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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 10-K**

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

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

Commission File No. 1-12504

**THE MACERICH COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**MARYLAND**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**95-4448705**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

**401 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 700, Santa Monica, California 90401**  
(Address of principal executive office, including zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(310) 394-6000**

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

Title of each class	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value	New York Stock Exchange

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

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

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports) and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. YES  NO

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). YES  NO

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

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

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

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

The aggregate market value of voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates of the registrant was approximately \$11.8 billion as of the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter based upon the price at which the common shares were last sold on that day.

Number of shares outstanding of the registrant's common stock, as of February 22, 2016: 149,149,560 shares

**DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

Portions of the proxy statement for the annual stockholders meeting to be held in 2016 are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Form 10-K.

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## PART I

### IMPORTANT FACTORS RELATED TO FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Annual Report on Form 10-K of The Macerich Company (the "Company") contains statements that constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. Any statements that do not relate to historical or current facts or matters are forward-looking statements. You can identify some of the forward-looking statements by the use of forward-looking words, such as "may," "will," "could," "should," "expects," "anticipates," "intends," "projects," "predicts," "plans," "believes," "seeks," "estimates," "scheduled" and variations of these words and similar expressions. Statements concerning current conditions may also be forward-looking if they imply a continuation of current conditions. Forward-looking statements appear in a number of places in this Form 10-K and include statements regarding, among other matters:

- expectations regarding the Company's growth;
- the Company's beliefs regarding its acquisition, redevelopment, development, leasing and operational activities and opportunities, including the performance of its retailers;
- the Company's acquisition, disposition and other strategies;
- regulatory matters pertaining to compliance with governmental regulations;
- the Company's capital expenditure plans and expectations for obtaining capital for expenditures;
- the Company's expectations regarding income tax benefits;
- the Company's expectations regarding its financial condition or results of operations; and
- the Company's expectations for refinancing its indebtedness, entering into and servicing debt obligations and entering into joint venture arrangements.

Stockholders are cautioned that any such forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results, performance or achievements of the Company or the industry to differ materially from the Company's future results, performance or achievements, or those of the industry, expressed or implied in such forward-looking statements. Such factors include, among others, general industry, as well as national, regional and local economic and business conditions, which will, among other things, affect demand for retail space or retail goods, availability and creditworthiness of current and prospective tenants, anchor or tenant bankruptcies, closures, mergers or consolidations, lease rates, terms and payments, interest rate fluctuations, availability, terms and cost of financing and operating expenses; adverse changes in the real estate markets including, among other things, competition from other companies, retail formats and technology, risks of real estate development and redevelopment, acquisitions and dispositions; the liquidity of real estate investments, governmental actions and initiatives (including legislative and regulatory changes); environmental and safety requirements; and terrorist activities or other acts of violence which could adversely affect all of the above factors. You are urged to carefully review the disclosures we make concerning risks and other factors that may affect our business and operating results, including those made in "Item 1A. Risk Factors" of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, as well as our other reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this document. The Company does not intend, and undertakes no obligation, to update any forward-looking information to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this document or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events, unless required by law to do so.

## ITEM 1. BUSINESS

### General

The Company is involved in the acquisition, ownership, development, redevelopment, management and leasing of regional and community/power shopping centers located throughout the United States. The Company is the sole general partner of, and owns a majority of the ownership interests in, The Macerich Partnership, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (the "Operating Partnership"). As of December 31, 2015, the Operating Partnership owned or had an ownership interest in 51 regional shopping centers and seven community/power shopping centers. These 58 regional and community/power shopping centers (which include any related office space) consist of approximately 55 million square feet of gross leasable area ("GLA") and are referred to herein as the "Centers". The Centers consist of consolidated Centers ("Consolidated Centers") and unconsolidated joint venture Centers ("Unconsolidated Joint Venture Centers") as set forth in "Item 2. Properties," unless the context otherwise requires.

The Company is a self-administered and self-managed real estate investment trust ("REIT") and conducts all of its operations through the Operating Partnership and the Company's management companies, Macerich Property Management Company, LLC, a single member Delaware limited liability company, Macerich Management Company, a California corporation, Macerich Arizona Partners LLC, a single member Arizona limited liability company, Macerich Arizona Management LLC, a single member Delaware limited liability company, Macerich Partners of Colorado LLC, a single member Colorado limited liability company, MACW Mall Management, Inc., a New York corporation, and MACW Property Management, LLC, a single member New York limited liability company. All seven of the management companies are collectively referred to herein as the "Management Companies."

The Company was organized as a Maryland corporation in September 1993. All references to the Company in this Annual Report on Form 10-K include the Company, those entities owned or controlled by the Company and predecessors of the Company, unless the context indicates otherwise.

Financial information regarding the Company for each of the last three fiscal years is contained in the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements included in "Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedule."

## Recent Developments

### *Acquisitions and Dispositions:*

On February 17, 2015, the Company acquired the remaining 50% ownership interest in Inland Center, an 866,000 square foot regional shopping center in San Bernardino, California, that it did not previously own for \$51.3 million. The purchase price was funded by a cash payment of \$26.3 million and the assumption of the third party's share of the mortgage note payable on the property of \$25.0 million. Concurrent with the purchase of the joint venture interest, the Company paid off the \$50.0 million loan on the property. The cash payment was funded by borrowings under the Company's line of credit. As a result of the acquisition, the Company recognized a gain on the remeasurement of assets of \$22.1 million.

On April 30, 2015, the Company entered into a 50/50 joint venture with Sears to own nine freestanding stores located at Arrowhead Towne Center, Chandler Fashion Center, Danbury Fair Mall, Deptford Mall, Freehold Raceway Mall, Los Cerritos Center, South Plains Mall, Vintage Faire Mall and Washington Square. The Company invested \$150.0 million for a 50% ownership interest in the joint venture, which was funded by borrowings under the Company's line of credit.

On October 30, 2015, the Company sold a 40% ownership interest in Pacific Premier Retail LLC (the "PPR Portfolio"), which owns Lakewood Center, a 2,075,000 square foot regional shopping center in Lakewood, California; Los Cerritos Center, a 1,292,000 square foot regional shopping center in Cerritos, California; South Plains Mall, a 1,127,000 square foot regional shopping center in Lubbock, Texas; and Washington Square, a 1,441,000 square foot regional shopping center in Portland, Oregon, for a total sales price of \$1.3 billion, resulting in a gain on the sale of assets of \$311.2 million. The sales price was funded by a cash payment of \$545.6 million and the assumption of the pro rata share of the mortgage notes payable on the properties of \$713.0 million. The Company used the cash proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes, which included funding the ASR and Special Dividend (See "Other Events and Transactions" in Recent Developments).

On November 19, 2015, the Company sold Panorama Mall, a 312,000 square foot community center in Panorama City, California, for \$98.0 million, resulting in a gain on the sale of assets of \$73.7 million. The Company used the proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On January 4, 2016, the Company announced that it had reached an agreement with Taubman Centers, Inc. to form a 50/50 joint venture, to acquire Country Club Plaza, a 1,300,000 square foot regional shopping center in Kansas City, Missouri for a total purchase price of \$660.0 million. The Company anticipates that it will fund its pro rata share of \$330.0 million with borrowings under its line of credit. The Company expects the purchase of Country Club Plaza, which is subject to usual and customary closing conditions, will be completed in the first quarter of 2016.

On January 6, 2016, the Company sold a 40% ownership interest in Arrowhead Towne Center, a 1,197,000 square foot regional shopping center in Glendale, Arizona for \$284.0 million. The sales price was funded by a cash payment of \$124.0 million and the assumption of the pro rata share of the mortgage note payable on the property of \$160.0 million. The Company used the cash proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes, which included funding the Special Dividend (See "Other Events and Transactions" in Recent Developments).

On January 14, 2016, the Company formed a joint venture, whereby the Company sold a 49% ownership interest in Deptford Mall, a 1,040,000 square foot regional shopping center in Deptford, New Jersey; FlatIron Crossing, a 1,430,000 square foot regional shopping center in Broomfield, Colorado; and Twenty Ninth Street, an 850,000 square foot regional shopping center in Boulder, Colorado (the "MAC Heitman Portfolio") for \$751.0 million. The sales price was funded by a cash

payment of \$458.1 million and the assumption of a pro rata share of the mortgage note payable on the properties of \$292.9 million. The Company used the cash proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

*Financing Activity:*

On February 3, 2015, the Company's joint venture in The Market at Estrella Falls replaced the existing loan on the property with a new \$26.5 million loan that bears interest at LIBOR plus 1.70% and matures on February 5, 2020, including the exercise of a one-year extension option.

On February 19, 2015, the Company placed a \$280.0 million loan on Vintage Faire Mall that bears interest at an effective interest rate of 3.55% and matures on March 6, 2026.

On March 2, 2015, the Company paid off in full the loan on Lakewood Center, which resulted in a gain of \$2.2 million on the early extinguishment of debt as a result of writing off the related debt premium. On May 12, 2015, the Company placed a new \$410.0 million loan on the property that bears interest at an effective rate of 4.15% and matures on June 1, 2026. On October 30, 2015, a 40% interest in the loan was assumed by a third party in connection with the sale of a 40% ownership interest in the PPR Portfolio (See "Acquisitions and Dispositions" in Recent Developments).

On March 3, 2015, the Company amended the loan on Fashion Outlets of Chicago. The amended \$200.0 million loan bears interest at LIBOR plus 1.50% and matures on March 31, 2020.

On October 5, 2015, the Company paid off in full the existing loan on Washington Square. On October 29, 2015, the Company placed a new \$550.0 million loan on the property that bears interest at an effective rate of 3.65% and matures on November 1, 2022. On October 30, 2015, a 40% interest in the loan was assumed by a third party in connection with the sale of a 40% ownership interest in the PPR Portfolio (See "Acquisitions and Dispositions" in Recent Developments).

On October 23, 2015, the Company placed a \$200.0 million loan on South Plains Mall that bears interest at an effective rate of 4.22% and matures on November 6, 2025. On October 30, 2015, a 40% interest in the loan was assumed by a third party in connection with the sale of a 40% ownership interest in the PPR Portfolio (See "Acquisitions and Dispositions" in Recent Developments).

On October 28, 2015, the Company's joint venture in The Shops at Atlas Park placed a \$57.8 million loan on the property that bears interest at LIBOR plus 2.25% and matures on October 22, 2020, including two one-year extension options.

On October 30, 2015, the Company replaced the existing loan on Los Cerritos Center with a new \$525.0 million loan that bears interest at an effective rate of 4.00% and matures on November 1, 2027, which resulted in a loss of \$0.9 million on the early extinguishment of debt. Concurrently, a 40% interest in the loan was assumed by a third party in connection with the sale of a 40% ownership interest in the PPR Portfolio (See "Acquisitions and Dispositions" in Recent Developments).

On October 30, 2015, the Company obtained a \$100.0 million term loan ("PPR Term Loan") that bears interest at LIBOR plus 1.20% and matures on October 31, 2022. Concurrently, a 40% interest in the loan was assumed by a third party in connection with the sale of a 40% ownership interest in the PPR Portfolio (See "Acquisitions and Dispositions" in Recent Developments).

On January 6, 2016, the Company replaced the existing loan on Arrowhead Towne Center with a new \$400.0 million loan that bears interest at an effective rate of 4.05% and matures on February 1, 2028. Concurrently, a 40% interest in the loan was assumed by a third party in connection with the sale of a 40% ownership interest in the underlying property (See "Acquisitions and Dispositions" in Recent Developments).

On January 14, 2016, the Company placed a \$150.0 million loan on Twenty Ninth Street that bears interest at an effective rate of 4.10% and matures on February 6, 2026. Concurrently, a 49% interest in the loan was assumed by a third party in connection with the sale of a 49% ownership interest in the MAC Heitman Portfolio (See "Acquisitions and Dispositions" in Recent Developments).

*Redevelopment and Development Activity:*

In February 2014, the Company's joint venture in Broadway Plaza started construction on the 235,000 square foot expansion of the 761,000 square foot regional shopping center in Walnut Creek, California. The joint venture completed a portion of the first phase of the project in November 2015 and expects the remaining portion of the first phase to be completed in the second quarter of 2016. The second phase will be completed through Summer 2018. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$270.0 million, with \$135.0 million estimated to be the Company's pro rata share. The Company has funded \$98.9 million of the total \$197.8 million incurred by the joint venture as of December 31, 2015.

The Company is currently expanding Green Acres Mall, a 1,799,000 square foot regional center in Valley Stream, New York to include a 335,000 square foot power center. The project started in July 2015 and is expected to be completed in late 2016. As of December 31, 2015, the Company has incurred \$47.7 million in costs and estimates that the total cost of the project to be approximately \$110.0 million.

The Company's joint venture is proceeding with the development of Fashion Outlets of Philadelphia, a redevelopment of the 850,000 square foot shopping center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The project is expected to be completed in 2018 and 2019. The total cost of the project is estimated to be between \$275.0 million and \$335.0 million, with \$137.5 million to \$167.5 million estimated to be the Company's pro rata share. The Company has funded \$30.6 million of the total \$61.3 million incurred by the joint venture as of December 31, 2015.

#### *Other Transactions and Events:*

On March 9, 2015, the Company received an unsolicited, conditional proposal from Simon Property Group, Inc. ("Simon") to acquire the Company. The Company's Board of Directors, after consulting with its financial, real estate and legal advisors, unanimously determined that the Simon proposal substantially undervalued the Company and was not in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders. On March 20, 2015, the Company received a revised, unsolicited proposal to acquire the Company from Simon, which Simon described as its best and final proposal. The Company's Board of Directors carefully reviewed the revised proposal with the assistance of its financial, real estate and legal advisors, and determined that the revised proposal continued to substantially undervalue the Company and that pursuing the proposed transaction at that time was not in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders.

On June 30, 2015, the Company conveyed Great Northern Mall, an 895,000 square foot regional shopping center in Clay, New York, to the mortgage lender by a deed-in-lieu of foreclosure and was discharged from the mortgage note payable. The mortgage note payable was a non-recourse loan. As a result, the Company recognized a loss of \$1.6 million on the extinguishment of debt.

On September 30, 2015, the Company's Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to \$1.2 billion of the Company's outstanding common shares over the period ending September 30, 2017, as market conditions warrant. On November 12, 2015, the Company entered into an accelerated share repurchase program ("ASR") to repurchase \$400.0 million of the Company's common stock. In accordance with the ASR, the Company made a prepayment of \$400.0 million and received an initial share delivery of 4,140,788 shares. On January 20, 2016, the ASR was completed and the Company received an additional delivery of 970,609 shares. The average price of the 5,111,397 shares repurchased under the ASR was \$78.26 per share. The ASR was funded from proceeds in connection with the financing and sale of the ownership interest in the PPR Portfolio (See "Acquisitions and Dispositions" and "Financing Activity" in Recent Developments).

On October 30, 2015, the Company declared two special dividends/distributions ("Special Dividend"), each of \$2.00 per share of common stock and per Operating Partnership Unit ("OP Unit"). The first Special Dividend was paid on December 8, 2015 to stockholders and OP Unit holders of record on November 12, 2015. The second Special Dividend was paid on January 6, 2016 to common stockholders and OP Unit holders of record on November 12, 2015. The Special Dividends were funded from proceeds in connection with the financing and sale of ownership interests in the PPR Portfolio and Arrowhead Towne Center (See "Acquisitions and Dispositions" and "Financing Activity" in Recent Developments).

On November 1, 2015, the mortgage note payable on Flagstaff Mall, a 347,000 square foot regional shopping center in Flagstaff, Arizona, went into maturity default. The mortgage note payable is a non-recourse loan. The Company is negotiating with the loan servicer, which will likely result in a transition of the property to the loan servicer or a receiver. Consequently, Flagstaff Mall has been excluded from certain 2015 performance metrics and related discussions in this "Item 1. Business", including major tenants, average base rents, cost of occupancy, lease expirations and anchors (See "Major Tenants", "Mall Stores and Freestanding Stores", "Cost of Occupancy", "Lease Expirations", and "Anchors" below). In addition, Flagstaff Mall has been excluded from the Company's list of properties and related computations of GLA, occupancy and sales per square foot (See "Item 2. Properties").

On February 17, 2016, the Company entered into an ASR to repurchase \$400.0 million of the Company's common stock. In accordance with the ASR, the Company made a prepayment of \$400.0 million and received an initial share delivery of 4,222,193 shares. The Company expects to complete the ASR on or before April 22, 2016. The ASR was funded from borrowings under the Company's line of credit, which had been recently paid down from the proceeds from the recently completed financings and sale of ownership interests (See "Acquisitions and Dispositions" and "Financing Activity" in Recent Developments).

## The Shopping Center Industry

### *General:*

There are several types of retail shopping centers, which are differentiated primarily based on size and marketing strategy. Regional shopping centers generally contain in excess of 400,000 square feet of GLA and are typically anchored by two or more department or large retail stores ("Anchors") and are referred to as "Regional Shopping Centers" or "Malls." Regional Shopping Centers also typically contain numerous diversified retail stores ("Mall Stores"), most of which are national or regional retailers typically located along corridors connecting the Anchors. "Strip centers", "urban villages" or "specialty centers" ("Community/Power Shopping Centers") are retail shopping centers that are designed to attract local or neighborhood customers and are typically anchored by one or more supermarkets, discount department stores and/or drug stores. Community/Power Shopping Centers typically contain 100,000 to 400,000 square feet of GLA. Outlet Centers generally contain a wide variety of designer and manufacturer stores, often located in an open-air center, and typically range in size from 200,000 to 850,000 square feet of GLA ("Outlet Centers"). In addition, freestanding retail stores are located along the perimeter of the shopping centers ("Freestanding Stores"). Mall Stores and Freestanding Stores over 10,000 square feet of GLA are also referred to as "Big Box." Anchors, Mall Stores, Freestanding Stores and other tenants typically contribute funds for the maintenance of the common areas, property taxes, insurance, advertising and other expenditures related to the operation of the shopping center.

### *Regional Shopping Centers:*

A Regional Shopping Center draws from its trade area by offering a variety of fashion merchandise, hard goods and services and entertainment, often in an enclosed, climate controlled environment with convenient parking. Regional Shopping Centers provide an array of retail shops and entertainment facilities and often serve as the town center and a gathering place for community, charity, and promotional events.

Regional Shopping Centers have generally provided owners with relatively stable income despite the cyclical nature of the retail business. This stability is due both to the diversity of tenants and to the typical dominance of Regional Shopping Centers in their trade areas.

Regional Shopping Centers have different strategies with regard to price, merchandise offered and tenant mix, and are generally tailored to meet the needs of their trade areas. Anchors are located along common areas in a configuration designed to maximize consumer traffic for the benefit of the Mall Stores. Mall GLA, which generally refers to GLA contiguous to the Anchors for tenants other than Anchors, is leased to a wide variety of smaller retailers. Mall Stores typically account for the majority of the revenues of a Regional Shopping Center.

## **Business of the Company**

### *Strategy:*

The Company has a long-term four-pronged business strategy that focuses on the acquisition, leasing and management, redevelopment and development of Regional Shopping Centers.

*Acquisitions.* The Company principally focuses on well-located, quality Regional Shopping Centers that can be dominant in their trade area and have strong revenue enhancement potential. In addition, the Company pursues other opportunistic acquisitions of property that include retail and will complement the Company's portfolio such as Outlet Centers. The Company subsequently seeks to improve operating performance and returns from these properties through leasing, management and redevelopment. Since its initial public offering, the Company has acquired interests in shopping centers nationwide. The Company believes that it is geographically well positioned to cultivate and maintain ongoing relationships with potential sellers and financial institutions and to act quickly when acquisition opportunities arise (See "Acquisitions and Dispositions" in Recent Developments).

*Leasing and Management.* The Company believes that the shopping center business requires specialized skills across a broad array of disciplines for effective and profitable operations. For this reason, the Company has developed a fully integrated real estate organization with in-house acquisition, accounting, development, finance, information technology, leasing, legal, marketing, property management and redevelopment expertise. In addition, the Company emphasizes a philosophy of decentralized property management, leasing and marketing performed by on-site professionals. The Company believes that this strategy results in the optimal operation, tenant mix and drawing power of each Center, as well as the ability to quickly respond to changing competitive conditions of the Center's trade area.

The Company believes that on-site property managers can most effectively operate the Centers. Each Center's property manager is responsible for overseeing the operations, marketing, maintenance and security functions at the Center. Property managers focus special attention on controlling operating costs, a key element in the profitability of the Centers, and seek to develop strong relationships with and be responsive to the needs of retailers.

The Company generally utilizes regionally located leasing managers to better understand the market and the community in which a Center is located. The Company continually assesses and fine tunes each Center's tenant mix, identifies and replaces underperforming tenants and seeks to optimize existing tenant sizes and configurations.

On a selective basis, the Company provides property management and leasing services for third parties. The Company currently manages two regional shopping centers and three community centers for third party owners on a fee basis.

*Redevelopment.* One of the major components of the Company's growth strategy is its ability to redevelop acquired properties. For this reason, the Company has built a staff of redevelopment professionals who have primary responsibility for identifying redevelopment opportunities that they believe will result in enhanced long-term financial returns and market position for the Centers. The redevelopment professionals oversee the design and construction of the projects in addition to obtaining required governmental approvals (See "Redevelopment and Development Activity" in Recent Developments).

*Development.* The Company pursues ground-up development projects on a selective basis. The Company has supplemented its strong acquisition, operations and redevelopment skills with its ground-up development expertise to further increase growth opportunities (See "Redevelopment and Development Activity" in Recent Developments).

#### *The Centers:*

As of December 31, 2015, the Centers primarily included 50 Regional Shopping Centers, excluding Flagstaff Mall, and seven Community/Power Shopping Centers totaling approximately 55 million square feet of GLA. These 57 Centers average approximately 903,000 square feet of GLA and range in size from 3.5 million square feet of GLA at Tysons Corner Center to 185,000 square feet of GLA at Boulevard Shops. As of December 31, 2015, excluding Flagstaff Mall, the Centers primarily included 204 Anchors totaling approximately 27.7 million square feet of GLA and approximately 5,800 Mall Stores and Freestanding Stores totaling approximately 24.3 million square feet of GLA.

#### *Competition:*

Numerous owners, developers and managers of malls, shopping centers and other retail-oriented real estate compete with the Company for the acquisition of properties and in attracting tenants or Anchors to occupy space. There are eight other publicly traded mall companies, a number of publicly traded shopping center companies and several large private mall companies in the United States, any of which under certain circumstances could compete against the Company for an Anchor or a tenant. In addition, these companies as well as other REITs, private real estate companies or investors compete with the Company in terms of property acquisitions. This results in competition both for the acquisition of properties or centers and for tenants or Anchors to occupy space. Competition for property acquisitions may result in increased purchase prices and may adversely affect the Company's ability to make suitable property acquisitions on favorable terms. The existence of competing shopping centers could have a material adverse impact on the Company's ability to lease space and on the level of rents that can be achieved. There is also increasing competition from other retail formats and technologies, such as lifestyle centers, power centers, outlet centers, Internet shopping, home shopping networks, catalogs, telemarketing and discount shopping clubs that could adversely affect the Company's revenues.

In making leasing decisions, the Company believes that retailers consider the following material factors relating to a center: quality, design and location, including consumer demographics; rental rates; type and quality of Anchors and retailers at the center; and management and operational experience and strategy of the center. The Company believes it is able to compete effectively for retail tenants in its local markets based on these criteria in light of the overall size, quality and diversity of its Centers.

#### *Major Tenants:*

The Centers, excluding Flagstaff Mall, derived approximately 75% of their total rents for the year ended December 31, 2015 from Mall Stores and Freestanding Stores under 10,000 square feet, and Big Box and Anchor tenants accounted for 25% of total rents for the year ended December 31, 2015. Total rents as set forth in "Item 1. Business" include minimum rents and percentage rents.

The following retailers (including their subsidiaries) represent the 10 largest tenants in the Centers, excluding Flagstaff Mall, based upon total rents in place as of December 31, 2015:

<b>Tenant</b>	<b>Primary DBAs</b>	<b>Number of Locations in the Portfolio</b>	<b>% of Total Rents</b>
L Brands, Inc.	Victoria's Secret, Bath and Body Works, PINK	98	2.8%
Forever 21, Inc.	Forever 21, XXI Forever, Love21	35	2.5%
The Gap, Inc.	Athleta, Banana Republic, Gap, Gap Kids, Old Navy and others	60	2.1%
Foot Locker, Inc.	Champs Sports, Foot Locker, Kids Foot Locker, Lady Foot Locker, Foot Action, House of Hoops and others	99	2.0%
Sears Holdings Corporation	Sears	26	1.8%
Signet Jewelers Limited	Kay Jewelers, Zales, Piercing Pagoda and others	106	1.7%
American Eagle Outfitters, Inc.	American Eagle Outfitters, aerie	37	1.2%
Ascena Retail Group, Inc.	Ann Taylor, Loft, Lou & Grey, Lane Bryant, Justice, Dress Barn and others	83	1.2%
Express, Inc.	Express, Express / Express Men	30	1.1%
Dick's Sporting Goods, Inc.	Dick's Sporting Goods, Chelsea Collective	14	1.1%

*Mall Stores and Freestanding Stores:*

Mall Store and Freestanding Store leases generally provide for tenants to pay rent comprised of a base (or "minimum") rent and a percentage rent based on sales. In some cases, tenants pay only minimum rent, and in other cases, tenants pay only percentage rent. The Company generally enters into leases for Mall Stores and Freestanding Stores that also require tenants to pay a stated amount for operating expenses, generally excluding property taxes, regardless of the expenses the Company actually incurs at any Center. However, certain leases for Mall Stores and Freestanding Stores contain provisions that only require tenants to pay their pro rata share of maintenance of the common areas, property taxes, insurance, advertising and other expenditures related to the operations of the Center.

Tenant space of 10,000 square feet and under in the Company's portfolio at December 31, 2015, excluding Flagstaff Mall, comprises approximately 76% of all Mall Store and Freestanding Store space. The Company uses tenant spaces of 10,000 square feet and under for comparing rental rate activity because this space is more consistent in terms of shape and configuration and, as such, the Company is able to provide a meaningful comparison of rental rate activity for this space. Mall Store and Freestanding Store space greater than 10,000 square feet is inconsistent in size and configuration throughout the Company's portfolio and as a result does not lend itself to a meaningful comparison of rental rate activity with the Company's other space. Most of the non-Anchor space over 10,000 square feet is not physically connected to the mall, does not share the same common area amenities and does not benefit from the foot traffic in the mall. As a result, space greater than 10,000 square feet has a unique rent structure that is inconsistent with mall space under 10,000 square feet.

The following tables set forth the average base rent per square foot for the Centers, as of December 31 for each of the past five years:

**Mall Stores and Freestanding Stores under 10,000 square feet:**

<b>For the Years Ended December 31,</b>	<b>Avg. Base Rent Per Sq. Ft.(1)(2)</b>	<b>Avg. Base Rent Per Sq. Ft. on Leases Executed During the Year(2)(3)</b>	<b>Avg. Base Rent Per Sq. Ft. on Leases Expiring During the Year(2)(4)</b>
<b>Consolidated Centers:</b>			
2015	\$ 52.64	\$ 53.99	\$ 49.02
2014	\$ 49.68	\$ 49.55	\$ 41.20
2013	\$ 44.51	\$ 45.06	\$ 40.00
2012	\$ 40.98	\$ 44.01	\$ 38.00
2011	\$ 38.80	\$ 38.35	\$ 35.84
<b>Unconsolidated Joint Venture Centers (at the Company's pro rata share):</b>			
2015	\$ 60.74	\$ 80.18	\$ 60.85
2014	\$ 63.78	\$ 82.47	\$ 64.59
2013	\$ 62.47	\$ 63.44	\$ 48.43
2012	\$ 55.64	\$ 55.72	\$ 48.74
2011	\$ 53.72	\$ 50.00	\$ 38.98

**Big Box and Anchors:**

<b>For the Years Ended December 31,</b>	<b>Avg. Base Rent Per Sq. Ft.(1)(2)</b>	<b>Avg. Base Rent Per Sq. Ft. on Leases Executed During the Year(2)(3)</b>	<b>Number of Leases Executed During the Year</b>	<b>Avg. Base Rent Per Sq. Ft. on Leases Expiring During the Year(2)(4)</b>	<b>Number of Leases Expiring During the Year</b>
<b>Consolidated Centers:</b>					
2015	\$ 12.72	\$ 19.87	19	\$ 8.96	14
2014	\$ 11.26	\$ 18.28	22	\$ 15.16	14
2013	\$ 10.94	\$ 14.61	29	\$ 14.08	21
2012	\$ 9.34	\$ 15.54	21	\$ 8.85	22
2011	\$ 8.42	\$ 10.87	21	\$ 6.71	14
<b>Unconsolidated Joint Venture Centers (at the Company's pro rata share):</b>					
2015	\$ 14.48	\$ 33.00	14	\$ 9.30	8
2014	\$ 18.51	\$ 33.62	11	\$ 27.27	6
2013	\$ 13.36	\$ 37.45	22	\$ 24.58	10
2012	\$ 12.52	\$ 23.25	21	\$ 8.88	10
2011	\$ 12.50	\$ 21.43	15	\$ 14.19	7

- (1) Average base rent per square foot is based on spaces occupied as of December 31 for each of the Centers and gives effect to the terms of each lease in effect, as of such date, including any concessions, abatements and other adjustments or allowances that have been granted to the tenants.
- (2) Centers under development and redevelopment are excluded from average base rents. As a result, the leases for Broadway Plaza, Fashion Outlets of Niagara Falls USA, Fashion Outlets of Philadelphia, Paradise Valley Mall, SouthPark Mall and Westside Pavilion were excluded for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014. The leases for Paradise Valley Mall were excluded for the year ended December 31, 2013. The leases for The Shops at Atlas Park and Southridge Center were excluded for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011.

Flagstaff Mall is excluded for the year ended December 31, 2015. In addition, the leases for Rotterdam Square, which was sold on January 15, 2014, were excluded for the year ended December 31, 2013. On June 30, 2015, Great Northern Mall was conveyed to the mortgage lender by a deed-in-lieu of foreclosure. Consequently, Great Northern Mall is excluded for the year ended December 31, 2014. The leases for Valley View Center, which was sold by a court-appointed receiver in 2012, were excluded for the year ended December 31, 2011.

- (3) The average base rent per square foot on leases executed during the year represents the actual rent paid on a per square foot basis during the first twelve months of the lease.
- (4) The average base rent per square foot on leases expiring during the year represents the actual rent to be paid on a per square foot basis during the final twelve months of the lease.

*Cost of Occupancy:*

A major factor contributing to tenant profitability is cost of occupancy, which consists of tenant occupancy costs charged by the Company. Tenant expenses included in this calculation are minimum rents, percentage rents and recoverable expenditures, which consist primarily of property operating expenses, real estate taxes and repair and maintenance expenditures. These tenant charges are collectively referred to as tenant occupancy costs. These tenant occupancy costs are compared to tenant sales. A low cost of occupancy percentage shows more potential capacity for the Company to increase rents at the time of lease renewal than a high cost of occupancy percentage. The following table summarizes occupancy costs for Mall Store and Freestanding Store tenants in the Centers as a percentage of total Mall Store sales for the last five years:

	<b>For the Years Ended December 31,</b>				
	<b>2015 (1)</b>	<b>2014 (2)</b>	<b>2013 (3)</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>Consolidated Centers:</b>					
Minimum rents	9.0%	8.7%	8.4%	8.1%	8.2%
Percentage rents	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.5%
Expense recoveries(4)	4.5%	4.3%	4.5%	4.2%	4.1%
	<u>13.9%</u>	<u>13.4%</u>	<u>13.3%</u>	<u>12.7%</u>	<u>12.8%</u>
<b>Unconsolidated Joint Venture Centers:</b>					
Minimum rents	8.1%	8.7%	8.8%	8.9%	9.1%
Percentage rents	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
Expense recoveries(4)	4.0%	4.5%	4.0%	3.9%	3.9%
	<u>12.5%</u>	<u>13.6%</u>	<u>13.2%</u>	<u>13.2%</u>	<u>13.4%</u>

- (1) Flagstaff Mall is excluded for the year ended December 31, 2015.
- (2) On June 30, 2015, Great Northern Mall was conveyed to the mortgage lender by a deed-in-lieu of foreclosure. Consequently, Great Northern Mall is excluded for the year ended December 31, 2014.
- (3) Rotterdam Square was sold on January 15, 2014 and is excluded for the year ended December 31, 2013.
- (4) Represents real estate tax and common area maintenance charges.

*Lease Expirations:*

The following tables show scheduled lease expirations for Centers owned as of December 31, 2015, excluding Flagstaff Mall, for the next ten years, assuming that none of the tenants exercise renewal options:

**Mall Stores and Freestanding Stores under 10,000 square feet:**

<b>Year Ending December 31,</b>	<b>Number of Leases Expiring</b>	<b>Approximate GLA of Leases Expiring(1)</b>	<b>% of Total Leased GLA Represented by Expiring Leases(1)</b>	<b>Ending Base Rent per Square Foot of Expiring Leases(1)</b>	<b>% of Base Rent Represented by Expiring Leases(1)</b>
<b>Consolidated Centers:</b>					
2016	393	731,849	11.34%	\$ 48.78	10.49%
2017	357	824,590	12.78%	\$ 52.12	12.62%
2018	345	772,130	11.97%	\$ 50.53	11.46%
2019	303	702,569	10.89%	\$ 50.72	10.46%
2020	280	611,689	9.48%	\$ 52.97	9.52%
2021	227	536,588	8.32%	\$ 50.99	8.04%
2022	174	390,142	6.05%	\$ 51.28	5.88%
2023	185	426,900	6.62%	\$ 53.14	6.66%
2024	194	539,346	8.36%	\$ 58.58	9.28%
2025	186	457,029	7.08%	\$ 64.77	8.69%
<b>Unconsolidated Joint Venture Centers (at the Company's pro rata share):</b>					
2016	170	185,299	10.75%	\$ 61.93	10.90%
2017	143	218,004	12.64%	\$ 53.28	11.03%
2018	147	181,029	10.50%	\$ 65.98	11.34%
2019	123	139,910	8.11%	\$ 68.74	9.13%
2020	119	167,101	9.69%	\$ 60.73	9.64%
2021	116	159,557	9.25%	\$ 58.10	8.80%
2022	82	105,232	6.10%	\$ 57.76	5.77%
2023	86	159,188	9.23%	\$ 54.14	8.18%
2024	80	129,629	7.52%	\$ 62.11	7.64%
2025	86	147,929	8.58%	\$ 64.11	9.01%

## Big Boxes and Anchors:

Year Ending December 31,	Number of Leases Expiring	Approximate GLA of Leases Expiring(1)	% of Total Leased GLA Represented by Expiring Leases(1)	Ending Base Rent per Square Foot of Expiring Leases(1)	% of Base Rent Represented by Expiring Leases(1)
<b>Consolidated Centers:</b>					
2016	8	170,312	1.32%	\$ 19.12	1.83%
2017	34	1,056,393	8.16%	\$ 12.39	7.35%
2018	21	870,474	6.72%	\$ 12.42	6.06%
2019	23	954,599	7.37%	\$ 9.27	4.96%
2020	25	890,746	6.88%	\$ 10.15	5.07%
2021	30	1,271,153	9.82%	\$ 9.67	6.90%
2022	19	866,638	6.69%	\$ 14.82	7.21%
2023	23	709,662	5.48%	\$ 13.82	5.50%
2024	26	924,534	7.14%	\$ 19.61	10.17%
2025	27	1,218,896	9.41%	\$ 19.25	13.16%
<b>Unconsolidated Joint Venture Centers (at the Company's pro rata share):</b>					
2016	1	30,000	0.75%	\$ 28.00	1.43%
2017	15	511,735	12.82%	\$ 7.62	6.65%
2018	14	242,725	6.08%	\$ 9.72	4.02%
2019	10	120,855	3.03%	\$ 31.63	6.52%
2020	19	846,975	21.22%	\$ 11.01	15.89%
2021	13	214,310	5.37%	\$ 15.52	5.67%
2022	6	74,051	1.86%	\$ 28.22	3.56%
2023	8	172,496	4.32%	\$ 20.75	6.10%
2024	14	183,173	4.59%	\$ 34.73	10.84%
2025	17	746,305	18.70%	\$ 13.62	17.32%

- (1) The ending base rent per square foot on leases expiring during the period represents the final year minimum rent, on a cash basis, for tenant leases expiring during the year. Currently, 65% of leases have provisions for future consumer price index increases that are not reflected in ending base rent. The leases for Centers currently under development and redevelopment are excluded from this table.

### *Anchors:*

Anchors have traditionally been a major factor in the public's identification with Regional Shopping Centers. Anchors are generally department stores whose merchandise appeals to a broad range of shoppers. Although the Centers receive a smaller percentage of their operating income from Anchors than from Mall Stores and Freestanding Stores, strong Anchors play an important part in maintaining customer traffic and making the Centers desirable locations for Mall Store and Freestanding Store tenants.

Anchors either own their stores, the land under them and in some cases adjacent parking areas, or enter into long-term leases with an owner at rates that are lower than the rents charged to tenants of Mall Stores and Freestanding Stores. Each Anchor that owns its own store and certain Anchors that lease their stores enter into reciprocal easement agreements with the owner of the Center covering, among other things, operational matters, initial construction and future expansion.

Anchors accounted for approximately 8.5% of the Company's total rents for the year ended December 31, 2015, excluding Flagstaff Mall.

The following table identifies each Anchor, each parent company that owns multiple Anchors and the number of square feet owned or leased by each such Anchor or parent company in the Company's portfolio, excluding Flagstaff Mall, at December 31, 2015.

Name	Number of Anchor Stores	GLA Owned by Anchor	GLA Leased by Anchor	Total GLA Occupied by Anchor
Macy's Inc.				
Macy's	41	5,013,000	2,306,000	7,319,000
Bloomingdale's	2	—	355,000	355,000
	43	5,013,000	2,661,000	7,674,000
JCPenney(1)	28	1,744,000	2,253,000	3,997,000
Sears	26	926,000	2,868,000	3,794,000
Dillard's	14	2,205,000	257,000	2,462,000
Nordstrom	13	739,000	1,477,000	2,216,000
Target(2)	7	640,000	273,000	913,000
Dick's Sporting Goods(3)	13	—	839,000	839,000
Forever 21	7	155,000	574,000	729,000
The Bon-Ton Stores, Inc.				
Younkers	3	—	317,000	317,000
Bon-Ton, The	1	—	71,000	71,000
Herberger's	1	188,000	—	188,000
	5	188,000	388,000	576,000
Kohl's	5	89,000	356,000	445,000
Hudson Bay Company				
Lord & Taylor	3	121,000	199,000	320,000
Saks Fifth Avenue	1	—	92,000	92,000
	4	121,000	291,000	412,000
Home Depot	3	—	395,000	395,000
Costco	2	—	321,000	321,000
Burlington Coat Factory(4)	3	187,000	127,000	314,000
Neiman Marcus	2	—	188,000	188,000
Von Maur	2	187,000	—	187,000
Sports Authority	4	—	177,000	177,000
Walmart	1	—	173,000	173,000
Century 21	2	—	171,000	171,000
La Curacao	1	—	165,000	165,000
Boscov's	1	—	161,000	161,000
Belk	2	—	139,000	139,000
Primark(5)	2	—	137,000	137,000
BJ's Wholesale Club	1	—	123,000	123,000
Lowe's	1	—	114,000	114,000
Mercado de los Cielos	1	—	78,000	78,000
L.L. Bean	1	—	75,000	75,000
Best Buy	1	66,000	—	66,000
Des Moines Area Community College	1	64,000	—	64,000
Barneys New York(6)	1	—	60,000	60,000
Bealls	1	—	40,000	40,000
Vacant Anchors(7)	2	—	200,000	200,000
	200	12,324,000	15,081,000	27,405,000
Anchors at Centers not owned by the Company(8):				
Forever 21	2	—	154,000	154,000
Kohl's	1	—	83,000	83,000
Sports Authority	1	—	41,000	41,000
Total	204	12,324,000	15,359,000	27,683,000

- (1) JCPenney plans to open a new store at Inland Center in Fall 2016.
- (2) Target closed its store at Promenade at Casa Grande in January 2016.
- (3) Dick's Sporting Goods plans to open a new store at The Oaks in Fall 2016.
- (4) Burlington Coat Factory plans to open a store at The Market at Estrella Falls in Fall 2016.
- (5) Primark plans to open stores at Danbury Fair Mall and Freehold Raceway Mall in Summer 2016.
- (6) Barneys New York plans to close its store at Scottsdale Fashion Square in Spring 2016.
- (7) The Company is seeking replacement tenants and/or contemplating redevelopment opportunities for these vacant sites. The Company continues to collect rent under the terms of an agreement regarding one of these two vacant Anchor locations.
- (8) The Company owns a portfolio of eight stores located at shopping centers not owned by the Company. Of these eight stores, two have been leased to Forever 21, one has been leased to Kohl's, one has been leased to Sports Authority and four have been leased for non-Anchor usage.

## Environmental Matters

Each of the Centers has been subjected to an Environmental Site Assessment—Phase I (which involves review of publicly available information and general property inspections, but does not involve soil sampling or ground water analysis) completed by an environmental consultant.

Based on these assessments, and on other information, the Company is aware of the following environmental issues, which may result in potential environmental liability and cause the Company to incur costs in responding to these liabilities or in other costs associated with future investigation or remediation:

- *Asbestos.* The Company has conducted asbestos-containing materials ("ACM") surveys at various locations within the Centers. The surveys indicate that ACMs are present or suspected in certain areas, primarily vinyl floor tiles, mastics, roofing materials, drywall tape and joint compounds. The identified ACMs are generally non-friable, in good condition, and possess low probabilities for disturbance. At certain Centers where ACMs are present or suspected, however, some ACMs have been or may be classified as "friable," and ultimately may require removal under certain conditions. The Company has developed and implemented an operations and maintenance ("O&M") plan to manage ACMs in place.
- *Underground Storage Tanks.* Underground storage tanks ("USTs") are or were present at certain Centers, often in connection with tenant operations at gasoline stations or automotive tire, battery and accessory service centers located at such Centers. USTs also may be or have been present at properties neighboring certain Centers. Some of these tanks have either leaked or are suspected to have leaked. Where leakage has occurred, investigation, remediation, and monitoring costs may be incurred by the Company if responsible current or former tenants, or other responsible parties, are unavailable to pay such costs.
- *Chlorinated Hydrocarbons.* The presence of chlorinated hydrocarbons such as perchloroethylene ("PCE") and its degradation byproducts have been detected at certain Centers, often in connection with tenant dry cleaning operations. Where PCE has been detected, the Company may incur investigation, remediation and monitoring costs if responsible current or former tenants, or other responsible parties, are unavailable to pay such costs.

See "Item 1A. Risk Factors—Possible environmental liabilities could adversely affect us."

## Insurance

Each of the Centers has comprehensive liability, fire, extended coverage and rental loss insurance with insured limits customarily carried for similar properties. The Company does not insure certain types of losses (such as losses from wars), because they are either uninsurable or not economically insurable. In addition, while the Company or the relevant joint venture, as applicable, carry specific earthquake insurance on the Centers located in California, the policies are subject to a deductible equal to 5% of the total insured value of each Center, a \$100,000 per occurrence minimum and a combined annual aggregate loss limit of \$150 million on these Centers. The Company or the relevant joint venture, as applicable, carry specific earthquake insurance on the Centers located in the Pacific Northwest and in the New Madrid Seismic Zone. However, the policies are subject to a deductible equal to 2% of the total insured value of each Center, a \$50,000 per occurrence minimum and a

combined annual aggregate loss limit of \$200 million on these Centers. While the Company or the relevant joint venture also carries standalone terrorism insurance on the Centers, the policies are subject to a \$50,000 deductible and a combined annual aggregate loss limit of \$1 billion. Each Center has environmental insurance covering eligible third-party losses, remediation and non-owned disposal sites, subject to a \$100,000 deductible and a \$50 million three-year aggregate loss limit, with the exception of one Center, which has a \$5 million ten-year aggregate loss limit. Some environmental losses are not covered by this insurance because they are uninsurable or not economically insurable. Furthermore, the Company carries title insurance on substantially all of the Centers for generally less than their full value.

### **Qualification as a Real Estate Investment Trust**

The Company elected to be taxed as a REIT under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), commencing with its first taxable year ended December 31, 1994, and intends to conduct its operations so as to continue to qualify as a REIT under the Code. As a REIT, the Company generally will not be subject to federal and state income taxes on its net taxable income that it currently distributes to stockholders. Qualification and taxation as a REIT depends on the Company's ability to meet certain dividend distribution tests, share ownership requirements and various qualification tests prescribed in the Code.

### **Supplemental Tax Disclosures - Updates to REIT Rules**

The "Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes Act of 2015" (the "PATH Act") was enacted on December 18, 2015 and contains several provisions pertaining to REIT qualification and taxation, which are briefly summarized below:

- For taxable years beginning before January 1, 2018, no more than 25% of the value of the Company's assets may consist of stock or securities of one or more TRSs. For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017, the Act reduces this limit to 20%.
- For purposes of the REIT asset tests, the PATH Act provides that debt instruments issued by publicly offered REITs will constitute "real estate assets." However, unless such a debt instrument is secured by a mortgage or otherwise would have qualified as a real estate asset under prior law, (i) interest income and gain from such a debt instrument is not qualifying income for purposes of the 75% gross income test and (ii) all such debt instruments may represent no more than 25% of the value of the Company's total assets.
- For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015, certain obligations secured by a mortgage on both real property and personal property will be treated as a qualifying real estate asset and give rise to qualifying income for purposes of the 75% gross income test if the fair market value of such personal property does not exceed 15% of the total fair market value of all such property.
- A 100% excise tax is imposed on "redetermined TRS service income," which is income of a TRS attributable to services provided to, or on behalf of its associated REIT and which would otherwise be increased on distribution, apportionment, or allocation under Section 482 of the Code.
- For distributions made in taxable years beginning after December 31, 2014, the preferential dividend rules no longer apply to the Company.
- Additional exceptions to the rules under the Foreign Investment in Real Property Act ("FIRPTA") were introduced for non-U.S. persons that constitute "qualified shareholders" (within the meaning of Section 897(k)(3) of the Code) or "qualified foreign pension funds" (within the meaning of Section 897(l)(2) of the Code).
- After February 16, 2016, the FIRPTA withholding rate under Section 1445 of the Code for dispositions of U.S. real property interests is increased from 10% to 15%.
- The PATH Act increases from 5% to 10% the maximum stock ownership of the REIT that a non-U.S. shareholder may have held to avail itself of the FIRPTA exception for shares regularly traded on an established securities market.

In addition, the IRS recently issued guidance delaying the imposition of withholding under FATCA to the gross proceeds from a disposition of property that can produce U.S. source interest or dividends. Such withholding will apply only to dispositions occurring after December 31, 2018.

### **Employees**

As of December 31, 2015, the Company had approximately 997 employees, of which approximately 976 were full-time. The Company believes that relations with its employees are good.

## Seasonality

For a discussion of the extent to which the Company's business may be seasonal, see "Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Management's Overview and Summary—Seasonality."

## Available Information; Website Disclosure; Corporate Governance Documents

The Company's corporate website address is [www.macerich.com](http://www.macerich.com). The Company makes available free-of-charge through this website its reports on Forms 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K and all amendments thereto, as soon as reasonably practicable after the reports have been filed with, or furnished to, the SEC. These reports are available under the heading "Investors—Financial Information—SEC Filings", through a free hyperlink to a third-party service. Information provided on our website is not incorporated by reference into this Form 10-K.

The following documents relating to Corporate Governance are available on the Company's website at [www.macerich.com](http://www.macerich.com) under "Investors—Corporate Governance":

- Guidelines on Corporate Governance
- Code of Business Conduct and Ethics
- Code of Ethics for CEO and Senior Financial Officers
- Audit Committee Charter
- Compensation Committee Charter
- Executive Committee Charter
- Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee Charter

You may also request copies of any of these documents by writing to:

- Attention: Corporate Secretary
- The Macerich Company
- 401 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 700
- Santa Monica, CA 90401

## ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

The following factors could cause our actual results to differ materially from those contained in forward-looking statements made in this Annual Report on Form 10-K and presented elsewhere by our management from time to time. This list should not be considered to be a complete statement of all potential risks or uncertainties as it does not describe additional risks of which we are not presently aware or that we do not currently consider material. We may update our risk factors from time to time in our future periodic reports. Any of these factors may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, operating results and cash flows. For purposes of this "Risk Factor" section, Centers wholly owned by us are referred to as "Wholly Owned Centers" and Centers that are partly but not wholly owned by us are referred to as "Joint Venture Centers."

### **RISKS RELATED TO OUR BUSINESS AND PROPERTIES**

***We invest primarily in shopping centers, which are subject to a number of significant risks that are beyond our control.***

Real property investments are subject to varying degrees of risk that may affect the ability of our Centers to generate sufficient revenues to meet operating and other expenses, including debt service, lease payments, capital expenditures and tenant improvements, and to make distributions to us and our stockholders. A number of factors may decrease the income generated by the Centers, including:

- the national economic climate;
- the regional and local economy (which may be negatively impacted by rising unemployment, declining real estate values, increased foreclosures, higher taxes, plant closings, industry slowdowns, union activity, adverse weather conditions, natural disasters and other factors);
- local real estate conditions (such as an oversupply of, or a reduction in demand for, retail space or retail goods, decreases in rental rates, declining real estate values and the availability and creditworthiness of current and prospective tenants);
- decreased levels of consumer spending, consumer confidence, and seasonal spending (especially during the holiday season when many retailers generate a disproportionate amount of their annual sales);
- increasing use by customers of e-commerce and online store sites and the impact of internet sales on the demand for retail space;
- negative perceptions by retailers or shoppers of the safety, convenience and attractiveness of a Center;
- acts of violence, including terrorist activities; and
- increased costs of maintenance, insurance and operations (including real estate taxes).

Income from shopping center properties and shopping center values are also affected by applicable laws and regulations, including tax, environmental, safety and zoning laws.

***A significant percentage of our Centers are geographically concentrated and, as a result, are sensitive to local economic and real estate conditions.***

A significant percentage of our Centers are located in California and Arizona. Nine Centers in the aggregate are located in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. To the extent that weak economic or real estate conditions or other factors affect California, Arizona, New York, New Jersey or Connecticut (or their respective regions) more severely than other areas of the country, our financial performance could be negatively impacted.

***We are in a competitive business.***

Numerous owners, developers and managers of malls, shopping centers and other retail-oriented real estate compete with us for the acquisition of properties and in attracting tenants or Anchors to occupy space. There are eight other publicly traded mall companies, a number of publicly traded shopping center companies and several large private mall companies in the United States, any of which under certain circumstances could compete against us for an Anchor or a tenant. In addition, these companies as well as other REITs, private real estate companies or investors compete with us in terms of property acquisitions. This results in competition both for the acquisition of properties or centers and for tenants or Anchors to occupy space. Competition for property acquisitions may result in increased purchase prices and may adversely affect our ability to make

suitable property acquisitions on favorable terms. The existence of competing shopping centers could have a material adverse impact on our ability to lease space and on the level of rents that can be achieved. There is also increasing competition from other retail formats and technologies, such as lifestyle centers, power centers, outlet centers, Internet shopping, home shopping networks, catalogs, telemarketing and discount shopping clubs that could adversely affect our revenues.

***We may be unable to renew leases, lease vacant space or re-let space as leases expire on favorable terms or at all, which could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.***

There are no assurances that our leases will be renewed or that vacant space in our Centers will be re-let at net effective rental rates equal to or above the current average net effective rental rates or that substantial rent abatements, tenant improvements, early termination rights or below-market renewal options will not be offered to attract new tenants or retain existing tenants. If the rental rates at our Centers decrease, if our existing tenants do not renew their leases or if we do not re-let a significant portion of our available space and space for which leases will expire, our financial condition and results of operations could be adversely affected.

