any additional shares of preferred or common stock offered pursuant to any prospectus supplement, and we anticipate that such shares will be so listed.

Under Maryland General Corporation Law ("MGCL") and our charter, a majority of our entire board of directors has the power, without action by the stockholders, to increase or decrease the aggregate number of shares of stock or the number of shares of stock of any class or series that we have the authority to issue. Our board of directors is also authorized under the MGCL and our charter to classify and reclassify any unissued shares of our common stock and preferred stock into other classes or series of stock. Before issuance of shares of each class or series, our board of directors is required by the MGCL and our charter to set, subject to restrictions in our charter on transfer of our stock, the terms, preferences, conversion or other rights, voting powers, restrictions, limitations as to dividends or other distributions, qualifications and terms and conditions of redemption for each class or series. Thus, our board of directors could authorize the issuance of shares of stock with terms and conditions that could have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a transaction or a change in control that might involve a premium price for holders of our common stock or otherwise be in their best interest.

Our management believes that the power to issue additional shares of stock and to classify or reclassify unissued shares of stock and thereafter to issue the classified or reclassified shares provides us with increased flexibility in structuring possible future financings and acquisitions and in meeting other needs which might arise. These actions can be taken without stockholders approval, unless stockholders approval is required by applicable law or the rules of any stock exchange or automated quotation system on which shares of our stock may be listed or traded. Although we have no present intention of doing so, we could issue a class or series of stock that could delay, defer or prevent a transaction or a change in control that might involve a premium price for holders of our common stock or otherwise be in their best interest.

Restrictions on Ownership and Transfer. To qualify as a REIT under the Code, we must satisfy a number of statutory requirements, including a requirement that no more than 50% in value of our outstanding shares of stock may be owned, actually or constructively, by five or fewer individuals (as

defined by the Code to include certain entities) during the last half of a taxable year. In addition, if we, or an actual or constructive owner of 10% or more of us, actually or constructively owns 10% or more of a tenant of ours (or a tenant of any partnership in which we are a partner), the rent we receive (either directly or through any such partnership) from such tenant will not be qualifying income for purposes of the REIT gross income tests of the Code. Our capital stock must also be beneficially owned by 100 or more persons during at least 335 days of a taxable year of twelve months or during a proportionate part of a shorter taxable year.

Our charter prohibits any transfer of shares of our stock or any other change in our capital structure that would result in:

- any person directly or indirectly acquiring beneficial ownership of more than 9.8% of the outstanding shares of our stock (other than shares of excess stock);
- outstanding shares of our stock (other than shares of excess stock) being constructively or beneficially owned by fewer than 100 persons;
 - us being "closely held" within the meaning of Section 856 of the Code; or
 - us otherwise failing to qualify as a REIT under the Code.

Our charter requires that any person who acquires or attempts to acquire shares of our stock (other than shares of excess stock), in violation of these restrictions, which we refer to as the ownership limits, give at least 15 days' prior written notice to us. If any person attempts to transfer shares of our stock, or attempts to cause any other event to occur, that would result in a violation of the ownership limits, then:

- any proposed transfer will be void ab initio, the purported transferee of such shares will acquire no interest in the shares and the shares that were subject to the attempted transfer or other event will, effective as of the close of business on the business day before the date of the attempted transfer or other event, automatically, without action by us or any other person, be converted into and exchanged for an equal number of shares of excess stock;
- we may redeem any shares of excess stock and, before the attempted transfer or other event that results in a conversion into and exchange for shares of excess stock, any shares of our stock of any other class or series that are attempted to be owned or transferred in violation of the ownership limits, at a price equal to the lesser of the price per share paid in the attempted transfer or other event that violated the ownership limits and the last reported sales price of shares of such class of our stock on the NASDAQ Global Select Market on the day we give notice of redemption or, if shares of such class of our stock are not then traded on the
- NASDAQ Global Select Market the market price of such shares determined in accordance with our charter; and
- our board of directors may take any action it deems advisable to refuse to give effect to, or to prevent, any such attempted transfer or other event.