***If Anchors or other significant tenants experience a downturn in their business, close or sell stores or declare bankruptcy, our financial condition and results of operations could be adversely affected.***

Our financial condition and results of operations could be adversely affected if a downturn in the business of, or the bankruptcy or insolvency of, an Anchor or other significant tenant leads them to close retail stores or terminate their leases after seeking protection under the bankruptcy laws from their creditors, including us as lessor. In recent years a number of companies in the retail industry, including some of our tenants, have declared bankruptcy or have gone out of business. We may be unable to re-let stores vacated as a result of voluntary closures or the bankruptcy of a tenant. Furthermore, certain department stores and other national retailers have experienced, and may continue to experience, decreases in customer traffic in their retail stores, increased competition from alternative retail options such as those accessible via the Internet and other forms of pressure on their business models. If the store sales of retailers operating at our Centers decline significantly due to adverse economic conditions or for any other reason, tenants might be unable to pay their minimum rents or expense recovery charges. In the event of a default by a lessee, the affected Center may experience delays and costs in enforcing its rights as lessor.

In addition, Anchors and/or tenants at one or more Centers might terminate their leases as a result of mergers, acquisitions, consolidations or dispositions in the retail industry. The sale of an Anchor or store to a less desirable retailer may reduce occupancy levels, customer traffic and rental income. Depending on economic conditions, there is also a risk that Anchors or other significant tenants may sell stores operating in our Centers or consolidate duplicate or geographically overlapping store locations. Store closures by an Anchor and/or a significant number of tenants may allow other Anchors and/or certain other tenants to terminate their leases, receive reduced rent and/or cease operating their stores at the Center or otherwise adversely affect occupancy at the Center.

***Our real estate acquisition, development and redevelopment strategies may not be successful.***

Our historical growth in revenues, net income and funds from operations has been in part tied to the acquisition, development and redevelopment of shopping centers. Many factors, including the availability and cost of capital, our total amount of debt outstanding, our ability to obtain financing on attractive terms, if at all, interest rates and the availability of attractive acquisition targets, among others, will affect our ability to acquire, develop and redevelop additional properties in the future. We may not be successful in pursuing acquisition opportunities, and newly acquired properties may not perform as well as expected. Expenses arising from our efforts to complete acquisitions, develop and redevelop properties or increase our market penetration may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. We face competition for acquisitions primarily from other REITs, as well as from private real estate companies or investors. Some of our competitors have greater financial and other resources. Increased competition for shopping center acquisitions may result in increased purchase prices and may impact adversely our ability to acquire additional properties on favorable terms. We cannot guarantee that we will be able to implement our growth strategy successfully or manage our expanded operations effectively and profitably.

We may not be able to achieve the anticipated financial and operating results from newly acquired assets. Some of the factors that could affect anticipated results are:

- our ability to integrate and manage new properties, including increasing occupancy rates and rents at such properties;

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- the disposal of non-core assets within an expected time frame; and
- our ability to raise long-term financing to implement a capital structure at a cost of capital consistent with our business strategy.

Our business strategy also includes the selective development and construction of retail properties. Any development, redevelopment and construction activities that we may undertake will be subject to the risks of real estate development, including lack of financing, construction delays, environmental requirements, budget overruns, sunk costs and lease-up. Furthermore, occupancy rates and rents at a newly completed property may not be sufficient to make the property profitable. Real estate development activities are also subject to risks relating to the inability to obtain, or delays in obtaining, all necessary zoning, land-use, building, and occupancy and other required governmental permits and authorizations. If any of the above events occur, our ability to pay dividends to our stockholders and service our indebtedness could be adversely affected.

***Real estate investments are relatively illiquid and we may be unable to sell properties at the time we desire and on favorable terms.***

Investments in real estate are relatively illiquid, which limits our ability to adjust our portfolio in response to changes in economic, market or other conditions. Moreover, there are some limitations under federal income tax laws applicable to REITs that limit our ability to sell assets. In addition, because our properties are generally mortgaged to secure our debts, we may not be able to obtain a release of a lien on a mortgaged property without the payment of the associated debt and/or a substantial prepayment penalty, which restricts our ability to dispose of a property, even though the sale might otherwise be desirable. Furthermore, the number of prospective buyers interested in purchasing shopping centers is limited. Therefore, if we want to sell one or more of our Centers, we may not be able to dispose of it in the desired time period and may receive less consideration than we originally invested in the Center.

***Our success depends, in part, on our ability to attract and retain talented employees, and the loss of any one of our key personnel could adversely impact our business.***

The success of our business depends, in part, on the leadership and performance of our executive management team and key employees, and our ability to attract, retain and motivate talented employees could significantly impact our future performance. Competition for these individuals is intense, and we cannot assure you that we will retain our executive management team and key employees or that we will be able to attract and retain other highly qualified individuals for these positions in the future. Losing any one or more of these persons could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

***Possible environmental liabilities could adversely affect us.***

Under various federal, state and local environmental laws, ordinances and regulations, a current or previous owner or operator of real property may be liable for the costs of removal or remediation of hazardous or toxic substances on, under or in that real property. These laws often impose liability whether or not the owner or operator knew of, or was responsible for, the presence of hazardous or toxic substances. The costs of investigation, removal or remediation of hazardous or toxic substances may be substantial. In addition, the presence of hazardous or toxic substances, or the failure to remedy environmental hazards properly, may adversely affect the owner's or operator's ability to sell or rent affected real property or to borrow money using affected real property as collateral.

Persons or entities that arrange for the disposal or treatment of hazardous or toxic substances may also be liable for the costs of removal or remediation of hazardous or toxic substances at the disposal or treatment facility, whether or not that facility is owned or operated by the person or entity arranging for the disposal or treatment of hazardous or toxic substances. Laws exist that impose liability for release of asbestos containing materials ("ACMs") into the air, and third parties may seek recovery from owners or operators of real property for personal injury associated with exposure to ACMs. In connection with our ownership, operation, management, development and redevelopment of the Centers, or any other centers or properties we acquire in the future, we may be potentially liable under these laws and may incur costs in responding to these liabilities.

***Some of our properties are subject to potential natural or other disasters.***

Some of our Centers are located in areas that are subject to natural disasters, including our Centers in California or in other areas with higher risk of earthquakes, our Centers in flood plains or in areas that may be adversely affected by tornados, as well as our Centers in coastal regions that may be adversely affected by increases in sea levels or in the frequency or severity of hurricanes, tropical storms or other severe weather conditions. The occurrence of natural disasters can delay redevelopment or development projects, increase investment costs to repair or replace damaged properties, increase future property insurance costs and negatively impact the tenant demand for lease space. If insurance is unavailable to us or is unavailable on acceptable terms, or our insurance is not adequate to cover losses from these events, our financial condition and results of operations could be adversely affected.

***Uninsured losses could adversely affect our financial condition.***

Each of our Centers has comprehensive liability, fire, extended coverage and rental loss insurance with insured limits customarily carried for similar properties. We do not insure certain types of losses (such as losses from wars), because they are either uninsurable or not economically insurable. In addition, while we or the relevant joint venture, as applicable, carry specific earthquake insurance on the Centers located in California, the policies are subject to a deductible equal to 5% of the total insured value of each Center, a \$100,000 per occurrence minimum and a combined annual aggregate loss limit of \$150 million on these Centers. We or the relevant joint venture, as applicable, carry specific earthquake insurance on the Centers located in the Pacific Northwest and in the New Madrid Seismic Zone. However, the policies are subject to a deductible equal to 2% of the total insured value of each Center, a \$50,000 per occurrence minimum and a combined annual aggregate loss limit of \$200 million on these Centers. While we or the relevant joint venture also carries standalone terrorism insurance on the Centers, the policies are subject to a \$50,000 deductible and a combined annual aggregate loss limit of \$1 billion. Each Center has environmental insurance covering eligible third-party losses, remediation and non-owned disposal sites, subject to a \$100,000 deductible and a \$50 million three-year aggregate loss limit, with the exception of one Center, which has a \$5 million ten-year aggregate loss limit. Some environmental losses are not covered by this insurance because they are uninsurable or not economically insurable. Furthermore, we carry title insurance on substantially all of the Centers for generally less than their full value.

If an uninsured loss or a loss in excess of insured limits occurs, we could lose all or a portion of the capital we have invested in a property, as well as the anticipated future revenue from the property, but may remain obligated for any mortgage debt or other financial obligations related to the property.

***We face risks associated with security breaches through cyber attacks, cyber intrusions or otherwise, as well as other significant disruptions of our information technology (IT) networks and related systems.***

We face risks associated with security breaches, whether through cyber attacks or cyber intrusions over the Internet, malware, computer viruses, attachments to e-mails, persons inside our organization or persons with access to systems inside our organization, and other significant disruptions of our IT networks and related systems. The risk of a security breach or disruption, particularly through cyber attack or cyber intrusion, including by computer hackers, foreign governments and cyber terrorists, has generally increased as the number, intensity and sophistication of attempted attacks and intrusions from around the world have increased. Our IT networks and related systems are essential to the operation of our business and our ability to perform day-to-day operations and, in some cases, may be critical to the operations of certain of our tenants. Although we make efforts to maintain the security and integrity of these types of IT networks and related systems, and we have implemented various measures to manage the risk of a security breach or disruption, there can be no assurance that our security efforts and measures will be effective or that attempted security breaches or disruptions would not be successful or damaging. A security breach or other significant disruption involving our IT networks and related systems could disrupt the proper functioning of our networks and systems; result in misstated financial reports, violations of loan covenants and/or missed reporting deadlines; result in our inability to properly monitor our compliance with the rules and regulations regarding our qualification as a REIT; result in the unauthorized access to, and destruction, loss, theft, misappropriation or release of proprietary, confidential, sensitive or otherwise valuable information of ours or others, which others could use to compete against us or for disruptive, destructive or otherwise harmful purposes and outcomes; require significant management attention and resources to remedy any damages that result; subject us to claims for breach of contract, damages, credits, penalties or termination of leases or other agreements; or damage our reputation among our tenants and investors generally. Moreover, cyber attacks perpetrated against our Anchors and tenants, including unauthorized access to customers' credit card data and other confidential information, could diminish consumer confidence and consumer spending and negatively impact our business.

***Inflation may adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.***

If inflation increases in the future, we may experience any or all of the following:

- Difficulty in replacing or renewing expiring leases with new leases at higher rents;
- Decreasing tenant sales as a result of decreased consumer spending which could adversely affect the ability of our tenants to meet their rent obligations and/or result in lower percentage rents; and
- An inability to receive reimbursement from our tenants for their share of certain operating expenses, including common area maintenance, real estate taxes and insurance.

Inflation also poses a risk to us due to the possibility of future increases in interest rates. Such increases would adversely impact us due to our outstanding floating-rate debt as well as result in higher interest rates on new fixed-rate debt. In certain cases, we may limit our exposure to interest rate fluctuations related to a portion of our floating-rate debt by the use of interest rate cap and swap agreements. Such agreements, subject to current market conditions, allow us to replace floating-rate debt with fixed-rate debt in order to achieve our desired ratio of floating-rate to fixed-rate debt. However, in an increasing interest rate environment the fixed rates we can obtain with such replacement fixed-rate cap and swap agreements or the fixed-rate on new debt will also continue to increase.

***We have substantial debt that could affect our future operations.***

Our total outstanding loan indebtedness at December 31, 2015 was \$7.0 billion (consisting of \$5.3 billion of consolidated debt, less \$0.2 billion attributable to noncontrolling interests, plus \$1.9 billion of our pro rata share of unconsolidated joint venture mortgage notes and \$60.0 million of our pro rata share of the PPRT Term Loan). Approximately \$229.0 million of such indebtedness (at our pro rata share) matures in 2016. As a result of this substantial indebtedness, we are required to use a material portion of our cash flow to service principal and interest on our debt, which limits the amount of cash available for other business opportunities. We are also subject to the risks normally associated with debt financing, including the risk that our cash flow from operations will be insufficient to meet required debt service and that rising interest rates could adversely affect our debt service costs. In addition, our use of interest rate hedging arrangements may expose us to additional risks, including that the counterparty to the arrangement may fail to honor its obligations and that termination of these arrangements typically involves costs such as transaction fees or breakage costs. Furthermore, most of our Centers are mortgaged to secure payment of indebtedness, and if income from the Center is insufficient to pay that indebtedness, the Center could be foreclosed upon by the mortgagee resulting in a loss of income and a decline in our total asset value. Certain Centers also have debt that could become recourse debt to us if the Center is unable to discharge such debt obligation and, in certain circumstances, we may incur liability with respect to such debt greater than our legal ownership.

***We are obligated to comply with financial and other covenants that could affect our operating activities.***

Our unsecured credit facilities contain financial covenants, including interest coverage requirements, as well as limitations on our ability to incur debt, make dividend payments and make certain acquisitions. These covenants may restrict our ability to pursue certain business initiatives or certain transactions that might otherwise be advantageous. In addition, failure to meet certain of these financial covenants could cause an event of default under and/or accelerate some or all of such indebtedness which could have a material adverse effect on us.

***We depend on external financings for our growth and ongoing debt service requirements.***

We depend primarily on external financings, principally debt financings and, in more limited circumstances, equity financings, to fund the growth of our business and to ensure that we can meet ongoing maturities of our outstanding debt. Our access to financing depends on the willingness of banks, lenders and other institutions to lend to us based on their underwriting criteria which can fluctuate with market conditions and on conditions in the capital markets in general. In addition, levels of market disruption and volatility could materially adversely impact our ability to access the capital markets for equity financings. There are no assurances that we will continue to be able to obtain the financing we need for future growth or to meet our debt service as obligations mature, or that the financing will be available to us on acceptable terms, or at all. Any debt refinancing could also impose more restrictive terms.

## **RISKS RELATED TO OUR ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**

### ***Certain individuals have substantial influence over the management of both us and the Operating Partnership, which may create conflicts of interest.***

Under the limited partnership agreement of the Operating Partnership, we, as the sole general partner, are responsible for the management of the Operating Partnership's business and affairs. Two of the principals of the Operating Partnership serve as our executive officers and as members of our board of directors. Accordingly, these principals have substantial influence over our management and the management of the Operating Partnership. As a result, certain decisions concerning our operations or other matters affecting us may present conflicts of interest for these individuals.

### ***Outside partners in Joint Venture Centers result in additional risks to our stockholders.***

We own partial interests in property partnerships that own 24 Joint Venture Centers as well as several development sites. We may acquire partial interests in additional properties through joint venture arrangements. Investments in Joint Venture Centers involve risks different from those of investments in Wholly Owned Centers.

We have fiduciary responsibilities to our joint venture partners that could affect decisions concerning the Joint Venture Centers. Third parties in certain Joint Venture Centers (notwithstanding our majority legal ownership) share control of major decisions relating to the Joint Venture Centers, including decisions with respect to sales, refinancings and the timing and amount of additional capital contributions, as well as decisions that could have an adverse impact on us.

In addition, we may lose our management and other rights relating to the Joint Venture Centers if:

- we fail to contribute our share of additional capital needed by the property partnerships; or
- we default under a partnership agreement for a property partnership or other agreements relating to the property partnerships or the Joint Venture Centers.

Our legal ownership interest in a joint venture vehicle may, at times, not equal our economic interest in the entity because of various provisions in certain joint venture agreements regarding distributions of cash flow based on capital account balances, allocations of profits and losses and payments of preferred returns. As a result, our actual economic interest (as distinct from our legal ownership interest) in certain of the Joint Venture Centers could fluctuate from time to time and may not wholly align with our legal ownership interests. Substantially all of our joint venture agreements contain rights of first refusal, buy-sell provisions, exit rights, default dilution remedies and/or other break up provisions or remedies which are customary in real estate joint venture agreements and which may, positively or negatively, affect the ultimate realization of cash flow and/or capital or liquidation proceeds.

### ***Our holding company structure makes us dependent on distributions from the Operating Partnership.***

Because we conduct our operations through the Operating Partnership, our ability to service our debt obligations and pay dividends to our stockholders is strictly dependent upon the earnings and cash flows of the Operating Partnership and the ability of the Operating Partnership to make distributions to us. Under the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act, the Operating Partnership is prohibited from making any distribution to us to the extent that at the time of the distribution, after giving effect to the distribution, all liabilities of the Operating Partnership (other than some non-recourse liabilities and some liabilities to the partners) exceed the fair value of the assets of the Operating Partnership. An inability to make cash distributions from the Operating Partnership could jeopardize our ability to maintain qualification as a REIT.

### ***An ownership limit and certain of our Charter and bylaw provisions could inhibit a change of control or reduce the value of our common stock.***

*The Ownership Limit.* In order for us to maintain our qualification as a REIT, not more than 50% in value of our outstanding stock (after taking into account certain options to acquire stock) may be owned, directly or indirectly or through the application of certain attribution rules, by five or fewer individuals (as defined in the Internal Revenue Code to include some entities that would not ordinarily be considered "individuals") at any time during the last half of a taxable year. To assist us in maintaining our qualification as a REIT, among other purposes, our Charter restricts ownership of more than 5% (the "Ownership Limit") of the lesser of the number or value of our outstanding shares of stock by any single stockholder or a group of stockholders (with limited exceptions). In addition to enhancing preservation of our status as a REIT, the Ownership Limit may:

- have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in control of us or other transaction without the approval of our board of directors, even if the change in control or other transaction is in the best interests of our stockholders; and
- limit the opportunity for our stockholders to receive a premium for their common stock or preferred stock that they might otherwise receive if an investor were attempting to acquire a block of stock in excess of the Ownership Limit or otherwise effect a change in control of us.

Our board of directors, in its sole discretion, may waive or modify (subject to limitations and upon any conditions as it may direct) the Ownership Limit with respect to one or more of our stockholders, if it is satisfied that ownership in excess of this limit will not jeopardize our status as a REIT.

*Selected Provisions of our Charter, Bylaws and Maryland Law.* Some of the provisions of our Charter, bylaws and Maryland law may have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a third party from making an acquisition proposal for us and may inhibit a change in control that holders of some, or a majority, of our shares might believe to be in their best interests or that could give our stockholders the opportunity to realize a premium over the then-prevailing market prices for our shares. These provisions include the following:

- advance notice requirements for stockholder nominations of directors and stockholder proposals to be considered at stockholder meetings;
- the obligation of our directors to consider a variety of factors with respect to a proposed business combination or other change of control transaction;
- the authority of our directors to classify or reclassify unissued shares and cause the Company to issue shares of one or more classes or series of common stock or preferred stock;
- the authority of our directors to create and cause the Company to issue rights entitling the holders thereof to purchase shares of stock or other securities from us; and
- limitations on the amendment of our Charter and bylaws, the change in control of us, and the liability of our directors and officers.

In addition, the Maryland General Corporation Law prohibits business combinations between a Maryland corporation and an interested stockholder (which includes any person who beneficially holds 10% or more of the voting power of the corporation's outstanding voting stock or any affiliate or associate of ours who was the beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of 10% or more of the voting power of the corporation's outstanding stock at any time within the two-year period prior to the date in question) or its affiliates for five years following the most recent date on which the interested stockholder became an interested stockholder and, after the five-year period, requires the recommendation of the board of directors and two supermajority stockholder votes to approve a business combination unless the stockholders receive a minimum price determined by the statute. As permitted by Maryland law, our Charter exempts from these provisions any business combination between us and the principals and their respective affiliates and related persons. Maryland law also allows the board of directors to exempt particular business combinations before the interested stockholder becomes an interested stockholder. Furthermore, a person is not an interested stockholder if the transaction by which he or she would otherwise have become an interested stockholder is approved in advance by the board of directors.

The Maryland General Corporation Law also provides that the acquirer of certain levels of voting power in electing directors of a Maryland corporation (one-tenth or more but less than one-third, one-third or more but less than a majority and a majority or more) is not entitled to vote the shares in excess of the applicable threshold, unless voting rights for the shares are approved by holders of two-thirds of the disinterested shares or unless the acquisition of the shares has been specifically or generally approved or exempted from the statute by a provision in our Charter or bylaws adopted before the acquisition of the shares. Our Charter exempts from these provisions voting rights of shares owned or acquired by the principals and their respective affiliates and related persons. Our bylaws also contain a provision exempting from this statute any acquisition by any person of shares of our common stock. There can be no assurance that this bylaw will not be amended or eliminated in the future. The Maryland General Corporation Law and our Charter also contain supermajority voting requirements with respect to our ability to amend certain provisions of our Charter, merge, or sell all or substantially all of our assets. Furthermore, the Maryland General Corporation Law permits our board of directors, without stockholder approval and regardless of what is currently provided in our Charter or bylaws, to adopt certain Charter and bylaw provisions, such as a classified board, that may have the effect of delaying or preventing a third party from making an acquisition proposal for us.

## **FEDERAL INCOME TAX RISKS**

### ***The tax consequences of the sale of some of the Centers and certain holdings of the principals may create conflicts of interest.***

The principals will experience negative tax consequences if some of the Centers are sold. As a result, the principals may not favor a sale of these Centers even though such a sale may benefit our other stockholders. In addition, the principals may have different interests than our stockholders because they are significant holders of limited partnership units in the Operating Partnership.

### ***If we were to fail to qualify as a REIT, we would have reduced funds available for distributions to our stockholders.***

We believe that we currently qualify as a REIT. No assurance can be given that we will remain qualified as a REIT. Qualification as a REIT involves the application of highly technical and complex Internal Revenue Code provisions for which there are only limited judicial or administrative interpretations. The complexity of these provisions and of the applicable income tax regulations is greater in the case of a REIT structure like ours that holds assets in partnership form. The determination of various factual matters and circumstances not entirely within our control, including determinations by our partners in the Joint Venture Centers, may affect our continued qualification as a REIT. In addition, legislation, new regulations, administrative interpretations or court decisions could significantly change the tax laws with respect to our qualification as a REIT or the U.S. federal income tax consequences of that qualification.

In addition, we currently hold certain of our properties through subsidiaries that have elected to be taxed as REITs and we may in the future determine that it is in our best interests to hold one or more of our other properties through one or more subsidiaries that elect to be taxed as REITs. If any of these subsidiaries fails to qualify as a REIT for U.S. federal income tax purposes, then we may also fail to qualify as a REIT for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

If in any taxable year we were to fail to qualify as a REIT, we will suffer the following negative results:

- we will not be allowed a deduction for distributions to stockholders in computing our taxable income; and
- we will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on our taxable income at regular corporate rates.

In addition, if we were to lose our REIT status, we would be prohibited from qualifying as a REIT for the four taxable years following the year during which the qualification was lost, absent relief under statutory provisions. As a result, net income and the funds available for distributions to our stockholders would be reduced for at least five years and the fair market value of our shares could be materially adversely affected. Furthermore, the Internal Revenue Service could challenge our REIT status for past periods. Such a challenge, if successful, could result in us owing a material amount of tax for prior periods. It is possible that future economic, market, legal, tax or other considerations might cause our board of directors to revoke our REIT election.

Even if we remain qualified as a REIT, we might face other tax liabilities that reduce our cash flow. Further, we might be subject to federal, state and local taxes on our income and property. Any of these taxes would decrease cash available for distributions to stockholders.

### ***Complying with REIT requirements might cause us to forego otherwise attractive opportunities.***

In order to qualify as a REIT for U.S. federal income tax purposes, we must satisfy tests concerning, among other things, our sources of income, the nature of our assets, the amounts we distribute to our stockholders and the ownership of our stock. We may also be required to make distributions to our stockholders at disadvantageous times or when we do not have funds readily available for distribution. Thus, compliance with REIT requirements may cause us to forego opportunities we would otherwise pursue.

In addition, the REIT provisions of the Internal Revenue Code impose a 100% tax on income from “prohibited transactions.” Prohibited transactions generally include sales of assets that constitute inventory or other property held for sale in the ordinary course of business, other than foreclosure property. This 100% tax could impact our desire to sell assets and other investments at otherwise opportune times if we believe such sales could be considered prohibited transactions.

***Complying with REIT requirements may force us to borrow or take other measures to make distributions to our stockholders.***

As a REIT, we generally must distribute 90% of our annual taxable income (subject to certain adjustments) to our stockholders. From time to time, we might generate taxable income greater than our net income for financial reporting purposes, or our taxable income might be greater than our cash flow available for distributions to our stockholders. If we do not have other funds available in these situations, we might be unable to distribute 90% of our taxable income as required by the REIT rules. In that case, we would need to borrow funds, liquidate or sell a portion of our properties or investments (potentially at disadvantageous or unfavorable prices), in certain limited cases distribute a combination of cash and stock (at our stockholders' election but subject to an aggregate cash limit established by the Company) or find another alternative source of funds. These alternatives could increase our costs or reduce our equity. In addition, to the extent we borrow funds to pay distributions, the amount of cash available to us in future periods will be decreased by the amount of cash flow we will need to service principal and interest on the amounts we borrow, which will limit cash flow available to us for other investments or business opportunities.

***We may face risks in connection with Section 1031 Exchanges.***

If a transaction intended to qualify as a Section 1031 Exchange is later determined to be taxable, we may face adverse consequences, and if the laws applicable to such transactions are amended or repealed, we may not be able to dispose of properties on a tax deferred basis.

***Tax legislative or regulatory action could adversely affect us or our investors.***

In recent years, numerous legislative, judicial and administrative changes have been made to the U.S. federal income tax laws applicable to investments similar to an investment in our stock. Additional changes to tax laws are likely to continue in the future, and we cannot assure you that any such changes will not adversely affect the taxation of us or our stockholders. Any such changes could have an adverse effect on an investment in our stock or on the market value or the resale potential of our properties.

**ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS**

None.

**ITEM 2. PROPERTIES**

The following table sets forth certain information regarding the Centers and other locations that are wholly owned or partly owned by the Company as of December 31, 2015, excluding Flagstaff Mall.

Count	Company's Ownership(1)	Name of Center/Location(2)	Year of Original Construction/ Acquisition	Year of Most Recent Expansion/ Renovation	Total GLA(3)	Mall and Freestanding GLA	Percentage of Mall and Freestanding GLA Leased	Non-Owned Anchors (3)	Company-Owned Anchors (3)	Sales PSF (4)
<b>CONSOLIDATED CENTERS:</b>										
1	100%	Arrowhead Towne Center(5) Glendale, Arizona	1993/2002	2015	1,197,000	389,000	95.4%	Dillard's, JCPenney, Macy's	Dick's Sporting Goods, Forever 21, Sears	\$741
2	100%	Capitola Mall(6) Capitola, California	1977/1995	1988	586,000	196,000	93.2%	Macy's, Sears, Target	Kohl's	\$347
3	100%	Cascade Mall(7) Burlington, Washington	1989/1999	1998	589,000	265,000	79.4%	Target	JCPenney, Macy's, Macy's Men's, Children's & Home	\$339
4	50.1%	Chandler Fashion Center Chandler, Arizona	2001/2002	-	1,319,000	634,000	96.9%	Dillard's, Macy's, Nordstrom	Sears	\$649
5	100%	Danbury Fair Mall(8) Danbury, Connecticut	1986/2005	2010	1,270,000	525,000	97.4%	JCPenney, Macy's	Dick's Sporting Goods, Forever 21, Lord & Taylor, Primark, Sears	\$633
6	100%	Deptford Mall(9) Deptford, New Jersey	1975/2006	1990	1,040,000	343,000	95.3%	JCPenney, Macy's	Boscov's, Sears	\$580
7	100%	Desert Sky Mall Phoenix, Arizona	1981/2002	2007	893,000	282,000	97.0%	Burlington Coat Factory, Dillard's, Sears	La Curacao, Mercado de los Cielos	\$338
8	100%	Eastland Mall(6) Evansville, Indiana	1978/1998	1996	1,044,000	555,000	96.8%	Dillard's, Macy's	JCPenney	\$364
9	100%	Fashion Outlets of Chicago Rosemont, Illinois	2013/—	-	537,000	537,000	97.9%	—	—	\$734
10	100%	Flatiron Crossing(9) Broomfield, Colorado	2000/2002	2009	1,430,000	787,000	93.7%	Dillard's, Macy's, Nordstrom	Dick's Sporting Goods	\$551
11	50.1%	Freehold Raceway Mall(8) Freehold, New Jersey	1990/2005	2007	1,669,000	771,000	98.7%	JCPenney, Lord & Taylor, Macy's, Nordstrom	Dick's Sporting Goods, Primark, Sears	\$610
12	100%	Fresno Fashion Fair Fresno, California	1970/1996	2006	963,000	402,000	98.1%	Macy's Women's & Home	Forever 21, JCPenney, Macy's Men's & Children's	\$642
13	100%	Green Acres Mall(6) Valley Stream, New York	1956/2013	2015	1,799,000	681,000	93.2%	—	BJ's Wholesale Club, Century 21, JCPenney, Kohl's, Macy's, Macy's Men's/Furniture Gallery, Sears, Walmart	\$643
14	100%	Inland Center(6)(10) San Bernardino, California	1966/2004	2004	866,000	204,000	99.0%	Macy's, Sears	Forever 21, JC Penney	\$510
15	100%	Kings Plaza Shopping Center(6) Brooklyn, New York	1971/2012	2002	1,192,000	463,000	92.3%	Macy's	Lowe's, Sears	\$720
16	100%	La Cumbre Plaza(6) Santa Barbara, California	1967/2004	1989	491,000	174,000	93.1%	Macy's	Sears	\$431
17	100%	Northgate Mall San Rafael, California	1964/1986	2010	750,000	279,000	95.3%	—	Kohl's, Macy's, Sears	\$454
18	100%	NorthPark Mall Davenport, Iowa	1973/1998	2001	1,051,000	401,000	85.9%	Dillard's, JCPenney, Sears, Von Maur	Younkers	\$308
19	100%	Oaks, The(11) Thousand Oaks, California	1978/2002	2009	1,145,000	587,000	97.6%	JCPenney, Macy's, Macy's Men's & Home	Nordstrom	\$580

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20	100%	Pacific View Ventura, California	1965/1996	2001	1,021,000	372,000	95.0%	JCPenney, Sears, Target	Macy's	\$448
21	100%	Queens Center(6) Queens, New York	1973/1995	2004	966,000	409,000	98.2%	JCPenney, Macy's	—	\$1,134
22	100%	Santa Monica Place Santa Monica, California	1980/1999	2010	517,000	294,000	90.5%	—	Bloomingdale's, Nordstrom	\$786
23	84.9%	SanTan Village Regional Center Gilbert, Arizona	2007/—	2009	1,031,000	624,000	96.5%	Dillard's, Macy's	Dick's Sporting Goods	\$525
24	100%	Stonewood Center(6) Downey, California	1953/1997	1991	932,000	358,000	98.5%	—	JCPenney, Kohl's, Macy's, Sears	\$544
25	100%	Superstition Springs Center Mesa, Arizona	1990/2002	2002	1,040,000	388,000	94.1%	Dillard's, JCPenney, Macy's, Sears	Sports Authority	\$369
26	100%	Towne Mall Elizabethtown, Kentucky	1985/2005	1989	350,000	179,000	89.2%	—	Belk, JCPenney, Sears	\$349
27	100%	Tucson La Encantada Tucson, Arizona	2002/2002	2005	243,000	243,000	94.8%	—	—	\$767
28	100%	Twenty Ninth Street(6)(9) Boulder, Colorado	1963/1979	2007	850,000	559,000	99.3%	Macy's	Home Depot	\$626
29	100%	Valley Mall Harrisonburg, Virginia	1978/1998	1992	506,000	191,000	88.0%	Target	Belk, Dick's Sporting Goods, JCPenney	\$325
30	100%	Valley River Center(7) Eugene, Oregon	1969/2006	2007	921,000	345,000	97.4%	Macy's	JCPenney, Sports Authority	\$465
31	100%	Victor Valley, Mall of Victorville, California	1986/2004	2012	577,000	254,000	97.9%	Macy's	Dick's Sporting Goods, JCPenney, Sears	\$520
32	100%	Vintage Faire Mall Modesto, California	1977/1996	2008	1,141,000	408,000	96.7%	Forever 21, Macy's Women's & Children's	Dick's Sporting Goods, JCPenney, Macy's Men's & Home, Sears	\$677
33	100%	Wilton Mall Saratoga Springs, New York	1990/2005	1998	736,000	451,000	95.2%	JCPenney	Bon-Ton, Dick's Sporting Goods, Sears	\$295
<b>Total Consolidated Centers</b>					<b>30,662,000</b>	<b>13,550,000</b>	<b>95.3%</b>			<b>\$579</b>
<b>UNCONSOLIDATED JOINT VENTURE CENTERS:</b>										
34	50%	Biltmore Fashion Park Phoenix, Arizona	1963/2003	2006	516,000	211,000	99.0%	—	Macy's, Saks Fifth Avenue	\$835
35	50.1%	Corte Madera, Village at Corte Madera, California	1985/1998	2005	460,000	224,000	97.9%	Macy's, Nordstrom	—	\$1,475
36	50%	Kierland Commons Scottsdale, Arizona	1999/2005	2003	439,000	439,000	98.3%	—	—	\$670
37	60%	Lakewood Center Lakewood, California	1953/1975	2008	2,075,000	967,000	96.3%	—	Costco, Forever 21, Home Depot, JCPenney, Macy's, Sports Authority, Target	\$467
38	60%	Los Cerritos Center(6) Cerritos, California	1971/1999	2015	1,292,000	532,000	97.2%	Macy's, Nordstrom	Dick's Sporting Goods, Forever 21, Sears	\$843
39	50%	North Bridge, The Shops at(6) Chicago, Illinois	1998/2008	-	660,000	400,000	99.8%	—	Nordstrom	\$856
40	50%	Scottsdale Fashion Square(12) Scottsdale, Arizona	1961/2002	2015	1,811,000	790,000	97.8%	Dillard's	Barneys New York, Dick's Sporting Goods, Macy's, Neiman Marcus, Nordstrom	\$745

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41	60%	South Plains Mall Lubbock, Texas	1972/1998	1995	1,127,000	468,000	93.5%	—	Bealls, Dillard's (two), JCPenney, Sears	\$452
42	50%	Tyson's Corner Center Tyson's Corner, Virginia	1968/2005	2014	1,967,000	1,082,000	98.9%	—	Bloomingdale's, L.L. Bean, Lord & Taylor, Macy's, Nordstrom	\$851
43	60%	Washington Square Portland, Oregon	1974/1999	2005	1,441,000	506,000	98.4%	Macy's	Dick's Sporting Goods, JCPenney, Nordstrom, Sears	\$1,125
44	19%	West Acres Fargo, North Dakota	1972/1986	2001	971,000	418,000	99.8%	Herberger's, Macy's	JCPenney, Sears	\$501
<b>Total Unconsolidated Joint Ventures</b>					12,759,000	6,037,000	97.8%			\$763
<b>REGIONAL SHOPPING CENTERS UNDER REDEVELOPMENT</b>										
45	50%	Broadway Plaza(6)(13) Walnut Creek, California	1951/1985	ongoing	761,000	211,000	(14)	Macy's	Neiman Marcus, Nordstrom	(14)
46	100%	Fashion Outlets of Niagara Falls USA(15) Niagara Falls, New York	1982/2011	2014	686,000	686,000	(14)	—	—	(14)
47	50%	Fashion Outlets of Philadelphia(6)(13) Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1977/2014	ongoing	850,000	624,000	(14)	—	Burlington Coat Factory, Century 21	(14)
48	100%	Paradise Valley Mall(15) Phoenix, Arizona	1979/2002	2009	1,150,000	370,000	(14)	Dillard's, JCPenney, Macy's	Costco, Sears	(14)
49	100%	SouthPark Mall(15) Moline, Illinois	1974/1998	2015	856,000	341,000	(14)	Dillard's, Von Maur	Dick's Sporting Goods, JCPenney, Youngkers	(14)
50	100%	Westside Pavilion(15) Los Angeles, California	1985/1998	2007	755,000	397,000	(14)	Macy's	Nordstrom	(14)
50	<b>Total Regional Shopping Centers</b>				48,479,000	22,216,000	96.1%			\$635
<b>COMMUNITY/POWER SHOPPING CENTERS</b>										
1	50%	Atlas Park, The Shops at(13) Queens, New York	2006/2011	2013	372,000	372,000	71.6%	—	—	—
2	50%	Boulevard Shops(13) Chandler, Arizona	2001/2002	2004	185,000	185,000	96.4%	—	—	—
3	40.1%	Estrella Falls, The Market at(13)(16) Goodyear, Arizona	2009/—	2009	219,000	219,000	95.0%	—	—	—
4	89.4%	Promenade at Casa Grande(15)(17) Casa Grande, Arizona	2007/—	2009	909,000	431,000	90.2%	Dillard's, JCPenney, Kohl's, Target	Sports Authority	—
5	100%	Southridge Center(15) Des Moines, Iowa	1975/1998	2013	823,000	434,000	76.5%	Des Moines Area Community College	Sears, Target, Youngkers	—
6	100.0%	Superstition Springs Power Center(15) Mesa, Arizona	1990/2002	-	206,000	53,000	100.0%	Best Buy, Burlington Coat Factory	—	—
7	100%	The Marketplace at Flagstaff(6)(15) Flagstaff, Arizona	2007/—	-	268,000	146,000	100.0%	—	Home Depot	—
7	<b>Total Community/Power Shopping Centers</b>				2,982,000	1,840,000				
57	<b>Total before Other Assets</b>				51,461,000	24,056,000				
<b>OTHER ASSETS:</b>										
100%	Various(15)(18)				477,000	199,000	100.0%	—	Forever 21, Kohl's, Sports Authority	—
100%	500 North Michigan Avenue(15) Chicago, Illinois				326,000	—	64.2%	—	—	—

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	50%	Fashion Outlets of Philadelphia-Offices(6)(13) Philadelphia, Pennsylvania			526,000	—	100.0%	—	—	—
	100%	Paradise Village Ground Leases(15) Phoenix, Arizona			58,000	—	65.5%	—	—	—
	100%	Paradise Village Office Park II(15) Phoenix, Arizona			46,000	—	—	—	—	—
	50%	Scottsdale Fashion Square-Office(13) Scottsdale, Arizona			122,000	—	—	—	—	—
	50%	Tysons Corner Center-Office(13) Tysons Corner, Virginia			175,000	—	—	—	—	—
	50%	Hyatt Regency Tysons Corner Center(13) Tysons Corner, Virginia			290,000	—	—	—	—	—
	50%	VITA Tysons Corner Center(13) Tysons Corner, Virginia			510,000	—	—	—	—	—
	50%	Tysons Tower(13) Tysons Corner, Virginia			527,000	—	—	—	—	—
		<b>Total Other Assets</b>			3,057,000	199,000				
	<b>Grand Total</b>				54,518,000	24,255,000				

- (1) The Company's ownership interest in this table reflects its direct or indirect legal ownership interest. Legal ownership may, at times, not equal the Company's economic interest in the listed properties because of various provisions in certain joint venture agreements regarding distributions of cash flow based on capital account balances, allocations of profits and losses and payments of preferred returns. As a result, the Company's actual economic interest (as distinct from its legal ownership interest) in certain of the properties could fluctuate from time to time and may not wholly align with its legal ownership interests. Substantially all of the Company's joint venture agreements contain rights of first refusal, buy-sell provisions, exit rights, default dilution remedies and/or other break up provisions or remedies which are customary in real estate joint venture agreements and which may, positively or negatively, affect the ultimate realization of cash flow and/or capital or liquidation proceeds. See "Item 1A.-Risks Related to Our Organizational Structure-Outside partners in Joint Venture Centers result in additional risks to our stockholders."
- (2) With respect to 43 Centers, the underlying land controlled by the Company is owned in fee entirely by the Company or, in the case of Joint Venture Centers, by the joint venture property partnership or limited liability company. With respect to the remaining 14 Centers, portions of the underlying land controlled by the Company is owned by third parties and leased to the Company, or the joint venture property partnership or limited liability company, pursuant to long-term ground leases. Under the terms of a typical ground lease, the Company, or the joint venture property partnership or limited liability company, has an option or right of first refusal to purchase the land. The termination dates of the ground leases range from 2016 to 2098.
- (3) Total GLA includes GLA attributable to Anchors (whether owned or non-owned) and Mall and Freestanding Stores as of December 31, 2015. "Non-owned Anchors" is space not owned by the Company (or, in the case of Joint Venture Centers, by the joint venture property partnership or limited liability company) which is occupied by Anchor tenants. "Company-owned Anchors" is space owned (or leased) by the Company (or, in the case of Joint Venture Centers, by the joint venture property partnership or limited liability company) and leased (or subleased) to Anchor tenants.
- (4) Sales per square foot are based on reports by retailers leasing Mall Stores and Freestanding Stores for the trailing twelve months for tenants which have occupied such stores for a minimum of twelve months. Sales per square foot are also based on tenants 10,000 square feet and under for Regional Shopping Centers.
- (5) On January 6, 2016, the Company sold a 40% ownership interest in the property (See "Item 1. Business—Recent Developments—Acquisitions and Dispositions").
- (6) Portions of the land on which the Center is situated are subject to one or more long-term ground leases.
- (7) These Centers have a vacant Anchor location. The Company is seeking replacement tenants and/or contemplating redevelopment opportunities for these vacant sites. The Company continues to collect rent under the terms of an agreement regarding one of these two vacant Anchor locations.
- (8) Primark plans to open stores at Danbury Fair Mall and Freehold Raceway Mall in Summer 2016.
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- (9) On January 14, 2016, the Company sold a 49% ownership interest in the property (See "Item 1. Business—Recent Developments—Acquisitions and Dispositions").
- (10) JCPenney plans to open a new store at Inland Center in Fall 2016.
- (11) Dick's Sporting Goods plans to open a new store at The Oaks in Fall 2016.
- (12) Barneys New York plans to close its store at Scottsdale Fashion Square in Spring 2016.
- (13) Included in Unconsolidated Joint Venture Centers.
- (14) Tenant spaces have been intentionally held off the market and remain vacant because of redevelopment plans. As a result, the Company believes the percentage of mall and freestanding GLA leased and the sales per square foot at this redevelopment property are not meaningful data.
- (15) Included in Consolidated Centers.
- (16) Burlington Coat Factory plans to open a store at The Market at Estrella Falls in Fall 2016.

(17) Target closed its store at Promenade at Casa Grande in January 2016.

(18) The Company owns a portfolio of eight stores located at shopping centers not owned by the Company. Of these eight stores, two have been leased to Forever 21, one has been leased to Kohl's, one has been leased to Sports Authority and four have been leased for non-Anchor usage. With respect to five of the eight stores, the underlying land is owned in fee entirely by the Company. With respect to the remaining three stores, the underlying land is owned by third parties and leased to the Company pursuant to long-term building or ground leases. Under the terms of a typical building or ground lease, the Company pays rent for the use of the building or land and is generally responsible for all costs and expenses associated with the building and improvements. In some cases, the Company has an option or right of first refusal to purchase the land. The termination dates of the ground leases range from 2018 to 2027.



## Mortgage Debt

The following table sets forth certain information regarding the mortgages encumbering the Centers, including those Centers in which the Company has less than a 100% interest. The information set forth below is as of December 31, 2015 (dollars in thousands):

Property Pledged as Collateral	Fixed or Floating	Carrying Amount(1)	Effective Interest Rate(2)	Annual Debt Service(3)	Maturity Date(4)	Balance Due on Maturity	Earliest Date Notes Can Be Defeased or Be Prepaid
<b>Consolidated Centers:</b>							
Arrowhead Towne Center(5)	Fixed	\$ 221,194	2.76%	\$ 13,572	10/5/18	\$ 199,487	Any Time
Chandler Fashion Center(6)	Fixed	200,000	3.77%	7,500	7/1/19	200,000	Any Time
Danbury Fair Mall(7)	Fixed	222,497	5.53%	18,456	10/1/20	188,854	Any Time
Deptford Mall(8)	Fixed	193,861	3.76%	11,364	4/3/23	160,294	Any Time
Deptford Mall(9)	Fixed	14,001	6.46%	1,212	6/1/16	13,877	Any Time
Fashion Outlets of Chicago(10)	Floating	200,000	1.84%	3,492	3/31/20	200,000	Any Time
Fashion Outlets of Niagara Falls USA	Fixed	118,615	4.89%	8,724	10/6/20	103,810	Any Time
Flagstaff Mall(11)	Fixed	37,000	8.97%	1,836	11/1/15	37,000	Any Time
FlatIron Crossing(8)	Fixed	254,733	3.90%	16,716	1/5/21	216,740	Any Time
Freehold Raceway Mall(6)	Fixed	225,094	4.20%	13,584	1/1/18	216,258	Any Time
Green Acres Mall	Fixed	306,954	3.61%	17,364	2/3/21	269,922	Any Time
Kings Plaza Shopping Center	Fixed	470,627	3.67%	26,748	12/3/19	427,423	Any Time
Northgate Mall(12)	Floating	64,000	3.30%	1,716	3/1/17	64,000	Any Time
Oaks, The	Fixed	205,986	4.14%	12,768	6/5/22	174,311	Any Time
Pacific View	Fixed	130,458	4.08%	8,016	4/1/22	110,597	4/12/2017
Queens Center	Fixed	600,000	3.49%	20,928	1/1/25	600,000	Any Time
Santa Monica Place	Fixed	225,089	2.99%	12,048	1/3/18	214,118	Any Time
SanTan Village Regional Center	Fixed	130,898	3.14%	7,068	6/1/19	120,238	Any Time
Stonewood Center	Fixed	105,494	1.80%	7,680	11/1/17	94,471	Any Time
Superstition Springs Center(13)	Floating	67,763	2.17%	1,788	10/28/16	67,500	Any Time
Towne Mall	Fixed	22,200	4.48%	1,404	11/1/22	18,886	Any Time
Tucson La Encantada(14)	Fixed	70,070	4.23%	4,416	3/1/22	59,788	Any Time
Victor Valley, Mall of	Fixed	115,000	4.00%	4,560	9/1/24	115,000	10/22/16
Vintage Faire Mall(15)	Fixed	276,117	3.55%	15,060	3/6/26	211,507	3/26/2017
Westside Pavilion	Fixed	146,961	4.49%	9,396	10/1/22	125,489	Any Time
		<u>\$ 4,624,612</u>					

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<b>Unconsolidated Joint Venture Centers (at Company's Pro Rata Share):</b>							
Atlas Park, The Shops at(50.0%)(16)	Floating	24,146	2.56%	602	10/22/2020	24,146	Any Time
Boulevard Shops(50.0%)(17)	Floating	9,772	2.12%	379	12/16/2018	9,133	Any Time
Corte Madera, The Village at(50.1%)	Fixed	37,198	7.27%	3,265	11/1/2016	36,696	Any Time
Estrella Falls, The Market at(40.1%)(18)	Floating	10,420	2.34%	210	2/5/2020	10,087	Any Time
Kierland Commons(50.0%)(19)	Floating	66,205	2.38%	2,356	1/2/2018	64,281	Any Time
Lakewood Center(60.0%)(20)	Fixed	228,953	4.15%	13,144	6/1/2026	185,306	8/6/17
Los Cerritos Center(60.0%)(21)	Fixed	315,000	4.00%	12,600	11/1/2027	278,711	11/1/21
North Bridge, The Shops at(50.0%)(14)	Fixed	94,884	7.52%	8,601	6/15/2016	94,258	Any Time
Scottsdale Fashion Square(50.0%)	Fixed	247,823	3.02%	13,281	4/3/2023	201,331	Any Time
South Plains Mall(60.0%)(22)	Fixed	120,000	4.22%	5,065	11/6/2025	120,000	10/23/18
Tysons Corner Center(50.0%)(23)	Fixed	408,017	4.13%	24,643	1/1/2024	333,233	Any Time
Washington Square(60.0%)(24)	Fixed	330,000	3.65%	12,045	11/1/2022	311,348	11/1/18
West Acres(19.0%)	Fixed	10,613	6.41%	1,069	10/1/2016	10,315	Any Time
		<u>\$ 1,903,031</u>					

- (1) The mortgage notes payable balances include the unamortized debt premiums (discounts). Debt premiums (discounts) represent the excess (deficiency) of the fair value of debt over (under) the principal value of debt assumed in various acquisitions. The debt premiums (discounts) are being amortized into interest expense over the term of the related debt in a manner which approximates the effective interest method.

The debt premiums (discounts) as of December 31, 2015 consisted of the following:

Property Pledged as Collateral

<u>Consolidated Centers</u>	
Arrowhead Towne Center	\$ 8,494
Deptford Mall	(3)
Fashion Outlets of Niagara Falls USA	4,486
Stonewood Center	5,168
Superstition Springs Center	263
	<u>\$ 18,408</u>
<u>Unconsolidated Joint Venture Center (at Company's Pro Rata Share)</u>	
Lakewood Center	<u>\$ (14,750)</u>

- (2) The interest rate disclosed represents the effective interest rate, including the debt premiums (discounts) and deferred finance costs.
- (3) The annual debt service represents the annual payment of principal and interest.
- (4) The maturity date assumes that all extension options are fully exercised and that the Company does not opt to refinance the debt prior to these dates. These extension options are at the Company's discretion, subject to certain conditions, which the Company believes will be met.
- (5) On January 6, 2016, the Company replaced the existing loan on the property with a new \$400,000 loan that bears interest at an effective rate of 4.05% and matures on February 1, 2028. Concurrently, a 40% interest in the loan was assumed by a third party in connection with the sale of a 40% ownership interest in the underlying property (See "Item 1. Business—Recent Developments—Acquisitions and Dispositions").
- (6) A 49.9% interest in the loan has been assumed by a third party in connection with a co-venture arrangement.
- (7) Northwestern Mutual Life ("NML") is the lender of 50% of the loan. NML is considered a related party as it is a joint venture partner with the Company in Broadway Plaza.
- (8) On January 14, 2016, a 49% interest in the loan was assumed by a third party in connection with the sale of a 49% ownership interest in the MAC Heitman Portfolio (See "Item 1. Business—Recent Developments—Acquisitions and Dispositions").
- (9) The Company expects to pay off this loan on March 1, 2016.
- (10) On March 3, 2015, the Company amended the loan on the property. The amended \$200,000 loan bears interest at LIBOR plus 1.50% and matures on March 31, 2020.
- (11) On November 1, 2015, this nonrecourse loan went into maturity default. The Company is working with the loan servicer, which is expected to result in a transition of the property to the loan servicer or a receiver.
- (12) The loan bears interest at LIBOR plus 2.25% and matures on March 1, 2017.
- (13) The loan bears interest at LIBOR plus 2.30% and matures on October 28, 2016.
- (14) NML is the lender of this loan.

- (15) On February 19, 2015, the Company placed a \$280,000 loan on the property that bears interest at an effective rate of 3.55% and matures on March 6, 2026.
- (16) On October 28, 2015, the Company's joint venture in The Shops at Atlas Park placed a \$57,751 loan on the property that bears interest at LIBOR plus 2.25% and matures on October 22, 2020, including two one-year extension options.
- (17) The loan bears interest at LIBOR plus 1.75% and matures on December 16, 2018, including two one-year extension options.
- (18) On February 3, 2015, the Company's joint venture in The Market at Estrella Falls replaced the existing loan on the property with a new \$26,500 loan that bears interest at LIBOR plus 1.70% and matures on February 5, 2020, including a one-year extension option.
- (19) The loan bears interest at LIBOR plus 1.9% and matures on January 2, 2018, including a one-year extension option.
- (20) On March 2, 2015, the Company paid off in full the loan on the property. On May 12, 2015, the Company placed a new \$410,000 loan on the property that bears interest at an effective rate of 4.15% and matures on June 1, 2026. On October 30, 2015, a 40% interest in the loan was assumed by a third party in connection with the sale of a 40% ownership interest in the PPR Portfolio (See "Item 1. Business—Recent Developments—Acquisitions and Dispositions").
- (21) On October 30, 2015, the Company replaced the existing loan on the property with a new \$525,000 loan that bears interest at an effective rate of 4.00% and matures on November 1, 2027. Concurrently, a 40% interest in the loan was assumed by a third party in connection with the sale of a 40% ownership interest in the PPR Portfolio (See "Item 1. Business—Recent Developments—Acquisitions and Dispositions").
- (22) On October 23, 2015, the Company placed a \$200,000 loan on the property that bears interest at an effective rate of 4.22% and matures on November 6, 2025. On October 30, 2015, a 40% interest in the loan was assumed by a third party in connection with the sale of a 40% ownership interest in the PPR Portfolio (See "Item 1. Business—Recent Developments—Acquisitions and Dispositions").
- (23) NML is the lender of 33.3% of the loan.
- (24) On October 5, 2015, the Company paid off in full the existing loan on the property. On October 29, 2015, the Company placed a new \$550,000 loan on the property that bears interest at an effective rate of 3.65% and matures on November 1, 2022. On October 30, 2015, a 40% interest in the loan was assumed by a third party in connection with the sale of a 40% ownership interest in the PPR Portfolio (See "Item 1. Business—Recent Developments—Acquisitions and Dispositions").

**ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

None of the Company, the Operating Partnership, the Management Companies or their respective affiliates is currently involved in any material legal proceedings.

**ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES**

Not applicable.

## PART II

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

The common stock of the Company is listed and traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "MAC". The common stock began trading on March 10, 1994 at a price of \$19 per share. In 2015, the Company's shares traded at a high of \$95.93 and a low of \$71.98.

As of February 12, 2016, there were approximately 533 stockholders of record. The following table shows high and low sales prices per share of common stock during each quarter in 2015 and 2014 and dividends per share of common stock declared and paid by the Company during each quarter:

Quarter Ended	Market Quotation Per Share		Dividends (1)	
	High	Low	Declared	Paid
March 31, 2015	\$ 95.93	\$ 81.61	\$ 0.65	\$ 0.65
June 30, 2015	\$ 86.31	\$ 74.51	\$ 0.65	\$ 0.65
September 30, 2015	\$ 81.52	\$ 71.98	\$ 0.65	\$ 0.65
December 31, 2015	\$ 86.29	\$ 74.55	\$ 4.68	\$ 2.68
March 31, 2014	\$ 62.41	\$ 55.21	\$ 0.62	\$ 0.62
June 30, 2014	\$ 68.28	\$ 61.66	\$ 0.62	\$ 0.62
September 30, 2014	\$ 68.81	\$ 62.62	\$ 0.62	\$ 0.62
December 31, 2014	\$ 85.55	\$ 63.25	\$ 0.65	\$ 0.65

(1) The dividends declared for the quarter ended December 31, 2015 include a special dividend/distribution of \$2.00 per share of common stock and per OP Unit that was paid on January 6, 2016 (See "Item 1. Business—Recent Developments—Other Events and Transactions").

To maintain its qualification as a REIT, the Company is required each year to distribute to stockholders at least 90% of its net taxable income after certain adjustments. The Company paid all of its 2015 and 2014 quarterly dividends in cash. The timing, amount and composition of future dividends will be determined in the sole discretion of the Company's board of directors and will depend on actual and projected cash flow, financial condition, funds from operations, earnings, capital requirements, annual REIT distribution requirements, contractual prohibitions or other restrictions, applicable law and such other factors as the board of directors deems relevant. For example, under the Company's existing financing arrangements, the Company may pay cash dividends and make other distributions based on a formula derived from funds from operations (See "Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Funds From Operations ("FFO") and Adjusted Funds From Operations ("AFFO")") and only if no default under the financing agreements has occurred, unless, under certain circumstances, payment of the distribution is necessary to enable the Company to continue to qualify as a REIT under the Code.

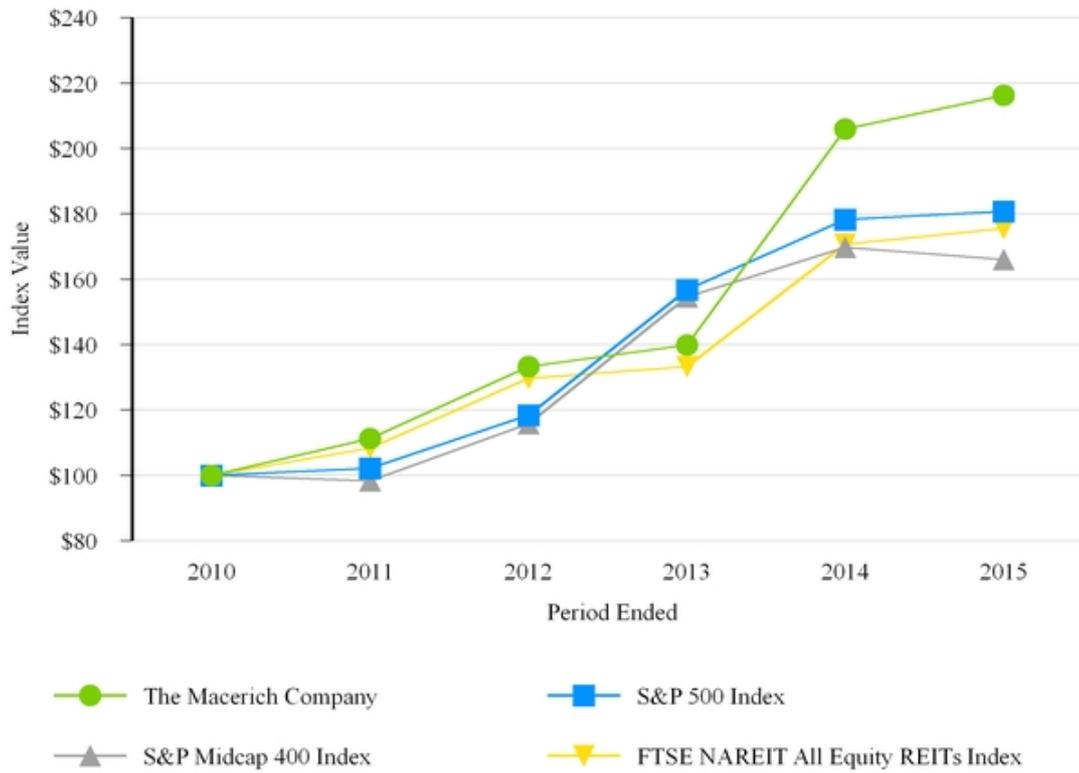
#### Stock Performance Graph

The following graph provides a comparison, from December 31, 2010 through December 31, 2015, of the yearly percentage change in the cumulative total stockholder return (assuming reinvestment of dividends) of the Company, the Standard & Poor's ("S&P") 500 Index, the S&P Midcap 400 Index and the FTSE NAREIT All Equity REITs Index, an industry index of publicly-traded REITs (including the Company).

The graph assumes that the value of the investment in each of the Company's common stock and the indices was \$100 at the close of the market on December 31, 2010.

Upon written request directed to the Secretary of the Company, the Company will provide any stockholder with a list of the REITs included in the FTSE NAREIT All Equity REITs Index. The historical information set forth below is not necessarily indicative of future performance.

Data for the FTSE NAREIT All Equity REITs Index, the S&P 500 Index and the S&P Midcap 400 Index were provided by Research Data Group.



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	12/31/10	12/31/11	12/31/12	12/31/13	12/31/14	12/31/15
The Macerich Company	\$ 100.00	\$ 111.26	\$ 133.23	\$ 139.89	\$ 205.92	\$ 216.24
S&P 500 Index	100.00	102.11	118.45	156.82	178.29	180.75
S&P Midcap 400 Index	100.00	98.27	115.84	154.64	169.75	166.05
FTSE NAREIT All Equity REITs Index	100.00	108.28	129.62	133.32	170.68	175.51

#### Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities

None.

## Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share (1)	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Approximate Dollar Value of Shares That May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs(2)
October 1, 2015 to October 31, 2015	—	\$ —	—	\$ —
November 1, 2015 to November 30, 2015	4,140,788 (3)	78.26	4,140,788 (3)	800,000,000 (4)
December 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015	—	—	—	—
	<u>4,140,788</u>	<u>\$ 78.26</u>	<u>4,140,788</u>	<u>\$ 800,000,000</u>

(1) The average price paid per share is calculated on a trade date basis.

(2) On September 30, 2015, the Company's Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to \$1.2 billion of the Company's outstanding common shares over the period ending September 30, 2017, as market conditions warrant. Repurchases may be made through open market purchases, privately negotiated transactions, structured or derivative transactions, including accelerated stock repurchase transactions, or other methods of acquiring shares from time to time as permitted by securities law and other legal requirements.

(3) On November 12, 2015, the Company entered into an ASR to repurchase \$400.0 million of the Company's common stock. In accordance with the ASR (See "Item 1. Business—Recent Developments—Other Events and Transactions"), the Company made a prepayment of \$400.0 million and received an initial share delivery of 4,140,788 shares. On January 20, 2016, the ASR was completed and the Company received an additional delivery of 970,609 shares.

(4) On February 17, 2016, the Company entered into another ASR to repurchase \$400.0 million of the Company's common stock. In accordance with the ASR (See "Item 1. Business—Recent Developments—Other Events and Transactions"), the Company made a prepayment of \$400.0 million and received an initial share delivery of 4,222,193 shares, resulting in an approximate dollar value that may be purchased under the program of \$400.0 million.

**ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA**

The following sets forth selected financial data for the Company on a historical basis. The following data should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements (and the notes thereto) of the Company and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," each included elsewhere in this Form 10-K. All dollars and share amounts are in thousands, except per share data.

	Years Ended December 31,				
	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
<b>OPERATING DATA:</b>					
Revenues:					
Minimum rents (1)	\$ 759,603	\$ 633,571	\$ 578,113	\$ 447,321	\$ 381,274
Percentage rents	25,693	24,350	23,156	21,388	16,818
Tenant recoveries	415,129	361,119	337,772	247,593	215,872
Other	61,470	52,226	50,242	39,980	30,376
Management Companies	26,254	33,981	40,192	41,235	40,404
Total revenues	<u>1,288,149</u>	<u>1,105,247</u>	<u>1,029,475</u>	<u>797,517</u>	<u>684,744</u>
Expenses:					
Shopping center and operating expenses	379,815	353,505	329,795	251,923	213,832
Management Companies' operating expenses	92,340	88,424	93,461	85,610	86,587
REIT general and administrative expenses	29,870	29,412	27,772	20,412	21,113
Costs related to unsolicited takeover offer (2)	25,204	—	—	—	—
Depreciation and amortization	464,472	378,716	357,165	277,621	227,980
Interest expense	211,943	190,689	197,247	164,392	167,249
(Gain) loss on early extinguishment of debt, net (3)	(1,487)	9,551	(1,432)	—	1,485
Total expenses	<u>1,202,157</u>	<u>1,050,297</u>	<u>1,004,008</u>	<u>799,958</u>	<u>718,246</u>
Equity in income of unconsolidated joint ventures (4)	45,164	60,626	167,580	79,281	294,677
Co-venture expense	(11,804)	(9,490)	(8,864)	(6,523)	(5,806)
Income tax benefit (5)	3,223	4,269	1,692	4,159	6,110
Gain (loss) on sale or write down of assets, net (6)	378,248	73,440	(78,057)	28,734	(25,639)
Gain on remeasurement of assets (7)	22,089	1,423,136	51,205	199,956	3,602
Income from continuing operations	<u>522,912</u>	<u>1,606,931</u>	<u>159,023</u>	<u>303,166</u>	<u>239,442</u>
Discontinued operations: (8)					
Gain (loss) on disposition of assets, net	—	—	286,414	50,811	(67,333)
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	—	—	3,522	12,412	(3,034)
Total income (loss) from discontinued operations	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>289,936</u>	<u>63,223</u>	<u>(70,367)</u>
Net income	522,912	1,606,931	448,959	366,389	169,075
Less net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	35,350	107,889	28,869	28,963	12,209
Net income attributable to the Company	<u>\$ 487,562</u>	<u>\$ 1,499,042</u>	<u>\$ 420,090</u>	<u>\$ 337,426</u>	<u>\$ 156,866</u>
Earnings per common share ("EPS") attributable to the Company—basic:					
Income from continuing operations	\$ 3.08	\$ 10.46	\$ 1.07	\$ 2.07	\$ 1.67
Discontinued operations	—	—	1.94	0.44	(0.49)
Net income attributable to common stockholders	<u>\$ 3.08</u>	<u>\$ 10.46</u>	<u>\$ 3.01</u>	<u>\$ 2.51</u>	<u>\$ 1.18</u>
EPS attributable to the Company—diluted: (9)(10)					
Income from continuing operations	\$ 3.08	\$ 10.45	\$ 1.06	\$ 2.07	\$ 1.67
Discontinued operations	—	—	1.94	0.44	(0.49)
Net income attributable to common stockholders	<u>\$ 3.08</u>	<u>\$ 10.45</u>	<u>\$ 3.00</u>	<u>\$ 2.51</u>	<u>\$ 1.18</u>

	As of December 31,				
	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
<b>BALANCE SHEET DATA:</b>					
Investment in real estate (before accumulated depreciation)	\$ 10,689,656	\$ 12,777,882	\$ 9,181,338	\$ 9,012,706	\$ 7,489,735
Total assets	\$ 11,258,576	\$ 13,121,778	\$ 9,075,250	\$ 9,311,209	\$ 7,938,549
Total mortgage and notes payable	\$ 5,283,742	\$ 6,292,400	\$ 4,582,727	\$ 5,261,370	\$ 4,206,074
Equity(11)	\$ 5,071,239	\$ 6,039,849	\$ 3,718,717	\$ 3,416,251	\$ 3,164,651
<b>OTHER DATA:</b>					
Funds from operations ("FFO")—diluted (12)	\$ 642,268	\$ 542,754	\$ 527,574	\$ 577,862	\$ 399,559
Cash flows provided by (used in):					
Operating activities	\$ 540,377	\$ 400,706	\$ 422,035	\$ 351,296	\$ 237,285
Investing activities	\$ (101,024)	\$ (255,791)	\$ 271,867	\$ (963,374)	\$ (212,086)
Financing activities	\$ (437,750)	\$ (129,723)	\$ (689,980)	\$ 610,623	\$ (403,596)
Number of Centers at year end	58	60	64	70	79
Regional Shopping Centers portfolio occupancy (13)	96.1%	95.8%	94.6%	93.8%	92.7%
Regional Shopping Centers portfolio sales per square foot (14)	\$ 635	\$ 587	\$ 562	\$ 517	\$ 489
Weighted average number of shares outstanding—EPS basic	157,916	143,144	139,598	134,067	131,628
Weighted average number of shares outstanding—EPS diluted(10)	158,060	143,291	139,680	134,148	131,628
Distributions declared per common share (15)	\$ 6.63	\$ 2.51	\$ 2.36	\$ 2.23	\$ 2.05

- (1) Minimum rents were increased by amortization of above and below-market leases of \$16.5 million, \$9.1 million, \$6.6 million, \$5.2 million and \$9.3 million for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012 and 2011, respectively.
- (2) Costs related to unsolicited takeover offer from Simon. See "Item 1. Business—Recent Developments—Other Events and Transactions".
- (3) The Company repurchased \$180.3 million of its convertible senior notes ("Senior Notes") during the year ended December 31, 2011 that resulted in a loss of \$1.5 million on the early extinguishment of debt. The (gain) loss on early extinguishment of debt, net for the year ended December 31, 2015 includes the loss on the extinguishment of a term loan of \$0.6 million. The (gain) loss on early extinguishment of debt, net for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013 also includes the (gain) loss on the extinguishment of mortgage notes payable of \$(2.1) million, \$9.6 million and \$(1.4) million, respectively.
- (4) On February 24, 2011, the Company's joint venture in Kierland Commons Investment LLC ("KCI") acquired an additional ownership interest in PHXAZ/Kierland Commons, L.L.C. ("Kierland Commons") for \$105.6 million. The Company's share of the purchase price consisted of a cash payment of \$34.2 million and the assumption of a pro rata share of debt of \$18.6 million. As a result of this transaction, KCI increased its ownership interest in Kierland Commons from 49% to 100%. KCI accounted for the acquisition as a business combination achieved in stages and recognized a remeasurement gain of \$25.0 million based on the acquisition date fair value and its previously held investment in Kierland Commons. As a result of this transaction, the Company's ownership interest in KCI increased from 24.5% to 50%. The Company's pro rata share of the gain recognized by KCI was \$12.5 million and was included in equity in income from unconsolidated joint ventures.

On February 28, 2011, the Company, in a 50/50 joint venture, acquired The Shops at Atlas Park for a total purchase price of \$53.8 million. The Company's share of the purchase price was \$26.9 million.

On February 28, 2011, the Company acquired the remaining 50% ownership interest in Desert Sky Mall that it did not previously own for \$27.6 million. The purchase price was funded by a cash payment of \$1.9 million and the assumption of the third party's pro rata share of the mortgage note payable on the property of \$25.8 million. Prior to the acquisition, the Company had accounted for its investment in Desert Sky Mall under the equity method. As of the date of acquisition, the Company has included Desert Sky Mall in its consolidated financial statements.

On April 1, 2011, the Company's joint venture in SDG Macerich Properties, L.P. ("SDG Macerich") conveyed Granite Run Mall to the mortgage note lender by a deed-in-lieu of foreclosure. The mortgage note was non-recourse. The Company's pro rata share of the gain on the extinguishment of debt was \$7.8 million.

On December 31, 2011, the Company and its joint venture partner reached agreement for the distribution and conveyance of interests in SDG Macerich that owned 11 regional shopping centers in a 50/50 partnership. Six of the 11 assets were distributed to the Company on December 31, 2011. The Company received 100% ownership of Eastland Mall, Lake Square Mall, SouthPark Mall, Southridge Center, NorthPark Mall and Valley Mall. These wholly-owned assets were recorded at fair value at the date of transfer, which resulted in a gain of \$188.3 million. The gain reflected the fair value of the net assets received in excess of the book value of the Company's interest in SDG Macerich.

On March 30, 2012, the Company sold its 50% ownership interest in Chandler Village Center for a total sales price of \$14.8 million, resulting in a gain on the sale of assets of \$8.2 million. The sales price was funded by a cash payment of \$6.0 million and the assumption of the Company's

share of the mortgage note payable on the property of \$8.8 million. The Company used the cash proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On March 30, 2012, the Company sold its 50% ownership interest in Chandler Festival for a total sales price of \$31.0 million, resulting in a gain on the sale of assets of \$12.3 million. The sales price was funded by a cash payment of \$16.2 million and the assumption of the Company's share of the mortgage note payable on the property of \$14.8 million. The Company used the cash proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On March 30, 2012, the Company's joint venture in SanTan Village Power Center sold the property for \$54.8 million, resulting in a gain on the sale of assets of \$23.3 million for the joint venture. The Company's pro rata share of the gain recognized was \$7.9 million, net of noncontrolling interests of \$3.6 million. The Company used its share of the proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On May 31, 2012, the Company sold its 50% ownership interest in Chandler Gateway for a total sales price of \$14.3 million, resulting in a gain on the sale of assets of \$3.4 million. The sales price was funded by a cash payment of \$4.9 million and the assumption of the Company's share of the mortgage note payable on the property of \$9.4 million. The Company used the cash proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On August 10, 2012, the Company was bought out of its ownership interest in NorthPark Center for \$118.8 million, resulting in a gain on the sale of assets of \$24.6 million. The Company used the cash proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit.

On October 3, 2012, the Company acquired the remaining 75% ownership interest in FlatIron Crossing that it did not previously own for \$310.4 million. The purchase price was funded by a cash payment of \$195.9 million and the assumption of the third party's pro rata share of the mortgage note payable on the property of \$114.5 million. As a result of this transaction, the Company recognized a remeasurement gain of \$84.2 million.

On October 26, 2012, the Company acquired the remaining 33.3% ownership interest in Arrowhead Towne Center that it did not previously own for \$144.4 million. The purchase price was funded by a cash payment of \$69.0 million and the assumption of the third party's pro rata share of the mortgage note payable on the property of \$75.4 million. As a result of this transaction, the Company recognized a remeasurement gain of \$115.7 million.

On May 29, 2013, the Company's joint venture in Pacific Premier Retail LLC sold Redmond Town Center Office for \$185.0 million, resulting in a gain on the sale of assets of \$89.2 million to the joint venture. The Company's share of the gain was \$44.4 million. The Company used its share of the proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On June 12, 2013, the Company's joint venture in Pacific Premier Retail LLC sold Kitsap Mall for \$127.0 million, resulting in a gain on the sale of assets of \$55.2 million to the joint venture. The Company's share of the gain was \$28.1 million. The Company used its share of the proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On August 1, 2013, the Company's joint venture in Pacific Premier Retail LLC sold Redmond Town Center for \$127.0 million, resulting in a gain on the sale of assets of \$38.4 million to the joint venture. The Company's share of the gain was \$18.3 million. The Company used its share of the proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On September 17, 2013, the Company's joint venture in Camelback Colonnade was restructured. As a result of the restructuring, the Company's ownership interest in Camelback Colonnade decreased from 73.2% to 67.5%. Prior to the restructuring, the Company had accounted for its investment in Camelback Colonnade under the equity method of accounting due to substantive participation rights held by the outside partners. Upon completion of the restructuring, these substantive participation rights were terminated and the Company obtained voting control of the joint venture. As a result of this transaction, the Company recognized a remeasurement gain of \$36.3 million. Since the date of the restructuring, the Company included Camelback Colonnade in its consolidated financial statements until it was sold on December 29, 2014.

On October 8, 2013, the Company's joint venture in Ridgmar Mall sold the property for \$60.9 million, which resulted in a gain on the sale of assets of \$6.2 million to the joint venture. The Company's share of the gain was \$3.1 million. The cash proceeds from the sale were used to pay off the \$51.7 million mortgage loan on the property and the remaining \$9.2 million net of closing costs was distributed to the partners. The Company used its share of the proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On October 24, 2013, the Company acquired the remaining 33.3% ownership interest in Superstition Springs Center that it did not previously own for \$46.2 million. The purchase price was funded by a cash payment of \$23.7 million and the assumption of the third party's pro rata share of the mortgage note payable on the property of \$22.5 million. Prior to the acquisition, the Company had accounted for its investment in Superstition Springs Center under the equity method of accounting. As a result of this transaction, the Company recognized a remeasurement gain of \$14.9 million. Since the date of acquisition, the Company has included Superstition Springs Center in its consolidated financial statements.

On June 4, 2014, the Company acquired the remaining 49.0% ownership interest in Cascade Mall that it did not previously own for a cash payment of \$15.2 million. The Company purchased Cascade Mall from its joint venture in Pacific Premier Retail LLC. Prior to the acquisition, the Company had accounted for its investment in Cascade Mall under the equity method of accounting. Since the date of acquisition, the Company has included Cascade Mall in its consolidated financial statements.

On July 30, 2014, the Company formed a joint venture with Pennsylvania Real Estate Investment Trust to redevelop Fashion Outlets of Philadelphia. The Company invested \$106.8 million for a 50% ownership interest in the joint venture, which was funded by borrowings under its line of credit.

On August 28, 2014, the Company sold its 30% ownership interest in Wilshire Boulevard for a total sales price of \$17.1 million, resulting in a gain on the sale of assets of \$9.0 million. The sales price was funded by a cash payment of \$15.4 million and the assumption of the Company's share of the mortgage note payable on the property of \$1.7 million. The Company used the cash proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On November 14, 2014, the Company acquired the remaining 49% ownership interest that it did not previously own in two separate joint ventures, Pacific Premier Retail LLC and Queens JV LP, which together owned five Centers: Lakewood Center, Los Cerritos Center, Queens Center, Stonewood Center and Washington Square (collectively referred to herein as the "PPR Queens Portfolio"). The total consideration of approximately \$1.8 billion was funded by the direct issuance of approximately \$1.2 billion of common stock of the Company and the assumption of the third party's pro rata share of the mortgage notes payable on the properties of \$672.1 million.

On February 17, 2015, the Company acquired the remaining 50% ownership interest in Inland Center that it did not previously own for \$51.3 million. The purchase price was funded by a cash payment of \$26.3 million and the assumption of the third party's share of the mortgage note payable on the property of \$25.0 million. Concurrent with the purchase of the joint venture interest, the Company paid off the \$50.0 million mortgage note payable on the property. The cash payment was funded by borrowings under the Company's line of credit.

On April 30, 2015, the Company entered into a 50/50 joint venture with Sears to own nine freestanding stores located at Arrowhead Towne Center, Chandler Fashion Center, Danbury Fair Mall, Deptford Mall, Freehold Raceway Mall, Los Cerritos Center, South Plains Mall, Vintage Faire Mall and Washington Square. The Company invested \$150.0 million for a 50% interest in the joint venture, which was funded by borrowings under the Company's line of credit.

On October 30, 2015, the Company sold a 40% ownership interest in Pacific Premier Retail LLC (the "PPR Portfolio"), which owns Lakewood Center, Los Cerritos Center, South Plains Mall and Washington Square for a total sales price of \$1.3 billion, resulting in a gain on sale of assets of \$311.2 million. The sales price was funded by a cash payment of \$545.6 million and the assumption of the pro rata share of the mortgage notes payable on the properties of \$713.0 million. The Company used the cash proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes, which included funding the ASR and Special Dividend (See "Item 1. Business—Recent Developments—Other Events and Transactions").

- (5) The Company's taxable REIT subsidiaries are subject to corporate level income taxes (See Note 20—Income Taxes in the Company's Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements).
- (6) Gain (loss) on sale or write down of assets includes the gain of \$311.2 million from the sale of a 40% ownership interest in the PPR Portfolio and \$73.7 million from the sale of Panorama Mall during the year ended December 31, 2015 and the gain of \$121.9 million from the sale of South Towne Center during the year ended December 31, 2014.
- (7) Gain on remeasurement of assets includes \$22.1 million from the acquisition of Inland Center during the year ended December 31, 2015, \$1.4 billion from the acquisition of the PPR Queens Portfolio during the year ended December 31, 2014, \$36.3 million from the acquisition of Camelback Colonnade and \$14.9 million from the acquisition of Superstition Springs Center during the year ended December 31, 2013, \$84.2 million from the acquisition of FlatIron Crossing and \$115.7 million from the acquisition of Arrowhead Towne Center during the year ended December 31, 2012, and \$1.9 million from the acquisition of Desert Sky Mall and \$1.7 million from the acquisition of Superstition Springs Land during the year ended December 31, 2011.
- (8) Discontinued operations include the following:

On March 4, 2011, the Company sold a former Mervyn's store in Santa Fe, New Mexico for \$3.7 million, resulting in a loss on the sale of assets of \$1.9 million. The proceeds from the sale were used for general corporate purposes.

In June 2011, the Company recorded an impairment charge of \$35.7 million related to Shoppingtown Mall. As a result of the maturity default on the mortgage note payable and the corresponding reduction of the expected holding period, the Company wrote down the carrying value of the long-lived assets to its estimated fair value of \$39.0 million. On December 30, 2011, the Company conveyed Shoppingtown Mall to the lender by a deed-in-lieu of foreclosure. As a result, the Company recognized a \$3.9 million additional loss on the disposal of the asset.

On October 14, 2011, the Company sold a former Mervyn's store in Salt Lake City, Utah for \$8.1 million, resulting in a gain on the sale of assets of \$3.8 million. The proceeds from the sale were used for general corporate purposes.

On November 30, 2011, the Company sold a former Mervyn's store in West Valley City, Utah for \$2.3 million, resulting in a loss on the sale of assets of \$0.2 million. The proceeds from the sale were used for general corporate purposes.

In March 2012, the Company recorded an impairment charge of \$54.3 million related to Valley View Center. As a result of the sale of the property on April 23, 2012, the Company wrote down the carrying value of the long-lived assets to their estimated fair value of \$33.5 million, which was equal to the sales price of the property. On April 23, 2012, the property was sold by a court appointed receiver, which resulted in a gain on the extinguishment of debt of \$104.0 million.

On April 30, 2012, the Company sold The Borgata for \$9.2 million, resulting in a loss on the sale of assets of \$1.3 million. The Company used the proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On May 11, 2012, the Company sold a former Mervyn's store in Montebello, California for \$20.8 million, resulting in a loss on the sale of assets of \$0.4 million. The proceeds from the sale were used for general corporate purposes.

On May 17, 2012, the Company sold Hilton Village for \$24.8 million, resulting in a gain on the sale of assets of \$3.1 million. The Company used the proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On May 31, 2012, the Company conveyed Prescott Gateway to the mortgage note lender by a deed-in-lieu of foreclosure. As a result of the conveyance, the Company recognized a gain on the extinguishment of debt of \$16.3 million.

On June 28, 2012, the Company sold Carmel Plaza for \$52.0 million, resulting in a gain on the sale of assets of \$7.8 million. The Company used the proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit.

On May 31, 2013, the Company sold Green Tree Mall for \$79.0 million, resulting in a gain on the sale of assets of \$59.8 million. The Company used the proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On June 4, 2013, the Company sold Northridge Mall and Rimrock Mall in a combined transaction for \$230.0 million, resulting in a gain on the sale of assets of \$82.2 million. The Company used the proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On September 11, 2013, the Company sold a former Mervyn's store in Milpitas, California for \$12.0 million, resulting in a loss on the sale of assets of \$2.6 million. The Company used the proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On September 30, 2013, the Company conveyed Fiesta Mall to the mortgage note lender by a deed-in-lieu of foreclosure. The mortgage loan was non-recourse. As a result of the conveyance, the Company recognized a gain on the extinguishment of debt of \$1.3 million.

On October 15, 2013, the Company sold a former Mervyn's store in Midland, Texas for \$5.7 million, resulting in a loss on the sale of assets of \$2.0 million. The Company used the proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On October 23, 2013, the Company sold a former Mervyn's store in Grand Junction, Colorado for \$5.4 million, resulting in a gain on the sale of assets of \$1.7 million. The Company used the proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On December 4, 2013, the Company sold a former Mervyn's store in Livermore, California for \$10.5 million, resulting in a loss on the sale of assets of \$5.3 million. The Company used the proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On December 11, 2013, the Company sold Chesterfield Towne Center and Centre at Salisbury in a combined transaction for \$292.5 million, resulting in a gain on the sale of assets of \$151.5 million. The sales price was funded by a cash payment of \$67.8 million, the assumption of the \$109.7 million mortgage note payable on Chesterfield Towne Center and the assumption of the \$115.0 million mortgage note payable on Centre at Salisbury. The Company used the proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

The Company has classified the results of operations and gain or loss on sale for all of the above dispositions as discontinued operations for all years presented. On April 10, 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2014-08, which amended the definition of discontinued operations and requires additional disclosures for disposal transactions that do not meet the revised discontinued operations criteria. The Company adopted this pronouncement on January 1, 2014. As a result, properties sold after 2013 have been included in gain (loss) on sale or write down of assets, net, in continuing operations.

- (9) Assumes the conversion of Operating Partnership units to the extent they are dilutive to the EPS computation. It also assumes the conversion of MACWH, LP common and preferred units to the extent that they are dilutive to the EPS computation.
- (10) Includes the dilutive effect, if any, of share and unit-based compensation plans and the Senior Notes then outstanding calculated using the treasury stock method and the dilutive effect, if any, of all other dilutive securities calculated using the "if converted" method.
- (11) Equity includes the noncontrolling interests in the Operating Partnership, nonredeemable noncontrolling interests in consolidated joint ventures and common and non-participating convertible preferred units of MACWH, LP.
- (12) See "Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Funds From Operations ("FFO") and Adjusted Funds From Operations ("AFFO")".
- (13) Occupancy is the percentage of Mall and Freestanding GLA leased as of the last day of the reporting period. Centers under development and redevelopment are excluded from occupancy. As a result, occupancy for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 excluded Broadway Plaza, Fashion Outlets of Niagara Falls USA, Fashion Outlets of Philadelphia, Paradise Valley Mall, SouthPark Mall and Westside Pavilion. Occupancy for the year ended December 31, 2013 excluded Paradise Valley Mall. Occupancy for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 excluded The Shops at Atlas Park and Southridge Center.

In addition, occupancy for the year ended December 31, 2015 excluded Flagstaff Mall, which is in maturity default and is expected to be transitioned to the loan servicer or receiver. Occupancy for the year ended December 31, 2014 excluded Great Northern Mall, which was conveyed to the mortgage lender by a deed-in-lieu of foreclosure in 2015. Occupancy for the year ended December 31, 2013 excluded Rotterdam Square, which was sold on January 15, 2014. Furthermore, occupancy for the year ended December 31, 2011 excluded Valley View Center, which was sold by a court-appointed receiver in 2012.

- (14) Sales per square foot are based on reports by retailers leasing Mall Stores and Freestanding Stores for the trailing twelve months for tenants which have occupied such stores for a minimum of twelve months. Sales per square foot also are based on tenants 10,000 square feet and under for Regional Shopping Centers. The sales per square foot exclude Centers under development and redevelopment. As a result, sales per square foot for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 excluded Broadway Plaza, Fashion Outlets of Niagara Falls USA, Fashion Outlets of Philadelphia, Paradise Valley Mall, SouthPark Mall and Westside Pavilion. Sales per square foot for the year ended December 31, 2013 excluded Paradise Valley Mall.

In addition, sales per square foot for the year ended December 31, 2015 excluded Flagstaff Mall, which is in maturity default and is expected to be transitioned to the loan servicer or receiver. Sales per square foot for the year ended December 31, 2014 excluded Great Northern Mall, which was conveyed to the mortgage lender by a deed-in-lieu of foreclosure in 2015. Sales per square foot for the year ended December 31, 2013 excluded Rotterdam Square, which was sold on January 15, 2014. Furthermore, sales per square foot for the year ended and sales per square foot for the year ended December 31, 2011 excluded Valley View Center, which was sold by a court-appointed receiver in 2012.

- (15) On October 30, 2015, the Company declared two special dividends/distributions ("Special Dividend"), each of \$2.00 per share of common stock and per OP Unit. The first Special Dividend was paid on December 8, 2015 to stockholders and OP Unit holders of record on November 12, 2015. The second Special Dividend was paid on January 6, 2016 to common stockholders and OP Unit holders of record on November 12, 2015. The Special Dividends were funded from proceeds in connection with the financing and sale of ownership interests in the PPR Portfolio and Arrowhead Towne Center.

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

### Management's Overview and Summary

The Company is involved in the acquisition, ownership, development, redevelopment, management and leasing of regional and community/power shopping centers located throughout the United States. The Company is the sole general partner of, and owns a majority of the ownership interests in, the Operating Partnership. As of December 31, 2015, the Operating Partnership owned or had an ownership interest in 51 regional shopping centers and seven community/power shopping centers. These 58 regional and community/power shopping centers (which include any related office space) consist of approximately 55 million square feet of gross leasable area ("GLA") and are referred to herein as the "Centers". The Centers consist of consolidated Centers ("Consolidated Centers") and unconsolidated joint venture Centers ("Unconsolidated Joint Venture Centers") as set forth in "Item 2. Properties," unless the context otherwise requires. The Company is a self-administered and self-managed REIT and conducts all of its operations through the Operating Partnership and the Management Companies.

The following discussion is based primarily on the consolidated financial statements of the Company for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013. It compares the results of operations and cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2015 to the results of operations and cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2014. Also included is a comparison of the results of operations and cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2014 to the results of operations and cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2013. This information should be read in conjunction with the accompanying consolidated financial statements and notes thereto.

#### *Acquisitions and Dispositions:*

The financial statements reflect the following acquisitions, dispositions and changes in ownership subsequent to the occurrence of each transaction.

On January 24, 2013, the Company acquired Green Acres Mall, a 1,799,000 square foot regional shopping center in Valley Stream, New York, for a purchase price of \$500.0 million. The purchase price was funded from the placement of a \$325.0 million mortgage note on the property and \$175.0 million from borrowings under the Company's line of credit.

On April 25, 2013, the Company acquired a 19 acre parcel of land adjacent to Green Acres Mall for \$22.6 million. The payment was funded by borrowings from the Company's line of credit.

On May 29, 2013, the Company's joint venture in Pacific Premier Retail LLC sold Redmond Town Center Office, a 582,000 square foot office building in Redmond, Washington, for \$185.0 million, resulting in a gain on the sale of assets of \$89.2 million to the joint venture. The Company's share of the gain was \$44.4 million. The Company used its share of the proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On May 31, 2013, the Company sold Green Tree Mall, a 793,000 square foot regional shopping center in Clarksville, Indiana, for \$79.0 million, resulting in a gain on the sale of assets of \$59.8 million. The Company used the proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On June 4, 2013, the Company sold Northridge Mall, an 890,000 square foot regional shopping center in Salinas, California, and Rimrock Mall, a 603,000 square foot regional shopping center in Billings, Montana. The properties were sold in a combined transaction for \$230.0 million, resulting in a gain on the sale of assets of \$82.2 million. The Company used the proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On June 12, 2013, the Company's joint venture in Pacific Premier Retail LLC sold Kitsap Mall, an 846,000 square foot regional shopping center in Silverdale, Washington, for \$127.0 million, resulting in a gain on the sale of assets of \$55.2 million to the joint venture. The Company's share of the gain was \$28.1 million. The Company used its share of the proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On August 1, 2013, the Company's joint venture in Pacific Premier Retail LLC sold Redmond Town Center, a 695,000 square foot community center in Redmond, Washington, for \$127.0 million, resulting in a gain on the sale of assets of \$38.4 million to the joint venture. The Company's share of the gain was \$18.3 million. The Company used its share of the proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On September 11, 2013, the Company sold a former Mervyn's store in Milpitas, California for \$12.0 million, resulting in a loss on the sale of assets of \$2.6 million. The Company used the proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On September 17, 2013, the Company's joint venture in Camelback Colonnade, a 619,000 square foot community center in Phoenix, Arizona, was restructured. As a result of the restructuring, the Company's ownership interest in Camelback Colonnade decreased from 73.2% to 67.5%. Prior to the restructuring, the Company had accounted for its investment in Camelback Colonnade under the equity method of accounting due to substantive participation rights held by the outside partners. Upon completion of the restructuring, these substantive participation rights were terminated and the Company obtained voting control of the joint venture. As a result of the restructuring, the Company recognized a gain on remeasurement of assets of \$36.3 million. This transaction is referred to herein as the "Camelback Colonnade Restructuring." Since the date of the restructuring, the Company included Camelback Colonnade in its consolidated financial statements until it was sold on December 29, 2014.

On October 8, 2013, the Company's joint venture in Ridgmar Mall, a 1,273,000 square foot regional shopping center in Fort Worth, Texas, sold the property for \$60.9 million, resulting in a gain on the sale of assets of \$6.2 million to the joint venture. The Company's share of the gain was \$3.1 million. The proceeds from the sale were used to pay off the \$51.7 million mortgage loan on the property and the remaining \$9.2 million, net of closing costs, was distributed to the partners. The Company used its share of the proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On October 15, 2013, the Company sold a former Mervyn's store in Midland, Texas for \$5.7 million, resulting in a loss on the sale of assets of \$2.0 million. The Company used the proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On October 23, 2013, the Company sold a former Mervyn's store in Grand Junction, Colorado for \$5.4 million, resulting in a gain on the sale of assets of \$1.7 million. The Company used the proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On October 24, 2013, the Company acquired the remaining 33.3% ownership interest in Superstition Springs Center that it did not previously own for \$46.2 million. The purchase price was funded by a cash payment of \$23.7 million and the assumption of the third party's pro rata share of the mortgage note payable on the property of \$22.5 million. As a result of the acquisition, the Company recognized a gain on remeasurement of assets of \$14.9 million.

On December 4, 2013, the Company sold a former Mervyn's store in Livermore, California for \$10.5 million, resulting in a loss on the sale of assets of \$5.3 million. The Company used the proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On December 11, 2013, the Company sold Chesterfield Towne Center, a 1,016,000 square foot regional shopping center in Richmond, Virginia, and Centre at Salisbury, an 862,000 square foot regional shopping center in Salisbury, Maryland. The properties were sold in a combined transaction for \$292.5 million, resulting in a gain on the sale of assets of \$151.5 million. The sales price was funded by a cash payment of \$67.8 million, the assumption of the \$109.7 million mortgage note payable on Chesterfield Towne Center and the assumption of the \$115.0 million mortgage note payable on Centre at Salisbury. The Company used the cash proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On January 15, 2014, the Company sold Rotterdam Square, a 585,000 square foot regional shopping center in Schenectady, New York, for \$8.5 million, resulting in a loss on the sale of assets of \$0.5 million. The Company used the proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On February 14, 2014, the Company sold Somersville Towne Center, a 348,000 square foot regional shopping center in Antioch, California, for \$12.3 million, resulting in a loss on the sale of assets of \$0.3 million. The Company used the proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On March 17, 2014, the Company sold Lake Square Mall, a 559,000 square foot regional shopping center in Leesburg, Florida, for \$13.3 million, resulting in a loss on the sale of assets of \$0.9 million. The sales price was funded by a cash payment of \$3.7 million and the issuance of two notes receivable totaling \$9.6 million. The Company used the cash proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On June 4, 2014, the Company acquired the remaining 49% ownership interest in Cascade Mall, a 589,000 square foot regional shopping center in Burlington, Washington, that it did not previously own for a cash payment of \$15.2 million. The Company purchased Cascade Mall from its joint venture partner in Pacific Premier Retail LLC. The cash payment was funded by borrowings under the Company's line of credit.

On July 7, 2014, the Company sold a former Mervyn's store in El Paso, Texas for \$3.6 million, resulting in a loss on the sale of assets of \$0.2 million. The Company used the proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On July 30, 2014, the Company formed a joint venture with Pennsylvania Real Estate Investment Trust to redevelop Fashion Outlets of Philadelphia, a 1,376,000 square foot regional shopping center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The Company invested \$106.8 million for a 50% interest in the joint venture, which was funded by borrowings under its line of credit.

On August 28, 2014, the Company sold a former Mervyn's store in Thousand Oaks, California for \$3.5 million, resulting in a loss on the sale of assets of \$0.1 million. The Company used the proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On August 28, 2014, the Company sold its 30% ownership interest in Wilshire Boulevard, a 40,000 square foot freestanding store in Santa Monica, California, for a total sales price of \$17.1 million, resulting in a gain on the sale of assets of \$9.0 million. The sales price was funded by a cash payment of \$15.4 million and the assumption of the Company's share of the mortgage note payable on the property of \$1.7 million. The Company used the cash proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On September 11, 2014, the Company sold a leasehold interest in a former Mervyn's store in Laredo, Texas for \$1.2 million, resulting in a gain on the sale of assets of \$0.3 million. The Company used the proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On October 10, 2014, the Company sold a former Mervyn's store in Marysville, California for \$1.9 million. The Company used the proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On October 31, 2014, the Company sold South Towne Center, a 1,278,000 square foot regional shopping center in Sandy, Utah, for \$205.0 million, resulting in a gain on the sale of assets of \$121.9 million. The Company used the proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On October 31, 2014, the Company acquired the remaining 40% ownership interest in Fashion Outlets of Chicago, a 537,000 square foot outlet center in Rosemont, Illinois, that it did not previously own for \$70.0 million. The purchase price was funded by a cash payment of \$55.9 million and the settlement of \$14.1 million in notes receivable. The cash payment was funded by borrowings under the Company's line of credit.

On November 13, 2014, the Company formed a joint venture to develop Fashion Outlets of San Francisco, a 500,000 square foot outlet center, in San Francisco, California. In connection with the formation of the joint venture, the Company issued a note receivable for \$65.1 million to its joint venture partner that bears interest at LIBOR plus 2.0% and matures upon the completion of certain milestones in connection with the development of Fashion Outlets of San Francisco. The note receivable was funded by borrowings under the Company's line of credit.

On November 14, 2014, the Company acquired the remaining 49% ownership interest that it did not previously own in two separate joint ventures, Pacific Premier Retail LLC and Queens JV LP, which together owned five Centers: Lakewood Center, a 2,075,000 square foot regional shopping center in Lakewood, California; Los Cerritos Center, a 1,292,000 square foot regional shopping center in Cerritos, California; Queens Center, a 966,000 square foot regional shopping center in Queens, New York; Stonewood Center, a 932,000 square foot regional shopping center in Downey, California; and Washington Square, a 1,441,000 square foot regional shopping center in Portland, Oregon (collectively referred to herein as the "PPR Queens Portfolio"). The total consideration of approximately \$1.8 billion was funded by the direct issuance of approximately \$1.2 billion of common stock of the Company and the assumption of the third party's pro rata share of the mortgage notes payable on the properties of \$672.1 million. As a result of the acquisition, the Company recognized a gain on remeasurement of assets of \$1.4 billion.

On November 20, 2014, the Company purchased a 45% ownership interest in 443 North Wabash Avenue, a 65,000 square foot undeveloped site adjacent to the Company's joint venture in The Shops at North Bridge in Chicago, Illinois, for a cash payment of \$18.9 million. The cash payment was funded by borrowings under the Company's line of credit.

On December 29, 2014, the Company sold its 67.5% ownership interest in its consolidated joint venture in Camelback Colonnade, a 619,000 square foot community center in Phoenix, Arizona, for \$92.9 million, resulting in a gain on the sale of assets of \$24.6 million. The sales price was funded by a cash payment of \$61.2 million and the assumption of the Company's share of the mortgage note payable on the property of \$31.7 million. The Company used the cash proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On February 17, 2015, the Company acquired the remaining 50% ownership interest in Inland Center, an 866,000 square foot regional shopping center in San Bernardino, California, that it did not previously own for \$51.3 million. The purchase price was funded by a cash payment of \$26.3 million and the assumption of the third party's share of the mortgage note payable on the property of \$25.0 million. Concurrent with the purchase of the joint venture interest, the Company paid off the \$50.0

million loan on the property. The cash payment was funded by borrowings under the Company's line of credit. As a result of the acquisition, the Company recognized a gain on the remeasurement of assets of \$22.1 million.

On April 30, 2015, the Company entered into a 50/50 joint venture with Sears to own nine freestanding stores located at Arrowhead Towne Center, Chandler Fashion Center, Danbury Fair Mall, Deptford Mall, Freehold Raceway Mall, Los Cerritos Center, South Plains Mall, Vintage Faire Mall and Washington Square. The Company invested \$150.0 million for a 50% ownership interest in the joint venture, which was funded by borrowings under the Company's line of credit.

On October 30, 2015, the Company sold a 40% ownership interest in Pacific Premier Retail LLC (the "PPR Portfolio"), which owns Lakewood Center, a 2,075,000 square foot regional shopping center in Lakewood, California; Los Cerritos Center, a 1,292,000 square foot regional shopping center in Cerritos, California; South Plains Mall, a 1,127,000 square foot regional shopping center in Lubbock, Texas; and Washington Square, a 1,441,000 square foot regional shopping center in Portland, Oregon, for a total sales price of \$1.3 billion, resulting in a gain on the sale of assets of \$311.2 million. The sales price was funded by a cash payment of \$545.6 million and the assumption of a pro rata share of the mortgage notes payable on the properties of \$713.0 million. The Company used the cash proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes, which included funding the ASR and Special Dividend (See "Other Events and Transactions").

On November 19, 2015, the Company sold Panorama Mall, a 312,000 square foot community center in Panorama City, California, for \$98.0 million, resulting in a gain on the sale of assets of \$73.7 million. The Company used the proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On January 4, 2016, the Company announced that it had reached an agreement with Taubman Centers, Inc. to form a 50/50 joint venture to acquire Country Club Plaza, a 1,300,000 square foot regional shopping center in Kansas City, Missouri for a total purchase price of \$660.0 million. The Company anticipates that it will fund its pro rata share of \$330.0 million with borrowings under its line of credit. The Company expects the purchase of Country Club Plaza, which is subject to usual and customary closing conditions, will be completed in the first quarter of 2016.

On January 6, 2016, the Company sold a 40% ownership interest in Arrowhead Towne Center, a 1,197,000 square foot regional shopping center in Glendale, Arizona for \$284.0 million. The sales price was funded by a cash payment of \$124.0 million and the assumption of a pro rata share of the mortgage note payable on the property of \$160.0 million. The Company used the cash proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes, which included funding the Special Dividend (See "Other Events and Transactions").

On January 14, 2016, the Company formed a joint venture, whereby the Company sold a 49% ownership interest in Deptford Mall, a 1,040,000 square foot regional shopping center in Deptford, New Jersey; FlatIron Crossing, a 1,430,000 square foot regional shopping center in Broomfield, Colorado; and Twenty Ninth Street, an 850,000 square foot regional shopping center in Boulder, Colorado (the MAC Heitman Portfolio"), for \$751.0 million. The sales price was funded by a cash payment of \$458.1 million and the assumption of a pro rata share of the mortgage note payable on the properties of \$292.9 million. The Company used the cash proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

#### *Financing Activity:*

On August 28, 2014, the Company replaced the existing loan on Mall of Victor Valley with a new \$115.0 million loan that bears interest at an effective rate of 4.00% and matures on September 1, 2024.

On November 14, 2014, in connection with the acquisition of the PPR Queens Portfolio (See "Acquisitions and Dispositions"), the Company assumed the loans on the following Centers: Lakewood Center with a fair value of \$254.9 million that bore interest at an effective rate of 1.80% and was to mature on June 1, 2015, Los Cerritos Center with a fair value of \$207.5 million that bears interest at an effective rate of 1.65% and matures on July 1, 2018, Queens Center with a fair value of \$600.0 million that bears interest at an effective rate of 3.49% and matures on January 1, 2025, Stonewood Center with a fair value of \$111.9 million that bears interest at an effective rate of 1.80% and matures on November 1, 2017, and Washington Square with a fair value of \$240.3 million that bears interest at an effective rate of 1.65% and matures on January 1, 2016.

On December 22, 2014, the Company prepaid a total of \$254.2 million of mortgage debt on Fresno Fashion Fair and Vintage Faire Mall with a weighted average interest rate of 6.4%. The Company incurred a charge of \$9.0 million in connection with the early extinguishment of debt.

On February 3, 2015, the Company's joint venture in The Market at Estrella Falls replaced the existing loan on the property with a new \$26.5 million loan that bears interest at LIBOR plus 1.70% and matures on February 5, 2020, including the exercise of a one-year extension option.

On February 19, 2015, the Company placed a \$280.0 million loan on Vintage Faire Mall that bears interest at an effective rate of 3.55% and matures on March 6, 2026.

On March 2, 2015, the Company paid off in full the loan on Lakewood Center, which resulted in gain of \$2.2 million on the early extinguishment of debt as a result of writing off the related debt premium. On May 12, 2015, the Company placed a new \$410.0 million loan on the property that bears interest at an effective rate of 4.15% and matures on June 1, 2026. On October 30, 2015, a 40% interest in the loan was assumed by a third party in connection with the sale of a 40% ownership interest in the PPR Portfolio (See "Acquisitions and Dispositions").

On March 3, 2015, the Company amended the loan on Fashion Outlets of Chicago. The amended \$200.0 million loan bears interest at LIBOR plus 1.50% and matures on March 31, 2020.

On October 5, 2015, the Company paid off in full the existing loan on Washington Square. On October 29, 2015, the Company placed a new \$550.0 million loan on the property that bears interest at an effective rate of 3.65% and matures on November 1, 2022. On October 30, 2015, a 40% interest in the loan was assumed by a third party in connection with the sale of a 40% ownership interest in the PPR Portfolio (See "Acquisitions and Dispositions").

On October 23, 2015, the Company placed a \$200.0 million loan on South Plains Mall that bears interest at an effective rate of 4.22% and matures on November 6, 2025. On October 30, 2015, a 40% interest in the loan was assumed by a third party in connection with the sale of a 40% ownership interest in the PPR Portfolio (See "Acquisitions and Dispositions").

On October 28, 2015, the Company's joint venture in The Shops at Atlas Park placed a \$57.8 million loan on the property that bears interest at LIBOR plus 2.25% and matures on October 22, 2020, including two one-year extension options.