Shares of excess stock will be held in book entry form in the name of a trustee appointed by us to hold the excess shares for the benefit of one or more charitable beneficiaries appointed by us and a beneficiary designated by the purported transferee, which we refer to as the designated beneficiary, whose ownership of the shares of our stock that were converted into and exchanged for excess stock does not

violate the ownership limits. The purported transferee may not receive consideration in exchange for designating the designated beneficiary in an amount that exceeds the price per share that the purported transferee paid for the shares of our stock converted into and exchanged for shares of excess stock or, if the purported transferee did not give value for such shares, the market price of the shares on the date of the purported transfer or other event resulting in the conversion and exchange. Any excess amounts received by the purported transferee as consideration for designating the designated beneficiary must be paid to the trustee for the benefit of the charitable beneficiary. Upon the written designation of a designated beneficiary and the waiver by us of our right to redeem the shares of excess stock, the trustee will transfer the shares of excess stock to the designated beneficiary and, upon such transfer, the shares of excess stock will automatically be converted into and exchanged for the number and class of shares of our stock as were converted into and exchanged for such shares of excess stock. Shares of excess stock are not otherwise transferable. If the purported transferee attempts to transfer shares of our stock before discovering that the shares have been converted into and exchanged for shares of excess stock, the shares will be deemed to have been sold on behalf of the trust and any amount received by the purported transferee in excess of what the purported transferee would have been entitled to receive as consideration for designating a designated beneficiary will be paid to the trustee on demand.

Holders of shares of excess stock are not entitled to vote on any matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of our stockholders. Upon the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the company, the trustee must distribute to the designated beneficiary any amounts received as a distribution on the shares of excess stock that do not exceed the price per share paid by the purported transferee in the transaction that created the violation or, if the purported transferee did not give value for such shares, the market price of the shares of our stock that were converted into and exchanged for shares of excess stock, on the date of the purported transfer or other event that resulted in such conversion and exchange. Any amount received upon the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the company not payable to the designated beneficiary, and any other dividends or distributions paid on shares of excess stock, will be distributed by the trustee to the charitable beneficiary.

Every holder of more than 5% of the number or value of outstanding shares of our stock must give written notice to us stating the name and address of such owner, the number of shares of stock beneficially or constructively owned and a description of the manner in which the shares are owned. Our board of directors may, in its sole and absolute discretion, exempt certain persons from the ownership limitations contained in our charter if ownership of shares of capital stock by such persons would not disqualify us as a REIT under the Code.

Description of Common Stock

Relationship of Common Stock and Preferred Stock. The rights of holders of common stock will be subject to, and may be adversely affected by, the rights of holders of outstanding preferred stock and preferred stock that may be issued in the future. Our board of directors may cause preferred stock to be issued to obtain additional capital, in connection with acquisitions, to our officers, directors and employees pursuant to benefit plans or otherwise and for other corporate purposes. Both our preferred stock and our common stock are subject to certain ownership restrictions designed to help us maintain our qualification as a REIT under the Code, which are described under "Description of Capital Stock - Restrictions on Ownership and Transfer."

Preferences, Sinking Fund Provisions and Preemptive Rights. The shares of common stock will, when issued, be fully-paid and non-assessable and will have no preferences, conversion, sinking fund, redemption rights (except with respect to shares of excess stock, described above) or preemptive rights to subscribe for any of our securities.

Voting Rights. Subject to the provisions of our charter regarding restrictions on transfer and ownership of shares of common stock, our common stockholders will have one vote per share on all matters submitted to a vote of the common stockholders, including the election of directors. Except as provided with respect to any other class or series of capital stock, the holders of common stock will possess the exclusive voting power.