On October 30, 2015, the Company replaced the existing loan on Los Cerritos Center with a new \$525.0 million loan that bears interest at an effective rate of 4.00% and matures on November 1, 2027, which resulted in a loss of \$0.9 million on the early extinguishment of debt. Concurrently, a 40% interest in the loan was assumed by a third party in connection with the sale of a 40% ownership interest in the PPR Portfolio (See "Acquisitions and Dispositions").

On October 30, 2015, the Company obtained a \$100.0 million term loan ("PPR Term Loan") that bears interest at LIBOR plus 1.20% and matures on October 31, 2022. Concurrently, a 40% interest in the loan was assumed by a third party in connection with the sale of a 40% ownership interest in the PPR Portfolio (See "Acquisitions and Dispositions").

On January 6, 2016, the Company replaced the existing loan on Arrowhead Towne Center with a new \$400.0 million loan that bears interest at an effective rate of 4.05% and matures on February 1, 2028. Concurrently, a 40% interest in the loan was assumed by a third party in connection with the sale of a 40% ownership interest in the underlying property (See "Acquisitions and Dispositions").

On January 14, 2016, the Company placed a \$150.0 million loan on Twenty Ninth Street that bears interest at an effective rate of 4.10% and matures on February 6, 2026. Concurrently, a 49% interest in the loan was assumed by a third party in connection with the sale of a 49% ownership interest in the MAC Heitman Portfolio (See "Acquisitions and Dispositions").

The sale of ownership interests in the PPR Portfolio, Arrowhead Towne Center and MAC Heitman Portfolio are collectively referred to herein as the Joint Venture Transactions.

#### *Redevelopment and Development Activity:*

In February 2014, the Company's joint venture in Broadway Plaza started construction on the 235,000 square foot expansion of the 761,000 square foot regional shopping center in Walnut Creek, California. The joint venture completed a portion of the first phase of the project in November 2015 and expects the remaining portion of the first phase to be completed in the second quarter of 2016. The second phase will be completed through Summer 2018. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$270.0 million, with \$135.0 million estimated to be the Company's pro rata share. The Company has funded \$98.9 million of the total \$197.8 million incurred by the joint venture as of December 31, 2015.

The Company is currently expanding Green Acres Mall, a 1,799,000 square foot regional center in Valley Stream, New York to include a 335,000 square foot power center. The project started in July 2015 and is expected to be completed in late 2016. As of December 31, 2015, the Company has incurred \$47.7 million in costs and estimates that the total cost of the project to be approximately \$110.0 million.

The Company's joint venture is proceeding with the development of Fashion Outlets of Philadelphia, a redevelopment of the 850,000 square foot shopping center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The project is expected to be completed in 2018 and 2019. The total cost of the project is estimated to be between \$275.0 million and \$335.0 million, with \$137.5 million to \$167.5 million estimated to be the Company's pro rata share. The Company has funded \$30.6 million of the total \$61.3 million incurred by the joint venture as of December 31, 2015.

#### *Other Transactions and Events:*

On September 30, 2013, the Company conveyed Fiesta Mall, a 933,000 square foot regional shopping center in Mesa, Arizona, to the mortgage note lender by a deed-in-lieu of foreclosure. The mortgage loan was non-recourse. As a result of the conveyance, the Company recognized a gain on the extinguishment of debt of \$1.3 million.

On March 9, 2015, the Company received an unsolicited, conditional proposal from Simon Property Group, Inc. ("Simon") to acquire the Company. The Company's Board of Directors, after consulting with its financial, real estate and legal advisors, unanimously determined that the Simon proposal substantially undervalued the Company and was not in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders. On March 20, 2015, the Company received a revised, unsolicited proposal to acquire the Company from Simon, which Simon described as its best and final proposal. The Company's Board of Directors carefully reviewed the revised proposal with the assistance of its financial, real estate and legal advisors, and determined that the revised proposal continued to substantially undervalue the Company and that pursuing the proposed transaction at that time was not in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders.

On June 30, 2015, the Company conveyed Great Northern Mall, an 895,000 square foot regional shopping center in Clay, New York, to the mortgage lender by a deed-in-lieu of foreclosure and was discharged from the mortgage note payable. The mortgage note payable was a non-recourse loan. As a result, the Company recognized a loss of \$1.6 million on the extinguishment of debt.

On September 30, 2015, the Company's Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to \$1.2 billion of the Company's outstanding common shares over the period ending September 30, 2017, as market conditions warrant. On November 12, 2015, the Company entered into an accelerated share repurchase program ("ASR") to repurchase \$400.0 million of the Company's common stock. In accordance with the ASR, the Company made a prepayment of \$400.0 million and received an initial share delivery of 4,140,788 shares. On January 20, 2016, the ASR was completed and the Company received an additional delivery of 970,609 shares. The average price of the 5,111,397 shares repurchased under the ASR was \$78.26 per share. The ASR was funded from proceeds in connection with the financing and sale of the ownership interest in the PPR Portfolio (See "Acquisitions and Dispositions" and "Financing Activity").

On October 30, 2015, the Company declared two special dividends/distributions ("Special Dividend"), each of \$2.00 per share of common stock and per OP Unit. The first Special Dividend was paid on December 8, 2015 to stockholders and OP Unit holders of record on November 12, 2015. The second Special Dividend was paid on January 6, 2016 to common stockholders and OP Unit holders of record on November 12, 2015. The Special Dividends were funded from proceeds in connection with the financing and sale of ownership interests in the PPR Portfolio and Arrowhead Towne Center (See "Acquisitions and Dispositions" and "Financing Activity").

On November 1, 2015, the mortgage note payable on Flagstaff Mall, a 347,000 square foot regional shopping center in Flagstaff, Arizona, went into maturity default. The mortgage note payable is a non-recourse loan. The Company is negotiating with the loan servicer, which will likely result in a transition of Flagstaff Mall to the loan servicer or a receiver. Consequently, Flagstaff Mall has been excluded from certain 2015 performance metrics and related discussions, including tenant sales per square foot, occupancy rates and releasing spreads (See "Results of Operations").

On February 17, 2016, the Company entered into an ASR to repurchase \$400.0 million of the Company's common stock. In accordance with the ASR, the Company made a prepayment of \$400.0 million and received an initial share delivery of 4,222,193 shares. The Company expects to complete the ASR on or before April 22, 2016. The ASR was funded from borrowings under the Company's line of credit, which had been recently paid down from the proceeds from the recently completed Joint Venture Transactions (See "Acquisitions and Dispositions" and "Financing Activity").

#### *Inflation:*

In the last five years, inflation has not had a significant impact on the Company because of a relatively low inflation rate. Most of the leases at the Centers have rent adjustments periodically throughout the lease term. These rent increases are either in fixed increments or based on using an annual multiple of increases in the Consumer Price Index ("CPI"). In addition, approximately 6% to 13% of the leases for spaces 10,000 square feet and under expire each year, which enables the Company to replace existing leases with new leases at higher base rents if the rents of the existing leases are below the then existing market rate. The Company has generally entered into leases that require tenants to pay a stated amount for operating expenses, generally excluding property taxes, regardless of the expenses actually incurred at any Center, which places the burden of cost control on the Company. Additionally, certain leases require the tenants to pay their pro rata share of operating expenses.

### *Seasonality:*

The shopping center industry is seasonal in nature, particularly in the fourth quarter during the holiday season when retailer occupancy and retail sales are typically at their highest levels. In addition, shopping malls achieve a substantial portion of their specialty (temporary retailer) rents during the holiday season and the majority of percentage rent is recognized in the fourth quarter. As a result of the above, earnings are generally higher in the fourth quarter.

### **Critical Accounting Policies**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Some of these estimates and assumptions include judgments on revenue recognition, estimates for common area maintenance and real estate tax accruals, provisions for uncollectible accounts, impairment of long-lived assets, the allocation of purchase price between tangible and intangible assets, capitalization of costs and fair value measurements. The Company's significant accounting policies are described in more detail in Note 2—Summary of Significant Accounting Policies in the Company's Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements. However, the following policies are deemed to be critical.

#### *Revenue Recognition:*

Minimum rental revenues are recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the related lease. The difference between the amount of rent due in a year and the amount recorded as rental income is referred to as the "straight line rent adjustment." Currently, 65% of the Mall Store and Freestanding Store leases contain provisions for CPI rent increases periodically throughout the term of the lease. The Company believes that using an annual multiple of CPI increases, rather than fixed contractual rent increases, results in revenue recognition that more closely matches the cash revenue from each lease and will provide more consistent rent growth throughout the term of the leases. Percentage rents are recognized when the tenants' specified sales targets have been met. Estimated recoveries from certain tenants for their pro rata share of real estate taxes, insurance and other shopping center operating expenses are recognized as revenues in the period the applicable expenses are incurred. Other tenants pay a fixed rate and these tenant recoveries are recognized as revenues on a straight-line basis over the term of the related leases.

#### *Property:*

Maintenance and repair expenses are charged to operations as incurred. Costs for major replacements and betterments, which includes HVAC equipment, roofs, parking lots, etc., are capitalized and depreciated over their estimated useful lives. Gains and losses are recognized upon disposal or retirement of the related assets and are reflected in earnings.

Property is recorded at cost and is depreciated using a straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:

Buildings and improvements	5 - 40 years
Tenant improvements	5 - 7 years
Equipment and furnishings	5 - 7 years

#### *Capitalization of Costs:*

The Company capitalizes costs incurred in redevelopment, development, renovation and improvement of properties. The capitalized costs include pre-construction costs essential to the development of the property, development costs, construction costs, interest costs, real estate taxes, salaries and related costs and other costs incurred during the period of development. These capitalized costs include direct and certain indirect costs clearly associated with the project. Indirect costs include real estate taxes, insurance and certain shared administrative costs. In assessing the amounts of direct and indirect costs to be capitalized, allocations are made to projects based on estimates of the actual amount of time spent on each activity. Indirect costs not clearly associated with specific projects are expensed as period costs. Capitalized indirect costs are allocated to development and redevelopment activities based on the square footage of the portion of the building not held available for immediate occupancy. If costs and activities incurred to ready the vacant space cease, then cost capitalization is also discontinued until such activities are resumed. Once work has been completed on a vacant space, project costs are no longer capitalized. For projects with extended lease-up periods, the Company ends the capitalization when significant activities have

ceased, which does not exceed the shorter of a one-year period after the completion of the building shell or when the construction is substantially complete.

#### *Acquisitions:*

The Company allocates the estimated fair value of acquisitions to land, building, tenant improvements and identified intangible assets and liabilities, based on their estimated fair values. In addition, any assumed mortgage notes payable are recorded at their estimated fair values. The estimated fair value of the land and buildings is determined utilizing an “as if vacant” methodology. Tenant improvements represent the tangible assets associated with the existing leases valued on a fair value basis at the acquisition date prorated over the remaining lease terms. The tenant improvements are classified as an asset under property and are depreciated over the remaining lease terms. Identifiable intangible assets and liabilities relate to the value of in-place operating leases which come in three forms: (i) leasing commissions and legal costs, which represent the value associated with “cost avoidance” of acquiring in-place leases, such as lease commissions paid under terms generally experienced in the Company’s markets; (ii) value of in-place leases, which represents the estimated loss of revenue and of costs incurred for the period required to lease the “assumed vacant” property to the occupancy level when purchased; and (iii) above or below-market value of in-place leases, which represents the difference between the contractual rents and market rents at the time of the acquisition, discounted for tenant credit risks. Leasing commissions and legal costs are recorded in deferred charges and other assets and are amortized over the remaining lease terms. The value of in-place leases are recorded in deferred charges and other assets and amortized over the remaining lease terms plus any below-market fixed rate renewal options. Above or below-market leases are classified in deferred charges and other assets or in other accrued liabilities, depending on whether the contractual terms are above or below-market, and the asset or liability is amortized to minimum rents over the remaining terms of the leases. The remaining lease terms of below-market leases may include certain below-market fixed-rate renewal periods. In considering whether or not a lessee will execute a below-market fixed-rate lease renewal option, the Company evaluates economic factors and certain qualitative factors at the time of acquisition such as tenant mix in the Center, the Company’s relationship with the tenant and the availability of competing tenant space. The initial allocation of purchase price is based on management’s preliminary assessment, which may change when final information becomes available. Subsequent adjustments made to the initial purchase price allocation are made within the allocation period, which does not exceed one year. The purchase price allocation is described as preliminary if it is not yet final. The use of different assumptions in the allocation of the purchase price of the acquired assets and liabilities assumed could affect the timing of recognition of the related revenues and expenses.

The Company immediately expenses costs associated with business combinations as period costs.

Remeasurement gains are recognized when the Company obtains control of an existing equity method investment to the extent that the fair value of the existing equity investment exceeds the carrying value of the investment.

#### *Asset Impairment:*

The Company assesses whether an indicator of impairment in the value of its properties exists by considering expected future operating income, trends and prospects, as well as the effects of demand, competition and other economic factors. Such factors include projected rental revenue, operating costs and capital expenditures as well as estimated holding periods and capitalization rates. If an impairment indicator exists, the determination of recoverability is made based upon the estimated undiscounted future net cash flows, excluding interest expense. The amount of impairment loss, if any, is determined by comparing the fair value, as determined by a discounted cash flows analysis, with the carrying value of the related assets. The Company generally holds and operates its properties long-term, which decreases the likelihood of their carrying values not being recoverable. Properties classified as held for sale are measured at the lower of the carrying amount or fair value less cost to sell.

The Company reviews its investments in unconsolidated joint ventures for a series of operating losses and other factors that may indicate that a decrease in the value of its investments has occurred which is other-than-temporary. The investment in each unconsolidated joint venture is evaluated periodically, and as deemed necessary, for recoverability and valuation declines that are other-than-temporary.

#### *Fair Value of Financial Instruments:*

The fair value hierarchy distinguishes between market participant assumptions based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity and the reporting entity’s own assumptions about market participant assumptions.

Level 1 inputs utilize quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Company has the ability to access. Level 2 inputs are inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. Level 2 inputs may include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, as well as inputs that are observable for the asset or liability (other than quoted prices), such as interest rates, foreign exchange rates and

yield curves that are observable at commonly quoted intervals. Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability, which is typically based on an entity's own assumptions, as there is little, if any, related market activity. In instances where the determination of the fair value measurement is based on inputs from different levels of the fair value hierarchy, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the entire fair value measurement falls is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. The Company's assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment, and considers factors specific to the asset or liability.

The Company calculates the fair value of financial instruments and includes this additional information in the notes to consolidated financial statements when the fair value is different than the carrying value of those financial instruments. When the fair value reasonably approximates the carrying value, no additional disclosure is made.

*Deferred Charges:*

Costs relating to obtaining tenant leases are deferred and amortized over the initial term of the agreement using the straight-line method. As these deferred leasing costs represent productive assets incurred in connection with the Company's provision of leasing arrangements at the Centers, the related cash flows are classified as investing activities within the Company's consolidated statements of cash flows. Costs relating to financing of shopping center properties are deferred and amortized over the life of the related loan using the straight-line method, which approximates the effective interest method. The ranges of the terms of the agreements are as follows:

Deferred lease costs	1 - 15 years
Deferred financing costs	1 - 15 years

**Results of Operations**

Many of the variations in the results of operations, discussed below, occurred because of the transactions affecting the Company's properties described above, including those related to the Acquisition Properties and the Redevelopment Properties as defined below.

For purposes of the discussion below, the Company defines "Same Centers" as those Centers that are substantially complete and in operation for the entirety of both periods of the comparison. Non-Same Centers for comparison purposes include recently acquired properties ("Acquisition Properties"), those Centers or properties that are going through a substantial redevelopment often resulting in the closing of a portion of the Center ("Redevelopment Properties"), those properties that have recently transitioned to or from equity method joint ventures to consolidated assets ("Joint Venture Centers") and properties that have been disposed of after 2013 ("Disposition Properties"). The Company moves a Center in and out of Same Centers based on whether the Center is substantially complete and in operation for the entirety of both periods of the comparison. Accordingly, the Same Centers consist of all consolidated Centers, excluding the Acquisition Properties, the Redevelopment Properties, the Joint Venture Centers and the Disposition Properties for the periods of comparison.

For comparison of the year ended December 31, 2014 to the year ended December 31, 2013, the Acquisition Properties include Green Acres Mall and Green Acres Adjacent (See "Acquisitions and Dispositions" in Management's Overview and Summary).

For the comparison of the year ended December 31, 2015 to the year ended December 31, 2014, the Redevelopment Properties are Paradise Valley Mall, the expansion portion of Fashion Outlets of Niagara Falls USA, SouthPark Mall and Westside Pavilion. For the comparison of the year ended December 31, 2014 to the year ended December 31, 2013, the Redevelopment Properties are Fashion Outlets of Chicago, Paradise Valley Mall, SouthPark Mall, Fashion Outlets of Niagara Falls USA and Westside Pavilion. The change in revenues and expenses at the Redevelopment Properties for the comparison of the year ended December 31, 2014 to the year ended December 31, 2013 is primarily due to the opening of Fashion Outlets of Chicago on August 1, 2013.

For the comparison of the year ended December 31, 2015 to the year ended December 31, 2014, the Joint Venture Centers are Inland Center, Lakewood Center, Los Cerritos Center, South Plains Mall, Washington Square, Stonewood Center, Queens Center and Cascade Mall. For the comparison of the year ended December 31, 2014 to the year ended December 31, 2013, the Joint Venture Centers are Lakewood Center, Los Cerritos Center, Washington Square, Stonewood Center, Queens Center and Cascade Mall. The change in revenues and expenses at the Joint Venture Centers for the comparison of the year ended December 31, 2015 to the year ended December 31, 2014 and the comparison of the year ended December 31, 2014 to the year ended December 31, 2013 is primarily due to the conversion of the PPR Queens Portfolio from unconsolidated joint ventures to consolidated Centers in 2014.

For comparison of the year ended December 31, 2015 to the year ended December 31, 2014, the Disposition Properties are Panorama Mall, Great Northern Mall, Rotterdam Square, Somersville Towne Center, Lake Square Mall, South Towne Center and Camelback Colonnade. For the comparison of the year ended December 31, 2014 to the year ended December 31, 2013, the Disposition Properties are Rotterdam Square, Somersville Towne Center, Lake Square Mall, South Towne Center and Camelback Colonnade. Properties disposed of prior to January 1, 2014 have been included in discontinued operations.

Unconsolidated joint ventures are reflected using the equity method of accounting. The Company's pro rata share of the results from these Centers is reflected in the consolidated statements of operations as equity in income of unconsolidated joint ventures.

The Company considers tenant annual sales per square foot (for tenants in place for a minimum of 12 months or longer and 10,000 square feet and under) for regional shopping centers, occupancy rates (excluding large retail stores or "Anchors") for the Centers and releasing spreads (i.e. a comparison of initial average base rent per square foot on leases executed during the trailing twelve months to average base rent per square foot at expiration for the leases expiring during the year based on the spaces 10,000 square feet and under) to be key performance indicators of the Company's internal growth.

Tenant sales per square foot increased from \$587 for the twelve months ended December 31, 2014 to \$635 for the twelve months ended December 31, 2015. Occupancy rate increased from 95.8% at December 31, 2014 to 96.1% at December 31, 2015. Releasing spreads increased 14.2% for the twelve months ended December 31, 2015. These calculations exclude Centers under development or redevelopment and property dispositions (See "Acquisitions and Dispositions" in Management's Overview and Summary). As discussed above, Flagstaff Mall was excluded for the twelve months ended December 31, 2015 (See "Other Transactions and Events" in Management's Overview and Summary).

Releasing spreads remained positive as the Company was able to lease available space at average higher rents than the expiring rental rates, resulting in a releasing spread of \$7.12 per square foot (\$57.41 on new and renewal leases executed compared to \$50.29 on leases expiring), representing a 14.2% increase for the trailing twelve months ended December 31, 2015. The Company expects that releasing spreads will continue to be positive for 2016 as it renews or relets leases that are scheduled to expire. These leases that are scheduled to expire represent 931,000 square feet of the Centers, accounting for 11.3% of the GLA of mall stores and freestanding stores, for spaces 10,000 square feet and under, as of December 31, 2015.

During the trailing twelve months ended December 31, 2015, the Company signed 328 new leases and 342 renewal leases comprising approximately 1.2 million square feet of GLA, of which 1.1 million square feet related to the consolidated Centers. The annual initial average base rent for new and renewal leases was \$57.41 per square foot for the trailing twelve months ended December 31, 2015 with an average tenant allowance of \$15.45 per square foot.

#### **Comparison of Years Ended December 31, 2015 and 2014**

##### *Revenues:*

Minimum and percentage rents (collectively referred to as "rental revenue") increased by \$127.4 million, or 19.4%, from 2014 to 2015. The increase in rental revenue is attributed to an increase of \$150.4 million from the Joint Venture Centers, \$2.4 million from the Redevelopment Properties and \$0.3 million from the Same Centers offset in part by a decrease of \$25.7 million from the Disposition Properties.

Rental revenue includes the amortization of above and below-market leases, the amortization of straight-line rents and lease termination income. The amortization of above and below-market leases increased from \$9.1 million in 2014 to \$16.5 million in 2015 primarily due to the Joint Venture Centers. The amortization of straight-line rents increased from \$5.8 million in 2014 to \$7.2 million in 2015. Lease termination income increased from \$9.1 million in 2014 to \$9.7 million in 2015.

Tenant recoveries increased \$54.0 million, or 15.0%, from 2014 to 2015. The increase in tenant recoveries is attributed to an increase of \$63.8 million from the Joint Venture Centers and \$4.8 million from the Same Centers offset in part by a decrease of \$13.3 million from the Disposition Properties and \$1.3 million from the Redevelopment Properties.

Other revenues increased \$9.2 million from 2014 to 2015. The increase in other revenues is attributed to an increase of \$12.5 million from the Joint Venture Centers offset in part by a decrease of \$1.7 million from the Same Centers, \$1.1 million from the Disposition Properties and \$0.5 million from the Redevelopment Properties.

Management Companies' revenue decreased from \$34.0 million in 2014 to \$26.3 million in 2015. The decrease in Management Companies' revenue is primarily due to a reduction in management fees as a result of the conversion from unconsolidated joint ventures to consolidated Centers of Cascade Mall and the PPR Queens Portfolio in 2014 and Inland Center in 2015 (See "Acquisitions and Dispositions" in Management's Overview and Summary).

#### *Shopping Center and Operating Expenses:*

Shopping center and operating expenses increased \$26.3 million, or 7.4%, from 2014 to 2015. The increase in shopping center and operating expenses is attributed to an increase of \$59.9 million from the Joint Venture Centers offset in part by a decrease of \$18.0 million from the Same Centers, \$14.3 million from the Disposition Properties and \$1.3 million from the Redevelopment Properties. The decrease in shopping center and operating expenses at the Same Centers is primarily due to a reduction in maintenance and utility costs offset in part by an increase in property tax expense.

#### *Management Companies' Operating Expenses:*

Management Companies' operating expenses increased \$3.9 million from 2014 to 2015 due to an increase in share and unit-based compensation costs.

#### *REIT General and Administrative Expenses:*

REIT general and administrative expenses increased by \$0.5 million from 2014 to 2015.

#### *Costs related to Unsolicited Takeover Offer:*

The Company incurred \$25.2 million in costs in 2015 related to evaluating and responding to an unsolicited takeover offer (See "Other Transactions and Events" in Management's Overview and Summary).

#### *Depreciation and Amortization:*

Depreciation and amortization increased \$85.8 million from 2014 to 2015. The increase in depreciation and amortization is primarily attributed to an increase of \$99.5 million from the Joint Venture Centers and \$4.0 million from the Redevelopment Properties offset in part by a decrease of \$12.5 million from the Disposition Properties and \$5.2 million from the Same Centers.

#### *Interest Expense:*

Interest expense increased \$21.3 million from 2014 to 2015. The increase in interest expense is primarily attributed to an increase of \$27.5 million from the Joint Venture Centers, \$8.6 million from borrowings under the line of credit and \$3.0 million from the Redevelopment Properties offset in part by a decrease of \$16.1 million from the Same Centers, \$1.5 million from the Disposition Properties and \$0.2 million from the term loan. The decrease in interest at the Same Centers is due to the early payoff of the mortgage notes payable on Fresno Fashion Fair in 2014 and Valley River Center in 2015.

The above interest expense items are net of capitalized interest, which increased from \$12.6 million in 2014 to \$13.1 million in 2015.

#### *(Gain) Loss on Early Extinguishment of Debt, net:*

The change in (gain) loss on early extinguishment of debt was \$11.0 million from 2014 to 2015, resulting from a gain on early extinguishment of debt of \$1.5 million in 2015 compared to a loss on early extinguishment of debt of \$9.6 million in 2014. This change is primarily due to the one-time charge of \$9.0 million in connection with the early extinguishment of the mortgage notes payable on Fresno Fashion Fair and Vintage Faire Mall in 2014 (See "Financing Activities" in Management's Overview and Summary).

#### *Equity in Income of Unconsolidated Joint Ventures:*

Equity in income of unconsolidated joint ventures decreased \$15.5 million from 2014 to 2015. The decrease is primarily due to the conversion of the PPR Queens Portfolio from unconsolidated joint ventures to consolidated Centers in 2014 offset in part by the acquisition of the Sears Portfolio in 2015 (See "Acquisitions and Dispositions" in Management's Overview and Summary).

#### *Gain (Loss) on Sale or Write down of Assets, net:*

The gain (loss) on sale or write down of assets, net increased \$304.8 million from 2014 to 2015. This increase is primarily attributed to the gain on sale of the 40% interest in the PPR Portfolio of \$311.2 million in 2015, the gain on the sale of Panorama Mall of \$73.7 million in 2015, a decrease in development write down of \$40.3 million in 2015 and a decrease in impairment losses of \$30.6 million in 2015 offset in part by the gain on the sale of South Towne Center of \$121.9 million in 2014 (See "Acquisitions and Dispositions" in Management's Overview and Summary).

#### *Gain on Remeasurement of Assets:*

Gain on remeasurement of assets decreased \$1.4 billion from 2014 to 2015. The decrease is due to the remeasurement gain of \$1.4 billion from the acquisition of the PPR Queens Portfolio in 2014 offset in part by the remeasurement gain of \$22.1 million from the acquisition of the remaining 50% ownership interest in Inland Center in 2015 (See "Acquisitions and Dispositions" in Management's Overview and Summary).

#### *Net Income:*

Net income decreased \$1.1 billion from 2014 to 2015. The decrease in net income is primarily attributed to a decrease of \$1.4 billion from gain on remeasurement of assets offset in part by an increase of \$304.8 million from gain on sale or write down of assets as discussed above.

#### *Funds From Operations ("FFO"):*

Primarily as a result of the factors mentioned above, FFO—diluted increased 18.3% from \$542.8 million in 2014 to \$642.3 million in 2015. For a reconciliation of FFO and FFO—diluted to net income available to common stockholders, the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure, see "Funds From Operations ("FFO") and Adjusted Funds From Operations ("AFFO")" below.

#### *Operating Activities:*

Cash provided by operating activities increased from \$400.7 million in 2014 to \$540.4 million in 2015. The increase was primarily due to changes in assets and liabilities and the results as discussed above.

#### *Investing Activities:*

Cash used in investing activities decreased \$154.8 million from 2014 to 2015. The decrease in cash used in investing activities was primarily due to an increase in proceeds from the sale of assets of \$326.8 million offset in part by an increase in contributions to unconsolidated joint ventures of \$89.6 million and an increase in development, redevelopment and renovations of \$86.9 million.

The increase in cash proceeds from the sale of assets is primarily attributed to the sale of a 40% interest in the PPR Portfolio and the sale of Panorama Mall in 2015 (See "Acquisitions and Dispositions" in Management's Overview and Summary). The increase in contributions to unconsolidated joint ventures is primarily due to the acquisition of the 50% ownership interest in the Sears Portfolio in 2015 (See "Acquisitions and Dispositions" in Management's Overview and Summary).

#### *Financing Activities:*

Cash used in financing activities increased \$308.0 million from 2014 to 2015. The increase in cash used in financing activities was primarily due to an increase in payments on mortgages, bank and other notes payable of \$2.4 billion, an increase in dividends and distributions of \$401.4 million and the repurchase of the Company's common stock of \$400.1 million (See "Other Transactions and Events" in Management's Overview and Summary) offset in part by an increase in proceeds from mortgages, bank and other notes payable of \$2.9 billion.

### **Comparison of Years Ended December 31, 2014 and 2013**

#### *Revenues:*

Rental revenue increased by \$56.7 million, or 9.4%, from 2013 to 2014. The increase in rental revenue is attributed to an increase of \$38.0 million from the Joint Venture Centers, \$14.7 million from the Redevelopment Properties, \$7.1 million from the Same Centers and \$3.3 million from the Acquisition Properties offset in part by a decrease of \$6.4 million from the Disposition Properties. The increase at the Same Centers is primarily attributed to an increase in releasing spreads and an increase in tenant occupancy.

The amortization of above and below-market leases increased from \$6.6 million in 2013 to \$9.1 million in 2014. The amortization of straight-line rents decreased from \$7.5 million in 2013 to \$5.8 million in 2014. Lease termination income increased from \$3.3 million in 2013 to \$9.1 million in 2014.

Tenant recoveries increased \$23.3 million, or 6.9%, from 2013 to 2014. The increase in tenant recoveries is attributed to an increase of \$16.1 million from the Joint Venture Centers, \$7.5 million from the Redevelopment Properties, \$1.8 million from

the Acquisition Properties and \$0.7 million from the Same Centers offset in part by a decrease of \$2.8 million from the Disposition Properties.

Management Companies' revenue decreased from \$40.2 million in 2013 to \$34.0 million in 2014. The decrease is primarily due to a reduction in management fees from the sale of Kitsap Mall, Redmond Town Center and Ridgmar Mall in 2013, the conversion of Superstition Springs Center to a consolidated Center in 2013 and the conversions of Cascade Mall and the PPR Queens Portfolio to consolidated Centers in 2014 (See "Acquisitions and Dispositions" in Management's Overview and Summary).

*Shopping Center and Operating Expenses:*

Shopping center and operating expenses increased \$23.7 million, or 7.2%, from 2013 to 2014. The increase in shopping center and operating expenses is attributed to an increase of \$18.0 million from the Joint Venture Centers, \$13.4 million from the Redevelopment Properties and \$1.7 million from the Acquisition Properties offset in part by a decrease of \$6.8 million from the Disposition Properties and \$2.6 million from the Same Centers.

*Management Companies' Operating Expenses:*

Management Companies' operating expenses decreased \$5.0 million from 2013 to 2014 due to a decrease in compensation costs.

*REIT General and Administrative Expenses:*

REIT general and administrative expenses increased by \$1.6 million from 2013 to 2014 primarily due to the transaction costs in connection with the acquisition of Cascade Mall, Fashion Outlets of Philadelphia and the PPR Queens Portfolio in 2014.

*Depreciation and Amortization:*

Depreciation and amortization increased \$21.6 million from 2013 to 2014. The increase in depreciation and amortization is primarily attributed to an increase of \$28.0 million from the Joint Venture Centers, \$6.6 million from the Redevelopment Properties and \$0.5 million from the Acquisition Properties offset in part by a decrease of \$12.0 million from the Same Centers and \$1.5 million from the Disposition Properties.

*Interest Expense:*

Interest expense decreased \$6.6 million from 2013 to 2014. The decrease in interest expense is primarily attributed to a decrease of \$5.6 million from reduced borrowings under the line of credit, \$5.2 million from the Same Centers, \$1.3 million from the Disposition Properties and \$0.4 million from the term loan offset in part by an increase of \$5.2 million from the Joint Venture Centers, \$0.6 million from the Acquisition Properties and \$0.1 million from the Redevelopment Properties.

The above interest expense items are net of capitalized interest, which increased from \$10.8 million in 2013 to \$12.6 million in 2014.

*Loss (Gain) on Early Extinguishment of Debt, net:*

The change in loss (gain) on early extinguishment of debt was \$11.0 million from 2013 to 2014, resulting from a loss on early extinguishment of debt of \$9.6 million in 2014 compared to a gain on early extinguishment of debt of \$1.4 million in 2013. This change is primarily due to the one-time charge of \$9.0 million in connection with the early extinguishment of the mortgage notes payable on Fresno Fashion Fair and Vintage Faire Mall in 2014 (See "Financing Activities" in Management's Overview and Summary).

*Equity in Income of Unconsolidated Joint Ventures:*

Equity in income of unconsolidated joint ventures decreased \$107.0 million from 2013 to 2014. The decrease is primarily attributed to the Company's share of the gain on the sales in 2013 of Redmond Town Center Office of \$44.4 million, Kitsap Mall of \$28.1 million, Redmond Town Center of \$18.3 million and Ridgmar Mall of \$3.1 million (See "Acquisitions and Dispositions" in Management's Overview and Summary).

*Gain (Loss) on Sale or Write down of Assets, net:*

The change in gain (loss) on sale or write down of assets, net was \$151.5 million from 2013 to 2014, resulting from a loss of \$78.1 million in 2013 to a gain of \$73.4 million in 2014. This change is primarily attributed to the gain on the sales of Wilshire Boulevard of \$9.0 million, South Towne Center of \$121.9 million and Camelback Colonnade of \$24.6 million in 2014 (See "Acquisitions and Dispositions" in Management's Overview and Summary).

#### *Gain on Remeasurement of Assets:*

Gain on remeasurement of assets increased \$1.4 billion from 2013 to 2014. The increase is due to the remeasurement gain of \$1.4 billion from the acquisition of the PPR Queens Portfolio in 2014 offset in part by the remeasurement gain of \$36.3 million from the acquisition of Camelback Colonnade and \$14.9 million from the acquisition of Superstition Springs Center in 2013 (See "Acquisitions and Dispositions" in Management's Overview and Summary).

#### *Total Income from Discontinued Operations:*

Total income from discontinued operations of \$289.9 million in 2013 was primarily due to the gain on sales of Green Tree Mall of \$59.8 million, Northridge Mall and Rimrock Mall of \$82.2 million and Chesterfield Towne Center and Centre at Salisbury of \$151.5 million (See "Acquisitions and Dispositions" in Management's Overview and Summary). Due to the adoption of ASU 2014-08 on January 1, 2014, there was no income from discontinued operations in 2014.

#### *Net Income:*

Net income increased \$1.2 billion from 2013 to 2014. The increase in net income is primarily attributed to an increase of \$1.4 billion from gain on remeasurement of assets offset in part by a decrease of \$289.9 million of total income from discontinued operations as discussed above.

#### *Funds From Operations ("FFO"):*

Primarily as a result of the factors mentioned above, FFO—diluted increased 2.9% from \$527.6 million in 2013 to \$542.8 million in 2014. For a reconciliation of FFO and FFO—diluted to net income available to common stockholders, the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure, see "Funds From Operations ("FFO") and Adjusted Funds From Operations ("AFFO")" below.

#### *Operating Activities:*

Cash provided by operating activities decreased from \$422.0 million in 2013 to \$400.7 million in 2014. The decrease was primarily due to changes in assets and liabilities and the results as discussed above.

#### *Investing Activities:*

Cash used in investing activities increased \$527.7 million from 2013 to 2014. The increase in cash used in investing activities was primarily due to a decrease in distributions from unconsolidated joint ventures of \$539.8 million, an increase in contributions to unconsolidated joint ventures of \$238.7 million, a decrease in proceeds from the sale of assets of \$96.0 million and a decrease in restricted cash of \$64.0 million offset in part by a decrease in the acquisitions of property of \$501.0 million.

The decrease in distributions from unconsolidated joint ventures is primarily attributed to the distribution of the Company's share of net proceeds from the refinancing of the mortgage note payable on Tysons Corner Center in 2013 and the Company's share of cash proceeds from the sales of Kitsap Mall, Redmond Town Center and Redmond Town Center Office in 2013 (See "Acquisitions and Dispositions" and "Other Transactions and Events" in Management's Overview and Summary). The increase in contributions to unconsolidated joint ventures is due to the acquisition of Fashion Outlets of Philadelphia and the Company's share of the development costs at Tysons Corner Center and Broadway Plaza in 2014. The decrease in acquisitions of property is due to the acquisition of Green Acres Mall in 2013.

#### *Financing Activities:*

Cash used in financing activities decreased \$560.3 million from 2013 to 2014. The decrease in cash used in financing activities was primarily due to a decrease in payments on mortgages, bank and other notes payable of \$2.2 billion offset in part by a decrease in proceeds from mortgages, bank and other notes payable of \$1.4 billion, a decrease in proceeds from stock offerings of \$173.0 million, an increase in dividends and distributions of \$30.2 million and the purchase of the remaining noncontrolling interest in Fashion Outlets of Chicago for \$55.9 million in 2014 (See "Acquisitions and Dispositions" in Management's Overview and Summary).

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

The Company anticipates meeting its liquidity needs for its operating expenses and debt service and dividend requirements for the next twelve months through cash generated from operations, working capital reserves and/or borrowings under its unsecured line of credit.

The following tables summarize capital expenditures and lease acquisition costs incurred at the Centers for the years ended December 31:

(Dollars in thousands)	2015	2014	2013
<b>Consolidated Centers:</b>			
Acquisitions of property and equipment (1)	\$ 79,753	\$ 97,919	\$ 591,565
Development, redevelopment, expansion and renovation of Centers	218,741	197,934	164,340
Tenant allowances	30,368	30,464	20,949
Deferred leasing charges	26,835	26,605	23,926
	<u>\$ 355,697</u>	<u>\$ 352,922</u>	<u>\$ 800,780</u>
<b>Joint Venture Centers (at Company's pro rata share):</b>			
Acquisitions of property and equipment	\$ 160,001	\$ 158,792	\$ 8,182
Development, redevelopment, expansion and renovation of Centers	132,924	201,843	118,764
Tenant allowances	6,285	4,847	8,086
Deferred leasing charges	3,348	2,965	3,331
	<u>\$ 302,558</u>	<u>\$ 368,447</u>	<u>\$ 138,363</u>

- (1) Acquisitions of property and equipment excludes the acquisition of the PPR Queens Portfolio in 2014, which was funded by the direct issuance of approximately \$1.2 billion of common stock of the Company and the assumption of the third party's pro rata share of the mortgage notes payable on the properties of \$672.1 million (See "Acquisitions and Dispositions" in Management's Overview and Summary).

The Company expects amounts to be incurred during the next twelve months for tenant allowances and deferred leasing charges to be comparable or less than 2015 and that capital for those expenditures will be available from working capital, cash flow from operations, borrowings on property specific debt or unsecured corporate borrowings. The Company expects to incur between \$300 million and \$400 million during the next twelve months for development, redevelopment, expansion and renovations. Capital for these major expenditures, developments and/or redevelopments has been, and is expected to continue to be, obtained from a combination of debt or equity financings, which are expected to include borrowings under the Company's line of credit and construction loans.

The Company has also generated liquidity in the past through equity offerings and issuances, property refinancings, joint venture transactions and the sale of non-core assets. For example, the Company recently completed the Joint Venture Transactions to which the Company contributed eight properties with total cash proceeds to the Company of approximately \$2.3 billion (See "Acquisitions and Dispositions" in Management's Overview and Summary), which included new debt or refinancings of existing debt on these properties with excess financing proceeds of approximately \$1.1 billion (See "Financing Activity" in Management's Overview and Summary). The Company used these proceeds to pay down its line of credit, fund the Special Dividend (See "Other Transactions and Events" in Management's Overview and Summary) and for other general corporate purposes, which included the repurchases of the Company's common stock under the recently authorized stock buyback program (See "Other Transactions and Events" in Management's Overview and Summary). Furthermore, the Company has filed a shelf registration statement, which registered an unspecified amount of common stock, preferred stock, depositary shares, debt securities, warrants, rights, stock purchase contracts and units that may be sold from time to time by the Company.

The capital and credit markets can fluctuate and, at times, limit access to debt and equity financing for companies. As demonstrated by the Company's recent activity as discussed below and its \$1.5 billion line of credit, the Company has been able to access capital; however, there is no assurance the Company will be able to do so in future periods or on similar terms and conditions. Many factors impact the Company's ability to access capital, such as its overall debt level, interest rates, interest coverage ratios and prevailing market conditions. In the event that the Company has significant tenant defaults as a result of the overall economy and general market conditions, the Company could have a decrease in cash flow from operations, which could result in increased borrowings under its line of credit. These events could result in an increase in the Company's proportion of floating rate debt, which would cause it to be subject to interest rate fluctuations in the future.

The Company has an equity distribution agreement with a number of sales agents (the "2014 ATM Program") to issue and sell, from time to time, shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, having an aggregate offering price of up to \$500 million (the "2014 ATM Shares"). Sales of the 2014 ATM Shares can be made in privately negotiated transactions and/or any other method permitted by law, including sales deemed to be an "at the market" offering, which includes sales made directly on the New York Stock Exchange or sales made to or through a market maker other than on an exchange.

The Company did not sell any shares under the 2014 ATM Program during the year ended December 31, 2015.

As of December 31, 2015, \$500 million of the 2014 ATM Shares were available to be sold under the 2014 ATM Program. Actual future sales of the 2014 ATM Shares will depend upon a variety of factors including but not limited to market conditions, the trading price of the Company's common stock and the Company's capital needs. The Company has no obligation to sell the 2014 ATM Shares under the 2014 ATM Program.

The Company's total outstanding loan indebtedness at December 31, 2015 was \$7.0 billion (consisting of \$5.3 billion of consolidated debt, less \$0.2 billion of noncontrolling interests, plus \$1.9 billion of its pro rata share of unconsolidated joint venture mortgage notes and \$60.0 million of its pro rata share of the PPRT Term Loan (See "Financing Activity" in Management's Overview and Summary). The majority of the Company's debt consists of fixed-rate conventional mortgage notes collateralized by individual properties. The Company expects that all of the maturities during the next twelve months, except for the loan on Flagstaff Mall, will be refinanced, restructured, extended and/or paid off from the Company's line of credit or cash on hand.

The Company has a \$1.5 billion revolving line of credit facility that provides for an interest rate of LIBOR plus a spread of 1.38% to 2.0%, depending on the Company's overall leverage levels, and matures on August 6, 2018. Based on the Company's leverage level as of December 31, 2015, the borrowing rate on the facility was LIBOR plus 1.50%. In addition, the line of credit can be expanded, depending on certain conditions, up to a total facility of \$2.0 billion. All obligations under the facility are unconditionally guaranteed only by the Company. At December 31, 2015, total borrowings under the line of credit were \$0.7 billion with an average effective interest rate of 1.95%.

The Company had a \$125.0 million unsecured term loan under the Company's line of credit that bore interest at LIBOR plus a spread of 1.95% to 3.20%, depending on the Company's overall leverage levels, and was to mature on December 8, 2018. On October 23, 2015, the Company paid off in full the term loan.

Cash dividends and distributions for the year ended December 31, 2015 were \$787.1 million, which included \$337.7 million of the Special Dividend (See "Other Transactions and Events" in Management's Overview and Summary). A total of \$540.4 million was funded by operations. The remaining \$246.7 million was funded from proceeds from the sale of assets, which were included in cash flows from investing activities section in the Company's Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows.

At December 31, 2015, the Company was in compliance with all applicable loan covenants under its agreements.

At December 31, 2015, the Company had cash and cash equivalents of \$86.5 million.

#### *Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements:*

The Company accounts for its investments in joint ventures that it does not have a controlling interest or is not the primary beneficiary using the equity method of accounting and those investments are reflected on the consolidated balance sheets of the Company as investments in unconsolidated joint ventures.

In addition, one joint venture has secured debt that could become recourse debt to the Company in excess of the Company's pro rata share, should the joint venture be unable to discharge the obligation of the related debt. At December 31, 2015, the balance of the debt that could become recourse to the Company was \$5.0 million offset in part by an indemnity agreement from a joint venture partner for \$2.5 million. The maturity of the recourse debt, net of indemnification, is \$2.5 million in 2019.

Additionally, as of December 31, 2015, the Company is contingently liable for \$62.8 million in letters of credit guaranteeing performance by the Company of certain obligations relating to the Centers. The Company does not believe that these letters of credit will result in a liability to the Company.

*Contractual Obligations:*

The following is a schedule of contractual obligations as of December 31, 2015 for the consolidated Centers over the periods in which they are expected to be paid (in thousands):

Contractual Obligations	Payment Due by Period				
	Total	Less than 1 year	1 - 3 years	3 - 5 years	More than five years
Long-term debt obligations (includes expected interest payments)(1)	\$ 6,306,548	\$ 177,879	\$ 1,633,578	\$ 2,235,603	\$ 2,259,488
Operating lease obligations(2)	344,996	15,695	26,881	19,266	283,154
Purchase obligations(2)	32,006	32,006	—	—	—
Other long-term liabilities(3)	690,191	653,163	3,470	3,842	29,716
	<u>\$ 7,373,741</u>	<u>\$ 878,743</u>	<u>\$ 1,663,929</u>	<u>\$ 2,258,711</u>	<u>\$ 2,572,358</u>

(1) Interest payments on floating rate debt were based on rates in effect at December 31, 2015.

(2) See Note 16—Commitments and Contingencies in the Company's Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

(3) Includes \$337.7 million accrued Special Dividend (See Note 12—Stockholders' Equity in the Company's Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements).

## **Funds From Operations ("FFO") and Adjusted Funds From Operations ("AFFO")**

The Company uses FFO in addition to net income to report its operating and financial results and considers FFO and FFO-diluted as supplemental measures for the real estate industry and a supplement to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP") measures. The National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts ("NAREIT") defines FFO as net income (loss) (computed in accordance with GAAP), excluding gains (or losses) from extraordinary items and sales of depreciated operating properties, plus real estate related depreciation and amortization, impairment write-downs of real estate and write-downs of investments in an affiliate where the write-downs have been driven by a decrease in the value of real estate held by the affiliate and after adjustments for unconsolidated joint ventures. Adjustments for unconsolidated joint ventures are calculated to reflect FFO on the same basis.

Adjusted FFO ("AFFO") excludes the FFO impact of Shoppingtown Mall and Valley View Center for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011. In December 2011, the Company conveyed Shoppingtown Mall to the lender by a deed-in-lieu of foreclosure. In July 2010, a court-appointed receiver assumed operational control of Valley View Center and responsibility for managing all aspects of the property. Valley View Center was sold by the receiver on April 23, 2012, and the related non-recourse mortgage loan obligation was fully extinguished on that date, resulting in a gain on extinguishment of debt of \$104.0 million. On May 31, 2012, the Company conveyed Prescott Gateway to the lender by a deed-in-lieu of foreclosure and the debt was forgiven resulting in a gain on extinguishment of debt of \$16.3 million. AFFO excludes the gain on extinguishment of debt on Prescott Gateway for the twelve months ended December 31, 2012.

FFO and FFO on a diluted basis are useful to investors in comparing operating and financial results between periods. This is especially true since FFO excludes real estate depreciation and amortization, as the Company believes real estate values fluctuate based on market conditions rather than depreciating in value ratably on a straight-line basis over time. The Company believes that such a presentation also provides investors with a more meaningful measure of its operating results in comparison to the operating results of other REITs. The Company believes that AFFO and AFFO on a diluted basis provide useful supplemental information regarding the Company's performance as they show a more meaningful and consistent comparison of the Company's operating performance and allow investors to more easily compare the Company's results without taking into account non-cash credits and charges on properties controlled by either a receiver or loan servicer. The Company believes that FFO and AFFO on a diluted basis are measures investors find most useful in measuring the dilutive impact of outstanding convertible securities.

The Company believes that FFO and AFFO do not represent cash flow from operations as defined by GAAP, should not be considered as an alternative to net income as defined by GAAP, and are not indicative of cash available to fund all cash flow needs. The Company also cautions that FFO and AFFO, as presented, may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other real estate investment trusts.

Management compensates for the limitations of FFO and AFFO by providing investors with financial statements prepared according to GAAP, along with this detailed discussion of FFO and AFFO and a reconciliation of FFO and AFFO and FFO and AFFO-diluted to net income available to common stockholders. Management believes that to further understand the Company's performance, FFO and AFFO should be compared with the Company's reported net income as presented in the Company's consolidated financial statements.

The following reconciles net income attributable to the Company to FFO and FFO-diluted for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012 and 2011 and FFO and FFO—diluted to AFFO and AFFO—diluted for the same periods (dollars and shares in thousands):

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Net income attributable to the Company	\$ 487,562	\$ 1,499,042	\$ 420,090	\$ 337,426	\$ 156,866
Adjustments to reconcile net income attributable to the Company to FFO attributable to common stockholders and unit holders—basic:					
Noncontrolling interests in the Operating Partnership	32,615	105,584	29,637	27,359	13,529
(Gain) loss on sale or write down of consolidated assets, net	(378,248)	(73,440)	(207,105)	40,381	79,940
Gain on remeasurement of consolidated assets	(22,089)	(1,423,136)	(51,205)	(199,956)	(3,602)
Add: gain (loss) on undepreciated assets—consolidated assets	1,326	1,396	2,546	(390)	2,277
Add: noncontrolling interests share of gain (loss) on sale of assets—consolidated joint ventures	481	146	(2,082)	1,899	(1,441)
(Gain) loss on sale or write down of assets—unconsolidated joint ventures(1)	(4,392)	1,237	(94,372)	(2,019)	(200,828)
Add: gain on sale of undepreciated assets—unconsolidated joint ventures(1)	4,395	2,621	602	1,163	51
Depreciation and amortization on consolidated assets	464,472	378,716	374,425	307,193	269,286
Less: noncontrolling interests in depreciation and amortization—consolidated joint ventures	(14,962)	(20,700)	(19,928)	(18,561)	(18,022)
Depreciation and amortization—unconsolidated joint ventures(1)	84,160	82,570	86,866	96,228	115,431
Less: depreciation on personal property	(13,052)	(11,282)	(11,900)	(12,861)	(13,928)
FFO attributable to common stockholders and unit holders—basic and diluted	642,268	542,754	527,574	577,862	399,559
(Gain) loss on early extinguishment of debt, net—consolidated assets	(1,487)	9,551	(2,684)	—	10,588
Gain on early extinguishment of debt, net—unconsolidated joint ventures(1)	—	—	(352)	—	(7,852)
FFO attributable to common stockholders and unit holders excluding early extinguishment of debt, net—diluted	640,781	552,305	524,538	577,862	402,295
Costs related to unsolicited takeover offer	25,204	—	—	—	—
FFO attributable to common stockholders and unit holders excluding early extinguishment of debt, net and costs related to unsolicited takeover offer—diluted	665,985	552,305	524,538	577,862	402,295
Shoppingtown Mall	—	—	—	422	3,491
Valley View Center	—	—	—	(101,105)	8,786
Prescott Gateway	—	—	—	(16,296)	—
AFFO and AFFO attributable to common stockholders and unit holders—diluted	\$ 665,985	\$ 552,305	\$ 524,538	\$ 460,883	\$ 414,572
Weighted average number of FFO shares outstanding for:					
FFO attributable to common stockholders and unit holders—basic(2)	168,478	153,224	149,444	144,937	142,986
Adjustments for the impact of dilutive securities in computing FFO—diluted:					
Share and unit-based compensation	144	147	82	—	—
FFO attributable to common stockholders and unit holders—diluted(3)	168,622	153,371	149,526	144,937	142,986

(1) Unconsolidated assets are presented at the Company's pro rata share.

(2) Calculated based upon basic net income as adjusted to reach basic FFO. During the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012 and 2011, there were 10.6 million, 10.1 million, 9.8 million, 10.9 million and 11.4 million OP Units outstanding, respectively.

(3) The computation of FFO and AFFO—diluted shares outstanding includes the effect of share and unit-based compensation plans and the convertible senior notes using the treasury stock method. It also assumes the conversion of MACWH, LP common and preferred units to the extent that they are dilutive to the FFO and AFFO-diluted computation.



## ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

The Company's primary market risk exposure is interest rate risk. The Company has managed and will continue to manage interest rate risk by (1) maintaining a ratio of fixed rate, long-term debt to total debt such that floating rate exposure is kept at an acceptable level, (2) reducing interest rate exposure on certain long-term floating rate debt through the use of interest rate caps and/or swaps with matching maturities where appropriate, (3) using treasury rate locks where appropriate to fix rates on anticipated debt transactions, and (4) taking advantage of favorable market conditions for long-term debt and/or equity.

The following table sets forth information as of December 31, 2015 concerning the Company's long term debt obligations, including principal cash flows by scheduled maturity, weighted average interest rates and estimated fair value (dollars in thousands):

	Expected Maturity Date						Total	Fair Value
	For the years ending December 31,							
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Thereafter		
<b>CONSOLIDATED CENTERS:</b>								
Long term debt:								
Fixed rate	\$ 104,444	\$ 177,767	\$ 698,800	\$ 810,012	\$ 335,632	\$ 2,175,324	\$ 4,301,979	\$ 4,318,020
Average interest rate	4.03%	2.61%	3.38%	3.64%	5.15%	3.87%	3.80%	
Floating rate	67,763	64,000	650,000	—	200,000	—	981,763	960,189
Average interest rate	2.17%	3.30%	1.95%	—%	1.84%	—%	2.03%	
Total debt—Consolidated Centers	<u>\$ 172,207</u>	<u>\$ 241,767</u>	<u>\$ 1,348,800</u>	<u>\$ 810,012</u>	<u>\$ 535,632</u>	<u>\$ 2,175,324</u>	<u>\$ 5,283,742</u>	<u>\$ 5,278,209</u>
<b>UNCONSOLIDATED JOINT VENTURE CENTERS:</b>								
Long term debt (at Company's pro rata share):								
Fixed rate	\$ 159,861	\$ 17,893	\$ 18,603	\$ 19,845	\$ 26,049	\$ 1,550,237	\$ 1,792,488	\$ 1,814,610
Average interest rate	7.02%	4.09%	4.09%	4.06%	3.97%	3.88%	4.13%	
Floating rate	1,131	1,299	73,756	114	37,993	56,250	170,543	169,012
Average interest rate	2.30%	2.39%	2.35%	2.63%	2.39%	1.44%	2.06%	
Total debt—Unconsolidated Joint Venture Centers	<u>\$ 160,992</u>	<u>\$ 19,192</u>	<u>\$ 92,359</u>	<u>\$ 19,959</u>	<u>\$ 64,042</u>	<u>\$ 1,606,487</u>	<u>\$ 1,963,031</u>	<u>\$ 1,983,622</u>

The Consolidated Centers' total fixed rate debt at December 31, 2015 and 2014 was \$4.3 billion and \$5.2 billion, respectively. The average interest rate on such fixed rate debt at December 31, 2015 and 2014 was 3.80% and 3.63%, respectively. The Consolidated Centers' total floating rate debt at December 31, 2015 and 2014 was \$1.0 billion and \$1.1 billion, respectively. The average interest rate on such floating rate debt at December 31, 2015 and 2014 was 2.03% and 2.11%, respectively.

The Company's pro rata share of the Unconsolidated Joint Venture Centers' fixed rate debt at December 31, 2015 and 2014 was \$1.8 billion and \$0.9 billion, respectively. The average interest rate on such fixed rate debt at December 31, 2015 and 2014 was 4.13% and 4.50%, respectively. The Company's pro rata share of the Unconsolidated Joint Venture Centers' floating rate debt at December 31, 2015 and 2014 was \$170.5 million and \$115.4 million, respectively. The average interest rate on such floating rate debt at December 31, 2015 and 2014 was 2.06% and 2.59%, respectively.

The Company has used derivative financial instruments in the normal course of business to manage or hedge interest rate risk and records all derivatives on the balance sheet at fair value. Interest rate cap agreements offer protection against floating rates on the notional amount from exceeding the rates noted in the above schedule, and interest rate swap agreements effectively replace a floating rate on the notional amount with a fixed rate as noted above. As of December 31, 2015, the Company did not have any interest rate cap or swap agreements in place.

In addition, the Company has assessed the market risk for its floating rate debt and believes that a 1% increase in interest rates would decrease future earnings and cash flows by approximately \$11.5 million per year based on \$1.2 billion of floating rate debt outstanding at December 31, 2015.

The fair value of the Company's long-term debt is estimated based on a present value model utilizing interest rates that reflect the risks associated with long-term debt of similar risk and duration. In addition, the method of computing fair value for mortgage notes payable included a credit value adjustment based on the estimated value of the property that serves as collateral for the underlying debt (See Note 8—Mortgage Notes Payable and Note 9—Bank and Other Notes Payable in the Company's Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements).

## ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

Refer to the Financial Statements and Financial Statement Schedules for the required information appearing in Item 15.

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

None.

## ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

### *Conclusion Regarding Effectiveness of Disclosure Controls and Procedures*

As required by Rule 13a-15(b) under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), management carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Based on their evaluation as of December 31, 2015, the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act) were effective to ensure that the information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is (a) recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms and (b) accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

### *Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting*

The Company's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Exchange Act). The Company's management assessed the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015. In making this assessment, the Company's management used the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission in Internal Control—Integrated Framework (2013). The Company's management concluded that, as of December 31, 2015, its internal control over financial reporting was effective based on this assessment.

KPMG LLP, the independent registered public accounting firm that audited the Company's 2015, 2014 and 2013 consolidated financial statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, has issued a report on the Company's internal control over financial reporting which follows below.

### *Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting*

There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended December 31, 2015 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

## Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors and Stockholders of  
The Macerich Company:

We have audited The Macerich Company's (the Company) internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015, based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). The Company's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

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

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

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

In our opinion, The Macerich Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015, based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheets of the Company as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related consolidated statements of operations, equity and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2015, and our report dated February 23, 2016 expressed an unqualified opinion on those consolidated financial statements. Our report refers to a change in method of reporting discontinued operations.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Los Angeles, California  
February 23, 2016

## **ITEM 9B. OTHER INFORMATION**

None.

## **PART III**

### **ITEM 10. DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

There is hereby incorporated by reference the information which appears under the captions "Information Regarding our Director Nominees," "Executive Officers," "Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance" and "Audit Committee Matters" in the Company's definitive proxy statement for its 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders that is responsive to the information required by this Item.

The Company has adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics that provides principles of conduct and ethics for its directors, officers and employees. This Code complies with the requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and applicable rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the New York Stock Exchange. In addition, the Company has adopted a Code of Ethics for CEO and Senior Financial Officers which supplements the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics applicable to all employees and complies with the additional requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and applicable rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission for those officers. To the extent required by applicable rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the New York Stock Exchange, the Company intends to promptly disclose future amendments to certain provisions of these Codes or waivers of such provisions granted to directors and executive officers, including the Company's principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or persons performing similar functions, on the Company's website at [www.macerich.com](http://www.macerich.com) under "Investors—Corporate Governance-Code of Ethics." Each of these Codes of Conduct is available on the Company's website at [www.macerich.com](http://www.macerich.com) under "Investors—Corporate Governance."

During 2015, there were no material changes to the procedures described in the Company's proxy statement relating to the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders by which stockholders may recommend director nominees to the Company.

### **ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

There is hereby incorporated by reference the information which appears under the captions "Compensation of Directors," "Compensation Committee Report," "Compensation Discussion and Analysis," "Executive Compensation" and "Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation" in the Company's definitive proxy statement for its 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders that is responsive to the information required by this Item.

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

There is hereby incorporated by reference the information which appears under the captions "Principal Stockholders," "Information Regarding Our Director Nominees," "Executive Officers" and "Equity Compensation Plan Information" in the Company's definitive proxy statement for its 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders that is responsive to the information required by this Item.

### **ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE**

There is hereby incorporated by reference the information which appears under the captions "Certain Transactions" and "The Board of Directors and its Committees" in the Company's definitive proxy statement for its 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders that is responsive to the information required by this Item.

### **ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES**

There is hereby incorporated by reference the information which appears under the captions "Principal Accountant Fees and Services" and "Audit Committee Pre-Approval Policy" in the Company's definitive proxy statement for its 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders that is responsive to the information required by this Item.

PART IV

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## Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors and Stockholders of  
The Macerich Company:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of The Macerich Company and subsidiaries (the “Company”) as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related consolidated statements of operations, equity and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2015. In connection with our audits of the consolidated financial statements, we have also audited the financial statement schedule III - Real Estate and Accumulated Depreciation. These consolidated financial statements and the financial statement schedule are the responsibility of the Company’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedule based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Macerich Company and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2015, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Also, in our opinion, the related financial statement schedule III - Real Estate and Accumulated Depreciation, when considered in relation to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole, presents fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein.

As discussed in note 2 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company changed its method for reporting discontinued operations in 2014 due to the adoption of FASB Accounting Standards Update No. 2014-08, *Presentation of Financial Statements (Topic 205) and Property, Plant and Equipment (Topic 360): Reporting discontinued Operations and Disclosures of Disposals of Components of an Entity*.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the Company’s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015, based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO), and our report dated February 23, 2016, expressed an unqualified opinion on the effectiveness of the Company’s internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Los Angeles, California  
February 23, 2016

THE MACERICH COMPANY

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(Dollars in thousands, except par value)

	December 31,	
	2015	2014
<b>ASSETS:</b>		
Property, net	\$ 8,796,912	\$ 11,067,890
Cash and cash equivalents	86,510	84,907
Restricted cash	41,389	13,530
Tenant and other receivables, net	130,002	132,026
Deferred charges and other assets, net	587,283	759,061
Due from affiliates	83,928	80,232
Investments in unconsolidated joint ventures	1,532,552	984,132
Total assets	<u>\$ 11,258,576</u>	<u>\$ 13,121,778</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:</b>		
<b>Mortgage notes payable:</b>		
Related parties	\$ 181,318	\$ 289,039
Others	4,443,294	5,115,482
Total	4,624,612	5,404,521
Bank and other notes payable	659,130	887,879
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	74,398	115,406
Accrued dividend	337,703	—
Other accrued liabilities	403,281	568,716
Distributions in excess of investments in unconsolidated joint ventures	24,457	29,957
Co-venture obligation	63,756	75,450
Total liabilities	6,187,337	7,081,929
Commitments and contingencies		
<b>Equity:</b>		
<b>Stockholders' equity:</b>		
Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 250,000,000 shares authorized, 154,404,986 and 158,201,996 shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively	1,544	1,582
Additional paid-in capital	4,926,630	5,041,797
(Accumulated deficit) retained earnings	(212,760)	596,741
Total stockholders' equity	4,715,414	5,640,120
Noncontrolling interests	355,825	399,729
Total equity	5,071,239	6,039,849
Total liabilities and equity	<u>\$ 11,258,576</u>	<u>\$ 13,121,778</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

THE MACERICH COMPANY

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

	For The Years Ended December 31,		
	2015	2014	2013
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Minimum rents	\$ 759,603	\$ 633,571	\$ 578,113
Percentage rents	25,693	24,350	23,156
Tenant recoveries	415,129	361,119	337,772
Other	61,470	52,226	50,242
Management Companies	26,254	33,981	40,192
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>1,288,149</b>	<b>1,105,247</b>	<b>1,029,475</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Shopping center and operating expenses	379,815	353,505	329,795
Management Companies' operating expenses	92,340	88,424	93,461
REIT general and administrative expenses	29,870	29,412	27,772
Costs related to unsolicited takeover offer	25,204	—	—
Depreciation and amortization	464,472	378,716	357,165
	991,701	850,057	808,193
<b>Interest expense:</b>			
Related parties	10,515	15,134	15,016
Other	201,428	175,555	182,231
	211,943	190,689	197,247
(Gain) loss on early extinguishment of debt, net	(1,487)	9,551	(1,432)
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>1,202,157</b>	<b>1,050,297</b>	<b>1,004,008</b>
Equity in income of unconsolidated joint ventures	45,164	60,626	167,580
Co-venture expense	(11,804)	(9,490)	(8,864)
Income tax benefit	3,223	4,269	1,692
Gain (loss) on sale or write down of assets, net	378,248	73,440	(78,057)
Gain on remeasurement of assets	22,089	1,423,136	51,205
Income from continuing operations	522,912	1,606,931	159,023
<b>Discontinued operations:</b>			
Gain on disposition of assets, net	—	—	286,414
Income from discontinued operations	—	—	3,522
<b>Total income from discontinued operations</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>289,936</b>
<b>Net income</b>	<b>522,912</b>	<b>1,606,931</b>	<b>448,959</b>
Less net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	35,350	107,889	28,869
<b>Net income attributable to the Company</b>	<b>\$ 487,562</b>	<b>\$ 1,499,042</b>	<b>\$ 420,090</b>
<b>Earnings per common share attributable to Company—basic:</b>			
Income from continuing operations	\$ 3.08	\$ 10.46	\$ 1.07
Discontinued operations	—	—	1.94
<b>Net income attributable to common stockholders</b>	<b>\$ 3.08</b>	<b>\$ 10.46</b>	<b>\$ 3.01</b>
<b>Earnings per common share attributable to Company—diluted:</b>			
Income from continuing operations	\$ 3.08	\$ 10.45	\$ 1.06
Discontinued operations	—	—	1.94
<b>Net income attributable to common stockholders</b>	<b>\$ 3.08</b>	<b>\$ 10.45</b>	<b>\$ 3.00</b>
<b>Weighted average number of common shares outstanding:</b>			
Basic	157,916,000	143,144,000	139,598,000
Diluted	158,060,000	143,291,000	139,680,000

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**THE MACERICH COMPANY**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EQUITY**  
(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)

	Stockholders' Equity						
	Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Deficit	Total Stockholders' Equity	Noncontrolling Interests	Total Equity
	Shares	Par Value					
Balance at January 1, 2013	137,507,010	\$ 1,375	\$ 3,715,895	\$ (639,741)	\$ 3,077,529	\$ 338,722	\$ 3,416,251
Net income	—	—	—	420,090	420,090	28,869	448,959
Amortization of share and unit-based plans	88,039	—	28,122	—	28,122	—	28,122
Exercise of stock options	2,700	—	99	—	99	—	99
Employee stock purchases	22,112	—	1,089	—	1,089	—	1,089
Stock offering, net	2,456,956	25	171,077	—	171,102	—	171,102
Distributions paid (\$2.36) per share	—	—	—	(329,155)	(329,155)	—	(329,155)
Distributions to noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	—	—	(31,202)	(31,202)
Contributions from noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	—	—	18,079	18,079
Other	—	—	(3,561)	—	(3,561)	—	(3,561)
Conversion of noncontrolling interests to common shares	656,866	7	12,977	—	12,984	(12,984)	—
Redemption of noncontrolling interests	—	—	(733)	—	(733)	(333)	(1,066)
Adjustment of noncontrolling interests in Operating Partnership	—	—	(18,817)	—	(18,817)	18,817	—
Balance at December 31, 2013	<u>140,733,683</u>	<u>\$ 1,407</u>	<u>\$ 3,906,148</u>	<u>\$ (548,806)</u>	<u>\$ 3,358,749</u>	<u>\$ 359,968</u>	<u>\$ 3,718,717</u>

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**THE MACERICH COMPANY**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EQUITY (Continued)**

(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)

	Stockholders' Equity						Noncontrolling Interests	Total Equity	
	Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings (Accumulated Deficit)	Total Stockholders' Equity				
	Shares	Par Value							
Balance at December 31, 2013	140,733,683	\$ 1,407	\$ 3,906,148	\$ (548,806)	\$ 3,358,749	\$ 359,968	\$ 3,718,717		
Net income	—	—	—	1,499,042	1,499,042	107,889	1,606,931		
Amortization of share and unit-based plans	168,379	2	34,871	—	34,873	—	34,873		
Employee stock purchases	25,007	—	1,231	—	1,231	—	1,231		
Stock issued to acquire properties	17,140,845	172	1,161,102	—	1,161,274	—	1,161,274		
Distributions paid (\$2.51) per share	—	—	—	(353,495)	(353,495)	—	(353,495)		
Distributions to noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	—	—	(32,230)	(32,230)		
Change in noncontrolling interests due to acquisition/disposition of consolidated entities	—	—	(3,858)	—	(3,858)	(93,358)	(97,216)		
Conversion of noncontrolling interests to common shares	134,082	1	2,409	—	2,410	(2,410)	—		
Redemption of noncontrolling interests	—	—	(157)	—	(157)	(79)	(236)		
Adjustment of noncontrolling interests in Operating Partnership	—	—	(59,949)	—	(59,949)	59,949	—		
Balance at December 31, 2014	<u>158,201,996</u>	<u>\$ 1,582</u>	<u>\$ 5,041,797</u>	<u>\$ 596,741</u>	<u>\$ 5,640,120</u>	<u>\$ 399,729</u>	<u>\$ 6,039,849</u>		

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**THE MACERICH COMPANY**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EQUITY (Continued)**

(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)

	Stockholders' Equity						
	Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings (Accumulated Deficit)	Total Stockholders' Equity	Noncontrolling Interests	Total Equity
	Shares	Par Value					
Balance at December 31, 2014	158,201,996	\$ 1,582	\$ 5,041,797	\$ 596,741	\$ 5,640,120	\$ 399,729	\$ 6,039,849
Net income	—	—	—	487,562	487,562	35,350	522,912
Amortization of share and unit-based plans	241,186	2	34,373	—	34,375	—	34,375
Employee stock purchases	23,036	—	1,512	—	1,512	—	1,512
Stock repurchase	(4,140,788)	(41)	(153,602)	(246,501)	(400,144)	—	(400,144)
Distributions declared (\$6.63) per share	—	—	—	(1,050,562)	(1,050,562)	—	(1,050,562)
Distributions to noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	—	—	(74,677)	(74,677)
Contributions from noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	—	—	23	23
Other	—	—	(1,593)	—	(1,593)	—	(1,593)
Conversion of noncontrolling interests to common shares	79,556	1	1,558	—	1,559	(1,559)	—
Redemption of noncontrolling interests	—	—	(343)	—	(343)	(113)	(456)
Adjustment of noncontrolling interests in Operating Partnership	—	—	2,928	—	2,928	(2,928)	—
Balance at December 31, 2015	<u>154,404,986</u>	<u>\$ 1,544</u>	<u>\$ 4,926,630</u>	<u>\$ (212,760)</u>	<u>\$ 4,715,414</u>	<u>\$ 355,825</u>	<u>\$ 5,071,239</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

THE MACERICH COMPANY

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(Dollars in thousands)

	For the Years Ended December 31,		
	2015	2014	2013
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net income	\$ 522,912	\$ 1,606,931	\$ 448,959
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
(Gain) loss on early extinguishment of debt, net	(16,066)	526	(1,432)
(Gain) loss on sale or write down of assets, net	(378,248)	(73,440)	78,057
Gain on remeasurement of assets	(22,089)	(1,423,136)	(51,205)
Gain on disposition of assets, net from discontinued operations	—	—	(286,414)
Depreciation and amortization	471,320	387,785	383,002
Amortization of net premium on mortgage notes payable	(20,232)	(8,906)	(6,822)
Amortization of share and unit-based plans	28,367	29,463	24,207
Straight-line rent adjustment	(7,192)	(5,825)	(7,987)
Amortization of above and below-market leases	(16,510)	(9,083)	(6,726)
Provision for doubtful accounts	4,698	3,962	4,150
Income tax benefit	(3,223)	(4,269)	(1,692)
Equity in income of unconsolidated joint ventures	(45,164)	(60,626)	(167,580)
Co-venture expense	11,804	9,490	8,864
Distributions of income from unconsolidated joint ventures	4,541	2,412	8,538
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of acquisitions and dispositions:			
Tenant and other receivables	1,908	(12,356)	(5,482)
Other assets	13,892	(15,594)	7,761
Due from affiliates	(7,025)	(1,770)	266
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(4,014)	(123)	(747)
Other accrued liabilities	698	(24,735)	(5,682)
Net cash provided by operating activities	540,377	400,706	422,035
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Acquisition of properties	(26,250)	(15,233)	(516,239)
Development, redevelopment, expansion and renovation of properties	(272,334)	(185,412)	(158,682)
Property improvements	(53,335)	(66,718)	(51,683)
Cash acquired from acquisitions	—	28,890	—
Proceeds from note receivable	1,833	4,825	8,347
Issuance of notes receivable	—	(65,130)	(13,330)
Proceeds from maturities of marketable securities	—	—	23,769
Deposit on acquisition of property	(12,500)	—	—
Deferred leasing costs	(33,902)	(28,019)	(27,669)
Distributions from unconsolidated joint ventures	105,640	78,222	618,048
Contributions to unconsolidated joint ventures	(426,186)	(336,621)	(97,898)
Collections of loans to unconsolidated joint ventures, net	—	2,756	589
Proceeds from sale of assets	646,898	320,123	416,077
Restricted cash	(30,888)	6,526	70,538
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	(101,024)	(255,791)	271,867

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

THE MACERICH COMPANY

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Continued)

(Dollars in thousands)

	For the Years Ended December 31,		
	2015	2014	2013
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Proceeds from mortgages, bank and other notes payable	4,080,671	1,204,946	2,572,764
Payments on mortgages, bank and other notes payable	(3,284,213)	(853,080)	(3,051,072)
Deferred financing costs	(11,805)	(1,267)	(11,966)
Payment of finance deposits, net of refunds received	(11,138)	—	—
Proceeds from share and unit-based plans	1,512	1,231	1,188
Proceeds from stock offerings	—	—	173,011
Payment of stock issuance costs	—	(5,503)	(1,909)
Stock repurchases	(400,144)	—	—
Redemption of noncontrolling interests	(456)	(236)	(1,066)
Contributions from noncontrolling interests	23	—	4,140
Purchase of noncontrolling interest	(1,593)	(55,867)	—
Payment of contingent consideration	—	(18,667)	—
Dividends and distributions	(787,109)	(385,725)	(355,506)
Distributions to co-venture partner	(23,498)	(15,555)	(19,564)
Net cash used in financing activities	(437,750)	(129,723)	(689,980)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	1,603	15,192	3,922
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	84,907	69,715	65,793
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 86,510	\$ 84,907	\$ 69,715
Supplemental cash flow information:			
Cash payments for interest, net of amounts capitalized	\$ 231,106	\$ 186,877	\$ 195,129
Non-cash investing and financing activities:			
Accrued development costs included in accounts payable and accrued expenses and other accrued liabilities	\$ 52,983	\$ 83,108	\$ 41,334
Acquisition of property by issuance of common stock	\$ —	\$ 1,166,777	\$ —
Conversion of Operating Partnership Units to common stock	\$ 1,559	\$ 2,410	\$ 12,984
Accrued dividend	\$ 337,703	\$ —	\$ —
Acquisition of properties by assumption of mortgage note payable and other accrued liabilities	\$ —	\$ 1,414,659	\$ 257,064
Mortgage notes payable settled in deed-in-lieu of foreclosure	\$ 34,149	\$ —	\$ 84,000
Mortgage notes payable assumed by buyers in sales of properties	\$ —	\$ 31,725	\$ 224,737
Mortgage notes payable assumed by buyer in exchange for investment in unconsolidated joint venture	\$ 1,782,455	\$ —	\$ —
Note receivable issued in connection with sale of property	\$ —	\$ 9,603	\$ —
Acquisition of property in exchange for settlement of notes receivable	\$ —	\$ 14,120	\$ —
Acquisition of property in exchange for investment in unconsolidated joint venture	\$ 76,250	\$ 15,767	\$ —
Contingent consideration in acquisition of property	\$ —	\$ 10,012	\$ —
Assumption of mortgage notes payable and other liabilities from unconsolidated joint ventures	\$ 50,000	\$ —	\$ 54,271
Application of deposit to acquire property	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 30,000

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

## THE MACERICH COMPANY

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

**1. Organization:**

The Macerich Company (the "Company") is involved in the acquisition, ownership, development, redevelopment, management and leasing of regional and community/power shopping centers (the "Centers") located throughout the United States.

The Company commenced operations effective with the completion of its initial public offering on March 16, 1994. As of December 31, 2015, the Company was the sole general partner of and held a 93% ownership interest in The Macerich Partnership, L.P. (the "Operating Partnership"). The Company was organized to qualify as a real estate investment trust ("REIT") under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").

The property management, leasing and redevelopment of the Company's portfolio is provided by the Company's management companies, Macerich Property Management Company, LLC, a single member Delaware limited liability company, Macerich Management Company, a California corporation, Macerich Arizona Partners LLC, a single member Arizona limited liability company, Macerich Arizona Management LLC, a single member Delaware limited liability company, Macerich Partners of Colorado, LLC, a single member Colorado limited liability company, MACW Mall Management, Inc., a New York corporation, and MACW Property Management, LLC, a single member New York limited liability company. All seven of the management companies are collectively referred to herein as the "Management Companies."

**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:***Basis of Presentation:*

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") in the United States of America. The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and the Operating Partnership. Investments in entities in which the Company has a controlling financial interest or entities that meet the definition of a variable interest entity in which the Company has, as a result of ownership, contractual or other financial interests, both the power to direct activities that most significantly impact the economic performance of the variable interest entity and the obligation to absorb losses or the right to receive benefits that could potentially be significant to the variable interest entity are consolidated; otherwise they are accounted for under the equity method of accounting and are reflected as investments in unconsolidated joint ventures. All intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in the consolidated financial statements.

*Cash and Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash:*

The Company considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents, for which cost approximates fair value. Restricted cash includes impounds of property taxes and other capital reserves required under loan agreements.

*Revenues:*

Minimum rental revenues are recognized on a straight-line basis over the terms of the related leases. The difference between the amount of rent due in a year and the amount recorded as rental income is referred to as the "straight-line rent adjustment." Minimum rents were increased by \$7,192, \$5,825 and \$7,498 due to the straight-line rent adjustment during the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Percentage rents are recognized and accrued when tenants' specified sales targets have been met.

Estimated recoveries from certain tenants for their pro rata share of real estate taxes, insurance and other shopping center operating expenses are recognized as revenues in the period the applicable expenses are incurred. Other tenants pay a fixed rate and these tenant recoveries are recognized as revenues on a straight-line basis over the term of the related leases.

The Management Companies provide property management, leasing, corporate, development, redevelopment and acquisition services to affiliated and non-affiliated shopping centers. In consideration for these services, the Management Companies receive monthly management fees generally ranging from 1.5% to 5% of the gross monthly rental revenue of the properties managed.

**THE MACERICH COMPANY****NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)****(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)****2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies: (Continued)***Property:*

Maintenance and repair expenses are charged to operations as incurred. Costs for major replacements and betterments, which includes HVAC equipment, roofs, parking lots, etc., are capitalized and depreciated over their estimated useful lives. Gains and losses are recognized upon disposal or retirement of the related assets and are reflected in earnings.

Property is recorded at cost and is depreciated using a straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:

Buildings and improvements	5 - 40 years
Tenant improvements	5 - 7 years
Equipment and furnishings	5 - 7 years

*Capitalization of Costs:*

The Company capitalizes costs incurred in redevelopment, development, renovation and improvement of properties. The capitalized costs include pre-construction costs essential to the development of the property, development costs, construction costs, interest costs, real estate taxes, salaries and related costs and other costs incurred during the period of development. These capitalized costs include direct and certain indirect costs clearly associated with the project. Indirect costs include real estate taxes, insurance and certain shared administrative costs. In assessing the amounts of direct and indirect costs to be capitalized, allocations are made to projects based on estimates of the actual amount of time spent on each activity. Indirect costs not clearly associated with specific projects are expensed as period costs. Capitalized indirect costs are allocated to development and redevelopment activities based on the square footage of the portion of the building not held available for immediate occupancy. If costs and activities incurred to ready the vacant space cease, then cost capitalization is also discontinued until such activities are resumed. Once work has been completed on a vacant space, project costs are no longer capitalized. For projects with extended lease-up periods, the Company ends the capitalization when significant activities have ceased, which does not exceed the shorter of a one-year period after the completion of the building shell or when the construction is substantially complete.

*Investment in Unconsolidated Joint Ventures:*

The Company accounts for its investments in joint ventures using the equity method of accounting unless the Company has a controlling financial interest in the joint venture or the joint venture meets the definition of a variable interest entity in which the Company is the primary beneficiary through both its power to direct activities that most significantly impact the economic performance of the variable interest entity and the obligation to absorb losses or the right to receive benefits that could potentially be significant to the variable interest entity. Although the Company has a greater than 50% interest in Corte Madera Village, LLC, Candlestick Center LLC and Pacific Premier Retail LLC, the Company does not have controlling financial interests in these joint ventures as it shares management control with the partners in these joint venture and, therefore, accounts for its investments in these joint ventures using the equity method of accounting.

Equity method investments are initially recorded on the balance sheet at cost and are subsequently adjusted to reflect the Company's proportionate share of net earnings and losses, distributions received, additional contributions and certain other adjustments, as appropriate. The Company separately reports investments in joint ventures when accumulated distributions have exceeded the Company's investment, as distributions in excess of investments in unconsolidated joint ventures. The net investment of certain joint ventures is less than zero because of financing or operating distributions that are usually greater than net income, as net income includes charges for depreciation and amortization.

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## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies: (Continued)***Acquisitions:*

The Company allocates the estimated fair value of acquisitions to land, building, tenant improvements and identified intangible assets and liabilities, based on their estimated fair values. In addition, any assumed mortgage notes payable are recorded at their estimated fair values. The estimated fair value of the land and buildings is determined utilizing an “as if vacant” methodology. Tenant improvements represent the tangible assets associated with the existing leases valued on a fair value basis at the acquisition date prorated over the remaining lease terms. The tenant improvements are classified as an asset under property and are depreciated over the remaining lease terms. Identifiable intangible assets and liabilities relate to the value of in-place operating leases which come in three forms: (i) leasing commissions and legal costs, which represent the value associated with “cost avoidance” of acquiring in-place leases, such as lease commissions paid under terms generally experienced in the Company’s markets; (ii) value of in-place leases, which represents the estimated loss of revenue and of costs incurred for the period required to lease the “assumed vacant” property to the occupancy level when purchased; and (iii) above or below-market value of in-place leases, which represents the difference between the contractual rents and market rents at the time of the acquisition, discounted for tenant credit risks. Leasing commissions and legal costs are recorded in deferred charges and other assets and are amortized over the remaining lease terms. The value of in-place leases are recorded in deferred charges and other assets and amortized over the remaining lease terms plus any below-market fixed rate renewal options. Above or below-market leases are classified in deferred charges and other assets or in other accrued liabilities, depending on whether the contractual terms are above or below-market, and the asset or liability is amortized to minimum rents over the remaining terms of the leases. The remaining lease terms of below-market leases may include certain below-market fixed-rate renewal periods. In considering whether or not a lessee will execute a below-market fixed-rate lease renewal option, the Company evaluates economic factors and certain qualitative factors at the time of acquisition such as tenant mix in the Center, the Company’s relationship with the tenant and the availability of competing tenant space. The initial allocation of purchase price is based on management’s preliminary assessment, which may change when final information becomes available. Subsequent adjustments made to the initial purchase price allocation are made within the allocation period, which does not exceed one year. The purchase price allocation is described as preliminary if it is not yet final. The use of different assumptions in the allocation of the purchase price of the acquired assets and liabilities assumed could affect the timing of recognition of the related revenues and expenses.

The Company immediately expenses costs associated with business combinations as period costs.

Remeasurement gains are recognized when the Company obtains control of an existing equity method investment to the extent that the fair value of the existing equity investment exceeds the carrying value of the investment.

*Deferred Charges:*

Costs relating to obtaining tenant leases are deferred and amortized over the initial term of the lease agreement using the straight-line method. As these deferred leasing costs represent productive assets incurred in connection with the Company’s leasing arrangements at the Centers, the related cash flows are classified as investing activities within the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows. Costs relating to financing of shopping center properties are deferred and amortized over the life of the related loan using the straight-line method, which approximates the effective interest method.

The range of the terms of the agreements is as follows:

Deferred lease costs	1 - 15 years
Deferred financing costs	1 - 15 years

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies: (Continued)

*Accounting for Impairment:*

The Company assesses whether an indicator of impairment in the value of its properties exists by considering expected future operating income, trends and prospects, as well as the effects of demand, competition and other economic factors. Such factors include projected rental revenue, operating costs and capital expenditures as well as estimated holding periods and capitalization rates. If an impairment indicator exists, the determination of recoverability is made based upon the estimated undiscounted future net cash flows, excluding interest expense. The amount of impairment loss, if any, is determined by comparing the fair value, as determined by a discounted cash flows analysis, with the carrying value of the related assets. The Company generally holds and operates its properties long-term, which decreases the likelihood of their carrying values not being recoverable. Properties classified as held for sale are measured at the lower of the carrying amount or fair value less cost to sell.

The Company reviews its investments in unconsolidated joint ventures for a series of operating losses and other factors that may indicate that a decrease in the value of its investments has occurred which is other-than-temporary. The investment in each unconsolidated joint venture is evaluated periodically, and as deemed necessary, for recoverability and valuation declines that are other-than-temporary.

*Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities:*

The Company recognizes all derivatives in the consolidated financial statements and measures the derivatives at fair value. The Company uses interest rate swap and cap agreements (collectively, "interest rate agreements") in the normal course of business to manage or reduce its exposure to adverse fluctuations in interest rates. The Company designs its hedges to be effective in reducing the risk exposure that they are designated to hedge. Any instrument that meets the cash flow hedging criteria is formally designated as a cash flow hedge at the inception of the derivative contract. On an ongoing quarterly basis, the Company adjusts its balance sheet to reflect the current fair value of its derivatives. To the extent they are effective, changes in fair value are recorded in comprehensive income. Ineffective portions, if any, are included in net income (loss).

Amounts paid (received) as a result of interest rate agreements are recorded as an addition (reduction) to (of) interest expense.

If any derivative instrument used for risk management does not meet the hedging criteria, it is marked-to-market each period with the change in value included in the consolidated statements of operations.

*Share and Unit-based Compensation Plans:*

The cost of share and unit-based compensation awards is measured at the grant date based on the calculated fair value of the awards and is recognized on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period, which is generally the vesting period of the awards. For market-indexed LTIP awards, compensation cost is recognized under the graded attribution method.

*Income Taxes:*

The Company elected to be taxed as a REIT under the Code commencing with its taxable year ended December 31, 1994. To qualify as a REIT, the Company must meet a number of organizational and operational requirements, including a requirement that it distribute at least 90% of its taxable income to its stockholders. It is management's current intention to adhere to these requirements and maintain the Company's REIT status. As a REIT, the Company generally will not be subject to corporate level federal income tax on taxable income it distributes currently to its stockholders. If the Company fails to qualify as a REIT in any taxable year, then it will be subject to federal income taxes at regular corporate rates (including any applicable alternative minimum tax) and may not be able to qualify as a REIT for four subsequent taxable years. Even if the Company qualifies for taxation as a REIT, the Company may be subject to certain state and local taxes on its income and property and to federal income and excise taxes on its undistributed taxable income, if any.

Each partner is taxed individually on its share of partnership income or loss, and accordingly, no provision for federal and state income tax is provided for the Operating Partnership in the consolidated financial statements. The Company's taxable REIT subsidiaries ("TRSs") are subject to corporate level income taxes, which are provided for in the Company's consolidated financial statements.

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**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies: (Continued)**

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the expected future tax consequences of events that have been included in the financial statements or tax returns. Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on the differences between the financial reporting and tax bases of assets and liabilities using enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which the differences are expected to reverse. The deferred tax assets and liabilities of the TRSs relate primarily to differences in the book and tax bases of property and to operating loss carryforwards for federal and state income tax purposes. A valuation allowance for deferred tax assets is provided if the Company believes it is more likely than not that all or some portion of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. Realization of deferred tax assets is dependent on the Company generating sufficient taxable income in future periods.

*Segment Information:*

The Company currently operates in one business segment, the acquisition, ownership, development, redevelopment, management and leasing of regional and community shopping centers. Additionally, the Company operates in one geographic area, the United States.

*Fair Value of Financial Instruments:*

The fair value hierarchy distinguishes between market participant assumptions based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity and the reporting entity's own assumptions about market participant assumptions.

Level 1 inputs utilize quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Company has the ability to access. Level 2 inputs are inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. Level 2 inputs may include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, as well as inputs that are observable for the asset or liability (other than quoted prices), such as interest rates, foreign exchange rates and yield curves that are observable at commonly quoted intervals. Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability, which are typically based on an entity's own assumptions, as there is little, if any, related market activity. In instances where the determination of the fair value measurement is based on inputs from different levels of the fair value hierarchy, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the entire fair value measurement falls is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. The Company's assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment, and considers factors specific to the asset or liability.

The Company calculates the fair value of financial instruments and includes this additional information in the notes to consolidated financial statements when the fair value is different than the carrying value of those financial instruments. When the fair value reasonably approximates the carrying value, no additional disclosure is made.

The fair values of interest rate agreements are determined using the market standard methodology of discounting the future expected cash receipts that would occur if variable interest rates fell below or rose above the strike rate of the interest rate agreements. The variable interest rates used in the calculation of projected receipts on the interest rate agreements are based on an expectation of future interest rates derived from observable market interest rate curves and volatilities. The Company incorporates credit valuation adjustments to appropriately reflect both its own nonperformance risk and the respective counterparty's nonperformance risk in the fair value measurements. In adjusting the fair value of its derivative contracts for the effect of nonperformance risk, the Company has considered the impact of netting and any applicable credit enhancements, such as collateral postings, thresholds, mutual puts and guarantees.

*Concentration of Risk:*

The Company maintains its cash accounts in a number of commercial banks. Accounts at these banks are guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") up to \$250. At various times during the year, the Company had deposits in excess of the FDIC insurance limit.

No Center or tenant generated more than 10% of total revenues during the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 or 2013.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies: (Continued)

*Management Estimates:*

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

*Recent Accounting Pronouncements:*

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) 2014-09, “Revenue From Contracts With Customers,” which outlines a comprehensive model for entities to use in accounting for revenue arising from contracts with customers. ASU 2014-09 states that “an entity recognizes revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services.” While ASU 2014-09 specifically references contracts with customers, it may apply to certain other transactions such as the sale of real estate or equipment. In July 2015, the FASB voted to defer the effective date of ASU 2014-09 by one year. Accordingly, ASU 2014-09 is effective for the Company beginning January 1, 2018, with early adoption permitted beginning January 1, 2017. The Company does not expect the adoption of this standard to have a significant impact on the consolidated financial statements.

In February 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-02, “Consolidation (Topic 810): Amendments to the Consolidation Analysis,” which makes certain changes to both the variable interest model and the voting model, including changes to (1) the identification of variable interests (fees paid to a decision maker or service provider), (2) the variable interest entity characteristics for a limited partnership or similar entity and (3) the primary beneficiary determination. ASU 2015-02 is effective for the Company beginning January 1, 2016. Early adoption is permitted. The Company does not expect the adoption of this standard to have a significant impact on the consolidated financial statements.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-03, “Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs,” which requires that debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of that debt liability, consistent with debt discounts. The recognition and measurement guidance for debt issuance costs are not affected. ASU 2015-03 is effective for the Company beginning January 1, 2016. Early adoption is permitted. Upon adoption, the Company will apply the new standard on a retrospective basis and adjust the balance sheet of each individual period to reflect the period-specific effects of applying the new standard. The Company does not expect the adoption of this standard to have a significant impact on the consolidated financial statements.

In September 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-16, “Simplifying the Accounting for Measurement-Period Adjustments,” which requires adjustments to provisional amounts used in business combinations during the measurement period to be recognized in the reporting period in which the adjustment amounts are determined. It also requires the disclosure of the impact on changes in estimates on earnings, depreciation, amortization and other income effects. ASU 2015-16 is effective for the Company beginning January 1, 2016. The Company does not expect the adoption of this standard to have a significant impact on the consolidated financial statements.

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**3. Earnings Per Share ("EPS"):**

The following table reconciles the numerator and denominator used in the computation of earnings per share for the years ended December 31 (shares in thousands):

	2015	2014	2013
<b>Numerator</b>			
Income from continuing operations	\$ 522,912	\$ 1,606,931	\$ 159,023
Income from discontinued operations	—	—	289,936
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(35,350)	(107,889)	(28,869)
Net income attributable to the Company	487,562	1,499,042	420,090
Allocation of earnings to participating securities	(1,493)	(1,576)	(397)
Numerator for basic and diluted earnings per share—net income attributable to common stockholders	<u>\$ 486,069</u>	<u>\$ 1,497,466</u>	<u>\$ 419,693</u>
<b>Denominator</b>			
Denominator for basic earnings per share—weighted average number of common shares outstanding	157,916	143,144	139,598
Effect of dilutive securities (1)			
Share and unit based compensation	144	147	82
Denominator for diluted earnings per share—weighted average number of common shares outstanding	<u>158,060</u>	<u>143,291</u>	<u>139,680</u>
<b>Earnings per common share—basic:</b>			
Income from continuing operations	\$ 3.08	\$ 10.46	\$ 1.07
Discontinued operations	—	—	1.94
Net income attributable to common stockholders	<u>\$ 3.08</u>	<u>\$ 10.46</u>	<u>\$ 3.01</u>
<b>Earnings per common share—diluted:</b>			
Income from continuing operations	\$ 3.08	\$ 10.45	\$ 1.06
Discontinued operations	—	—	1.94
Net income attributable to common stockholders	<u>\$ 3.08</u>	<u>\$ 10.45</u>	<u>\$ 3.00</u>

(1) Diluted EPS excludes 139,186, 179,667 and 184,304 convertible preferred units for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively, as their impact was antidilutive.

Diluted EPS excludes 10,562,154 and 10,079,935 and 9,845,602 Operating Partnership units ("OP Units") for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively, as their effect was antidilutive.

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**4. Investments in Unconsolidated Joint Ventures:**

The following are the Company's direct or indirect investments in various joint ventures with third parties. The Company's direct or indirect ownership interest in each joint venture as of December 31, 2015 was as follows:

<u>Joint Venture</u>	<u>Ownership %<sup>(1)</sup></u>
443 Wabash MAB LLC	45.0%
AM Tysons LLC	50.0%
Biltmore Shopping Center Partners LLC	50.0%
Candlestick Center LLC—Fashion Outlets of San Francisco	50.1%
Coolidge Holding LLC	37.5%
Corte Madera Village, LLC	50.1%
Fashion Outlets of Philadelphia—Various Entities	50.0%
Jaren Associates #4	12.5%
Kierland Commons Investment LLC	50.0%
Macerich Northwestern Associates—Broadway Plaza	50.0%
MS Portfolio LLC	50.0%
North Bridge Chicago LLC	50.0%
One Scottsdale Investors LLC	50.0%
Pacific Premier Retail LLC—Various Properties	60.0%
Propcor II Associates, LLC—Boulevard Shops	50.0%
Scottsdale Fashion Square Partnership	50.0%
The Market at Estrella Falls LLC	40.1%
Tysons Corner LLC	50.0%
Tysons Corner Hotel I LLC	50.0%
Tysons Corner Property Holdings II LLC	50.0%
Tysons Corner Property LLC	50.0%
West Acres Development, LLP	19.0%
Westcor/Gilbert, L.L.C.	50.0%
Westcor/Queen Creek LLC	38.0%
Westcor/Surprise Auto Park LLC	33.3%
WMAP, L.L.C.—Atlas Park	50.0%

- (1) The Company's ownership interest in this table reflects its direct or indirect legal ownership interest. Legal ownership may, at times, not equal the Company's economic interest in the listed entities because of various provisions in certain joint venture agreements regarding distributions of cash flow based on capital account balances, allocations of profits and losses and payments of preferred returns. As a result, the Company's actual economic interest (as distinct from its legal ownership interest) in certain of the properties could fluctuate from time to time and may not wholly align with its legal ownership interests. Substantially all of the Company's joint venture agreements contain rights of first refusal, buy-sell provisions, exit rights, default dilution remedies and/or other break up provisions or remedies which are customary in real estate joint venture agreements and which may, positively or negatively, affect the ultimate realization of cash flow and/or capital or liquidation proceeds.

**THE MACERICH COMPANY****NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)****(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)****4. Investments in Unconsolidated Joint Ventures: (Continued)**

The Company has made the following investments and dispositions in unconsolidated joint ventures during the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013:

On May 29, 2013, the Company's joint venture in Pacific Premier Retail LLC sold Redmond Town Center Office, a 582,000 square foot office building in Redmond, Washington, for \$185,000, resulting in a gain on the sale of assets of \$89,157 to the joint venture. The Company's share of the gain was \$44,424, which was included in equity in income of unconsolidated joint ventures during the year ended December 31, 2013. The Company used its share of the proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On June 12, 2013, the Company's joint venture in Pacific Premier Retail LLC sold Kitsap Mall, an 846,000 square foot regional shopping center in Silverdale, Washington, for \$127,000, resulting in a gain on the sale of assets of \$55,150 to the joint venture. The Company's share of the gain was \$28,127, which was included in equity in income of unconsolidated joint ventures during the year ended December 31, 2013. The Company used its share of the proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On August 1, 2013, the Company's joint venture in Pacific Premier Retail LLC sold Redmond Town Center, a 695,000 square foot community center in Redmond, Washington, for \$127,000, resulting in a gain on the sale of assets of \$38,447 to the joint venture. The Company's share of the gain was \$18,251, which was included in equity in income of unconsolidated joint ventures during the year ended December 31, 2013. The Company used its share of the proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On September 17, 2013, the Company's joint venture in Camelback Colonnade, a 619,000 square foot community center in Phoenix, Arizona, was restructured. As a result of the restructuring, the Company's ownership interest in Camelback Colonnade decreased from 73.2% to 67.5%. Prior to the restructuring, the Company had accounted for its investment in Camelback Colonnade under the equity method of accounting due to substantive participation rights held by the outside partners. Upon completion of the restructuring, these substantive participation rights were terminated and the Company obtained voting control of the joint venture. This transaction is referred to herein as the "Camelback Colonnade Restructuring." Since the date of the restructuring, the Company included Camelback Colonnade in its consolidated financial statements (See Note 13—Acquisitions) until its sale on December 29, 2014 (See Note 14—Dispositions).

On October 8, 2013, the Company's joint venture in Ridgmar Mall, a 1,273,000 square foot regional shopping center in Fort Worth, Texas, sold the property for \$60,900, resulting in a gain of \$6,243 to the joint venture. The Company's share of the gain was \$3,121, which was included in equity in income from joint ventures for the year ended December 31, 2013. The cash proceeds from the sale were used to pay off the \$51,657 mortgage loan on the property and the remaining \$9,243, net of closing costs, was distributed to the partners. The Company used its share of the proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On October 24, 2013, the Company acquired the remaining 33.3% ownership interest in Superstition Springs Center that it did not previously own for \$46,162. The purchase price was funded by a cash payment of \$23,662 and the assumption of the third party's pro rata share of the mortgage note payable on the property of \$22,500. Prior to the acquisition, the Company had accounted for its investment in Superstition Springs Center under the equity method of accounting. Since the date of acquisition, the Company has included Superstition Springs Center in its consolidated financial statements (See Note 13—Acquisitions).

On June 4, 2014, the Company acquired the remaining 49% ownership interest in Cascade Mall, a 589,000 square foot regional shopping center in Burlington, Washington, that it did not previously own for a cash payment of \$15,233. The Company purchased Cascade Mall from its joint venture in Pacific Premier Retail LLC. The cash payment was funded by borrowings under the Company's line of credit. Prior to the acquisition, the Company had accounted for its investment in Cascade Mall under the equity method of accounting. Since the date of acquisition, the Company has included Cascade Mall in its consolidated financial statements (See Note 13—Acquisitions).

On July 30, 2014, the Company formed a joint venture with Pennsylvania Real Estate Investment Trust to redevelop Fashion Outlets of Philadelphia, a 1,376,000 square foot regional shopping center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The Company invested \$106,800 for a 50% interest in the joint venture, which was funded by borrowings under its line of credit.

**THE MACERICH COMPANY****NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)****(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)****4. Investments in Unconsolidated Joint Ventures: (Continued)**

On August 28, 2014, the Company sold its 30% ownership interest in Wilshire Boulevard, a 40,000 square foot freestanding store in Santa Monica, California, for a total sales price of \$17,100, resulting in a gain on the sale of assets of \$9,033, which was included in gain (loss) on sale or write down of assets, net. The sales price was funded by a cash payment of \$15,386 and the assumption of the Company's share of the mortgage note payable on the property of \$1,714. The Company used the cash proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On November 13, 2014, the Company formed a joint venture to develop Fashion Outlets of San Francisco, a 500,000 square foot outlet center in San Francisco, California. In connection with the formation of the joint venture, the Company issued a note receivable for \$65,130 to its joint venture partner that bears interest at LIBOR plus 2.0% and matures upon the completion of certain milestones in connection with the development of Fashion Outlets of San Francisco (See Note 17—Related Party Transactions).

On November 14, 2014, the Company acquired the remaining 49% ownership interest that it did not previously own in two separate joint ventures, Pacific Premier Retail LLC and Queens JV LP, which together owned five Centers: Lakewood Center, a 2,075,000 square foot regional shopping center in Lakewood, California; Los Cerritos Center, a 1,292,000 square foot regional shopping center in Cerritos, California; Queens Center, a 966,000 square foot regional shopping center in Queens, New York; Stonewood Center, a 932,000 square foot regional shopping center in Downey, California; and Washington Square, a 1,441,000 square foot regional shopping center in Portland, Oregon (collectively referred to herein as the "PPR Queens Portfolio"). The total consideration of \$1,838,886 was funded by the direct issuance of \$1,166,777 of common stock of the Company (See Note 12—Stockholders' Equity) and the assumption of the third party's pro rata share of the mortgage notes payable on the properties of \$672,109. Prior to the acquisition, the Company had accounted for its investment in these joint ventures under the equity method of accounting. Since the date of acquisition, the Company has included the PPR Queens Portfolio in its consolidated financial statements (See Note 13—Acquisitions).

On November 20, 2014, the Company purchased a 45% interest in 443 North Wabash Avenue, a 65,000 square foot undeveloped site adjacent to the Company's joint venture in The Shops at North Bridge in Chicago, Illinois, for a cash payment of \$18,900. The cash payment was funded by borrowings under the Company's line of credit.

On February 17, 2015, the Company acquired the remaining 50% ownership interest in Inland Center, an 866,000 square foot regional shopping center in San Bernardino, California, that it did not previously own for \$51,250. The purchase price was funded by a cash payment of \$26,250 and the assumption of the third party's share of the mortgage note payable on the property of \$25,000. Concurrent with the purchase of the joint venture interest, the Company paid off the \$50,000 mortgage note payable on the property. The cash payment was funded by borrowings under the Company's line of credit. Prior to the acquisition, the Company had accounted for its investment in Inland Center under the equity method of accounting. Since the date of acquisition, the Company has included Inland Center in its consolidated financial statements (See Note 13—Acquisitions).

On April 30, 2015, the Company entered into a 50/50 joint venture with Sears to own nine freestanding stores located at Arrowhead Towne Center, Chandler Fashion Center, Danbury Fair Mall, Deptford Mall, Freehold Raceway Mall, Los Cerritos Center, South Plains Mall, Vintage Faire Mall and Washington Square. The Company invested \$150,000 for a 50% ownership interest in the joint venture, which was funded by borrowings under the Company's line of credit.

On October 30, 2015, the Company sold a 40% ownership interest in Pacific Premier Retail LLC (the "PPR Portfolio"), which owns Lakewood Center, a 2,075,000 square foot regional shopping center in Lakewood, California; Los Cerritos Center, a 1,292,000 square foot regional shopping center in Cerritos, California; South Plains Mall, a 1,127,000 square foot regional shopping center in Lubbock, Texas; and Washington Square, a 1,441,000 square foot regional shopping center in Portland, Oregon, for a total sales price of \$1,258,643, resulting in a gain on sale of assets of \$311,194. The sales price was funded by a cash payment of \$545,643 and the assumption of a pro rata share of the mortgage notes payable on the properties of \$713,000. The Company used the cash proceeds from the sales to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes, which included funding the ASR and Special Dividend (See Note 12—Stockholders' Equity).