There is no cumulative voting in the election of directors, which means that the holders of a plurality of the outstanding shares of common stock can elect all of the directors then standing for election and the holders of the remaining shares of common stock, if any, will not be able to elect any directors, except as otherwise provided for in any other class or series of our capital stock, including any preferred stock.

Distributions. Subject to any preferential rights granted to any class or series of our capital stock, including any preferred stock, and to the provisions of our charter regarding restrictions on transfer and ownership of shares of common stock, holders of our common stock will be entitled to receive dividends or other distributions if, as and when declared, by our board of directors out of funds legally available for dividends or other distributions to stockholders. Subject to the provisions in our charter regarding restrictions on ownership and transfer, all shares of our common stock have equal distribution rights. In the event of our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, after payment of any preferential amounts to any class of preferred stock which may be outstanding and after payment of, or adequate provision for, all of our known debts and liabilities, holders of common stock and excess stock will be entitled to share ratably in all assets that we may legally distribute to our stockholders.

Stockholder Liability. Under Maryland law, holders of our common stock will not be liable for our obligations solely as a result of their status as a stockholder.

Transfer Agent. The registrar and transfer agent for shares of our common stock is American Stock Transfer & Trust Company.

Description of Preferred Stock

The following description, together with the additional information we include in any applicable prospectus supplement, summarizes the material terms and provisions of the preferred stock that we may offer under this prospectus. While the terms we have summarized below will apply generally to any future preferred stock we may offer, we will describe the particular terms of any preferred stock that we may offer in more detail in the applicable prospectus supplement. The terms of any preferred stock we offer under that prospectus may differ from the terms we describe below.

General. Shares of preferred stock may be issued from time to time, in one or more series, as authorized by our board of directors. Before issuance of shares of each series, the board of directors is required to fix for each such series, subject to the provisions of MGCL and our charter, the powers, designations, preferences and relative, participating, optional or other special rights of such series and qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof, including such provisions as may be desired concerning voting, redemption, dividends, dissolution or the distribution of assets, conversion or exchange, and such other matters as may be fixed by resolution of the board of directors or a duly authorized committee thereof. The preferred stock could have voting or conversion rights that could adversely affect the voting power or other rights of holders of our common stock. Also, the issuance of preferred stock could decrease the amount of earnings and assets available for distribution to holders of our common stock. The board of directors could authorize the issuance of shares of preferred stock with terms and conditions which could have the effect of discouraging a takeover or other transaction which holders of some, or a majority of, shares of common stock might believe to be in their best interests, or in which holders of

some, or a majority of, shares of common stock might receive a premium for their shares of common stock over the then market price of such shares.

The shares of preferred stock will, when issued, be fully-paid and non-assessable and will have no preemptive rights. Under Maryland law, holders of our preferred stock generally are not responsible for our debts or obligations. Both our preferred stock and our common stock are subject to certain ownership restrictions designed to help us maintain our qualification as a REIT under the Code, which are described under "Description of Capital Stock - Restrictions on Ownership and Transfer."

The prospectus supplement relating to any shares of preferred stock offered thereby will contain the specific terms, including:

- the title and stated value of such shares of preferred stock;
- the number of such shares of preferred stock offered, the liquidation preference per share and the offering price of such shares of preferred stock;
- the dividend rate(s), period(s) and/or payment date(s) or method(s) of calculation thereof applicable to such shares of preferred stock;
 - the date from which dividends on such shares of preferred stock will accumulate, if applicable;
 - the procedures for any auction and remarketing, if any, for such shares of preferred stock;
 - the provision for a sinking fund, if any, for the shares of preferred stock;
 - the provisions for redemption, if applicable, of the shares of preferred stock;
- whether or not any restrictions on the repurchase or redemption of shares exists while there is any arrearage in the payment of dividends or sinking fund installments;
 - any listing of the shares of preferred stock on any securities exchange;
- the terms and conditions, if applicable, upon which the shares of preferred stock will be convertible into shares of our common stock, including the conversion price (or manner of calculation thereof);
 - a discussion of Federal income tax considerations applicable to such shares of preferred stock;
- the relative ranking and preferences of such shares of preferred stock as to dividend rights and rights upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs;
- any limitations on issuance of any series of shares of preferred stock ranking senior to or on a parity with such series of shares of preferred stock as to dividend rights and rights upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs;
- any limitations on direct or beneficial ownership and restrictions on transfer of such shares of preferred stock, in each case as may be appropriate to preserve our status as a REIT; and