On January 6, 2016, the Company sold a 40% ownership interest in Arrowhead Towne Center, a 1,197,000 square foot regional shopping center in Glendale, Arizona; for \$284,000 (See Note 22—Subsequent Events). The sales price was funded by a cash payment of \$124,000 and the assumption of a pro rata share of the mortgage note payable on the property of \$160,000. The Company used the cash proceeds from the sales to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes, which included funding the Special Dividend (See Note 12—Stockholders' Equity).

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**4. Investments in Unconsolidated Joint Ventures: (Continued)**

On January 14, 2016, the Company formed a joint venture, whereby the Company sold a 49% ownership interest in Deptford Mall, a 1,040,000 square foot regional shopping center in Deptford, New Jersey; FlatIron Crossing, a 1,430,000 square foot regional shopping center in Broomfield, Colorado; and Twenty Ninth Street, an 850,000 square foot regional shopping center in Boulder, Colorado for \$750,980. The sales price was funded by a cash payment of \$458,110 and the assumption of a pro rata share of the mortgage note payable on the properties of \$292,870. (See Note 22—Subsequent Events). The Company used the cash proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

Combined and condensed balance sheets and statements of operations are presented below for all unconsolidated joint ventures.

**Combined and Condensed Balance Sheets of Unconsolidated Joint Ventures as of December 31:**

	2015	2014
<b>Assets(1):</b>		
Properties, net	\$ 6,334,442	\$ 2,967,878
Other assets	517,053	208,726
Total assets	<u>\$ 6,851,495</u>	<u>\$ 3,176,604</u>
<b>Liabilities and partners' capital(1):</b>		
Mortgage and other notes payable(2)	\$ 3,614,401	\$ 2,038,379
Other liabilities	358,156	195,766
Company's capital	1,585,796	489,349
Outside partners' capital	1,293,142	453,110
Total liabilities and partners' capital	<u>\$ 6,851,495</u>	<u>\$ 3,176,604</u>
<b>Investment in unconsolidated joint ventures:</b>		
Company's capital	\$ 1,585,796	\$ 489,349
Basis adjustment(3)	(77,701)	464,826
	<u>\$ 1,508,095</u>	<u>\$ 954,175</u>
Assets—Investments in unconsolidated joint ventures	<u>\$ 1,532,552</u>	<u>\$ 984,132</u>
Liabilities—Distributions in excess of investments in unconsolidated joint ventures	<u>(24,457)</u>	<u>(29,957)</u>
	<u>\$ 1,508,095</u>	<u>\$ 954,175</u>

(1) These amounts include the assets of \$3,283,702 and liabilities of \$1,938,241 of Pacific Premier Retail LLC as of December 31, 2015.

(2) Certain mortgage notes payable could become recourse debt to the Company should the joint venture be unable to discharge the obligations of the related debt. As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, a total of \$5,000 and \$33,540, respectively, could become recourse debt to the Company. As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, the Company has an indemnity agreement from a joint venture partner for \$2,500 and \$16,770, respectively, of the guaranteed amount.

Included in mortgage notes payable are amounts due to affiliates of Northwestern Mutual Life ("NML") of \$461,778 and \$606,263 as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. NML is considered a related party because it is a joint venture partner with the Company in Macerich Northwestern Associates—Broadway Plaza. Interest expense incurred on these borrowings amounted to \$29,372, \$38,113 and \$31,549 for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

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**4. Investments in Unconsolidated Joint Ventures: (Continued)**

- (3) The Company amortizes the difference between the cost of its investments in unconsolidated joint ventures and the book value of the underlying equity into income on a straight-line basis consistent with the lives of the underlying assets. The amortization of this difference was \$5,619, \$5,109 and \$10,734 for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

**Combined and Condensed Statements of Operations of Unconsolidated Joint Ventures:**

	Pacific Premier Retail LLC(1)	Other Joint Ventures	Total
<i>Year Ended December 31, 2015</i>			
Revenues:			
Minimum rents	\$ 21,172	\$ 293,921	\$ 315,093
Percentage rents	2,569	13,188	15,757
Tenant recoveries	8,408	129,059	137,467
Other	1,182	33,931	35,113
Total revenues	<u>33,331</u>	<u>470,099</u>	<u>503,430</u>
Expenses:			
Shopping center and operating expenses	6,852	165,795	172,647
Interest expense	10,448	78,279	88,727
Depreciation and amortization	16,919	133,707	150,626
Total operating expenses	<u>34,219</u>	<u>377,781</u>	<u>412,000</u>
Gain on sale of assets	—	9,850	9,850
Loss on early extinguishment of debt	—	(3)	(3)
Net income	<u>\$ (888)</u>	<u>\$ 102,165</u>	<u>\$ 101,277</u>
Company's equity in net income	<u>\$ 1,409</u>	<u>\$ 43,755</u>	<u>\$ 45,164</u>
<i>Year Ended December 31, 2014</i>			
Revenues:			
Minimum rents	\$ 88,831	\$ 299,532	\$ 388,363
Percentage rents	2,652	14,509	17,161
Tenant recoveries	40,118	146,623	186,741
Other	4,090	36,615	40,705
Total revenues	<u>135,691</u>	<u>497,279</u>	<u>632,970</u>
Expenses:			
Shopping center and operating expenses	37,113	178,299	215,412
Interest expense	34,113	102,974	137,087
Depreciation and amortization	29,688	114,715	144,403
Total operating expenses	<u>100,914</u>	<u>395,988</u>	<u>496,902</u>
(Loss) gain on sale of assets	<u>(7,044)</u>	<u>10,687</u>	<u>3,643</u>
Net income	<u>\$ 27,733</u>	<u>\$ 111,978</u>	<u>\$ 139,711</u>
Company's equity in net income	<u>\$ 9,743</u>	<u>\$ 50,883</u>	<u>\$ 60,626</u>

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4. Investments in Unconsolidated Joint Ventures: (Continued)

	Pacific Premier Retail LLC(1)	Other Joint Ventures	Total
<i>Year Ended December 31, 2013</i>			
Revenues:			
Minimum rents	\$ 118,164	\$ 300,560	\$ 418,724
Percentage rents	4,586	15,003	19,589
Tenant recoveries	52,470	151,701	204,171
Other	5,882	39,745	45,627
Total revenues	181,102	507,009	688,111
Expenses:			
Shopping center and operating expenses	53,039	176,779	229,818
Interest expense	43,445	101,877	145,322
Depreciation and amortization	39,616	107,693	147,309
Total operating expenses	136,100	386,349	522,449
Gain on sale of assets	182,754	7,772	190,526
Gain on early extinguishment of debt	—	14	14
Net income	\$ 227,756	\$ 128,446	\$ 356,202
Company's equity in net income	\$ 110,798	\$ 56,782	\$ 167,580

- (1) These amounts exclude the results of operations from November 14, 2014 to October 29, 2015, as Pacific Premier Retail LLC became wholly-owned as a result of the PPR Queens Portfolio acquisition. Pacific Premier Retail LLC was converted from wholly-owned to an unconsolidated joint venture effective October 30, 2015, as a result of the PPR Portfolio transaction, as discussed above.

Significant accounting policies used by the unconsolidated joint ventures are similar to those used by the Company.

5. Property, net:

Property at December 31, 2015 and 2014 consists of the following:

	2015	2014
Land	\$ 1,894,717	\$ 2,242,291
Buildings and improvements	7,752,892	9,479,337
Tenant improvements	637,355	600,436
Equipment and furnishings	169,841	152,554
Construction in progress	234,851	303,264
	10,689,656	12,777,882
Less accumulated depreciation	(1,892,744)	(1,709,992)
	\$ 8,796,912	\$ 11,067,890

Depreciation expense for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013 was \$354,977, \$289,178 and \$269,790, respectively.

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**5. Property, net: (Continued)**

The gain on sale or write down of assets, net for the year ended December 31, 2015 includes the gain of \$311,194 on the sale of a 40% ownership interest in the PPR Portfolio (See Note 4—Investments in Unconsolidated Joint Ventures), \$73,726 on the sale of Panorama Mall (See Note 14—Dispositions), \$2,336 on the sale of assets and \$1,807 on the sale of land offset in part by a loss of \$10,633 on impairment and \$182 on the write-off of development costs. The loss on impairment was due to the reduction of the estimated holding periods of Flagstaff Mall (See Note 8—Mortgage Notes Payable) and a freestanding store.

The gain on sale or write down of assets, net for the year ended December 31, 2014 includes the gain of \$144,927 on the sales of Rotterdam Square, Somersville Towne Center, Lake Square Mall, South Towne Center, Camelback Colonnade and four former Meryvns' stores (See Note 14—Dispositions), \$9,033 on the sale of Wilshire Boulevard (See Note 4—Investments in Unconsolidated Joint Ventures) and \$1,257 on the sale of assets offset in part by a loss of \$41,216 on impairment and \$40,561 on the write-off of development costs. The loss on impairment was due to the reduction in the estimated holding periods of the long-lived assets of several properties including Great Northern Mall, Cascade Mall, a property adjacent to Fiesta Mall and three former Mervyn's stores sold in 2014 (See Note 14—Dispositions).

The loss on sale or write down of assets, net for the year ended December 31, 2013 includes a loss of \$82,197 on impairment and \$1,250 on the write-off of development costs offset in part by a gain of \$5,390 on the sale of assets. The loss on impairment was due to the reduction in the estimated holding periods of the long-lived assets of Promenade at Casa Grande, Rotterdam Square, Lake Square Mall and Somersville Towne Center.

**6. Tenant and Other Receivables, net:**

Included in tenant and other receivables, net is an allowance for doubtful accounts of \$3,072 and \$3,234 at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. Also included in tenant and other receivables, net are accrued percentage rents of \$10,940 and \$13,436 at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and a deferred rent receivable due to straight-line rent adjustments of \$60,790 and \$57,278 at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

On March 17, 2014, in connection with the sale of Lake Square Mall (See Note 14—Dispositions), the Company issued a note receivable for \$6,500 that bears interest at an effective rate of 6.5% and matures on March 17, 2018 ("LSM Note A") and a note receivable for \$3,103 that bore interest at 5.0% and was to mature on December 31, 2014 ("LSM Note B"). On September 2, 2014, the balance of LSM Note B was paid in full. The balance of LSM Note A at December 31, 2015 was \$6,351 and is collateralized by a trust deed on Lake Square Mall.

**7. Deferred Charges and Other Assets, net:**

Deferred charges and other assets, net at December 31, 2015 and 2014 consist of the following:

	2015	2014
Leasing	\$ 248,709	\$ 239,955
Financing	45,874	47,171
Intangible assets:		
In-place lease values(1)	196,969	298,825
Leasing commissions and legal costs(1)	52,000	72,432
Above-market leases	220,847	250,810
Deferred tax assets	38,847	35,625
Deferred compensation plan assets	37,341	35,194
Other assets	70,070	66,246
	910,657	1,046,258
Less accumulated amortization(2)	(323,374)	(287,197)
	<u>\$ 587,283</u>	<u>\$ 759,061</u>

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7. Deferred Charges and Other Assets, net: (Continued)

- (1) The estimated amortization of these intangible assets for the next five years and thereafter is as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	
2016	\$ 36,275
2017	23,415
2018	18,002
2019	14,874
2020	11,373
Thereafter	35,577
	<u>\$ 139,516</u>

- (2) Accumulated amortization includes \$109,453 and \$103,361 relating to in-place lease values, leasing commissions and legal costs at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. Amortization expense for in-place lease values, leasing commissions and legal costs was \$69,460, \$52,668 and \$53,139 for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

The allocated values of above-market leases and below-market leases consist of the following:

	2015	2014
<i>Above-Market Leases</i>		
Original allocated value	\$ 220,847	\$ 250,810
Less accumulated amortization	(73,520)	(59,696)
	<u>\$ 147,327</u>	<u>\$ 191,114</u>
<i>Below-Market Leases(1)</i>		
Original allocated value	\$ 227,063	\$ 375,033
Less accumulated amortization	(101,872)	(93,511)
	<u>\$ 125,191</u>	<u>\$ 281,522</u>

- (1) Below-market leases are included in other accrued liabilities.

The allocated values of above and below-market leases will be amortized into minimum rents on a straight-line basis over the individual remaining lease terms. The estimated amortization of these values for the next five years and thereafter is as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	Above Market	Below Market
2016	\$ 18,360	\$ 20,309
2017	15,456	16,838
2018	13,045	15,054
2019	10,708	13,380
2020	9,176	10,649
Thereafter	80,582	48,961
	<u>\$ 147,327</u>	<u>\$ 125,191</u>

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**8. Mortgage Notes Payable:**

Mortgage notes payable at December 31, 2015 and 2014 consist of the following:

Property Pledged as Collateral	Carrying Amount of Mortgage Notes(1)				Effective Interest Rate(2)	Monthly Debt Service(3)	Maturity Date(4)
	2015		2014				
	Related Party	Other	Related Party	Other			
Arrowhead Towne Center(5)	\$ —	\$ 221,194	\$ —	\$ 228,703	2.76%	\$ 1,131	2018
Chandler Fashion Center(6)	—	200,000	—	200,000	3.77%	625	2019
Danbury Fair Mall	111,248	111,249	114,265	114,264	5.53%	1,538	2020
Deptford Mall(7)	—	193,861	—	197,815	3.76%	947	2023
Deptford Mall	—	14,001	—	14,285	6.46%	101	2016
Eastland Mall(8)	—	—	—	168,000	—	—	—
Fashion Outlets of Chicago(9)	—	200,000	—	119,329	1.84%	291	2020
Fashion Outlets of Niagara Falls USA	—	118,615	—	121,376	4.89%	727	2020
Flagstaff Mall(10)	—	37,000	—	37,000	8.97%	153	2015
FlatIron Crossing(7)	—	254,733	—	261,494	3.90%	1,393	2021
Freehold Raceway Mall(6)	—	225,094	—	229,244	4.20%	1,132	2018
Great Northern Mall(11)	—	—	—	34,494	—	—	—
Green Acres Mall	—	306,954	—	313,514	3.61%	1,447	2021
Kings Plaza Shopping Center	—	470,627	—	480,761	3.67%	2,229	2019
Lakewood Center(12)	—	—	—	253,708	—	—	—
Los Cerritos Center(13)	—	—	103,274	103,274	—	—	—
Northgate Mall(14)	—	64,000	—	64,000	3.30%	143	2017
Oaks, The	—	205,986	—	210,197	4.14%	1,064	2022
Pacific View	—	130,458	—	133,200	4.08%	668	2022
Queens Center	—	600,000	—	600,000	3.49%	1,744	2025
Santa Monica Place	—	225,089	—	230,344	2.99%	1,004	2018
SanTan Village Regional Center	—	130,898	—	133,807	3.14%	589	2019
Stonewood Center	—	105,494	—	111,297	1.80%	640	2017
Superstition Springs Center(15)	—	67,763	—	68,079	2.17%	149	2016
Towne Mall	—	22,200	—	22,607	4.48%	117	2022
Tucson La Encantada	70,070	—	71,500	—	4.23%	368	2022
Valley Mall(16)	—	—	—	41,368	—	—	—
Valley River Center(17)	—	—	—	120,000	—	—	—
Victor Valley, Mall of	—	115,000	—	115,000	4.00%	380	2024
Vintage Faire Mall(18)	—	276,117	—	—	3.55%	1,255	2026
Washington Square(19)	—	—	—	238,696	—	—	—
Westside Pavilion	—	146,961	—	149,626	4.49%	783	2022
	<u>\$ 181,318</u>	<u>\$ 4,443,294</u>	<u>\$ 289,039</u>	<u>\$ 5,115,482</u>			

- (1) The mortgage notes payable balances include the unamortized debt premiums (discounts). Debt premiums (discounts) represent the excess (deficiency) of the fair value of debt over (under) the principal value of debt assumed in various acquisitions and are amortized into interest expense over the remaining term of the related debt in a manner that approximates the effective interest method.

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8. Mortgage Notes Payable: (continued)

The debt premiums (discounts) as of December 31, 2015 and 2014 consist of the following:

Property Pledged as Collateral	2015	2014
Arrowhead Towne Center	\$ 8,494	\$ 11,568
Deptford Mall	(3)	(8)
Fashion Outlets of Niagara Falls USA	4,486	5,414
Lakewood Center	—	3,708
Los Cerritos Center	—	17,965
Stonewood Center	5,168	7,980
Superstition Springs Center	263	579
Valley Mall	—	(132)
Washington Square	—	9,847
	<u>\$ 18,408</u>	<u>\$ 56,921</u>

- (2) The interest rate disclosed represents the effective interest rate, including the debt premiums (discounts) and deferred finance costs.
- (3) The monthly debt service represents the payment of principal and interest.
- (4) The maturity date assumes that all extension options are fully exercised and that the Company does not opt to refinance the debt prior to these dates. These extension options are at the Company's discretion, subject to certain conditions, which the Company believes will be met.
- (5) On January 6, 2016, the Company replaced the existing loan on the property with a new \$400,000 loan that bears interest at an effective rate of 4.05% and matures on February 1, 2028. Concurrently, a 40% interest in the loan was assumed by a third party in connection with the sale of a 40% ownership interest in the underlying property (See Note 22—Subsequent Events).
- (6) A 49.9% interest in the loan has been assumed by a third party in connection with a co-venture arrangement (See Note 10—Co-Venture Arrangement).
- (7) On January 14, 2016, a 49% interest in the loan was assumed by a third party in connection with the sale of a 49% ownership interest in the MAC Heitman Portfolio (See Note 22—Subsequent Events).
- (8) On December 1, 2015, the Company paid off in full the loan on the property.
- (9) On March 3, 2015, the Company amended the loan on the property. The amended \$200,000 loan bears interest at LIBOR plus 1.50% and matures on March 31, 2020. At December 31, 2015 and 2014, the total interest rate was 1.84% and 2.97%, respectively.
- (10) On November 1, 2015, this non-recourse loan went into maturity default. The Company is negotiating with the loan servicer, which will likely result in a transition of the property to the loan servicer or a receiver.
- (11) On June 30, 2015, the Company conveyed the property to the mortgage lender by a deed-in-lieu of foreclosure, which resulted in a loss of \$1,627 on the extinguishment of debt (See Note 14—Dispositions).
- (12) On March 2, 2015, the Company paid off in full the loan on the property, which resulted in a gain of \$2,245 on the early extinguishment of debt as a result of writing off the related debt premium. On May 12, 2015, the Company placed a new \$410,000 loan on the property that bears interest at an effective rate of 3.46% and matures on June 1, 2026. On October 30, 2015, a 40% interest in the loan was assumed by a third party in connection with the sale of a 40% ownership interest in the PPR Portfolio (See Note 4—Investments in Unconsolidated Joint Ventures).
- (13) On October 30, 2015, the Company replaced the existing loan on the property with a new \$525,000 loan that bears interest at an effective rate of 4.00% and matures on November 1, 2027, which resulted in a loss of \$859 on the early extinguishment of debt. Concurrently, a 40% interest in the loan was assumed by a third party in connection with the sale of a 40% ownership interest in the PPR Portfolio (See Note 4—Investments in Unconsolidated Joint Ventures).
- (14) The loan bears interest at LIBOR plus 2.25% and matures on March 1, 2017. At December 31, 2015 and 2014, the total interest rate was 3.30% and 3.05%, respectively.
- (15) The loan bears interest at LIBOR plus 2.30% and matures on October 28, 2016. At December 31, 2015 and 2014, the total interest rate was 2.17% and 1.98%, respectively.
- (16) On December 1, 2015, the Company paid off in full the loan on the property, which resulted in a loss of \$52 on the early extinguishment of debt.

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**8. Mortgage Notes Payable: (continued)**

- (17) On July 31, 2015, the Company paid off in full the loan on the property, which resulted in a loss of \$9 on the early extinguishment of debt.
- (18) On February 19, 2015, the Company placed a \$280,000 loan on the property that bears interest at an effective rate of 3.55% and matures on March 6, 2026.
- (19) On October 5, 2015, the Company paid off in full the existing loan on the property, which resulted in a gain of \$2,367 on the early extinguishment of debt as a result of writing off the related debt premium. On October 29, 2015, the Company placed a new \$550,000 loan on the property that bears interest at an effective rate of 3.65% and matures on November 1, 2022. On October 30, 2015, a 40% interest in the loan was assumed by a third party in connection with the sale of a 40% ownership interest in the PPR Portfolio (See Note 4—Investments in Unconsolidated Joint Ventures).

Most of the mortgage loan agreements contain a prepayment penalty provision for the early extinguishment of the debt.

Most of the Company's mortgage notes payable are secured by the properties on which they are placed and are non-recourse to the Company. As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, a total of \$13,500 and \$73,165, respectively, of the mortgage notes payable could become recourse to the Company.

The Company expects all loan maturities during the next twelve months, except Flagstaff Mall, will be refinanced, restructured, extended and/or paid-off from the Company's line of credit or with cash on hand. The mortgage note payable on Flagstaff Mall, which went into maturity default on November 1, 2015, is a non-recourse loan. The Company is working with the loan servicer and expects the property will be transferred to the loan servicer or a receiver.

Total interest expense capitalized during the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013 was \$13,052, \$12,559 and \$10,829, respectively.

Related party mortgage notes payable are amounts due to affiliates of NML. See Note 17—Related Party Transactions for interest expense associated with loans from NML.

The estimated fair value (Level 2 measurement) of mortgage notes payable at December 31, 2015 and 2014 was \$4,628,781 and \$5,455,453, respectively, based on current interest rates for comparable loans. Fair value was determined using a present value model and an interest rate that included a credit value adjustment based on the estimated value of the property that serves as collateral for the underlying debt.

The future maturities of mortgage notes payable are as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	
2016	\$ 155,977
2017	235,501
2018	695,439
2019	809,077
2020	534,886
Thereafter	2,175,324
	<u>4,606,204</u>
Debt premium, net	18,408
	<u>\$ 4,624,612</u>

The future maturities reflected above reflect the extension options that the Company believes will be exercised.

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**9. Bank and Other Notes Payable:**

Bank and other notes payable at December 31, 2015 and 2014 consist of the following:

*Line of Credit:*

The Company has a \$1,500,000 revolving line of credit that bears interest at LIBOR plus a spread of 1.38% to 2.0%, depending on the Company's overall leverage levels, and matures on August 6, 2018. Based on the Company's leverage level as of December 31, 2015, the borrowing rate on the facility was LIBOR plus 1.50%. As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, borrowings under the line of credit were \$650,000 and \$752,000, respectively, at an average interest rate of 1.95% and 1.89%, respectively. The estimated fair value (Level 2 measurement) of the line of credit at December 31, 2015 and 2014 was \$640,260 and \$713,989, respectively, based on a present value model using a credit interest rate spread offered to the Company for comparable debt.

*Term Loan:*

On December 8, 2011, the Company obtained a \$125,000 unsecured term loan under the line of credit that bore interest at LIBOR plus a spread of 1.95% to 3.20%, depending on the Company's overall leverage level, and was to mature on December 8, 2018. On October 23, 2015, the Company paid off in full the term loan, which resulted in a loss of \$578 on the early extinguishment of debt. As of December 31, 2014, the total interest rate was 2.25%. The estimated fair value (Level 2 measurement) of the term loan at December 31, 2014 was \$119,780, based on a present value model using a credit interest rate spread offered to the Company for comparable debt.

*Prasada Note:*

On March 29, 2013, the Company issued a \$13,330 note payable that bears interest at 5.25% and matures on March 29, 2016. The note payable is collateralized by a portion of a development reimbursement agreement with the City of Surprise, Arizona. At December 31, 2015 and 2014, the note had a balance of \$9,130 and \$10,879, respectively. The estimated fair value (Level 2 measurement) of the note at December 31, 2015 and 2014 was \$9,168 and \$11,178, respectively, based on current interest rates for comparable notes. Fair value was determined using a present value model and an interest rate that included a credit value adjustment based on the estimated value of the collateral for the underlying debt.

As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, the Company was in compliance with all applicable financial loan covenants.

The future maturities of bank and other notes payable are as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	
2016	\$ 9,130
2018	650,000
	<u>\$ 659,130</u>

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**10. Co-Venture Arrangement:**

On September 30, 2009, the Company formed a joint venture, whereby a third party acquired a 49.9% interest in Freehold Raceway Mall, a 1,669,000 square foot regional shopping center in Freehold, New Jersey, and Chandler Fashion Center, a 1,319,000 square foot regional shopping center in Chandler, Arizona. As part of this transaction, the Company issued a warrant in favor of the third party to purchase 935,358 shares of common stock of the Company at an exercise price of \$46.68 per share (See "Stock Warrants" in Note 12—Stockholders' Equity). The Company received approximately \$174,650 in cash proceeds for the overall transaction, of which \$6,496 was attributed to the warrants. The Company used the proceeds from this transaction to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

As a result of the Company having certain rights under the agreement to repurchase the assets after the seventh year of the venture formation, the transaction did not qualify for sale treatment. The Company, however, is not obligated to repurchase the assets. The transaction has been accounted for as a profit-sharing arrangement, and accordingly the assets, liabilities and operations of the properties remain on the books of the Company and a co-venture obligation was established for the amount of \$168,154, representing the net cash proceeds received from the third party less costs allocated to the warrant. The co-venture obligation is increased for the allocation of income to the co-venture partner and decreased for distributions to the co-venture partner. The co-venture obligation was \$63,756 and \$75,450 at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

**11. Noncontrolling Interests:**

The Company allocates net income of the Operating Partnership based on the weighted-average ownership interest during the period. The net income of the Operating Partnership that is not attributable to the Company is reflected in the consolidated statements of operations as noncontrolling interests. The Company adjusts the noncontrolling interests in the Operating Partnership periodically to reflect its ownership interest in the Company. The Company had a 93% and 94% ownership interest in the Operating Partnership as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The remaining 7% and 6% limited partnership interest as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively, was owned by certain of the Company's executive officers and directors, certain of their affiliates, and other third party investors in the form of OP Units. The OP Units may be redeemed for shares of registered or unregistered stock or cash, at the Company's option. The redemption value for each OP Unit as of any balance sheet date is the amount equal to the average of the closing price per share of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, as reported on the New York Stock Exchange for the ten trading days ending on the respective balance sheet date. Accordingly, as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, the aggregate redemption value of the then-outstanding OP Units not owned by the Company was \$870,625 and \$877,184, respectively.

The Company issued common and cumulative preferred units of MACWH, LP in April 2005 in connection with the acquisition of the Wilmore portfolio. The common and preferred units of MACWH, LP are redeemable at the election of the holder, the Company may redeem them for cash or shares of the Company's stock at the Company's option, and they are classified as permanent equity.

Included in permanent equity are outside ownership interests in various consolidated joint ventures. The joint ventures do not have rights that require the Company to redeem the ownership interests in either cash or stock.

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**12. Stockholders' Equity:**

*Stock Buyback Program:*

On September 30, 2015, the Company's Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to \$1,200,000 of the Company's outstanding common shares over the period ending September 30, 2017, as market conditions warrant. Repurchases may be made through open market purchases, privately negotiated transactions, structured or derivative transactions, including accelerated stock repurchase transactions, or other methods of acquiring shares and pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, from time to time as permitted by securities laws and other legal requirements.

On November 12, 2015, the Company entered into an accelerated share repurchase program ("ASR") to repurchase \$400,000 of the Company's common stock. In accordance with the ASR, the Company made a prepayment of \$400,000 and received an initial share delivery of 4,140,788 shares. On January 20, 2016, the ASR was completed and the Company received an additional delivery of 970,609 shares. The average price of the 5,111,397 shares repurchased under the ASR was \$78.26 per share. The ASR was funded from proceeds in connection with the financing and sale of the ownership interest in the PPR Portfolio (See Note 4—Investments in Unconsolidated Joint Ventures and Note 22—Subsequent Events).

*Special Dividends:*

On October 30, 2015, the Company declared two special dividends/distributions ("Special Dividend"), each of \$2.00 per share of common stock and per OP Unit. The first Special Dividend was paid on December 8, 2015 to stockholders and OP Unit holders of record on November 12, 2015. The second Special Dividend was paid on January 6, 2016 to common stockholders and OP Unit holders of record on November 12, 2015. The Special Dividends were funded from proceeds in connection with the financing and sale of ownership interests in the PPR Portfolio and Arrowhead Towne Center (See Note 4—Investments in Unconsolidated Joint Ventures and Note 22—Subsequent Events).

*At-The-Market Stock Offering Program ("ATM Program"):*

On August 17, 2012, the Company entered into an equity distribution agreement ("2012 Distribution Agreement") with a number of sales agents (the "2012 ATM Program") to issue and sell, from time to time, shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, having an aggregate offering price of up to \$500,000 (the "2012 ATM Shares"). Sales of the 2012 ATM Shares, could have been made in privately negotiated transactions and/or any other method permitted by law, including sales deemed to be an "at the market" offering, which includes sales made directly on the New York Stock Exchange or sales made to or through a market maker other than on an exchange. The Company agreed to pay each sales agent a commission that was not to exceed, but could have been lower than, 2% of the gross proceeds of the 2012 ATM Shares sold through such sales agent under the 2012 Distribution Agreement.

During the year ended December 31, 2012, the Company sold 2,961,903 shares of common stock under the 2012 ATM Program in exchange for aggregate gross proceeds of \$177,896 and net proceeds of \$175,649 after commissions and other transaction costs. During the year ended December 31, 2013, the Company sold 2,456,956 shares of common stock under the 2012 ATM Program in exchange for aggregate gross proceeds of \$173,011 and net proceeds of \$171,102 after commissions and other transaction costs. The proceeds from the sales were used to pay down the Company's line of credit.

On August 20, 2014, the Company terminated and replaced the 2012 ATM Program with a new ATM Program (the "2014 ATM Program") to sell, from time to time, shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, having an aggregate offering price of up to \$500,000 (the "ATM Shares"). The terms of the 2014 ATM Program are substantially the same as the 2012 ATM Program. The Company did not sell any shares under the 2014 ATM Program during the year ended December 31, 2015.

As of December 31, 2015, \$500,000 of the ATM Shares were available to be sold under the 2014 ATM Program. The unsold 2012 ATM Shares are no longer available for issuance. Actual future sales of the ATM Shares under the 2014 ATM Program will depend upon a variety of factors including but not limited to market conditions, the trading price of the Company's common stock and the Company's capital needs. The Company has no obligation to sell the ATM Shares under the 2014 ATM Program.

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**12. Stockholders' Equity: (Continued)***Stock Issued to Acquire Property:*

On November 14, 2014, the Company issued 17,140,845 shares of common stock in connection with the acquisition of the PPR Queens Portfolio (See Note 13—Acquisitions) for a value of \$1,166,777, based on the closing price of the Company's common stock on the date of the transaction.

**13. Acquisitions:***Green Acres Mall:*

On January 24, 2013, the Company acquired Green Acres Mall, a 1,799,000 square foot regional shopping center in Valley Stream, New York, for a purchase price of \$500,000. A purchase deposit of \$30,000 was funded during the year ended December 31, 2012, and the remaining \$470,000 was funded upon closing of the acquisition. The cash payment made at the time of closing was provided by the placement of a mortgage note payable on the property that allowed for borrowings of up to \$325,000 and from borrowings under the Company's line of credit. Concurrent with the acquisition, the Company borrowed \$100,000 on the loan. On January 31, 2013, the Company exercised its option to borrow the remaining \$225,000 on the loan. The acquisition was completed to acquire another prominent shopping center in the New York metropolitan area.

The following is a summary of the allocation of the fair value of Green Acres Mall:

Property	\$	477,673
Deferred charges		45,130
Other assets		19,125
Total assets acquired		541,928
Other accrued liabilities		41,928
Total liabilities assumed		41,928
Fair value of acquired net assets	\$	500,000

The Company determined that the purchase price represented the fair value of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed.

Since the date of acquisition, the Company has included Green Acres Mall in its consolidated financial statements.

*Green Acres Adjacent:*

On April 25, 2013, the Company acquired a 19 acre parcel of land adjacent to Green Acres Mall for \$22,577. The payment was provided by borrowings from the Company's line of credit. The acquisition was completed to allow for future expansion of Green Acres Mall.

*Camelback Colonnade Restructuring:*

On September 17, 2013, the Company's joint venture in Camelback Colonnade was restructured. As a result of the restructuring, the Company's ownership interest in Camelback Colonnade decreased from 73.2% to 67.5%. Prior to the restructuring, the Company had accounted for its investment in Camelback Colonnade under the equity method of accounting due to substantive participation rights held by the outside partners. Upon completion of the restructuring, these substantive participation rights were terminated and the Company obtained voting control of the joint venture (See Note 4—Investments in Unconsolidated Joint Ventures).

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**13. Acquisitions: (Continued)**

The following is a summary of the allocation of the fair value of Camelback Colonnade:

Property	\$	98,160
Deferred charges		8,284
Cash and cash equivalents		1,280
Restricted cash		1,139
Tenant receivables		615
Other assets		380
Total assets acquired		<u>109,858</u>
Mortgage note payable		49,465
Accounts payable		54
Other accrued liabilities		4,752
Total liabilities assumed		<u>54,271</u>
Fair value of acquired net assets (at 100% ownership)	\$	<u>55,587</u>

The Company recognized the following remeasurement gain on the Camelback Colonnade Restructuring:

Fair value of existing ownership interest (at 73.2% ownership)	\$	41,690
Carrying value of investment		(5,349)
Gain on remeasurement of assets	\$	<u>36,341</u>

Since the date of the restructuring, the Company included Camelback Colonnade in its consolidated financial statements until its sale on December 29, 2014 (See Note 14—Dispositions).

*Superstition Springs Center:*

On October 24, 2013, the Company acquired the remaining 33.3% ownership interest in Superstition Springs Center that it did not previously own for \$46,162. The purchase price was funded by a cash payment of \$23,662 and the assumption of the third party's share of the mortgage note payable on the property of \$22,500. Prior to the acquisition, the Company had accounted for its investment under the equity method of accounting (See Note 4—Investments in Unconsolidated Joint Ventures). As a result of this transaction, the Company obtained 100% ownership of Superstition Springs Center. The acquisition was completed in order to gain 100% ownership and control over this asset.

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**13. Acquisitions: (Continued)**

The following is a summary of the allocation of the fair value of Superstition Springs Center:

Property	\$ 114,373
Deferred charges	12,353
Cash and cash equivalents	8,894
Tenant receivables	51
Other assets	11,535
Total assets acquired	<u>147,206</u>
Mortgage note payable	68,448
Accounts payable	119
Other accrued liabilities	7,637
Total liabilities assumed	<u>76,204</u>
Fair value of acquired net assets (at 100% ownership)	<u>\$ 71,002</u>

The Company determined that the purchase price represented the fair value of the additional ownership interest in Superstition Springs Center that was acquired.

Fair value of existing ownership interest (at 66.7% ownership)	\$ 47,340
Carrying value of investment	(32,476)
Gain on remeasurement of assets	<u>\$ 14,864</u>

The following is the reconciliation of the purchase price to the fair value of the acquired net assets:

Purchase price	\$ 46,162
Less debt assumed	(22,500)
Carrying value of investment	32,476
Remeasurement gain	14,864
Fair value of acquired net assets (at 100% ownership)	<u>\$ 71,002</u>

Since the date of acquisition, the Company has included Superstition Springs Center in its consolidated financial statements.

*Cascade Mall:*

On June 4, 2014, the Company acquired the remaining 49% ownership interest in Cascade Mall that it did not previously own for \$15,233. Prior to the acquisition, the Company had accounted for its investment under the equity method of accounting (See Note 4—Investments in Unconsolidated Joint Ventures). As a result of this transaction, the Company obtained 100% ownership of Cascade Mall. The acquisition was completed in order to obtain 100% ownership and control over this asset.

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**13. Acquisitions: (Continued)**

The following is a summary of the allocation of the fair value of Cascade Mall:

Property	\$	28,924
Deferred charges		6,660
Other assets		202
Total assets acquired		35,786
Other accrued liabilities		4,786
Total liabilities assumed		4,786
Fair value of acquired net assets (at 100% ownership)	\$	31,000

The Company determined that the purchase price represented the fair value of the additional ownership interest in Cascade Mall that was acquired.

The following is the reconciliation of the purchase price to the fair value of the acquired net assets:

Purchase price	\$	15,233
Distributions in excess of investment		15,767
Fair value of acquired net assets (at 100% ownership)	\$	31,000

Since the date of acquisition, the Company has included Cascade Mall in its consolidated financial statements.

*Fashion Outlets of Chicago:*

On October 31, 2014, the Company purchased AWE/Talisman's ownership interest in its consolidated joint venture in Fashion Outlets of Chicago, for \$69,987. The purchase price was funded by a cash payment of \$55,867 and the settlement of the balance on the Talisman Notes of \$14,120 (See Note 17—Related Party Transactions). The cash payment was funded by borrowings under the Company's line of credit. The purchase agreement includes contingent consideration based on the financial performance of Fashion Outlets of Chicago at an agreed upon date in 2016. The Company estimated the fair value of the contingent consideration as of December 31, 2015 to be \$10,953, which has been included in other accrued liabilities. As a result of this acquisition, the noncontrolling interest of \$76,141 was reversed.

*PPR Queens Portfolio:*

On November 14, 2014, the Company acquired the remaining 49% ownership interest in the PPR Queens Portfolio that it did not previously own for \$1,838,886. The acquisition was completed in order to gain 100% ownership and control over this portfolio of prominent shopping centers. The purchase price was funded by the assumption of the third party's pro rata share of the mortgage notes payable on the property of \$672,109 and the issuance of \$1,166,777 in common stock of the Company. Prior to the acquisition, the Company had accounted for its investment under the equity method of accounting (See Note 4—Investments in Unconsolidated Joint Ventures). As a result of this transaction, the Company obtained 100% ownership of the PPR Queens Portfolio.

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**13. Acquisitions: (Continued)**

The following is a summary of the allocation of the fair value of the PPR Queens Portfolio:

Property	\$ 3,711,819
Deferred charges	155,892
Cash and cash equivalents	28,890
Restricted cash	5,113
Tenant receivables	5,438
Other assets	127,244
Total assets acquired	<u>4,034,396</u>
Mortgage notes payable	1,414,659
Accounts payable	5,669
Due to affiliates	2,680
Other accrued liabilities	230,210
Total liabilities assumed	<u>1,653,218</u>
Fair value of acquired net assets (at 100% ownership)	<u>\$ 2,381,178</u>

The Company determined that the purchase price represented the fair value of the additional ownership interest in the PPR Queens Portfolio that was acquired.

Fair value of existing ownership interest (at 51% ownership)	\$ 1,214,401
Distributions in excess of investment	208,735
Gain on remeasurement of assets	<u>\$ 1,423,136</u>

The following is the reconciliation of the purchase price to the fair value of the acquired net assets:

Purchase price	\$ 1,838,886
Less debt assumed	(672,109)
Distributions in excess of investment	(208,735)
Gain on remeasurement of assets	1,423,136
Fair value of acquired net assets (at 100% ownership)	<u>\$ 2,381,178</u>

The Company included Lakewood Center, Los Cerritos Center and Washington Square in its consolidated financial statements until the Company sold a 40% ownership interest in the PPR Portfolio on October 30, 2015 (See Note 4—Investments in Unconsolidated Joint Ventures). The remaining properties of the PPR Queens Portfolio have been included in the Company's consolidated financial statements from the date of acquisition.

*Inland Center:*

On February 17, 2015, the Company acquired the remaining 50% ownership interest in Inland Center that it did not previously own for \$51,250. The purchase price was funded by a cash payment of \$26,250 and the assumption of the third party's share of the mortgage note payable on the property of \$25,000. Prior to the acquisition, the Company had accounted for its investment in Inland Center under the equity method of accounting (See Note 4—Investments in Unconsolidated Joint Ventures). As a result of this transaction, the Company obtained 100% ownership of Inland Center. The acquisition was completed in order to obtain 100% ownership and control over this asset.

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**13. Acquisitions: (Continued)**

The following is a summary of the allocation of the fair value of Inland Center:

Property	\$ 91,871
Deferred charges	9,752
Other assets	5,782
Total assets acquired	107,405
Mortgage note payable	50,000
Other accrued liabilities	4,905
Total liabilities assumed	54,905
Fair value of acquired net assets (at 100% ownership)	\$ 52,500

The Company determined that the purchase price represented the fair value of the additional ownership interest in Inland Center that was acquired.

Fair value of existing ownership interest (at 50% ownership)	\$ 26,250
Carrying value of investment	(4,161)
Gain on remeasurement of assets	\$ 22,089

The following is the reconciliation of the purchase price to the fair value of the acquired net assets:

Purchase price	\$ 51,250
Less debt assumed	(25,000)
Carrying value of investment	4,161
Gain on remeasurement of assets	22,089
Fair value of acquired net assets (at 100% ownership)	\$ 52,500

Since the date of acquisition, the Company has included Inland Center in its consolidated financial statements. The property has generated incremental revenue of \$12,829 and incremental net income of \$1,892 during the year ended December 31, 2015.

*Pro Forma Results of Operations:*

The following unaudited pro forma total revenue and income from continuing operations for 2015 and 2014:

	Total revenue	Income from continuing operations
Supplemental pro forma for the year ended December 31, 2015(1)	\$ 1,287,084	\$ 502,184
Supplemental pro forma for the year ended December 31, 2014(1)	\$ 1,371,988	\$ 199,287

(1) This unaudited pro forma supplemental information does not purport to be indicative of what the Company's operating results would have been had the 2015 and 2014 acquisitions occurred on January 1, 2014 and may not be indicative of future operating results. The Company has excluded remeasurement gains and acquisition costs from these pro forma results as they are considered significant non-recurring adjustments directly attributable to the acquisitions.

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**14. Dispositions:**

On May 31, 2013, the Company sold Green Tree Mall, a 793,000 square foot regional shopping center in Clarksville, Indiana, for \$79,000, resulting in a gain on the sale of assets of \$59,767. The Company used the proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On June 4, 2013, the Company sold Northridge Mall, an 890,000 square foot regional shopping center in Salinas, California, and Rimrock Mall, a 603,000 square foot regional shopping center in Billings, Montana. The properties were sold in a combined transaction for \$230,000, resulting in a gain on the sale of assets of \$82,151. The Company used the cash proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On September 11, 2013, the Company sold a former Mervyn's store in Milpitas, California for \$12,000, resulting in a loss on the sale of assets of \$2,633. The Company used the proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On September 30, 2013, the Company conveyed Fiesta Mall, a 933,000 square foot regional shopping center in Mesa, Arizona, to the mortgage note lender by a deed-in-lieu of foreclosure. The mortgage loan was non-recourse. As a result of the conveyance, the Company recognized a gain on the extinguishment of debt of \$1,252.

On October 15, 2013, the Company sold a former Mervyn's store in Midland, Texas for \$5,700, resulting in a loss on the sale of assets of \$2,031. The Company used the proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On October 23, 2013, the Company sold a former Mervyn's store in Grand Junction, Colorado for \$5,430, resulting in a gain on the sale of assets of \$1,695. The Company used the proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On December 4, 2013, the Company sold a former Mervyn's store in Livermore, California for \$10,475, resulting in a loss on the sale of assets of \$5,257. The Company used the proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On December 11, 2013, the Company sold Chesterfield Towne Center, a 1,016,000 square foot regional shopping center in Richmond, Virginia, and Centre at Salisbury, an 862,000 square foot regional shopping center in Salisbury, Maryland in a combined transaction for \$292,500, resulting in a gain on the sale of assets of \$151,467. The sales price was funded by a cash payment of \$67,763, the assumption of the \$109,737 mortgage note payable on Chesterfield Towne Center and the assumption of the \$115,000 mortgage note payable on Centre at Salisbury. The Company used the cash proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

The Company has classified the results of operations and gain or loss on sale for all of the above dispositions as discontinued operations for the year ended December 31, 2013. Revenues and income from discontinued operations were \$54,752 and \$289,936, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2013. On January 1, 2014, the Company adopted ASU 2014-08, which amended the definition of discontinued operations and the disclosure for the disposal transactions. The Company determined that none of the disposals during the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 represented discontinued operations. As a result, the following dispositions during the year ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 have been included in continuing operations:

On January 15, 2014, the Company sold Rotterdam Square, a 585,000 square foot regional shopping center in Schenectady, New York, for \$8,500, resulting in a loss on the sale of assets of \$472. The Company used the proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On February 14, 2014, the Company sold Somersville Towne Center, a 348,000 square foot regional shopping center in Antioch, California, for \$12,337, resulting in a loss on the sale of assets of \$263. The Company used the proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On March 17, 2014, the Company sold Lake Square Mall, a 559,000 square foot regional shopping center in Leesburg, Florida, for \$13,280, resulting in a loss on the sale of assets of \$876. The sales price was funded by a cash payment of \$3,677

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and the issuance of two notes receivable totaling \$9,603 (See Note 6—Tenant and Other Receivables, net). The Company used the cash proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On July 7, 2014, the Company sold a former Mervyn's store in El Paso, Texas for \$3,560, resulting in a loss on the sale of assets of \$158. The Company used the proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On August 28, 2014, the Company sold a former Mervyn's store in Thousand Oaks, California for \$3,500, resulting in a loss on the sale of assets of \$80. The Company used the proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On September 11, 2014, the Company sold a leasehold interest in a former Mervyn's store in Laredo, Texas for \$1,200, resulting in a gain on the sale of assets of \$315. The Company used the proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On October 10, 2014, the Company sold a former Mervyn's store in Marysville, California for \$1,900, resulting in a loss on the sale of assets of \$3. The Company used the proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On October 31, 2014, the Company sold South Towne Center, a 1,278,000 square foot regional shopping center in Sandy, Utah, for \$205,000, resulting in a gain on the sale of assets of \$121,873. The Company used the proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On December 29, 2014, the Company sold its 67.5% ownership interest in its consolidated joint venture in Camelback Colonnade, a 619,000 square foot community center in Phoenix, Arizona, for \$92,898, resulting in a gain on the sale of assets of \$24,554. The sales price was funded by a cash payment of \$61,173 and the assumption of the Company's share of the mortgage note payable on the property of \$31,725. The Company used the cash proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes. As a result of the sale, the Company was discharged of the \$47,946 mortgage note payable on the property and \$17,217 of noncontrolling interest was reversed.

On June 30, 2015, the Company conveyed Great Northern Mall, an 895,000 square foot regional shopping center in Clay, New York, to the mortgage lender by a deed-in-lieu of foreclosure and was discharged from the mortgage note payable. The loan was nonrecourse to the Company. As a result, the Company recognized a loss on the extinguishment of debt of \$1,627 (See Note 8—Mortgage Notes Payable).

On November 19, 2015, the Company sold Panorama Mall, a 312,000 square foot community center in Panorama City, California, for \$98,000, resulting in a gain on the sale of assets of \$73,726. The Company used the proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

**15. Future Rental Revenues:**

Under existing non-cancelable operating lease agreements, tenants are committed to pay the following minimum rental payments to the Company:

Year Ending December 31,	
2016	\$ 496,683
2017	423,057
2018	369,999
2019	319,535
2020	275,105
Thereafter	969,731
	<u>\$ 2,854,110</u>

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**16. Commitments and Contingencies:**

The Company has certain properties subject to non-cancelable operating ground leases. The leases expire at various times through 2098, subject in some cases to options to extend the terms of the lease. Certain leases provide for contingent rent payments based on a percentage of base rental income, as defined in the lease. Ground lease rent expenses were \$11,870, \$10,968 and \$10,579 for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. No contingent rent was incurred for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 or 2013.

Minimum future rental payments required under the leases are as follows:

Year Ending December 31,		
2016	\$	15,695
2017		15,632
2018		11,249
2019		9,629
2020		9,637
Thereafter		283,154
	\$	<u>344,996</u>

As of December 31, 2015, the Company was contingently liable for \$62,788 in letters of credit guaranteeing performance by the Company of certain obligations relating to the Centers. The Company does not believe that these letters of credit will result in a liability to the Company.

The Company has entered into a number of construction agreements related to its redevelopment and development activities. Obligations under these agreements are contingent upon the completion of the services within the guidelines specified in the relevant agreement. At December 31, 2015, the Company had \$32,006 in outstanding obligations, which it believes will be settled in the next twelve months.

**17. Related Party Transactions:**

Certain unconsolidated joint ventures have engaged the Management Companies to manage the operations of the Centers. Under these arrangements, the Management Companies are reimbursed for compensation paid to on-site employees, leasing agents and project managers at the Centers, as well as insurance costs and other administrative expenses. The following are fees charged to unconsolidated joint ventures for the years ended December 31:

	2015	2014	2013
Management fees	\$ 10,064	\$ 16,751	\$ 19,726
Development and leasing fees	9,615	10,528	9,936
	<u>\$ 19,679</u>	<u>\$ 27,279</u>	<u>\$ 29,662</u>

Certain mortgage notes on the properties are held by NML (See Note 8—Mortgage Notes Payable). Interest expense in connection with these notes was \$10,515, \$15,134 and \$15,016 for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Included in accounts payable and accrued expenses is interest payable to this related party of \$756 and \$1,125 at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

During the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Company had loans to unconsolidated joint ventures to fund development stage projects prior to construction loan funding. Correspondingly, loan payables in the same amount have been accrued as an obligation by the various joint ventures. Interest income associated with these notes was \$164 and \$281 for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

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**17. Related-Party Transactions: (Continued)**

Due from affiliates includes \$7,467 and \$3,869 of unreimbursed costs and fees due from unconsolidated joint ventures under management agreements at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Due from affiliates at December 31, 2013 also included two notes receivable from principals of AWE/Talisman ("Talisman Notes") that bore interest at 5.0% and were to mature based on the refinancing or sale of Fashion Outlets of Chicago, a 537,000 square foot outlet center in Rosemont, Illinois, or certain other specified events. AWE/Talisman was considered a related party because it had a 40% noncontrolling ownership interest in Fashion Outlets of Chicago. On October 31, 2014, in connection with the Company's acquisition of AWE/Talisman's ownership interest in Fashion Outlets of Chicago, the balance of the Talisman Notes were settled (See Note 13—Acquisitions). Interest income earned on these notes was \$516 and \$625 for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

In addition, due from affiliates at December 31, 2015 and 2014 includes a note receivable from RED/303 LLC ("RED") that bears interest at 5.25% and matures on March 29, 2016. Interest income earned on this note was \$520, \$614 and \$525 for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The balance on this note receivable was \$9,252 and \$11,027 at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. RED is considered a related party because it is a partner in a joint venture development project. The note is collateralized by RED's membership interest in a development agreement.

Also included in due from affiliates is a note receivable from Lennar Corporation that bears interest at LIBOR plus 2% and matures upon the completion of certain milestones in connection with the development of Fashion Outlets of San Francisco (See Note 4—Investments in Unconsolidated Joint Ventures). Interest income earned on this note was \$1,872 and \$206 for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The balance on this note was \$67,209 and \$65,336 at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. Lennar Corporation is considered a related party because it has an ownership interest in Fashion Outlets of San Francisco.

**18. Share and Unit-based Plans:**

The Company has established share and unit-based compensation plans for the purpose of attracting and retaining executive officers, directors and key employees.

**2003 Equity Incentive Plan:**

The 2003 Equity Incentive Plan ("2003 Plan") authorizes the grant of stock awards, stock options, stock appreciation rights, stock units, stock bonuses, performance-based awards, dividend equivalent rights and OP Units or other convertible or exchangeable units. As of December 31, 2015, stock awards, stock units, LTIP Units (as defined below), stock appreciation rights ("SARs") and stock options have been granted under the 2003 Plan. All stock options or other rights to acquire common stock granted under the 2003 Plan have a term of 10 years or less. These awards were generally granted based on the performance of the Company and the employees. None of the awards have performance requirements other than a service condition of continued employment unless otherwise provided. All awards are subject to restrictions determined by the Company's compensation committee. The aggregate number of shares of common stock that may be issued under the 2003 Plan is 13,825,428 shares. As of December 31, 2015, there were 2,285,318 shares available for issuance under the 2003 Plan.

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**18. Share and Unit-Based Plans: (Continued)**

*Stock Awards:*

The value of the stock awards was determined by the market price of the Company's common stock on the date of the grant. The following table summarizes the activity of non-vested stock awards during the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013:

	2015		2014		2013	
	Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value	Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value	Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Balance at beginning of year	9,189	\$ 59.25	19,001	\$ 56.77	20,924	\$ 49.36
Granted	—	—	—	—	8,963	61.84
Vested	(7,577)	58.67	(9,812)	54.45	(10,886)	46.70
Balance at end of year	<u>1,612</u>	<u>\$ 62.01</u>	<u>9,189</u>	<u>\$ 59.25</u>	<u>19,001</u>	<u>\$ 56.77</u>

*Stock Units:*

The stock units represent the right to receive upon vesting one share of the Company's common stock for one stock unit. The value of the stock units was determined by the market price of the Company's common stock on the date of the grant. The following table summarizes the activity of non-vested stock units during the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013:

	2015		2014		2013	
	Units	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value	Units	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value	Units	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Balance at beginning of year	144,374	\$ 59.94	137,318	\$ 57.24	114,677	\$ 52.19
Granted	77,282	86.53	75,309	60.50	67,920	62.01
Vested	(86,761)	61.29	(68,253)	55.14	(45,279)	51.59
Forfeited	(2,809)	86.72	—	—	—	—
Balance at end of year	<u>132,086</u>	<u>\$ 74.58</u>	<u>144,374</u>	<u>\$ 59.94</u>	<u>137,318</u>	<u>\$ 57.24</u>

*SARs:*

The executives have up to 10 years from the grant date to exercise the SARs. Upon exercise, the executives will receive unrestricted common shares for the appreciation in value of the SARs from the grant date to the exercise date.

The Company determined the value of each SAR awarded during the year ended December 31, 2012 to be \$9.67 using the Black-Scholes Option Pricing Model based upon the following assumptions: volatility of 25.85%, dividend yield of 3.69%, risk free rate of 1.20%, current value of \$59.57 and an expected term of 8 years. The value of each of the other outstanding SARs was determined at the grant date to be \$7.68 based upon the following assumptions: volatility of 22.52%, dividend yield of 5.23%, risk free rate of 3.15%, current value of \$61.17 and an expected term of 8 years. The assumptions for volatility and dividend yield were based on the Company's historical experience as a publicly traded company, the current value was based on the closing price on the date of grant and the risk free rate was based upon the interest rate of the 10-year Treasury bond on the date of grant.

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**18. Share and Unit-Based Plans: (Continued)**

In connection with the payment of the Special Dividend of \$2.00 per share of common stock on December 8, 2015 (See Note 12—Stockholders' Equity), the compensation committee approved an adjustment to all outstanding SARs. The exercise price and number of outstanding SARs were adjusted such that each SAR had the same fair value to the holder before and after giving effect to the payment of the special dividend. As a result, the 407,823 outstanding SARs with a weighted-average price of \$56.49 were adjusted to 417,783 outstanding SARs with a weighted average price of \$55.13.

The following table summarizes the activity of SARs awards during the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013:

	2015		2014		2013	
	Units	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Units	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Units	Weighted Average Exercise Price
Balance at beginning of year	772,639	\$ 56.67	1,070,991	\$ 56.66	1,164,185	\$ 56.66
Granted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Exercised	(364,807)	56.86	(298,352)	56.63	(93,194)	56.63
Special dividend adjustment	9,951	55.13	—	—	—	—
Balance at end of year	417,783	\$ 55.13	772,639	\$ 56.67	1,070,991	\$ 56.66

*Long-Term Incentive Plan Units:*

Under the Long-Term Incentive Plan ("LTIP"), each award recipient is issued a form of operating partnership units ("LTIP Units") in the Operating Partnership. Upon the occurrence of specified events and subject to the satisfaction of applicable vesting conditions, LTIP Units (after conversion into OP Units) are ultimately redeemable for common stock of the Company, or cash at the Company's option, on a one-unit for one-share basis. LTIP Units receive cash dividends based on the dividend amount paid on the common stock of the Company. The LTIP may include both market-indexed awards and service-based awards.

The market-indexed LTIP Units vest over the service period of the award based on the percentile ranking of the Company in terms of total return to stockholders (the "Total Return") per common stock share relative to the Total Return of a group of peer REITs, as measured at the end of the measurement period.

The fair value of the market-indexed LTIP Units are estimated on the date of grant using a Monte Carlo Simulation model. The stock price of the Company, along with the stock prices of the group of peer REITs (for market-indexed awards), is assumed to follow the Multivariate Geometric Brownian Motion Process. Multivariate Geometric Brownian Motion is a common assumption when modeling in financial markets, as it allows the modeled quantity (in this case, the stock price) to vary randomly from its current value and take any value greater than zero. The volatilities of the returns on the share price of the Company and the peer group REITs were estimated based on a look-back period. The expected growth rate of the stock prices over the "derived service period" is determined with consideration of the risk free rate as of the grant date.

On February 15, 2013, the Company granted 332,189 market-indexed LTIP Units ("2013 LTIP Units") at a grant date fair value of \$66.58 per LTIP Unit that vested over a service period ending December 31, 2013. On January 16, 2014, the compensation committee determined that the 2013 LTIP Units had vested at the 96% level, based on the Company's percentile ranking in terms of Total Return per common stock share compared to the Total Return of a group of peer REITs during the period of January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013. As a result, 318,900 LTIP Units vested and 13,289 LTIP Units were forfeited as of December 31, 2013.

On January 1, 2014, the Company granted 70,042 LTIP Units with a grant date fair value of \$58.89 that will vest in equal annual installments over a service period ending December 31, 2016. Concurrently, the Company granted 272,930 market-indexed LTIP Units ("2014 LTIP Units") at a grant date fair value of \$45.34 per LTIP Unit that vested over a service period ending December 31, 2014. The 2014 LTIP Units were equally divided between two types of awards. The terms of both types of awards were the same, except one award had an additional 3% absolute Total Return requirement, which if it was not met, then such LTIP Units would not have vested. On January 12, 2015, the compensation committee determined that the 2014 LTIP

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Units had vested at a 150% level, based on the Company's percentile ranking in terms of Total Return per common stock share compared to the Total Return of a group of peer REITs during the period of January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014. In addition, the compensation committee determined that the applicable 3% absolute Total Return requirement was exceeded. As a result, an additional 136,465 fully-vested LTIP Units were granted on December 31, 2014.

On March 7, 2014, the Company granted 246,471 LTIP Units at a fair value of \$60.25 per LTIP Unit that were fully vested on the grant date.

On January 1, 2015, the Company granted 49,451 LTIP Units with a grant date fair value of \$83.41 per LTIP Unit that will vest in equal annual installments over a service period ending December 31, 2017. Concurrently, the Company granted 186,450 market-indexed LTIP Units ("2015 LTIP Units") at a grant date fair value of \$66.37 per LTIP Unit that vested over a service period ending December 31, 2015. The 2015 LTIP Units were equally divided between two types of awards. The terms of both types of awards were the same, except one award has an additional 3% absolute total stockholder return requirement, which if it is not met, then such LTIP Units will not vest. The grant date fair value of the 2015 LTIP Units assumed a risk free interest rate of 0.25% and an expected volatility of 16.81%. On January 7, 2016, the compensation committee determined that the 2015 LTIP Units had vested at a 130% level, based on the Company's percentile ranking in terms of Total Return per common stock share compared to the Total Return of a group of peer REITs during the period of January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015. In addition, the compensation committee determined that the applicable 3% absolute Total Return requirement was exceeded. As a result, an additional 55,934 fully-vested LTIP Units were granted on December 31, 2015.

On March 6, 2015, the Company granted 132,607 LTIP Units at a fair value of \$86.72 per LTIP Unit that were fully vested on the grant date.

The following table summarizes the activity of the non-vested LTIP Units during the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013:

	2015		2014		2013	
	Units	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value	Units	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value	Units	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Balance at beginning of year	46,695	\$ 58.89	—	\$ —	200,000	\$ 38.63
Granted	424,442	74.71	725,908	51.71	332,189	66.58
Vested	(414,822)	73.13	(679,213)	51.22	(518,900)	55.81
Forfeited	—	—	—	—	(13,289)	66.58
Balance at end of year	<u>56,315</u>	<u>\$ 73.24</u>	<u>46,695</u>	<u>\$ 58.89</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>\$ —</u>

Stock Options:

The Company measured the value of each option awarded during the year ended December 31, 2012 to be \$9.67 using the Black-Scholes Option Pricing Model based upon the following assumptions: volatility of 25.85%, dividend yield of 3.69%, risk free rate of 1.20%, current value of \$59.57 and an expected term of 8 years. The assumptions for volatility and dividend yield were based on the Company's historical experience as a publicly traded company, the current value was based on the closing price on the date of grant and the risk free rate was based upon the interest rate of the 10-year Treasury bond on the date of grant.

In connection with the payment of the Special Dividend of \$2.00 per share of common stock on December 8, 2015 (See Note 12—Stockholders' Equity), the compensation committee approved an adjustment to all outstanding stock options. The exercise price and number of outstanding stock options were adjusted such that each stock option had the same fair value to the holder before and after giving effect to the payment of the special dividend. As a result, the 10,068 outstanding stock options with a weighted-average price of \$59.57 were adjusted to 10,314 outstanding stock options with a weighted average price of \$58.15.

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**18. Share and Unit-Based Plans: (Continued)**

The following table summarizes the activity of stock options for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013:

	2015		2014		2013	
	Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price
Balance at beginning of year	10,068	\$ 59.57	10,068	\$ 59.57	12,768	\$ 54.69
Granted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Exercised	—	—	—	—	(2,700)	36.51
Special dividend adjustment	246	58.15	—	—	—	—
Balance at end of year	<u>10,314</u>	<u>\$ 58.15</u>	<u>10,068</u>	<u>\$ 59.57</u>	<u>10,068</u>	<u>\$ 59.57</u>

**Directors' Phantom Stock Plan:**

The Directors' Phantom Stock Plan offers non-employee members of the board of directors ("Directors") the opportunity to defer their cash compensation and to receive that compensation in common stock rather than in cash after termination of service or a predetermined period. Compensation generally includes the annual retainers payable by the Company to the Directors. Deferred amounts are generally credited as units of phantom stock at the beginning of each three-year deferral period by dividing the present value of the deferred compensation by the average fair market value of the Company's common stock at the date of award. Compensation expense related to the phantom stock awards was determined by the amortization of the value of the stock units on a straight-line basis over the applicable service period. The stock units (including dividend equivalents) vest as the Directors' services (to which the fees relate) are rendered. Vested phantom stock units are ultimately paid out in common stock on a one-unit for one-share basis. To the extent elected by a Director, stock units receive dividend equivalents in the form of additional stock units based on the dividend amount paid on the common stock. The aggregate number of phantom stock units that may be granted under the Directors' Phantom Stock Plan is 500,000. As of December 31, 2015, there were 199,603 stock units available for grant under the Directors' Phantom Stock Plan.

The following table summarizes the activity of the non-vested phantom stock units for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013:

	2015		2014		2013	
	Stock Units	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value	Stock Units	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value	Stock Units	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Balance at beginning of year	9,269	\$ 58.35	17,575	\$ 58.66	—	\$ —
Granted	13,351	78.72	10,747	65.54	34,266	59.04
Vested	(20,162)	72.17	(19,053)	62.69	(16,691)	59.44
Forfeited	(2,458)	55.62	—	—	—	—
Balance at end of year	<u>—</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>9,269</u>	<u>\$ 58.35</u>	<u>17,575</u>	<u>\$ 58.66</u>

**Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("ESPP"):**

The ESPP authorizes eligible employees to purchase the Company's common stock through voluntary payroll deductions made during periodic offering periods. Under the ESPP common stock is purchased at a 15% discount from the lesser of the fair value of common stock at the beginning and end of the offering period. A maximum of 750,000 shares of common stock is available for purchase under the ESPP. The number of shares available for future purchase under the plan at December 31, 2015 was 517,285.

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**18. Share and Unit-Based Plans: (Continued)****Compensation:**

The following summarizes the compensation cost under the share and unit-based plans for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013:

	2015	2014	2013
Stock awards	\$ 252	\$ 365	\$ 497
Stock units	6,041	4,689	3,839
LTIP units	26,622	28,598	22,778
Stock options	16	16	16
Phantom stock units	1,444	1,205	992
	<u>\$ 34,375</u>	<u>\$ 34,873</u>	<u>\$ 28,122</u>

The Company capitalized share and unit-based compensation costs of \$6,008, \$5,410 and \$3,915 for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

The fair value of the stock awards and stock units that vested during the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013 was \$8,794, \$4,685 and \$3,516, respectively. Unrecognized compensation costs of share and unit-based plans at December 31, 2015 consisted of \$4,128 from LTIP Units, \$20 from stock awards, \$3,488 from stock units and \$27 from stock options.

**19. Employee Benefit Plans:***401(k) Plan:*

The Company has a defined contribution retirement plan that covers its eligible employees (the "Plan"). The Plan is a defined contribution retirement plan covering eligible employees of the Macerich Property Management Company LLC and participating affiliates. The Plan is qualified in accordance with section 401(a) of the Code. Effective January 1, 1995, the Plan was amended to constitute a qualified cash or deferred arrangement under section 401(k) of the Code, whereby employees can elect to defer compensation subject to Internal Revenue Service withholding rules. This Plan was further amended effective as of February 1, 1999 to add The Macerich Company Common Stock Fund as a new investment alternative under the Plan. A total of 150,000 shares of common stock were reserved for issuance under the Plan, which was subsequently increased by an additional 500,000 shares in February 2013. On January 1, 2004, the Plan adopted the "Safe Harbor" provision under Sections 401(k)(12) and 401(m)(11) of the Code. In accordance with adopting these provisions, the Company makes matching contributions equal to 100 percent of the first three percent of compensation deferred by a participant and 50 percent of the next two percent of compensation deferred by a participant. During the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, these matching contributions made by the Company were \$3,299, \$3,253 and \$3,017, respectively. Contributions and matching contributions to the Plan by the plan sponsor and/or participating affiliates are recognized as an expense of the Company in the period that they are made.

*Deferred Compensation Plans:*

The Company has established deferred compensation plans under which key executives of the Company may elect to defer receiving a portion of their cash compensation otherwise payable in one calendar year until a later year. The Company may, as determined by the Board of Directors in its sole discretion prior to the beginning of the plan year, credit a participant's account with a matching amount equal to a percentage of the participant's deferral. The Company contributed \$933, \$845 and \$843 to the plans during the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Contributions are recognized as compensation in the periods they are made.

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20. Income Taxes:

For income tax purposes, distributions paid to common stockholders consist of ordinary income, capital gains, unrecaptured Section 1250 gain and return of capital or a combination thereof. The following table details the components of the distributions, on a per share basis, for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013 are as follows:

	2015 (1)		2014		2013	
Ordinary income	\$ 1.20	24.8%	\$ 1.92	76.5%	\$ 1.02	43.3%
Capital gains	3.64	75.2%	0.16	6.4%	1.24	52.5%
Unrecaptured Section 1250 gain	—	—%	0.05	2.0%	0.10	4.2%
Return of capital	—	—%	0.38	15.1%	—	—%
Dividends paid	\$ 4.84	100.0%	\$ 2.51	100.0%	\$ 2.36	100.0%

(1) During the year ended December 31, 2015, the Company paid cash dividends of \$4.63 per common share. In addition, the Company declared a \$2.00 special cash dividend to shareholders of record as of November 12, 2015 which was paid on January 6, 2016 (See Note 12—Stockholders' Equity). Pursuant to relevant U.S. tax rules, \$0.21 per common share of this dividend is treated as having been paid by the Company on December 31, 2015, and received by each shareholder of record as of November 12, 2015 on December 31, 2015.

The Company has made Taxable REIT Subsidiary elections for all of its corporate subsidiaries other than its Qualified REIT Subsidiaries. The elections, effective for the year beginning January 1, 2001 and future years, were made pursuant to Section 856(l) of the Code.

The income tax benefit of the TRSs for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013 are as follows:

	2015	2014	2013
Current	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (142)
Deferred	3,223	4,269	1,834
Income tax benefit	\$ 3,223	\$ 4,269	\$ 1,692

Income tax benefit of the TRSs for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013 are reconciled to the amount computed by applying the Federal Corporate tax rate as follows:

	2015	2014	2013
Book loss for TRSs	\$ 10,681	\$ 10,785	\$ 11,709
Tax at statutory rate on earnings from continuing operations before income taxes	\$ 3,632	\$ 3,667	\$ 3,981
Other	(409)	602	(2,289)
Income tax benefit	\$ 3,223	\$ 4,269	\$ 1,692

The net operating loss carryforwards are currently scheduled to expire through 2035, beginning in 2024. Net deferred tax assets of \$38,847 and \$35,625 were included in deferred charges and other assets, net at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

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20. Income Taxes: (Continued)

The tax effects of temporary differences and carryforwards of the TRSs included in the net deferred tax assets at December 31, 2015 and 2014 are summarized as follows:

	2015	2014
Net operating loss carryforwards	\$ 25,340	\$ 24,698
Property, primarily differences in depreciation and amortization, the tax basis of land assets and treatment of certain other costs	10,600	8,201
Other	2,907	2,726
Net deferred tax assets	<u>\$ 38,847</u>	<u>\$ 35,625</u>

For the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013 there were no unrecognized tax benefits.

The tax years 2011 through 2015 remain open to examination by the taxing jurisdictions to which the Company is subject. The Company does not expect that the total amount of unrecognized tax benefit will materially change within the next 12 months.

21. Quarterly Financial Data (Unaudited):

The following is a summary of quarterly results of operations for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014:

	2015 Quarter Ended				2014 Quarter Ended			
	Dec 31	Sep 30	Jun 30	Mar 31	Dec 31	Sep 30	Jun 30	Mar 31
Revenues	\$ 320,758	\$ 326,262	\$ 322,794	\$ 318,335	\$ 322,909	\$ 263,491	\$ 254,336	\$ 264,511
Net income attributable to the Company(1)	\$ 414,959	\$ 33,597	\$ 14,395	\$ 24,611	\$ 1,429,221	\$ 35,914	\$ 16,088	\$ 17,819
Net income attributable to common stockholders per share-basic	\$ 2.65	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.15	\$ 9.52	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.13
Net income attributable to common stockholders per share-diluted	\$ 2.65	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.15	\$ 9.51	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.13

(1) Net income attributable to the Company for the quarter ended December 31, 2015 includes the gain on sale of assets of \$311,194 from the sale of the PPR Portfolio transaction (See Note 4—Investments in Unconsolidated Joint Ventures) and \$73,726 from the sale of Panorama Mall (See Note 14—Dispositions). Net income attributable to the Company for the quarter ended December 31, 2014 includes the gain on remeasurement of assets of \$1,423,136 from the acquisition of the PPR Queens Portfolio (See Note 13—Acquisitions).

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**22. Subsequent Events:**

On January 4, 2016, the Company announced that it had reached an agreement with Taubman Centers, Inc. to form a 50/50 joint venture, to acquire Country Club Plaza, a 1,300,000 square foot regional shopping center in Kansas City, Missouri for a total purchase price of \$660,000. The Company anticipates that it will fund its pro rata share of \$330,000 with borrowings under its line of credit. The Company expects the purchase of Country Club Plaza, which is subject to usual and customary closing conditions, will be completed in the first quarter of 2016.

On January 6, 2016, the Company replaced the existing loan on Arrowhead Towne Center with a new \$400,000 loan that bears interest at 4.05% and matures on February 1, 2028. Concurrent with the refinancing, the Company sold a 40% ownership interest in Arrowhead Towne Center for \$284,000. The sales price was funded by a cash payment of \$124,000 and the assumption of a pro rata share of the mortgage note payable on the property of \$160,000. The Company used the cash proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes, which included funding the Special Dividend (See Note 12—Stockholders' Equity).

On January 14, 2016, the Company placed a \$150,000 loan on Twenty Ninth Street that bears interest at an effective rate of 4.10% and matures on February 6, 2026. The Company used the cash proceeds from the sales to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On January 14, 2016, the Company formed a joint venture, whereby the Company sold a 49% ownership interest in Deptford Mall, a 1,040,000 square foot regional shopping center in Deptford, New Jersey; FlatIron Crossing, a 1,430,000 square foot regional shopping center in Broomfield, Colorado; and Twenty Ninth Street, an 850,000 square foot regional shopping center in Boulder, Colorado (the "MAC Heitman Portfolio"), for \$750,980. The sales price was funded by a cash payment of \$458,110 and the assumption of a pro rata share of the mortgage note payable on the properties of \$292,870. The Company used the cash proceeds from the sale to pay down its line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

On January 20, 2016, the Company completed its ASR program and took delivery of an additional 970,609 shares. Upon the Completion of the ASR, the Company had repurchased a total of 5,111,397 shares with an average price of \$78.26 (See Note 12—Stockholders' Equity).

On January 29, 2016, the Company announced a dividend/distribution of \$0.68 per share for common stockholders and OP Unit holders of record on February 19, 2016. All dividends/distributions will be paid 100% in cash on March 4, 2016.

On February 17, 2016, the Company entered into an ASR to repurchase \$400,000 of the Company's common stock. In accordance with the ASR, the Company made a prepayment of \$400,000 and received an initial share delivery of 4,222,193 shares. The Company expects to complete the ASR on or before April 22, 2016. The ASR was funded from borrowings under the Company's line of credit, which had been recently paid down from the proceeds from the recently completed financings and sale of ownership interests (See Note 4—Investments in Unconsolidated Joint Ventures).

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**Schedule III—Real Estate and Accumulated Depreciation**
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Shopping Centers/Entities	Initial Cost to Company			Cost Capitalized Subsequent to Acquisition	Gross Amount at Which Carried at Close of Period					Accumulated Depreciation	Total Cost Net of Accumulated Depreciation
	Land	Building and Improvements	Equipment and Furnishings		Land	Building and Improvements	Equipment and Furnishings	Construction in Progress	Total		
Arrowhead Towne Center	\$ 36,687	\$ 386,662	\$ —	\$ 21,261	\$ 35,556	\$ 390,182	\$ 2,502	\$ 16,370	\$ 444,610	\$ 32,730	\$ 411,880
Black Canyon	20,600	—	—	9,766	30,349	—	—	17	30,366	—	30,366
Capitola Mall	20,395	59,221	—	13,088	20,392	70,799	1,220	293	92,704	32,842	59,862
Cascade Mall	19,253	9,671	—	(459)	18,699	9,664	102	—	28,465	769	27,696
Chandler Fashion Center	24,188	223,143	—	15,959	24,188	233,857	5,245	—	263,290	90,346	172,944
Danbury Fair Mall	130,367	316,951	—	99,864	142,751	398,254	6,104	73	547,182	117,300	429,882
Deptford Mall	48,370	194,250	—	51,415	61,029	230,414	2,584	8	294,035	60,013	234,022
Desert Sky Mall	9,447	37,245	12	3,225	9,082	39,794	1,053	—	49,929	6,903	43,026
Eastland Mall	22,050	151,605	—	6,736	22,066	157,079	874	372	180,391	18,575	161,816
Estrella Falls	10,550	—	—	65,457	9,405	—	—	66,602	76,007	—	76,007
Fashion Outlets of Chicago	—	—	—	253,469	40,575	209,834	2,308	752	253,469	24,121	229,348
Fashion Outlets of Niagara Falls USA	18,581	210,139	—	106,381	22,963	308,795	2,059	1,284	335,101	37,666	297,435
Flagstaff Mall	5,480	31,773	—	13,249	4,882	44,982	638	—	50,502	18,283	32,219
The Marketplace at Flagstaff	—	—	—	52,832	—	52,830	2	—	52,832	18,633	34,199
FlatIron Crossing	109,851	333,540	—	20,011	109,851	352,112	1,247	192	463,402	37,775	425,627
Freehold Raceway Mall	164,986	362,841	—	99,499	168,098	454,810	4,418	—	627,326	148,648	478,678
Fresno Fashion Fair	17,966	72,194	—	48,523	17,966	118,833	1,723	161	138,683	55,365	83,318
Green Acres Mall	156,640	321,034	—	93,099	156,640	355,992	5,953	52,188	570,773	38,272	532,501
Inland Center	8,321	83,550	—	2,838	8,280	84,416	16	1,997	94,709	3,520	91,189
Kings Plaza Shopping Center	209,041	485,548	20,000	58,633	206,969	532,089	23,415	10,749	773,222	53,286	719,936
La Cumbre Plaza	18,122	21,492	—	24,614	17,280	46,364	359	225	64,228	21,629	42,599
Macerich Management Co.	—	8,685	26,562	36,743	1,577	8,035	58,294	4,084	71,990	46,489	25,501
MACWH, LP	—	25,771	—	16,987	11,557	27,455	—	3,746	42,758	7,700	35,058
Northgate Mall	8,400	34,865	841	103,504	13,414	130,984	3,127	85	147,610	66,699	80,911
NorthPark Mall	7,746	74,661	—	8,912	7,885	82,961	458	15	91,319	10,983	80,336
Oaks, The	32,300	117,156	—	247,064	55,527	334,677	2,654	3,662	396,520	113,632	282,888
Pacific View	8,697	8,696	—	129,050	7,854	136,075	2,476	38	146,443	59,044	87,399
Paradise Valley Mall	24,565	125,996	—	42,604	35,921	154,278	2,317	649	193,165	63,169	129,996
Paradise Village Ground Leases	8,880	2,489	—	(6,876)	3,870	623	—	—	4,493	317	4,176
Paradise Village Office Park II	1,150	1,790	—	3,453	2,300	3,584	509	—	6,393	2,293	4,100
Promenade at Casa Grande	15,089	—	—	84,112	8,586	90,541	74	—	99,201	35,048	64,153

See accompanying report of independent registered public accounting firm.

**THE MACERICH COMPANY**

**Schedule III—Real Estate and Accumulated Depreciation (Continued)**

**December 31, 2015**

**(Dollars in thousands)**

Shopping Centers/Entities	Initial Cost to Company			Cost Capitalized Subsequent to Acquisition	Gross Amount at Which Carried at Close of Period				Accumulated Depreciation	Total Cost Net of Accumulated Depreciation	
	Land	Building and Improvements	Equipment and Furnishings		Land	Building and Improvements	Equipment and Furnishings	Construction in Progress			Total
Queens Center	\$ 251,474	\$ 1,039,922	\$ —	\$ 6,106	\$ 256,786	\$ 1,038,998	\$ 1,434	\$ 284	\$ 1,297,502	\$ 31,204	\$ 1,266,298
Santa Monica Place	26,400	105,600	—	323,012	48,374	396,190	8,058	2,390	455,012	80,324	374,688
SanTan Adjacent Land	29,414	—	—	6,893	30,506	—	—	5,801	36,307	—	36,307
SanTan Village Regional Center	7,827	—	—	195,686	6,344	195,833	1,336	—	203,513	76,088	127,425
SouthPark Mall	7,035	38,215	—	23,120	7,479	60,516	361	14	68,370	6,288	62,082
Southridge Center	6,764	—	—	19,451	6,514	19,585	98	18	26,215	2,662	23,553
Stonewood Center	4,948	302,527	—	1,595	4,935	303,697	45	393	309,070	10,530	298,540
Superstition Springs Center	10,928	112,718	—	5,333	10,928	117,891	160	—	128,979	7,522	121,457
Superstition Springs Power Center	1,618	4,420	—	203	1,618	4,540	83	—	6,241	1,595	4,646
Tangerine (Marana), The Shops at	36,158	—	—	(9,232)	16,922	—	—	10,004	26,926	—	26,926
The Macerich Partnership, L.P.	—	2,534	—	8,449	—	—	10,823	160	10,983	1,694	9,289
Towne Mall	6,652	31,184	—	4,062	6,877	34,530	491	—	41,898	12,761	29,137
Tucson La Encantada	12,800	19,699	—	55,276	12,800	74,435	530	10	87,775	37,790	49,985
Twenty Ninth Street	—	37,843	64	213,175	23,599	225,584	1,603	296	251,082	94,861	156,221
Valley Mall	16,045	26,098	—	9,719	15,616	35,869	326	51	51,862	4,566	47,296
Valley River Center	24,854	147,715	—	21,074	24,854	166,894	1,895	—	193,643	49,543	144,100
Victor Valley, Mall of	15,700	75,230	—	51,313	20,080	120,135	2,028	—	142,243	39,177	103,066
Vintage Faire Mall	14,902	60,532	—	56,441	17,647	112,898	1,316	14	131,875	61,773	70,102
Westside Pavilion	34,100	136,819	—	71,277	34,100	201,207	5,787	1,102	242,196	94,956	147,240
Wilton Mall	19,743	67,855	—	24,154	19,810	90,735	1,126	81	111,752	27,603	84,149
500 North Michigan Avenue	12,851	55,358	—	7,600	10,994	50,907	168	13,740	75,809	7,315	68,494
Mervyn's (former locations)	10,094	68,660	—	7,031	10,094	75,249	442	—	85,785	20,832	64,953
Other land and development properties	49,913	—	—	23,587	32,328	4,241	—	36,931	73,500	1,610	71,890
	<u>\$ 1,757,942</u>	<u>\$ 6,033,897</u>	<u>\$ 47,479</u>	<u>\$ 2,850,338</u>	<u>\$ 1,894,717</u>	<u>\$ 8,390,247</u>	<u>\$ 169,841</u>	<u>\$ 234,851</u>	<u>\$ 10,689,656</u>	<u>\$ 1,892,744</u>	<u>\$ 8,796,912</u>

See accompanying report of independent registered public accounting firm.

**THE MACERICH COMPANY****Schedule III—Real Estate and Accumulated Depreciation (Continued)****December 31, 2015****(Dollars in thousands)**

Depreciation of the Company's investment in buildings and improvements reflected in the consolidated statements of operations are calculated over the estimated useful lives of the asset as follows:

Buildings and improvements	5 - 40 years
Tenant improvements	5 - 7 years
Equipment and furnishings	5 - 7 years

The changes in total real estate assets for the three years ended December 31, 2015 are as follows:

	2015	2014	2013
Balances, beginning of year	\$ 12,777,882	\$ 9,181,338	\$ 9,012,706
Additions	392,575	4,042,409	943,159
Dispositions and retirements	(2,480,801)	(445,865)	(774,527)
Balances, end of year	<u>\$ 10,689,656</u>	<u>\$ 12,777,882</u>	<u>\$ 9,181,338</u>

The aggregate gross cost of the property included in the table above for federal income tax purposes was \$7,440,059 (unaudited) at December 31, 2015.

The changes in accumulated depreciation for the three years ended December 31, 2015 are as follows:

	2015	2014	2013
Balances, beginning of year	\$ 1,709,992	\$ 1,559,572	\$ 1,533,160
Additions	354,977	289,178	284,500
Dispositions and retirements	(172,225)	(138,758)	(258,088)
Balances, end of year	<u>\$ 1,892,744</u>	<u>\$ 1,709,992</u>	<u>\$ 1,559,572</u>

See accompanying report of independent registered public accounting firm.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, on February 23, 2016.

**THE MACERICH COMPANY**

By

/s/ ARTHUR M. COPPOLA

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Arthur M. Coppola  
*Chairman and Chief Executive Officer*

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>/s/ ARTHUR M. COPPOLA</u> Arthur M. Coppola	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	February 23, 2016
<u>/s/ EDWARD C. COPPOLA</u> Edward C. Coppola	President and Director	February 23, 2016
<u>/s/ JOHN H. ALSCHULER</u> John H. Alschuler	Director	February 23, 2016
<u>/s/ STEVEN R. HASH</u> Steven R. Hash	Director	February 23, 2016
<u>/s/ FREDERICK S. HUBBELL</u> Frederick S. Hubbell	Director	February 23, 2016
<u>/s/ DIANA M. LAING</u> Diana M. Laing	Director	February 23, 2016
<u>/s/ MASON G. ROSS</u> Mason G. Ross	Director	February 23, 2016
<u>/s/ STEVEN L. SOBOROFF</u> Steven L. Soboroff	Director	February 23, 2016
<u>/s/ ANDREA M. STEPHEN</u> Andrea M. Stephen	Director	February 23, 2016
<u>/s/ JOHN M. SULLIVAN</u> John M. Sullivan	Director	February 23, 2016
<u>/s/ THOMAS E. O'HERN</u> Thomas E. O'Hern	Senior Executive Vice President, Treasurer and Chief Financial and Accounting Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	February 23, 2016

## EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Description
2.1	Master Agreement, dated November 14, 2014, by and among Pacific Premier Retail LLC, MACPT LLC, Macerich PPR GP LLC, Queens JV LP, Macerich Queens JV LP, Queens JV GP LLC, 1700480 Ontario Inc. and the Company (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, event date November 14, 2014).
3.1	Articles of Amendment and Restatement of the Company (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-11, as amended (No. 33-68964)).
3.1.1	Articles Supplementary of the Company (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, event date May 30, 1995).
3.1.2	Articles Supplementary of the Company (with respect to the first paragraph) (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's 1998 Form 10-K).
3.1.3	Articles Supplementary of the Company (Series D Preferred Stock) (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, event date July 26, 2002).
3.1.4	Articles Supplementary of the Company (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3, as amended (No. 333-88718)).
3.1.5	Articles of Amendment of the Company (declassification of Board) (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's 2008 Form 10-K).
3.1.6	Articles Supplementary of the Company (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, event date February 5, 2009).
3.1.7	Articles of Amendment of the Company (increased authorized shares) (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2009).
3.1.8	Articles of Amendment of the Company (to eliminate the supermajority vote requirement to amend the charter and to clarify a reference in Article NINTH) (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, event date May 30, 2014).
3.1.9	Articles Supplementary (election to be subject to Section 3-803 of the Maryland General Corporation Law) (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, event date March 17, 2015).
3.1.10	Articles Supplementary (designation of Series E Preferred Stock) (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, event date March 18, 2015).
3.1.11	Articles Supplementary (reclassification of Series E Preferred Stock to preferred stock) (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, event date May 7, 2015).
3.1.12	Articles Supplementary (repeal of election to be subject to Section 3-803 of the Maryland General Corporation Law) (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, event date May 28, 2015).
3.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, event date January 29, 2014).

Exhibit Number	Description
4.1	Form of Common Stock Certificate (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, as amended, event date November 10, 1998).
4.2	Form of Preferred Stock Certificate (Series D Preferred Stock) (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-107063)).
10.1	Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement for the Operating Partnership dated as of March 16, 1994 (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's 1996 Form 10-K).
10.1.1	Amendment to Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement for the Operating Partnership dated June 27, 1997 (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, event date June 20, 1997).
10.1.2	Amendment to Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement for the Operating Partnership dated November 16, 1997 (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's 1997 Form 10-K).
10.1.3	Fourth Amendment to Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement for the Operating Partnership dated February 25, 1998 (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's 1997 Form 10-K).
10.1.4	Fifth Amendment to Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement for the Operating Partnership dated February 26, 1998 (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's 1997 Form 10-K).
10.1.5	Sixth Amendment to Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement for the Operating Partnership dated June 17, 1998 (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's 1998 Form 10-K).
10.1.6	Seventh Amendment to Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement for the Operating Partnership dated December 23, 1998 (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's 1998 Form 10-K).
10.1.7	Eighth Amendment to Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement for the Operating Partnership dated November 9, 2000 (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's 2000 Form 10-K).
10.1.8	Ninth Amendment to Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement for the Operating Partnership dated July 26, 2002 (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K event date July 26, 2002).
10.1.9	Tenth Amendment to Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement for the Operating Partnership dated October 26, 2006 (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's 2006 Form 10-K).
10.1.10	Eleventh Amendment to Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement for the Operating Partnership dated as of March 16, 2007 (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, event date March 16, 2007).
10.1.11	Twelfth Amendment to the Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement of the Operating Partnership dated as of April 30, 2009 (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2009).
10.1.12	Thirteenth Amendment to the Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement of the Operating Partnership dated as of October 29, 2009 (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's 2009 Form 10-K).
10.1.13	Form of Fourteenth Amendment to Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement for the Operating Partnership (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, event date April 25, 2005).

Exhibit Number	Description
10.2	[Intentionally omitted]
10.3	[Intentionally omitted]
10.4	[Intentionally omitted]
10.5	* Amended and Restated Deferred Compensation Plan for Executives (2003) (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's 2003 Form 10-K).
10.5.1	* Amendment Number 1 to Amended and Restated Deferred Compensation Plan for Executives (October 30, 2008) (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's 2008 Form 10-K).
10.5.2	* Amendment Number 2 to Amended and Restated Deferred Compensation Plan for Executives (May 1, 2011) (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2011).
10.5.3	* Amendment Number 3 to Amended and Restated Deferred Compensation Plan for Executives (September 27, 2012) (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2012).
10.6	* Amended and Restated Deferred Compensation Plan for Senior Executives (2003) (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's 2003 Form 10-K).
10.6.1	* Amendment Number 1 to Amended and Restated Deferred Compensation Plan for Senior Executives (October 30, 2008) (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's 2008 Form 10-K).
10.6.2	* Amendment Number 2 to Amended and Restated Deferred Compensation Plan for Senior Executives (May 1, 2011) (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2011).
10.6.3	* Amendment Number 3 to Amended and Restated Deferred Compensation Plan for Senior Executives (September 27, 2012) (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2012).
10.7	* Eligible Directors' Deferred Compensation/Phantom Stock Plan (as amended and restated as of January 1, 2013) (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2013).
10.8	* Amended and Restated 2013 Deferred Compensation Plan for Executives effective (January 1, 2016).
10.9	Deferred Compensation Plan Rabbi Trust between the Company and Wilmington Trust, National Association, effective as of October 1, 2012 (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2012).
10.10	Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of March 16, 1994, among the Company and Mace Siegel, Dana K. Anderson, Arthur M. Coppola and Edward C. Coppola (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's 1996 Form 10-K).
10.11	Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of March 16, 1994, between the Company and The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's 1996 Form 10-K).

Exhibit Number	Description
10.12	Registration Rights Agreement dated as of December 18, 2003 by the Operating Partnership, the Company and Taubman Realty Group Limited Partnership (Registration rights assigned by Taubman to three assignees) (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's 2003 Form 10-K).
10.13	Incidental Registration Rights Agreement dated March 16, 1994 (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's 1996 Form 10-K).
10.14	Incidental Registration Rights Agreement dated as of July 21, 1994 (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's 1997 Form 10-K).
10.15	Incidental Registration Rights Agreement dated as of August 15, 1995 (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's 1997 Form 10-K).
10.16	Incidental Registration Rights Agreement dated as of December 21, 1995 (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's 1997 Form 10-K).
10.17	List of Omitted Incidental/Demand Registration Rights Agreements (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's 1997 Form 10-K).
10.18	Redemption, Registration Rights and Lock-Up Agreement dated as of July 24, 1998 between the Company and Harry S. Newman, Jr. and LeRoy H. Brettin (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's 1998 Form 10-K).
10.19	Form of Indemnification Agreement between the Company and its executive officers and directors (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's 2008 Form 10-K).
10.20	Form of Registration Rights Agreement with Series D Preferred Unit Holders (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, event date July 26, 2002).
10.20.1	List of Omitted Registration Rights Agreements (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, event date July 26, 2002).
10.21	Registration Rights Agreement between the Company and 1700480 Ontario Inc. dated as of November 14, 2014 (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, event date November 14, 2014).
10.22	\$1,500,000,000 Revolving Loan Facility and \$125,000,000 Term Loan Facility Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of August 6, 2013, by and among the Company, The Macerich Partnership, L.P., Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as administrative agent; Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC as joint lead arrangers and joint bookrunning managers; JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as co-syndication agents, and various lenders party thereto (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, event date August 6, 2013).
10.23	Amended and Restated Unconditional Guaranty, dated as of August 6, 2013, by the Company in favor of Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as administrative agent (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, event date August 6, 2013).
10.24	Tax Matters Agreement (Wilморite) (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, event date April 25, 2005).
10.25	[Intentionally omitted]

Exhibit Number	Description
10.26	[Intentionally omitted]
10.27	* 2003 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended and restated as of May 30, 2014 (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, event date May 30, 2014).
10.27.1	* Amended and Restated Cash Bonus/Restricted Stock/Stock Unit and LTIP Unit Award Program under the 2003 Equity Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's 2010 Form 10-K).
10.27.2	* Form of Restricted Stock Award Agreement under 2003 Equity Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's 2008 Form 10-K).
10.27.3	* Form of Stock Unit Award Agreement under 2003 Equity Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's 2014 Form 10-K).
10.27.4	* Form of Employee Stock Option Agreement under 2003 Equity Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's 2008 Form 10-K).
10.27.5	* Form of Non-Qualified Stock Option Grant under 2003 Equity Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's 2008 Form 10-K).
10.27.6	* Form of Restricted Stock Award Agreement for Non-Management Directors (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's 2008 Form 10-K).
10.27.7	* Form of Stock Unit Award Agreement under 2003 Equity Incentive Plan for Non-Employee Directors.
10.27.8	* Form of Stock Appreciation Right under 2003 Equity Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's 2008 Form 10-K).
10.27.9	* Form of LTIP Unit Award Agreement under 2003 Equity Incentive Plan (service-based) (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2014).
10.27.10	* Form of LTIP Unit Award Agreement under 2003 Equity Incentive Plan (performance-based) (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2014).
10.27.11	* Form of LTIP Unit Award Agreement under 2003 Equity Incentive Plan (fully-vested) (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2014).
10.27.12	* Form of LTIP Unit Award Agreement under 2003 Equity Incentive Plan (performance-based/outperformance) (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's 2014 Form 10-K).
10.28	* Amendment and Restatement of the Employee Stock Purchase Plan (as amended and restated as of June 1, 2013) (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2013).
10.28.1	* First Amendment to Amended and Restated Employee Stock Purchase Plan (October 23, 2014) (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2014).
10.29	* Management Continuity Agreement between the Company and Thomas J. Leanse, effective January 1, 2013 (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2012).

Exhibit Number	Description
10.30	2005 Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of MACWH, LP dated as of April 25, 2005 (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, event date April 25, 2005).
10.31	Registration Rights Agreement dated as of April 25, 2005 among the Company and the persons names on Exhibit A thereto (incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, event date April 25, 2005).
21.1	List of Subsidiaries
23.1	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm (KPMG LLP)
31.1	Section 302 Certification of Arthur Coppola, Chief Executive Officer
31.2	Section 302 Certification of Thomas O'Hern, Chief Financial Officer
32.1	Section 906 Certifications of Arthur Coppola and Thomas O'Hern
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document

\* Represents a management contract, or compensatory plan, contract or arrangement required to be filed pursuant to Regulation S-K.

**THE MACERICH COMPANY  
2013 DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN  
FOR EXECUTIVES**

**As Amended and Restated Effective January 1, 2016**

**The Macerich Company**, a Maryland corporation, previously adopted The Macerich Company 2005 Deferred Compensation Plan For Executives, as amended (the “**2005 Executive Plan**”) and The Macerich Company 2005 Deferred Compensation Plan For Senior Executives, as amended (the “**2005 Senior Executive Plan**,” and together with the 2005 Executive Plan, the “**2005 Plans**”), to provide supplemental retirement income benefits for Company executives and senior executives through deferrals of salary and bonuses. The Macerich Company subsequently amended and restated the 2005 Plans as The Macerich Company 2013 Deferred Compensation Plan (the “**Plan**”), generally effective January 1, 2013 (the “**Effective Date**”), except as otherwise set forth herein. The Plan is hereby amended and restated effective January 1, 2016, except as otherwise set forth herein. The Plan is intended, and shall be interpreted, to comply in all respects with Code Section 409A and those provisions of ERISA applicable to an unfunded plan maintained primarily to provide deferred compensation benefits for a select group of “management or highly compensated employees.”

**ARTICLE I  
TITLE AND DEFINITIONS**

1.1 “**Account**” or “**Accounts**” shall mean the bookkeeping account or accounts established under this Plan pursuant to Article IV.

1.2 “**Alternate Payee**” shall mean a spouse, former spouse, child or other dependent of a Participant, who has the right to receive all or a portion of the Participant’s Accounts under this Plan pursuant to a Domestic Relations Order.

1.3 “**Base Salary**” shall mean a Participant’s base salary, excluding incentive and discretionary bonuses, commissions, reimbursements, severance and other non-regular remuneration, received from the Company before reduction for any contributions to or deferrals under this Plan or any other pension, deferred compensation or benefit plan sponsored by the Company, including but not limited to, plans described in Code Section 125 and Code Section 401(k).

1.4 “**Beneficiary**” or “**Beneficiaries**” shall mean the person, persons or entity designated as such pursuant to Section 7.1.

1.5 “**Board**” shall mean the Board of Directors of The Macerich Company.

1.6 “**Bonus**” shall mean any amount paid to the Participant by the Company in the form of discretionary or incentive compensation before reduction for any contributions to or deferrals under this Plan or any other pension, deferred compensation or benefit plan sponsored by the Company, including but not limited to, plans described in Code Section 125 and Code Section 401

(k), and before reduction for any cash bonus amount elected to be received in the form of an equity award and without regard to any premium for electing any such equity award.

1.7 “**Change in Control**” shall mean the first occurrence of any of the following events on or after the Effective Date:

(a) the acquisition by any individual, entity or group (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) or 14(d)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”)) (such individual, entity, or group, a “Person”) of beneficial ownership (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act) of stock possessing 33% or more of the combined voting power of the then-outstanding voting securities of The Macerich Company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (the “Outstanding Company Voting Securities”); provided, however, that, for purposes of this definition, the following acquisitions shall not constitute a Change in Control; (A) any acquisition directly from the Company, (B) any acquisition by the Company, (C) any acquisition by any employee benefit plan (or related trust) sponsored or maintained by the Company or any affiliate of the Company or successor or (D) any acquisition by a Person having beneficial ownership of more than 50% of the Outstanding Company Voting Securities prior to the acquisition;

(b) individuals who, as of any date (the “Initial Date”) on or after the Effective Date, constitute the Board (the “Incumbent Board”) cease for any reason, at any time within twelve (12) months following the Initial Date, to constitute at least a majority of the Board; provided, however, that any individual becoming a director subsequent to the Initial Date whose election, or nomination for election by the stockholders of The Macerich Company, was approved by a vote of at least a majority of the directors then comprising the Incumbent Board (including for these purposes, the new members whose election or nomination was so approved, without counting the member and his predecessor twice) shall be considered as though such individual were a member of the Incumbent Board;

(c) consummation of a reorganization, merger, statutory share exchange or consolidation or similar corporate transaction involving The Macerich Company or any of its subsidiaries, or the acquisition of assets or stock of another entity by The Macerich Company or any of its subsidiaries (each, a “Business Combination”), in each case if, following such Business Combination, any Person (excluding any entity resulting from such Business Combination or a parent of any such entity or any employee benefit plan (or related trust) of the Company or such entity resulting from such Business Combination or parent of any such entity) beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, more than 50% of, respectively, the then-outstanding shares of stock of the entity resulting from such Business Combination or the combined voting power of the then-outstanding voting securities of such entity, except to the extent that the ownership in excess of 50% existed prior to the Business Combination; or

(d) consummation of a sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of The Macerich Company (an “Asset Transfer”), other than a transfer to (A) one or more of the beneficial owners (immediately before the Asset Transfer) of the then-outstanding shares of stock of The Macerich Company (“Outstanding Company Stock”) in exchange for or with respect to such Outstanding Company Stock of such beneficial owners, or (B) an entity, 50% or more of the total value or voting power of which is owned, directly or indirectly, by The Macerich Company, or (C) a Person that owns, directly or indirectly, 50% or more of the total value or voting power of

the Outstanding Company Stock, or (D) an entity, 50% or more of the total value or voting power of which is owned, directly or indirectly, by a Person described in the preceding clause (C).

Each event comprising a Change in Control is intended to constitute and shall be limited to a “change in ownership,” a “change in effective control” or a “change in the ownership of a substantial portion of the assets” of The Macerich Company as such terms are defined for purposes of Section 409A of the Code and such definition of “Change in Control” as used herein shall be interpreted consistently therewith.

1.8 “**Code**” shall mean the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, as interpreted by Treasury regulations and other applicable authorities promulgated thereunder.

1.9 “**Committee**” shall mean the person or persons appointed by the Board to administer the Plan in accordance with Article VIII.

1.10 “**Company**” shall mean The Macerich Company, its subsidiaries and successors and, where the context warrants, The Macerich Partnership, L.P.; Macerich Management Company; Macerich Partners of Colorado LLC; Queens Mall Limited Partnership; Queens Mall Expansion Limited Partnership; WMAP, L.L.C.; Great Northern SPE, LLC; Rotterdam Square, LLC; and Wilton Mall, LLC.

1.11 “**Company Contribution Accounts**” shall mean the Accounts maintained for each Participant pursuant to Section 4.2, which are credited with Company Matching Contributions and Company Discretionary Contributions, if any, pursuant to Section 4.2(a) and adjusted for earnings and losses and distributions pursuant to Section 4.2(b).

1.12 “**Company Discretionary Contributions**” shall mean the discretionary contributions, if any, determined by the Company, in its compete and sole discretion, pursuant to Section 3.2.

1.13 “**Company Matching Contributions**” shall mean the matching contributions, if any, determined by the Company, in its compete and sole discretion, pursuant to Section 3.2.

1.14 “**Compensation**” shall mean Base Salary and Bonus for services rendered by the Participant in a particular Plan Year.

1.15 “**Deferral Accounts**” shall mean the Accounts maintained for a Participant pursuant to Section 4.1, which, as elected by the Participant pursuant to Section 3.1, are credited with the Participant’s deferrals pursuant to Section 4.1(a) and adjusted for earnings and losses and distributions pursuant to Section 4.1(b).

1.16 “**Distributable Amount**” shall mean the balance in the applicable Account as determined under Article IV.

1.17 “**Domestic Relations Order**” shall mean a “domestic relations order” as such term is defined in Section 414(p)(1) (B) of the Code.

1.18 “**Earnings Rate**” shall mean, for each Fund, an amount equal to the net rate of gain or loss on the assets of such Fund, as determined for each business day.

1.19 “**Eligible Executive**” shall mean a highly compensated or management level employee of the Company meeting such criteria as the Committee may establish for a Plan Year and selected by the Committee to be eligible to participate in the Plan for such Plan Year.

1.20 “**ERISA**” shall mean the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, including Department of Labor and Treasury regulations and other applicable authorities promulgated thereunder.

1.21 “**Financial Hardship**” shall mean a severe financial hardship to the Participant resulting from an illness or accident of the Participant, the Participant’s spouse, the Participant’s Beneficiary or a dependent (as defined in Code Section 152(a)) of the Participant, loss of the Participant’s property due to casualty, or other similar extraordinary and unforeseeable circumstances arising as a result of events beyond the control of the Participant, (but shall in all events correspond to the meaning of the term “unforeseeable emergency” under Code Section 409A(a)(2)(A)(vi)).

1.22 “**Fund**” or “**Funds**” shall mean one or more of the investments selected by the Committee pursuant to Section 3.3 of the Plan.

1.23 “**Fund Subaccount**” shall mean a separate subaccount established pursuant to Section 4.1 and 4.2 of the Plan which corresponds to a Fund elected by the Participant for investment of a portion of an Account.

1.24 “**Hardship Distribution**” shall mean an accelerated distribution of benefits pursuant to Section 6.4 to a Participant who has suffered a Financial Hardship.

1.25 “**Participant**” shall mean any Eligible Executive who elects to defer Compensation under this Plan in accordance with Article II.