- the voting rights, if any, of such shares of preferred stock; and
- any other specific terms, preferences, rights, limitations or restrictions of such shares of preferred stock.

The registrar and transfer agent for shares of preferred stock will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Rank. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, the preferred stock ranks, with respect to dividend rights and rights upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding-up, and allocation of our earnings and losses: (i) senior to all classes or series of our common stock, and to all equity securities ranking junior to the preferred stock; (ii) on a parity with all equity securities issued by us the terms of which specifically provide that such equity securities rank on a parity with the preferred stock; and (iii) junior to all equity securities issued by us the terms of which specifically provide that such equity securities rank senior to the preferred stock.

Distributions. Subject to any preferential rights of any outstanding securities or series of securities, the holders of preferred stock will be entitled to receive dividends, when and as authorized by our board of directors, out of legally available funds, and share pro rata the amount to be distributed to such class or series of preferred stock based on the number of shares of preferred stock of the same class or series outstanding. Distributions will be made at such rates and on such dates as will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement

Voting Rights. Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, holders of our preferred stock will not have any voting rights.

Liquidation Preference. Upon any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of our affairs, and before any distribution or payment shall be made to the holders of any common stock or any other class or series of stock ranking junior to our preferred stock, the holders of our preferred stock shall be entitled to receive, after payment or provision for payment of our debts and other liabilities, out of our assets legally available for distribution to stockholders, liquidating distributions in the amount of the liquidation preference per share, if any, set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement, plus an amount equal to all dividends accrued and unpaid thereon (which shall not include any accumulation in respect of unpaid noncumulative dividends for prior dividend periods). After payment of the full amount of the liquidating distributions to which they are entitled, the holders of preferred stock will have no right or claim to any of our remaining assets. In the event that, upon any such voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of our affairs, the legally available assets are insufficient to pay the amount of the liquidating distributions on all of our outstanding preferred stock and the corresponding amounts payable on all of our other outstanding equity securities ranking on a parity with the preferred stock in the distribution of assets upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of our affairs, then the holders of our preferred stock and the holders of such other outstanding equity securities shall share ratably in any such distribution of assets in proportion to the full liquidating distributions to which they would otherwise be respectively entitled.

If liquidating distributions are made in full to all holders of our preferred stock, our remaining assets shall be distributed among the holders of any other classes or series of equity securities ranking junior to the preferred stock in the distribution of assets upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of our affairs, according to their respective rights and preferences and in each case according to their respective number of shares of stock.

If we consolidate or merge with or into, or sell, lease or convey all or substantially all of our property or business to, any corporation, trust or other entity, such transaction shall not be deemed to constitute a liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of our affairs.

Conversion Rights. The terms and conditions, if any, upon which our preferred stock is convertible into common stock will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. Such terms will include the number of shares of common stock into which the preferred stock is convertible, the conversion price (or manner of calculation thereof), the conversion period, provisions as to whether conversion will be at the option of the holders of the preferred stock or at our option, the events requiring an adjustment of the conversion price and provisions affecting conversion in the event of the redemption of such preferred stock.

Redemption. If so provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, our preferred stock will be subject to mandatory redemption or redemption at our option, in whole or in part, in each case upon the terms, at the times and at the redemption prices set forth in such prospectus supplement.

Stockholder Liability. Under Maryland law, holders of our preferred stock will not be liable for our obligations solely as a result of their status as a stockholder.

Transfer Agent. The registrar and transfer agent for our preferred stock will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

The description of the provisions of the shares of preferred stock set forth in this prospectus and in any related prospectus supplement is only a summary, does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and is qualified in its entirety by, reference to the definitive articles supplementary to our charter relating to such series of shares of preferred stock. You should read these documents carefully to fully understand the terms of the shares of preferred stock. In connection with any offering of shares of preferred stock, articles supplementary will be filed with the SEC as an exhibit or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement.

Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock. On November 30, 2006, we issued 1,150,000 shares of our Series A Preferred Stock in a public offering. The Series A Preferred Stock, \$.01 par value per share, has a liquidation preference of \$25.00 per share. Dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock are cumulative, accrue from the date of issuance and are payable quarterly in arrears at a rate of \$1.90625 per share per annum. We generally must be current in our dividend payments on the Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock in order to pay dividends on our common stock. The holders of Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock have no voting rights, other than limited voting rights concerning the election of additional directors in the event of certain preferred dividend arrearages. The Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock has no stated maturity, is not subject to any sinking fund or mandatory redemption, and is not convertible into any other securities of the Company. The Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock may not be redeemed by the Company prior to December 5, 2011. At that time, we will have the right to redeem the shares, in whole or in part, at any time for a cash redemption price of \$25.00 per share plus accrued and unpaid dividends.

DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

The following description, together with the additional information we include in any applicable prospectus supplements, summarizes the material terms and provisions of the debt securities that we may offer under this prospectus. While the terms we have summarized below will generally apply to any future debt securities we may offer under this prospectus, we will describe the particular terms of any debt

securities that we may offer in more detail in the applicable prospectus supplement. The terms of any debt securities we offer under a prospectus supplement may differ from the terms we describe below.

We will issue the senior debt securities under a senior indenture which we will enter into with the trustee named in the senior indenture. We will issue the subordinated debt securities under a subordinated indenture which we will enter into with the trustee named in the subordinated indenture. We have filed forms of these documents as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. The terms of any indenture that we enter into may differ from the terms we describe below. We use the term "indentures" to refer to both the senior indenture and the subordinated indenture.

The indentures will be qualified under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 (the "Trust Indenture Act"). We use the term "debenture trustee" to refer to either the senior trustee or the subordinated trustee, as applicable.

The following summaries of material provisions of the senior debt securities, the subordinated debt securities and the indentures are subject to, and qualified in their entirety by reference to, all the provisions of the indenture applicable to a particular series of debt securities. We urge you to read the applicable prospectus supplements related to the debt securities that we sell under this prospectus, as well as the complete indentures that contain the terms of the debt securities. Except as we may otherwise indicate, the terms of the senior indenture and the subordinated indenture are identical.

General. The debt securities will be direct, unsecured obligations of the Company and may either be senior or subordinated debt securities. We will describe in the applicable prospectus supplement the terms relating to a series of debt securities, including:

• the title:

- the principal amount being offered, and, if a series, the total amount authorized and the total amount outstanding;
 - any limit on the amount that may be issued;
- whether or not we will issue the series of debt securities in global form and, if so, the terms and who the depositary will be:

the maturity date;

- •the principal amount due at maturity, and whether the debt securities will be issued with any original issue discount;
- whether and under what circumstances, if any, we will pay additional amounts on any debt securities held by a person who is not a United States person for tax purposes, and whether we can redeem the debt securities if we have to pay such additional amounts;
- the annual interest rate, which may be fixed or variable, or the method for determining the rate, the date interest will begin to accrue, the dates interest will be payable and the regular record dates for interest payment dates or the method for determining such dates;
 - the terms of the subordination of any series of subordinated debt;

• the aggregate amount of indebtedness that would be senior to the subordinated debt and a description of any limitation on the issuance of such additional senior indebtedness (or a statement that there is no such limitation);
• the place where payments will be payable;
• restrictions on transfer, sale or other assignment, if any;
• our right, if any, to defer payment of interest and the maximum length of any such deferral period;
• the date, if any, after which, the conditions upon which, and the price at which we may, at our option, redeem the series of debt securities pursuant to any optional or provisional redemption provisions, and any other applicable terms of those redemption provisions;
• provisions for a sinking fund, purchase or other analogous fund, if any;
• the date, if any, on which, and the price at which we are obligated, pursuant to any mandatory sinking fund or analogous fund provisions or otherwise, to redeem, or at the security holder's option to purchase, the series of deb securities;
• whether the indenture will restrict our ability and/or the ability of our subsidiaries to:
• incur additional indebtedness;
• issue additional securities;
• create liens;
• pay dividends and make distributions in respect of our capital stock;
• redeem capital stock;
• make investments or other restricted payments;
• sell or otherwise dispose of assets;
 engage in transactions with stockholders and affiliates; or
• effect a consolidation or merger;

- whether the indenture will require us to maintain any interest coverage, fixed charge, cash flow-based, asset-based or other financial ratios or to maintain reserves;
- a discussion of any material or special United States federal income tax considerations applicable to the debt securities;
 - information describing any book-entry features;
 - the procedures for any auction and remarketing, if any;

- the denominations in which we will issue the series of debt securities, if other than denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof;
 - if other than dollars, the currency in which the series of debt securities will be denominated;
- any other specific terms, preferences, rights or limitations of, or restrictions on, the debt securities, including any events of default that are in addition to those described in this prospectus or any covenants provided with respect to the debt securities that are in addition to those described above, and any terms which may be required by us or advisable under applicable laws or regulations or advisable in connection with the marketing of the debt securities; and
- the name of any trustee(s) and the nature of any material relationships with the trustee, the percentage of securities of the class necessary to require the trustee to take action and what indemnification the trustee may require before proceeding to enforce any liens.

Conversion or Exchange Rights. We will set forth in the prospectus supplement the terms on which a series of debt securities may be convertible into or exchangeable for our common stock or other securities of ours or a third party, including the conversion or exchange rate, as applicable, or how it will be calculated, and the applicable conversion or exchange period. We will include provisions as to whether conversion or exchange is mandatory, at the option of the security holder or at our option. We may include provisions pursuant to which the number of our securities or the securities of a third party that the security holders of the series of debt securities receive upon conversion or exchange would, under the circumstances described in those provisions, be subject to adjustment, or pursuant to which those security holders would, under those circumstances, receive other property upon conversion or exchange, for example in the event of our merger or consolidation with another entity.

Consolidation, Merger or Sale. The indentures in the forms initially filed as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part do not contain any covenant which restricts our ability to merge or consolidate, or sell, convey, transfer or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of our assets. However, any successor of ours or acquiror of such assets must assume all of our obligations under the indentures and the debt securities.

If the debt securities are convertible for our other securities, the person with whom we consolidate or merge or to whom we sell all of our property must make provision for the conversion of the debt securities into securities which the security holders of the debt securities would have received if they had converted the debt securities before the consolidation, merger or sale.

Events of Default. The following are events of default under the indentures with respect to any series of debt securities that we may issue:

- if we fail to pay interest when due and payable and our failure continues for 90 days and the time for payment has not been extended or deferred;
- if we fail to pay the principal, or premium, if any, when due and payable and the time for payment has not been extended or delayed;
- •if we fail to observe or perform any other covenant contained in the debt securities or the indentures, other than a covenant specifically relating to another series of debt securities, and our failure continues for 90 days after we receive notice from the debenture trustee or stockholders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of the applicable series; and

• if specified events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization occur.

If an event of default with respect to debt securities of any series occurs and is continuing, other than an event of default specified in the last bullet point above, the debenture trustee or the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series, by notice to us in writing, and to the debenture trustee if notice is given by such security holders, may declare the unpaid principal of, premium, if any, and accrued interest, if any, due and payable immediately. If an event of default specified in the last bullet point above occurs with respect to us, the principal amount of and accrued interest, if any, of each issue of debt securities then outstanding shall be due and payable without any notice or other action on the part of the debenture trustee or any security holder.

The security holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of an affected series may waive any default or event of default with respect to the series and its consequences, except defaults or events of default regarding payment of principal, premium, if any, or interest, unless we have cured the default or event of default in accordance with the indenture.

Subject to the terms of the indentures, if an event of default under an indenture shall occur and be continuing, the debenture trustee will be under no obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under such indenture at the request or direction of any of the security holders of the applicable series of debt securities, unless such security holders have offered the debenture trustee reasonable indemnity. The security holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series will have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the debenture trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred on the debenture trustee, with respect to the debt securities of that series, provided that:

- the direction so given by the security holder is not in conflict with any law or the applicable indenture; and
- subject to its duties under the Trust Indenture Act, the debenture trustee need not take any action that might involve it in personal liability or might be unduly prejudicial to the security holders not involved in the proceeding.

A security holder of the debt securities of any series will only have the right to institute a proceeding under the indentures or to appoint a receiver or trustee, or to seek other remedies if:

- the security holder has given written notice to the debenture trustee of a continuing event of default with respect to that series:
- the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series have made written request, and such security holders have offered reasonable indemnity to the debenture trustee to institute the proceeding as trustee; and
- the debenture trustee does not institute the proceeding, and does not receive from the security holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series other conflicting directions within 90 days after the notice, request and offer.

These limitations do not apply to a suit instituted by a holder of debt securities if we default in the payment of the principal, premium, if any, or interest on, the debt securities.

We will periodically file statements with the debenture trustee regarding our compliance with specified covenants, if any, in the indentures.

Modification of Indenture; Waiver. We and the debenture trustee may change an indenture without the consent of any security holders with respect to specific matters, including:

- to fix any ambiguity, defect or inconsistency in the indenture;
- to comply with the provisions described above under "Consolidation, Merger or Sale";
- •to comply with any requirements of the SEC in connection with the qualification of any indenture under the Trust Indenture Act:
 - to evidence and provide for the acceptance of appointment hereunder by a successor trustee;
 - to provide for uncertificated debt securities and to make all appropriate changes for such purpose;
- •to add to, delete from, or revise the conditions, limitations and restrictions on the authorized amount, terms or purposes of issuance, authorization and delivery of debt securities of any series;
- •to add to our covenants such new covenants, restrictions, conditions or provisions for the protection of the security holders, to make the occurrence, or the occurrence and the continuance, of a default in any such additional covenants, restrictions, conditions or provisions an event of default, or to surrender any of our rights or powers under the indenture; or
 - to change anything that does not harm the interests of any holder of debt securities of any series.

In addition, under the indentures, the rights of holders of a series of debt securities may be changed by us and the debenture trustee with the written consent of the holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of each series that is affected. However, we and the debenture trustee may only make the following changes with the consent of each security holder of any outstanding debt securities affected:

- extending the fixed maturity of the series of debt securities;
- reducing the principal amount, reducing the rate of or extending the time of payment of interest, or reducing any premium payable upon the redemption of any debt securities; or
- reducing the percentage of debt securities, the holders of which are required to consent to any supplemental indenture.

Discharge. Each indenture provides that we can elect to be discharged from our obligations with respect to one or more series of debt securities, except for obligations to:

- register the transfer or exchange of debt securities of the series;
- replace stolen, lost or mutilated debt securities of the series;

- maintain paying agencies;
- hold monies for payment in trust;
- recover excess money held by the debenture trustee;
- compensate and indemnify the debenture trustee; and
 - appoint any successor trustee.

In order to exercise our rights to be discharged, we must deposit with the debenture trustee money or government obligations sufficient to pay all the principal of, any premium, if any, and interest on, the debt securities of the series on the dates payments are due.

Form, Exchange and Transfer. We will issue the debt securities of each series only in fully registered form without coupons and, unless we otherwise specify in the applicable prospectus supplement, in denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof. The indentures provide that we may issue debt securities of a series in temporary or permanent global form and as book-entry securities that will be deposited with, or on behalf of, The Depository Trust Company or another depositary named by us and identified in a prospectus supplement with respect to that series.

At the option of the security holder, subject to the terms of the indentures and the limitations applicable to global securities described in the applicable prospectus supplement, the holder of the debt securities of any series can exchange the debt securities for other debt securities of the same series, in any authorized denomination and of like tenor and aggregate principal amount.

Subject to the terms of the indentures and the limitations applicable to global securities set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement, holders of the debt securities may present the debt securities for exchange or for registration of transfer, duly endorsed or with the form of transfer endorsed thereon duly executed if so required by us or the security registrar, at the office of the security registrar or at the office of any transfer agent designated by us for this purpose. Unless otherwise provided in the debt securities that the security holder presents for transfer or exchange, we will make no service charge for any registration of transfer or exchange, but we may require payment of any taxes or other governmental charges.

We will name in the applicable prospectus supplement the security registrar, and any transfer agent in addition to the security registrar, that we initially designate for any debt securities. We may at any time designate additional transfer agents or rescind the designation of any transfer agent or approve a change in the office through which any transfer agent acts, except that we will be required to maintain a transfer agent in each place of payment for the debt securities of each series.

If we elect to redeem the debt securities of any series, we will not be required to:

- issue, register the transfer of, or exchange any debt securities of any series being redeemed in part during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before the day of mailing of a notice of redemption of any debt securities that may be selected for redemption and ending at the close of business on the day of the mailing; or
- register the transfer of or exchange any debt securities so selected for redemption, in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of any debt securities we are redeeming in part.

Information Concerning the Debenture Trustee. The debenture trustee, other than during the occurrence and continuance of an event of default under an indenture, undertakes to perform only those duties as are specifically set forth in the applicable indenture. Upon an event of default under an indenture, the debenture trustee must use the same degree of care as a prudent person would exercise or use in the conduct of his or her own affairs. Subject to this provision, the debenture trustee is under no obligation to exercise any of the powers given it by the indentures at the request of any security holder of debt securities unless it is offered reasonable security and indemnity against the costs, expenses and liabilities that it might incur.

Payment and Paying Agents. Unless we otherwise indicate in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will make payment of the interest on any debt securities on any interest payment date to the person in whose name the debt securities, or one or more predecessor securities, are registered at the close of business on the regular record date for the interest.

We will pay principal of and any premium and interest on the debt securities of a particular series at the office of the paying agents designated by us, except that, unless we otherwise indicate in the applicable prospectus supplement, we may make interest payments by check which we will mail to the security holder or by wire transfer to certain security holders. We will name in the applicable prospectus supplement the paying agents that we initially designate for the debt securities of a particular series. We will maintain a paying agent in each place of payment for the debt securities of a particular series.

All money we pay to a paying agent or the debenture trustee for the payment of the principal of or any premium or interest on any debt securities which remains unclaimed at the end of two years after such principal, premium or interest has become due and payable will be repaid to us, and the holder of the debt security thereafter may look only to us for payment thereof.

Governing Law. The indentures and the debt securities will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, except to the extent that the Trust Indenture Act is applicable.

Subordination of Subordinated Debt Securities. The subordinated debt securities will be subordinate and junior in priority of payment to certain of our other indebtedness to the extent described in a prospectus supplement. The indentures in the forms initially filed as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part do not limit the amount of indebtedness which we may incur, including senior indebtedness or subordinated indebtedness, and do not limit us from issuing any other debt, including secured debt or unsecured debt.

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