1.26 “**Participant Elections**” shall mean the forms or procedures by which a Participant makes elections with respect to (1) voluntary deferrals of his/her Compensation, (2) the investment Funds which shall act as the basis for crediting of earnings on Account balances, and (3) the form and timing of distributions from Accounts. Participant Elections may take the form of an electronic communication followed by appropriate confirmation according to specifications established by the Committee.

1.27 “**Payment Date**” shall mean the date on which a total distribution of the Distributable Amount shall be made or the date on which installment payments of the Distributable Amount shall commence. A Participant’s Payment Date shall be determined as set forth in Article VI but shall in all events constitute a qualifying payment date, event or schedule under Code Section 409A and no amounts shall be paid under the Plan prior to the earliest qualifying payment date or outside of the discretionary payment period provided for under Code Section 409A.

1.28 “**Plan Year**” shall mean the calendar year.

1.29 “**Pre-2013 Account**” shall mean a “**Pre-2013 Deferral Account**” or “**Pre-2013 Matching Account**” as such terms are defined in Section 4.1 and 4.2.

1.30 “**Scheduled Distribution**” shall mean distribution on or commencing on a Payment Date elected by the Participant for distribution of amounts from a specified Account, as provided under Section 6.2(b).

1.31 “**Separation from Service**” shall mean the date of the Participant’s “separation from service” with the Company as defined under Code Section 409A for any reason whatsoever, whether voluntary or involuntary, including as a result of the Participant’s Retirement, death or disability.

1.32 “**Specified Employee**” shall mean any Participant who is a “specified employee” as defined in Treasury Regulations Section 1.409A-1(i) and subject to the application of Treasury Regulations Section 1.409A-3(i)(2).

## **ARTICLE II** **PARTICIPATION**

An Eligible Executive shall become a Participant in the Plan by completing and submitting to the Committee the appropriate Participant Elections, including such other documentation and information as the Committee may reasonably request, during the enrollment period established by the Committee and ending prior to the beginning of a Plan Year in which the Eligible Executive shall be eligible to participate in the Plan. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an individual who becomes an Eligible Executive during a Plan Year may elect to participate in the Plan during such Plan Year by completing and submitting to the Committee the appropriate Participant Elections during an enrollment period established by the Committee ending no later than the 30th day following the date on which such individual first becomes an Eligible Executive (assuming such Participant is not a participant in any other plan which is aggregated with this Plan for purposes of Code Section 409A). A mid-year election filed in accordance with the preceding sentence shall be effective solely with respect to Base Salary earned on or after the first day of the first complete pay period commencing after the filing of the election and the portion of any Bonus earned after the filing of such election, prorated based on days in such Plan Year after the filing of such election and the Eligible Executive’s total days of employment with the Company during such Plan Year.

## **ARTICLE III** **ELECTIONS**

### 3.1 Elections to Defer Compensation.

(a) Form of Deferral Elections. A Participant may only elect to defer Compensation attributable to services provided after the time an election to defer is made. Elections to defer shall take the form of a whole percentage of Base Salary and/or a whole percentage of Bonuses, or a whole percentage of Bonuses in excess of a fixed dollar amount, for a Plan Year, with the percentage in each case not to exceed

- (1) 85% of Base Salary, and
- (2) 85% of Bonuses (or Bonuses in excess of a fixed dollar amount).

(b) Duration of Compensation Deferral Election. An Eligible Executive's initial election to defer Compensation shall be made during the applicable enrollment period specified in Article II. A Participant may increase, decrease, terminate or recommence a deferral election with respect to Compensation for any subsequent Plan Year by filing a Participant Election during the enrollment period established by the Committee prior to the beginning of such subsequent Plan Year, which election shall be effective on the first day of such subsequent Plan Year. In the absence of an affirmative election by the Participant to the contrary, the deferral election for a Plan Year shall continue in effect for each subsequent Plan Year. After the beginning of the Plan Year, deferral elections with respect to Compensation for services performed during such Plan Year shall be irrevocable, except that a Participant may cancel such a deferral election (in a manner that shall comply with the requirements of Code Section 409A and applicable authorities) in the event of Financial Hardship.

(c) 401(k) Hardship Withdrawal Cancellation of Election. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that an Eligible Employee who has elected to defer Compensation for a Plan Year pursuant to this Section 3.1 receives a hardship withdrawal during such Plan Year from a qualified cash or deferred arrangement described in Section 401(k) of the Code (a "401(k) Plan") maintained by the Company, the Eligible Employee's election to defer Compensation hereunder shall be cancelled immediately upon such Eligible Employee's receipt of such hardship withdrawal. No Eligible Employee may elect to defer Compensation pursuant to this Section 3.1, and no such election shall take effect, if the election would result in the deferral of Compensation within six (6) months after the Eligible Employee has received a hardship withdrawal from a 401(k) Plan maintained by the Company.

3.2 Company Contributions. The Company, in its complete and sole discretion, may provide Company Matching Contributions under the Plan on behalf of the Participants for any Plan Year based on a percentage of the amount of Compensation deferred by Participants under the Plan for such Plan Year. The Company shall determine and advise Participants of the applicable matching percentage for a Plan Year no later than the December 31 immediately preceding such Plan Year. The Company shall also have the discretion to make Company Discretionary Contributions to the Plan at any time on behalf of any Participant. Company Discretionary Contributions shall be made in the complete and sole discretion of the Company and no Participant shall have the right to receive any Company Discretionary Contributions in any particular Plan Year, regardless of whether Company Discretionary Contributions are made on behalf of other Participants.

### 3.3 Investment Elections.

(a) Participant Designation. At the time of entering the Plan and/or of making the deferral election under the Plan, the Participant shall designate, on a Participant Election provided by the Committee, the Funds in which the Participant's Account or Accounts shall be deemed to be invested for purposes of determining the amount of earnings and losses to be credited to each Account. The Participant may specify that all or any percentage of his or her Account or Accounts shall be deemed to be invested, in whole percentage increments, in one or more of the Funds selected as alternative investments under the Plan from time to time by the Committee pursuant to subsection (b) of this Section 3.3. A Participant may change the designation made under this Section by filing

a revised election in accordance with procedures established by the Committee, on a Participant Election provided by the Committee.

(b) Investment Funds. From time to time, the Committee may select, in its sole and absolute discretion, each of the types of commercially available investments to be the Funds to be communicated to the Participants pursuant to subsection (a) of this Section 3.3. The Earnings Rate of each such commercially available investment shall be used to determine the amount of earnings or losses to be credited or charged to Participants' Accounts under Article IV. A Participant's choice among investments shall be solely for purposes of calculation of the amount of earnings or losses to be credited or charged to the Participant's Accounts. The Company shall have no obligation to set aside or invest amounts as elected by the Participant. Participants shall have no more right to or interest in any investments that may be made by the Company in the Funds or otherwise than any other unsecured general creditor of the Company.

#### 3.4 Distribution Elections.

(a) Initial Election. At the time of making a deferral election under the Plan, the Participant shall designate the Deferral Account to which such deferrals are to be credited, and, if the Participant has not previously done so, the Participant shall at such time designate the time and form of distribution of all amounts credited to such Deferral Account and any corresponding Company Contribution Account (in each case, including all subaccounts thereof and as adjusted for any earnings and losses thereon) from among the alternatives specified in Sections 6.1 and 6.2.

(b) New Election for Subsequent Deferrals. A new Deferral Account may be designated at the time of subsequent deferral elections with respect to deferrals in Plan Years beginning after the election is made, and, if the Participant has not previously done so, the Participant shall at such time designate the time and form of distribution of amounts credited to such new Deferral Account from among the alternatives specified in Sections 6.1 and 6.2.

(c) Election Change. A distribution election with respect to a previously established Deferral Account may be changed only under the terms and conditions specified in Code Section 409A. Except as expressly provided in Article VI, no acceleration of a distribution is permitted. A subsequent election that delays payment or changes the form of payment of a Deferral Account shall be permitted if and only if all of the following requirements are met:

(1) the new election does not take effect until at least twelve (12) months after the date on which the new election is made;

(2) in the case of payments made on account of Separation from Service, Change in Control or a Scheduled Distribution, the new election delays payment for at least five (5) years from the date that payment would otherwise have been made, absent the new election; and

(3) in the case of payments made according to a Scheduled Distribution, the new election is made not less than twelve (12) months before the date on which payment would have been made (or, in the case of installment payments, the first installment payment would have been made) absent the new election.

For purposes of application of the above change limitations, installment payments shall be treated as a single payment. Election changes made pursuant to this Section shall be made in accordance with rules established by the Committee, and shall comply with all requirements of Code Section 409A and applicable authorities.

#### **ARTICLE IV** **ACCOUNTS**

4.1 **Deferral Accounts.** The Committee shall establish and maintain multiple Deferral Accounts for each Participant under the Plan. The Committee shall determine and establish, from time to time, reasonable rules regarding the number and type of Deferral Accounts which may be maintained by any Participant and shall communicate such rules to Participants in the applicable enrollment materials. If, under the Plan, a Participant has deferred Compensation relating to services performed prior to the Effective Date, one such Deferral Account shall be designated the "Pre-2013 Deferral Account," which shall include the Participant's entire Deferral Account balance immediately prior to the Effective Date and any deferred Compensation thereafter credited for services performed by the Participant during any Plan Year beginning before the Effective Date, in each case as adjusted for earnings and losses. No amounts shall be credited to the Pre-2013 Deferral Account with respect to any Compensation for services performed during any Plan Year beginning on or after the Effective Date. Each Participant's Deferral Accounts may be further divided into separate subaccounts ("Fund Subaccounts"), each of which corresponds to a Fund elected by the Participant pursuant to Section 3.3, and may be divided into other subaccounts for administrative purposes. A Participant's Deferral Account shall be credited as follows:

(a) As soon as reasonably possible after amounts are withheld and deferred from a Participant's Compensation, the Committee shall credit the Fund Subaccounts of the Participant's applicable Deferral Account with an amount equal to Compensation deferred by the Participant in accordance with the Participant's election under Section 3.3; that is, the portion of the Participant's deferred Compensation that the Participant has elected to be deemed to be invested in a Fund shall be credited to the Fund Subaccount to be invested in that Fund; and

(b) Each business day, each investment fund subaccount of a Participant's Deferral Account shall be credited with earnings or losses in an amount equal to that determined by multiplying the balance credited to such Fund Subaccount as of the prior day, less any distributions valued as of the end of the prior day, by the Earnings Rate for the corresponding Fund as determined by the Committee pursuant to Section 3.3(b).

4.2 **Company Contribution Account.** The Committee shall establish and maintain a Company Contribution Account for each Participant Deferral Account under the Plan and may establish one or more separate Company Contribution Accounts for Company Discretionary Contributions as determined in the discretion of the Committee. The Company Contribution Account corresponding to the Pre-2013 Deferral Account shall be designated the "Pre-2013 Matching Account," which shall include the Participant's entire Company Contribution Account balance immediately prior to the Effective Date and any Company Matching Contribution thereafter credited pertaining to deferred Compensation for services performed by the Participant during any Plan Year beginning before the Effective Date, in each case as adjusted for earnings and losses. No amounts shall be credited to the Pre-2013 Matching Account with respect to any Compensation for services performed during any Plan Year beginning on or after the Effective Date. A Participant's

Company Contribution Accounts shall be further divided into separate Fund Subaccounts corresponding to the investment Fund elected by the Participant pursuant to Section 3.3(b). A Participant's Company Contribution Account shall be credited as follows:

(c) As soon as reasonably possible after amounts are withheld and deferred from a Participant's Compensation, the Company shall credit the Fund Subaccounts of the Participant's applicable Company Contribution Account with an amount equal to the Company Matching Contributions or Company Discretionary Contributions, if any, which the Participant has elected to be deemed to be invested in such Fund Subaccount; and

(d) Each business day, each Fund Subaccount of a Participant's Company Contribution Account shall be credited with earnings or losses in an amount equal to that determined by multiplying the balance credited to such Fund Subaccount as of the prior day, less any distributions valued as of the end of the prior day, by the Earnings Rate for the corresponding Fund as determined by the Committee pursuant to Section 3.3(b).

4.3 Trust. The Company shall be responsible for the payment of all benefits under the Plan. The Company shall establish one or more grantor trusts for the purpose of providing for payment of benefits under the Plan and shall contribute to such grantor trust(s) each year an amount equal to the aggregate Compensation deferred by all Participants under the Plan during such year. Such trust or trusts may be irrevocable, but the assets thereof shall be subject to the claims of the Company's creditors. Benefits paid to a Participant from any such trust or trusts shall be considered paid by the Company for purposes of meeting the obligations of the Company under the Plan.

4.4 Statement of Accounts. The Committee shall furnish each Participant with statements (electronic or otherwise) at least quarterly setting forth the balance of each of the Participant's Accounts as of the end of each calendar quarter.

## **ARTICLE V** **VESTING**

5.1 Vesting of Deferral Accounts. Each Participant shall be 100% vested at all times in amounts credited to the Participant's Deferral Account or Accounts.

5.2 Vesting of Company Contribution Accounts. Each Participant shall be 100% vested at all times in amounts credited to the Participant's Company Contribution Account or Accounts.

## **ARTICLE VI** **DISTRIBUTIONS**

6.1 Forms of Distribution. The Distributable Amount in each of the Participant's Accounts (other than of Pre-2013 Account) shall be distributed in the form of a single cash lump sum payable on the Payment Date specified in Section 6.2 unless the Participant has made a valid election to receive payments in one of the following alternative forms:

(d) A specified number of substantially equal annual installments, not exceeding fifteen (15) annual installments, payable on the Payment Date and each succeeding anniversary of the Payment Date during the payment term;

(e) Such other form as may be adopted by the Committee in its sole and absolute discretion (which may include restricted stock units under an equity incentive plan maintained by the Company), provided that such form shall not apply to any Account in which all or any portion of the balance in the Account relates to Compensation deferred with respect to any Plan Year(s) commencing prior to the adoption of such form by the Committee.

6.2 Payment Date. Unless preceded by an earlier distribution under this Article VI, the Payment Date shall be determined for each Account (other than a Pre-2013 Account) as follows:

(a) Separation From Service Accounts. Except to the extent otherwise specified in an election to receive a Scheduled Distribution under Section 6.2(b) properly made by the Participant for one or more of the Participant's Accounts, the Payment Date for each of the Participant's Accounts shall be the first day of the month immediately following the Participant's Separation from Service; provided, however, that if the Participant is a Specified Employee and his or her employment terminates for any reason other than death, then the Payment Date for an Account payable by reason of Separation from Service shall be the first day of the seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) month commencing after the Participant's Separation from Service, (or, if earlier, the Participant's death) to the extent necessary to comply with Code Section 409A.

(b) Scheduled Distribution Accounts. A Participant may specify an alternative Payment Date (which may be before or after Separation from Service) for one or more of the Participant's Deferral Accounts and the corresponding Company Contribution Account pursuant to an election or elections made pursuant to Section 3.4; provided that deferrals of Compensation for a given Plan Year may not be made to a Scheduled Distribution Deferral Account with a specified Payment Date that is earlier than two (2) years from the last day of the Plan Year for which the deferrals are credited to the Participant's Account. For avoidance of doubt, in the event that a deferral is inadvertently directed to a Deferral Account with a specified Payment Date earlier than two (2) years from the Plan Year for which the deferrals are credited, such deferrals shall be credited to a default Deferral Account established for such purpose which shall be payable in a single cash lump sum on the Payment Date following the Participant's Separation from Service, subject to compliance with Code Section 409A as provided in Section 6.2(a).

6.3 Death Benefits. In the event that a Participant dies prior to the complete distribution of all amounts in the Participant's Accounts, the Company shall pay to the Participant's Beneficiary a death benefit equal to the Distributable Amount of such Accounts in a cash lump sum on the Payment Date following the Participant's death. This Section 6.3 shall not apply to any Pre-2013 Account.

6.4 Hardship Distribution. Upon a finding that a Participant has suffered a Financial Hardship, subject to compliance with Code Section 409A the Committee may, at the request of the Participant, cease deferrals and/or accelerate distribution of benefits under the Plan in the amount reasonably necessary to alleviate such Financial Hardship subject to the following conditions:

(a) The request to take a Hardship Distribution shall be made by filing a form provided by and filed with the Committee, and providing such other information as the Committee may request.

(b) The amount distributed pursuant to this Section with respect to a Financial Hardship shall not exceed the amount necessary to meet the immediate financial need created by such financial hardship plus amounts necessary to pay taxes reasonably anticipated as a result of the distribution, after taking into account the extent to which such hardship is or may be relieved through reimbursement or compensation by insurance or otherwise or by liquidation of the Participant's assets (to the extent the liquidation of such assets would not itself cause severe financial hardship).

(c) The amount determined by the Committee as a Hardship Distribution shall be paid in a single cash lump sum as soon as practicable after the end of the calendar month in which the Hardship Distribution request is made and approved by the Committee and the balance of the Participant's Account(s) shall be reduced by such amount.

6.5 Domestic Relations Order. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, an Alternate Payee may receive payment of all or any portion of a Participant's Accounts at such time and in such form (from among those set forth in Sections 6.1 and 6.2 or in an immediate lump sum payment) as may be specified in or elected in accordance with a Domestic Relations Order in accordance with procedures established by the Committee.

6.6 Change in Control. In the event that a Change in Control occurs before an Account has been fully distributed, the Distributable Amount remaining in each such Account as of the first day of the fourteenth (14<sup>th</sup>) month commencing after the month in which the Change in Control occurs shall be paid in a single cash lump sum distribution on such date; provided that, the Participant may make a timely election to change the time and form of such Change in Control distribution for one or more Accounts pursuant to Section 3.4(c), no later than the last day of the month immediately following such Change in Control. For avoidance of doubt, distributions otherwise scheduled to occur within the 14 months following a Change in Control shall continue to be paid in accordance with such other provisions of the Plan until such Change in Control distribution occurs. This Section 6.6 shall not apply to any Pre-2013 Account.

6.7 Pre-2013 Accounts. Pre-2013 Accounts shall be distributed at the time and in the form determined under the terms of the 2005 Plans prior to their amendment and restatement as of the Effective Date and applicable elections made under the 2005 Plans prior to the Effective Date, subject to Sections 6.4 and 6.5 and any election modification that may be made with respect to such Accounts pursuant to Section 3.4(c) in compliance with all requirements of Code Section 409A.

#### 6.8 Small Benefit Exceptions.

(a) Notwithstanding anything herein contained to the contrary, if on the date that any installment payment is to be made to a Participant (or to such a Participant's Beneficiary) from the Participant's Pre-2013 Account the total Distributable Amount in the Participant's Pre-2013 Account is less than \$10,000, then the entire Distributable Amount remaining in the Participant's Pre-2013 Account shall be paid in the form of a cash lump sum to the Participant (or the Participant's Beneficiary) on the date scheduled for such installment payment. This provision is intended to

comply with Treasury Regulations Section 1.409A-2(b)(2)(iii) and shall be administered and interpreted accordingly.

(b) Notwithstanding anything herein contained to the contrary, at the sole discretion of the Committee exercised in writing as to one or more Participants or categories of Participants, the total remaining balance in all of the Participant's Accounts of each such Participant shall be paid in the form of a cash lump sum to the Participant (or, if applicable, the Participant's Beneficiary or Beneficiaries) on the date for such payment specified in the Committee's written exercise of such discretion (which payment date shall be on or after the date of the Committee's written exercise of such discretion). The Committee may exercise such discretion with respect to a Participant's Accounts only if the total remaining balance in all of such Participant's Accounts on the payment date is not greater than the then applicable dollar amount under Code Section 402(g)(1)(B) (\$18,000 for payments to be made in 2015). This provision is intended to comply with Treasury Regulations Section 1.409A-3(j)(4)(v) and shall be administered and interpreted accordingly.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **PAYEE DESIGNATIONS AND LIMITATIONS**

#### **7.1 Beneficiaries.**

(c) **Beneficiary Designation.** The Participant shall have the right, at any time, to designate any person or persons, including a trustee, personal representative or other fiduciary, as Beneficiary (both primary and contingent) to whom payment under the Plan shall be made in the event of the Participant's death. The Beneficiary designation last submitted to and acknowledged by the Committee during the Participant's lifetime in the format prescribed by the Committee shall be effective upon the Participant's death.

(d) **Absence of Valid Designation.** If a Participant fails to designate a Beneficiary as provided above as to all or any portion of the Participant's Accounts, or if every person designated as Beneficiary as to all or any portion of the Participant's Accounts predeceases the Participant or dies prior to complete distribution of the Participant's Accounts, then the Committee shall direct the distribution of such benefits to the Participant's surviving spouse, if any. If the Participant has no surviving spouse to receive any benefits payable in accordance with the preceding sentence, then the Committee shall direct the distribution of such benefits to the duly appointed and currently acting personal representative of the Participant's estate (which shall include either the Participant's probate estate or the Participant's living trust). In any case where there is no such personal representative of the Participant's estate duly appointed and acting in that capacity within ninety (90) days after the Participant's death (or such extended period as the Committee determines is reasonably necessary to allow such personal representative to be appointed, but not to exceed one hundred eighty (180) days after the Participant's death), then the Committee shall direct the distribution of such benefits to the person or persons who can verify by affidavit or court order to the satisfaction of the Committee that they are legally entitled to receive the benefits specified hereunder.

**7.2 Payments to Minors.** In the event any amount is payable under the Plan to a minor, payment shall not be made to the minor, but instead be paid (a) to that person's living parent(s) to act as custodian, (b) if that person's parents are then divorced, and one parent is the sole custodial

parent, to such custodial parent, to act as custodian, or (c) if no parent of that person is then living, to a custodian selected by the Committee to hold the funds for the minor under the Uniform Transfers or Gifts to Minors Act in effect in the jurisdiction in which the minor resides. If no parent is living and the Committee decides not to select another custodian to hold the funds for the minor, then payment shall be made to the duly appointed and currently acting guardian of the estate for the minor or, if no guardian of the estate for the minor is duly appointed and currently acting within sixty (60) days after the date the amount becomes payable, payment shall be deposited with the court having jurisdiction over the estate of the minor.

7.3 Payments on Behalf of Persons Under Incapacity. In the event that any amount becomes payable under the Plan to a person who, in the sole judgment of the Committee, is considered by reason of physical or mental condition to be unable to give a valid receipt therefore, the Committee may direct that such payment be made to any person found by the Committee, in its sole judgment, to have assumed the care of such person. Any payment made pursuant to such determination shall constitute a full release and discharge of any and all liability of the Committee and the Company under the Plan.

7.4 Inability to Locate Payee. In the event that the Committee is unable to locate a Participant or Beneficiary within two (2) years following Payment Date specified for a Participant's Deferral Account, the amount allocated to the Participant's Deferral Account shall be forfeited. If, after such forfeiture, the Participant or Beneficiary later claims such benefit, such benefit shall be reinstated without interest or earnings, in the discretion of the Committee.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **ADMINISTRATION**

8.1 Committee. The Plan shall be administered by a Committee appointed by the Board, which shall have the exclusive right and full discretion (a) to appoint agents to act on its behalf, (b) to select and establish Funds, (c) to interpret the Plan, (d) to decide any and all matters arising hereunder (including the right to remedy possible ambiguities, inconsistencies, or admissions), (e) to make, amend and rescind such rules as it deems necessary for the proper administration of the Plan and (f) to make all other determinations and resolve all questions of fact necessary or advisable for the administration of the Plan, including determinations regarding eligibility for benefits payable under the Plan. All interpretations of the Committee with respect to any matter hereunder shall be final, conclusive and binding on all persons affected thereby, including but not limited to the Company and any Participant or Beneficiary. The Committee shall interpret and administer terms and provisions of the Plan in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner and in full accordance with any and all laws applicable to the Plan. No member of the Committee or agent thereof shall be liable for any determination, decision, or action made in good faith with respect to the Plan.

8.2 Company Support. To enable the Committee to perform its functions, the Company shall supply full and timely information to the Committee on all matters relating to the Compensation of all Participants, their death or other cause of termination, and such other pertinent facts as the Committee may require. The Committee is authorized at the expense of the Company to employ

such legal counsel as it may deem advisable to assist in the performance of its duties hereunder. Expenses and fees in connection with the administration of the Plan shall be paid by the Company.

8.3 Committee Action. The Committee shall act at meetings by affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Committee. Any action permitted to be taken at a meeting may be taken without a meeting if, prior to such action, a written consent to the action is signed by all members of the Committee and such written consent is filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Committee. A member of the Committee shall not vote or act upon any matter which relates solely to himself or herself as a Participant. The Chairman or any other member or members of the Committee designated by the Chairman may execute any certificate or other written direction on behalf of the Committee.

8.4 Indemnification. To the extent permitted by applicable state law, the Company shall indemnify and save harmless the Committee and each member thereof, the Board of Directors and any delegate of the Committee who is an employee of the Company against any and all expenses, liabilities and claims, including legal fees to defend against such liabilities and claims arising out of their discharge in good faith of responsibilities under or incident to the Plan, other than expenses and liabilities arising out of willful misconduct. This indemnity shall not preclude such further indemnities as may be available under insurance purchased by the Company or provided by the Company under any bylaw, agreement or otherwise, as such indemnities are permitted under state law.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **CLAIMS PROCEDURE**

9.1 Claims. A person who believes that he or she is being denied a benefit to which he or she is entitled under this Plan (hereinafter referred to as "Claimant") may file a written request for such benefit with the Committee, setting forth his or her claim. The request must be addressed to the Committee at the Company's then principal place of business. Within a reasonable period of time, but not later than ninety (90) days after receipt of a claim for benefits, the Committee or its delegate shall notify the Claimant of any adverse benefit determination on the claim, unless special circumstances require an extension of time for processing the claim. In no event may the extension period exceed ninety (90) days from the end of the initial 90-day period. If an extension is necessary, the Committee or its delegate shall provide the Claimant with a written notice to this effect prior to the expiration of the initial 90-day period. The notice shall describe the special circumstances requiring the extension and the date by which the Committee or its delegate expects to render a determination on the claim.

9.2 Claim Decision. In the case of an adverse benefit determination, the Committee or its delegate shall provide to the Claimant written or electronic notification setting forth in a manner calculated to be understood by the Claimant: (i) the specific reason or reasons for the adverse benefit determination, (ii) reference to the specific Plan provisions on which the adverse benefit determination is based, (iii) a description of any additional material or information necessary for the Claimant to perfect the claim and an explanation of why the material or information is necessary, and (iv) a description of the Plan's claim review procedures and the time limits applicable to such procedures, including a statement of the Claimant's right to bring a civil action under Section 502(a) of ERISA following an adverse final benefit determination on review. Notwithstanding the

foregoing, the claim may be deemed by the Claimant to have been denied for purposes of further review described below in the event a decision is not furnished to the claimant within the period provided under Section 9.1.

9.3 Request for Review. Within sixty (60) days after receipt by the Claimant of notification of the adverse benefit determination, the Claimant or his duly authorized representative, upon written application to the Committee, may request that the Committee fully and fairly review the adverse benefit determination. On review of an adverse benefit determination, upon request and free of charge, the Claimant shall have reasonable access to, and copies of, all documents, records and other information relevant to the Claimant's claim for benefits. The Claimant shall have the opportunity to submit written comments, documents, records, and other information relating to the claim for benefits. The Committee's (or delegate's) review shall take into account all comments, documents, records, and other information submitted regardless of whether the information was previously considered in the initial adverse benefit determination.

9.4 Review of Decision. Within a reasonable period of time, but not later than sixty (60) days after receipt of such request for review, the Committee or its delegate shall notify the Claimant of any final benefit determination on the claim, unless special circumstances require an extension of time for processing the claim. In no event may the extension period exceed sixty (60) days from the end of the initial 60-day period. If an extension is necessary, the Committee or its delegate shall provide the Claimant with a written notice to this effect prior to the expiration of the initial 60-day period. The notice shall describe the special circumstances requiring the extension and the date by which the Committee or its delegate expects to render a final determination on the request for review. In the case of an adverse final benefit determination, the Committee or its delegate shall provide to the Claimant written or electronic notification setting forth in a manner calculated to be understood by the Claimant: (i) the specific reason or reasons for the adverse final benefit determination; (ii) reference to the specific Plan provisions on which the adverse final benefit determination is based; (iii) a statement that the Claimant is entitled to receive, upon request and free of charge, reasonable access to, and copies of, all documents, records and other information relevant to the Claimant's claim for benefits; and (iv) a statement of the Claimant's right to bring a civil action under Section 502(a) of ERISA following an adverse final benefit determination on review.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

10.1 Amendment or Termination of Plan. The Company may, at any time, amend, modify, suspend or terminate the Plan in whole or in part. The Committee may amend the Plan to (a) ensure the Plan complies with the requirements of Code Section 409A for the deferral of taxation on deferred compensation to the time of distribution and (b) add provisions for changes to the deferral elections and elections as to the time and manner of distributions that comply with such requirements of Code Section 409A. Notwithstanding the foregoing rights of the Company and the Committee to amend the Plan, no amendment, modification, suspension or termination shall reduce any Participant's Account balances. If the Company terminates the Plan, no further amounts shall be deferred hereunder, and amounts previously deferred or contributed to the Plan shall be paid in accordance with the provisions of the Plan as scheduled and in effect prior to the Plan termination. Notwithstanding the foregoing, to the extent permitted under Code Section 409A and applicable

authorities, upon termination of the Plan the Company, in its sole discretion, may accelerate distributions under such terms and conditions as may be specifically authorized by Code Section 409A and applicable authorities. In the event that this Plan is terminated in accordance with the provisions of Treasury Regulations Section 1.409A-3(j)(4)(ix), each Participant's Distributable Amount shall be distributed as soon as practicable during the time period permitted thereunder; provided, however, if the Plan is terminated under circumstances to which such provisions do not apply, distributions to the Participants or their Beneficiaries shall be made on the dates on which the Participants or their Beneficiaries would receive benefits hereunder without regard to the termination of the Plan or as otherwise required or permitted by applicable law. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if amounts deferred under the Plan have become taxable to Participants as of the date of a Plan termination, distribution of any taxable amounts shall be made as soon as practicable following such Plan termination.

10.2 Unsecured General Creditor. The benefits paid under the Plan shall be paid from the general assets of the Company, and the Participant and any Beneficiary or their heirs or successors shall be no more than unsecured general creditors of the Company with no special or prior right to any assets of the Company for payment of any obligations hereunder. It is the intention of the Company that this Plan be unfunded for purposes of ERISA and the Code and all provisions of the Plan shall be interpreted accordingly.

10.3 Restriction Against Assignment. Except as provided in Section 6.5, the Company shall pay all amounts payable hereunder only to the person or persons designated by the Plan and not to any other person or entity. No part of a Participant's Accounts shall be liable for the debts, contracts, or engagements of any Participant, Beneficiary, or their successors in interest, nor shall a Participant's Accounts be subject to execution by levy, attachment, or garnishment or by any other legal or equitable proceeding, nor shall any such person have any right to alienate, anticipate, sell, transfer, commute, pledge, encumber, or assign any benefits or payments hereunder in any manner whatsoever. If any Participant, Beneficiary or successor in interest is adjudicated bankrupt or purports to anticipate, alienate, sell, transfer, assign, pledge, encumber or charge any distribution or payment from the Plan, voluntarily or involuntarily, the Committee, in its discretion, may cancel such distribution or payment (or any part thereof) to or for the benefit of such Participant, Beneficiary or successor in interest in such manner as the Committee shall direct.

10.4 Withholding. The Participant shall make appropriate arrangements with the Company for satisfaction of any federal, state or local income tax withholding requirements, Social Security and other employee tax or other requirements applicable to the granting, crediting, vesting or payment of benefits under the Plan. There shall be deducted from each payment made under the Plan or any other Compensation payable to the Participant (or and Beneficiary or Alternate Payee) all taxes which are required to be withheld by the Company in respect to such payment or this Plan. The Company shall have the right to reduce any payment (or other Compensation) by the amount of cash sufficient to provide the amount of said taxes.

10.5 Receipt or Release. Any payment made in good faith to a Participant or the Participant's Beneficiary or an Alternate Payee shall, to the extent thereof, be in full satisfaction of all claims against the Committee, its members and the Company. The Committee may require such Participant or Beneficiary, as a condition precedent to such payment, to execute a receipt and release to such effect.

10.6 Errors in Account Statements, Deferrals or Distributions. In the event an error is made in an Account statement, such error shall be corrected on the next statement following the date such error is discovered. In the event of an error in deferral amount, consistent with the requirements of Code Section 409A, the error shall be corrected immediately upon discovery by, in the case of an excess deferral, distribution of the excess amount to the Participant, or, in the case of an under deferral, reduction of other compensation payable to the Participant. In the event of an error in a distribution, the over or under payment shall be corrected by payment to or collection from the Participant consistent with the requirements of Code Section 409A, immediately upon the discovery of such error. In the event of an overpayment, the Company may, at its discretion, offset other amounts payable to the Participant from the Company (including but not limited to salary, bonuses, expense reimbursements, severance benefits or other employee compensation benefit arrangements, as and to the extent allowed by law and subject to compliance with Code Section 409A) to recoup the amount of such overpayment(s).

10.7 Employment Not Guaranteed. Nothing contained in the Plan nor any action taken hereunder shall be construed as a contract of employment or as giving any Participant any right to continue the provision of services in any capacity whatsoever to the Company.

10.8 Successors of the Company. The rights and obligations of the Company under the Plan shall inure to the benefit of, and shall be binding upon, the successors and assigns of the Company.

10.9 Notice. Any notice or filing required or permitted to be given to the Company or the Participant under this Agreement shall be sufficient if in writing and hand-delivered, or sent by registered or certified mail, in the case of the Company, to the principal office of the Company, directed to the attention of the Committee, and in the case of the Participant, to the last known address of the Participant indicated on the employment records of the Company. Such notice shall be deemed given as of the date of delivery or, if delivery is made by mail, as of the date shown on the postmark on the receipt for registration or certification. Notices to the Company may be permitted by electronic communication according to specifications established by the Committee.

10.10 Headings. Headings and subheadings in this Plan are inserted for convenience of reference only and are not to be considered in the construction of the provisions hereof.

10.11 Gender, Singular and Plural. All pronouns and any variations thereof shall be deemed to refer to the masculine, feminine, or neuter, as the identity of the person or persons may require. As the context may require, the singular may be read as the plural and the plural as the singular.

10.12 Governing Law. The Plan is intended to be an unfunded plan maintained primarily to provide deferred compensation benefits for a select group of "management or highly compensated employees" within the meaning of Sections 201, 301 and 401 of ERISA and therefore to be exempt from Parts 2, 3 and 4 of Title I of ERISA. The Plan is intended to meet and to be operated in accordance with the requirements of Code Section 409A(a)(2), (3) and (4) and shall be construed and interpreted in a manner consistent with such intent. The Plan shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California to the extent such laws are not preempted by federal law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Committee has approved the amendment and restatement of this Plan as of the Effective Date and has caused the Plan to be executed by its duly authorized representative this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015.

**THE MACERICH COMPANY**

/s/ Thomas J. Leanse

Thomas J. Leanse

Senior Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Secretary

**THE MACERICH COMPANY**  
**STOCK UNIT AWARD AGREEMENT**  
**2003 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN**  
**(NON-EMPLOYEE DIRECTOR AWARDS)**

**Participant Name:**

**Soc. Sec. No.:**

**No. Stock Units:** (1)

**Vesting Schedule:** 100% of the Stock Units (as defined below) on the first anniversary of the Award Date.

**Award Date:** [March , ],

**THIS AGREEMENT** is among **THE MACERICH COMPANY**, a Maryland corporation (the “Corporation”), **THE MACERICH PARTNERSHIP L.P.**, a Delaware limited partnership (the “Operating Partnership”), and \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Director”), and is delivered under The Macerich Company 2003 Equity Incentive Plan, as it may be amended from time to time, which includes any applicable programs under the Plan (the “Plan”).

**W I T N E S S E T H**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Plan, the Corporation has granted to the Director with reference to services rendered and to be rendered to the Corporation, effective as of the Award Date, a stock unit award (the “Stock Unit Award” or “Award”), upon the terms and conditions set forth herein and in the Plan.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of services rendered and to be rendered by the Director and the mutual promises made herein and the mutual benefits to be derived therefrom, the parties agree as follows:

**1. Defined Terms.** Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning assigned to such terms in the Plan.

**2. Grant.** Subject to the terms of this Agreement and the Plan, the Corporation grants to the Director a Stock Unit Award with respect to an aggregate number of Stock Units (the “Stock Units”) set forth above. The consideration for the shares issuable with respect to the Stock Units on the terms set forth in this Agreement includes services and the rights hereunder in an amount not less than the minimum lawful consideration under Maryland law.

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(1) Subject to adjustment under Section 6.2 of the Plan and the terms of this Agreement.

3. **Vesting.** The Award shall vest and become nonforfeitable (subject to Section 6.4 of the Plan), with respect to the portion of the total number of Stock Units comprising the Award (subject to adjustment under Section 6.2 of the Plan) on the dates specified in the Vesting Schedule above, subject to earlier termination or acceleration as provided herein or in the Plan.

To the extent the Stock Units vest on more than one date, the vesting of the Stock Units shall at all times be treated as a series of separate payments (on the respective vesting dates) for purposes of Section 409A of the Code.

4. **Continuance of Service Required.** Except as otherwise provided in Sections 8(a) and 9, the Vesting Schedule requires continued service through each applicable vesting date as a condition to the vesting of the applicable installment and rights and benefits under this Agreement. Service for any period of time (including a substantial period of time) after the Award Date will not entitle the Director to any proportionate vesting or avoid or mitigate a termination of rights and benefits upon or following a termination of service as provided in Section 3 or 8 hereof if the express conditions to vesting set forth in such Sections have not been satisfied.

5. **Dividend and Voting Rights.**

(a) **Limitations on Rights Associated with Units.** The Director shall have no rights as a stockholder of the Corporation, no dividend rights (except as expressly provided in Section 5(b) with respect to Dividend Equivalent Rights) and no voting rights, with respect to the Stock Units and any shares of Common Stock underlying or issuable in respect of such Stock Units until such shares of Common Stock are actually issued to and held of record by the Director. No adjustments will be made for dividends or other rights of a holder for which the record date is prior to the date of issuance of the stock certificate.

(b) **Dividend Equivalent Rights Distributions.** As of any applicable dividend or distribution payment date, the Director shall, except as otherwise provided below in this Section 5(b), receive a payment of cash, shares of Common Stock or other property, as determined by the Committee, on the dividend payment date in an amount equal to or, if applicable, of equivalent value as the full amount of the dividend or distribution then made with respect to each share of Common Stock (a "Dividend Equivalent Right") multiplied by the number of Stock Units that are outstanding under the Award as of the applicable dividend record date; provided, however, that if the Director has made a valid election to defer payment of the Stock Units as contemplated by Section 7 below, any Dividend Equivalent Rights with respect to such deferred Stock Units shall be credited to the Director as of the applicable dividend or distribution payment date and shall be paid at the same time as the deferred Stock Units to which they relate. Any cash, shares or other property paid on account of Dividend Equivalent Rights with respect to this Award shall be fully vested and nonforfeitable when paid (or, in the case of Dividend Equivalent Rights credited in respect of Stock Units subject to a deferral election, shall be fully vested and nonforfeitable when credited), regardless of whether the Stock Units to which they relate are vested or unvested, provided that the Director shall have no Dividend Equivalent Rights with respect to any Stock Units that, as of the applicable dividend or distribution payment date, have either been paid pursuant to Section 7 or terminated pursuant to Section 8. Dividend Equivalent Rights shall be paid or credited only with respect to cash dividends and distributions,

and dividends in connection with which holders of shares of Common Stock have the right to elect to receive cash, shares of Common Stock of equivalent value, or a combination thereof (dividends referred to in this sentence are referred to as “Cash or Combination Dividends”). Cash or Combination Dividends do not include any dividend declared by the Corporation solely in shares of Common Stock or other non-cash property (a “Stock Dividend”). Regardless of the form in which the applicable dividend or distribution is paid to holders of Common Stock, the Committee shall have the authority, in its sole discretion, in connection with each dividend to determine whether Dividend Equivalent Rights are satisfied through the payment of cash, the delivery of shares of Common Stock of equivalent value, other property, or any combination thereof, including without limitation such combination as (i) is determined on the basis of elections made by holders of shares of Common Stock (subject to any applicable limitation on the aggregate amount of cash available to be included in the dividend or distribution) or (ii) is applicable to those holders of Common Stock who fail to make a valid election. The Committee shall also have the authority to determine the measure of equivalent value per share through such valuation methodologies as it deems reasonable, including without limitation a formula based on (I) such combination of cash and shares of Common Stock as reflects the relative percentages of the aggregate dividend or distribution paid by the Corporation after giving effect to all valid elections received by the Corporation from holders of Common Stock (subject to any applicable limitation on the aggregate amount of cash available to be included in the dividend or distribution) and (II) the value per share of Common Stock used to calculate the number of shares of Common Stock to be issued on the applicable dividend or distribution payment date on account of such dividend or distribution to holders of Common Stock.

**6. Restrictions on Transfer.** Prior to the time they are paid, neither the Stock Units comprising the Award nor any other rights of the Director under this Agreement or the Plan may be transferred, except as expressly provided in Section 1.8 and 4.1 of the Plan and as would comply with Section 409A of the Code. No other exceptions have been authorized by the Committee.

**7. Timing and Manner of Distribution with Respect to Stock Units.** Vested Stock Units shall be paid by the Corporation delivering to the Director a number of shares of Common Stock (either by delivering one or more certificates for such shares or by entering such shares in book entry form, as determined by the Corporation in its discretion) equal to the number of Stock Units subject to the Award that became vested and had not theretofore been paid. Subject to the following provisions of this Section 7, payment of Stock Units that vest pursuant to Section 3 shall be made in the calendar year in which the particular Stock Units vest (and on or as soon as administratively practical after the Vesting Date); provided, however, that the Director may elect, on a form and in a manner prescribed by the Committee (the “Election Form”), to defer any such payment of vested Stock Units (and any Dividend Equivalent Rights credited in respect of such vested Stock Units pursuant to Section 5(b)) as provided in the Election Form; provided, further, that any such election must be made prior to the Award Date and at least twelve (12) months before the first vesting date set forth on the Vesting Schedule (or such earlier date as prescribed by the Board) or, if the Award is granted to a Director in connection with his or her appointment to the Board, at such time as may be permitted or required under Section 409A of the Code, and any such deferral of payment must comply with any applicable requirements of Section 409A of the Code. In the event such a deferral election is made, any vested Stock Units covered by that

election shall be paid in accordance with the Election Form, subject to the next sentence. In the event that the Director's Stock Units become vested pursuant to Section 9 in connection with a Change in Control Event (as defined in Section 9), the Director's vested Stock Units (including both Stock Units that had previously vested and those that vest in connection with such event) shall be paid (to the extent not theretofore paid) on or as soon as administratively practical after (and in all events within seventy four (74) days after) the date of such Change in Control Event. The Director shall have no further rights with respect to any Stock Units that are paid or that terminate pursuant to Section 8. For purposes of this Agreement, "Separation from Service" has the meaning given to such term for purposes of Section 409A of the Code (which Separation from Service generally will occur on the date the Director ceases to be a member of the Board). The Director or other person entitled under the Plan to receive the shares shall deliver to the Corporation any representations or other documents or assurances required pursuant to Section 6.4 of the Plan. Pursuant to Section 1.7 of the Plan, fractional share interests shall be disregarded, but may be accumulated. The Board, however, may determine that cash, securities or other property will be paid or transferred in lieu of fractional share interests.

## **8. Effect of Termination of Service.**

(a) **Effect of Total Disability or Death.** If the Director's services as a member of the Board of Directors terminate due to his or her death or Total Disability, any portion of the Award that is then outstanding and has not previously vested shall thereupon vest.

(b) **Forfeiture after Certain Events.** Except as provided in Section 8(a), the Director's Stock Units shall be extinguished to the extent such Stock Units have not become vested upon the date the Director's services as a member of the Board of Directors terminate for any reason. If any Stock Units are extinguished hereunder, such unvested, extinguished Stock Units, without payment of any consideration by the Corporation, shall automatically terminate and be cancelled, without any other action by the Director, or the Director's Beneficiary or Personal Representative, as the case may be.

(c) **Delayed Payment.** Notwithstanding the foregoing, solely to the extent that a delay in payment is required in order to avoid the imposition of any tax under Section 409A of the Code, if a payment obligation under this Agreement arises on account of the Director's "separation from service" (within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code) while the Director is a "specified employee" (as determined for purposes of Section 409A(a)(2)(B) of the Code in good faith by the Board), then payment of any amount or benefit provided under this Agreement that is considered to be non-qualified deferred compensation for purposes of Section 409A of the Code and that is scheduled to be paid within six (6) months after such separation from service shall be paid without interest on the first business day after the date that is six months following the Director's separation from service (or, if earlier, within thirty (30) days following the Director's death).

**9. Change in Control Event.** Upon the occurrence of a Change in Control Event, the Director's Stock Units, to the extent such units are then outstanding and not vested, shall become fully vested as of the date of the Change in Control Event and shall be paid in accordance with Section 7. For all purposes under this Agreement and notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement or the Plan to the contrary, "Change in Control Event" as used

herein shall have the meaning provided in clause (b) of the definition of such term in the Corporation's Eligible Directors' Deferred Compensation/Phantom Stock Plan, as in effect from time to time.

**10. Adjustments Upon Specified Events.** Upon the occurrence of certain events relating to the Corporation's stock contemplated by Section 6.2 of the Plan, the Committee shall make adjustments as it deems appropriate in the number and kind of securities or other consideration that may become payable with respect to the Award; provided, however, that the Committee shall not make any such adjustment to the Award with respect to any Cash or Combination Dividend, but it shall make an adjustment to the Award pursuant to Section 6.2 of the Plan with respect to any Stock Dividend. If any adjustment shall be made under Section 6.2 of the Plan, the amount payable in respect of the Stock Unit Award may be made payable in the securities or other consideration (the "Restricted Property") payable in respect of the Common Stock. Such Restricted Property shall become payable at such times and in such proportion as the underlying Stock Units to which the Restricted Property relates. Notwithstanding the foregoing, to the extent that the Restricted Property includes any cash, the commitment hereunder shall become an unsecured promise to pay an amount equal to such cash (with earnings attributable thereto as if such amount had been invested, pursuant to policies established by the Committee, in interest bearing, FDIC insured (subject to applicable insurance limits) deposits of a depository institution selected by the Committee) at such times and in such proportions as the Stock Unit Award vests. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Stock Unit Award and any Common Stock payable in respect of the Stock Unit Award shall continue to be subject to such proportionate and equitable adjustments (if any) under Section 6.2 of the Plan consistent with the effect of such event on stockholders generally, as the Committee determines to be necessary or appropriate, in the number, kind and/or character of shares of Common Stock or other securities, property and/or rights payable in respect of Stock Units and Stock Unit Accounts credited under the Plan. All rights of the Director hereunder are subject to those adjustments. If a Change in Control Event occurs, Section 6.2(c) of the Plan shall not apply, and the vesting and payment of the Award will be governed by this Agreement.

**11. Possible Early Termination of Award.** As permitted by Section 6.2(b) of the Plan, and without limiting the authority of the Committee under other provisions of Section 6.2 of the Plan or Section 8 of this Agreement, the Committee retains the right to terminate the Award for proper and full consideration, to the extent it has not vested, upon a dissolution of the Corporation or a reorganization event or transaction which the Corporation does not survive (or does not survive as a public company in respect of its outstanding common stock).

**12. Notices.** Any notice to be given under the terms of this Agreement shall be in writing and addressed to the Corporation at its principal office located at 401 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 700, Santa Monica, California 90401, to the attention of the Corporate Secretary and to the Director at the address given beneath the Director's signature hereto, or at such other address as either party may hereafter designate in writing to the other.

**13. Plan.** The Award and all rights of the Director with respect thereto are subject to, and the Director agrees to be bound by, all of the terms and conditions of the provisions of the Plan, incorporated herein by reference, to the extent such provisions are applicable to Awards

granted to Eligible Persons. The Director acknowledges receipt of a copy of the Plan which is made a part hereof by this reference, and agrees to be bound by the terms thereof. Unless otherwise expressly provided in other Sections of this Agreement, provisions of the Plan that confer discretionary authority on the Committee do not (and shall not be deemed to) create any rights in the Director unless such rights are otherwise in the sole discretion of the Committee specifically so conferred by appropriate action of the Committee under the Plan after the date hereof.

**14. No Service Commitment by Corporation.** Nothing contained in this Agreement or the Plan constitutes a service commitment by the Corporation, confers upon the Director any right to remain in service as a member of the Board, interferes in any way with the right of the Corporation at any time to terminate such service as a member of the Board, or affects the right of the Corporation to increase or decrease the Director's other compensation or benefits.

**15. Limitation on Director's Rights.** Participation in this Plan confers no rights or interests other than as herein provided. This Agreement creates only a contractual obligation on the part of the Corporation as to amounts payable and shall not be construed as creating a trust. Neither the Plan nor any underlying program, in and of itself, has any assets. The Director shall have only the rights of a general unsecured creditor of the Corporation with respect to amounts credited and benefits payable in cash, if any, on the Stock Units, and rights no greater than the right to receive the Common Stock (or equivalent value) as a general unsecured creditor with respect to Stock Units, as and when payable hereunder.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first above written. By the Director's execution of this Agreement, the Director agrees to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and of the Plan.

**THE MACERICH COMPANY**

(a Maryland corporation)

By: \_\_\_\_\_

**THE MACERICH PARTNERSHIP, L.P.**

(a Delaware limited partnership)

By: The Macerich Company  
(its general partner)

By: \_\_\_\_\_

**DIRECTOR**

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Name and Address]

**LIST OF SUBSIDIARIES**

1010-1016 MARKET STREET REALTY GP, LLC, a Pennsylvania limited liability company  
 1010-1016 MARKET STREET REALTY, LP, a Pennsylvania limited partnership  
 1018 MARKET STREET REALTY GP, LLC, a Pennsylvania limited liability company  
 1018 MARKET STREET REALTY, LP , a Pennsylvania limited partnership  
 1020-1024 MARKET STREET REALTY GP, LLC, a Pennsylvania limited liability company  
 1020-1024 MARKET STREET REALTY, LP, a Pennsylvania limited partnership  
 2013 BRONX VENTURE LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
 443 WABASH MAB LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
 443 WABASH MA OWNER LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
 801 4-6 FEE OWNER GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
 801 4-6 FEE OWNER LP, a Delaware limited partnership  
 801 4-6 MEZZ GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
 801 4-6 MEZZ LP, a Delaware limited partnership  
 801 C-3 FEE OWNER GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
 801 C-3 FEE OWNER LP, a Delaware limited partnership  
 801 C-3 MEZZ GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
 801 C-3 MEZZ LP, a Delaware limited partnership  
 801-GALLERY ASSOCIATES, L.P., a Pennsylvania limited partnership  
 801-GALLERY C-3 ASSOCIATES, L.P., a Pennsylvania limited partnership  
 801-GALLERY C-3 GP, LLC, a Pennsylvania limited liability company  
 801-GALLERY C-3 MT, L.P., a Pennsylvania limited partnership  
 801-GALLERY GP, LLC, a Pennsylvania limited liability company  
 801-GALLERY OFFICE ASSOCIATES, L.P., a Pennsylvania limited partnership  
 801-GALLERY OFFICE GP, LLC, a Pennsylvania limited liability company  
 801-GALLERY OFFICE MT, L.P., a Pennsylvania limited partnership  
 801 MARKET VENTURE GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
 801 MARKET VENTURE LP, a Delaware limited partnership  
 801-TENANT C-3 MANAGER, LLC, a Pennsylvania limited liability company  
 801-TENANT OFFICE MANAGER, LLC, a Pennsylvania limited liability company  
 AM TYSONS LLC, a Delaware limited liability company

ARROWHEAD REIT LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
ARROWHEAD TOWNE CENTER LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
BILTMORE SHOPPING CENTER PARTNERS LLC, an Arizona limited liability company  
BROAD RAFAEL ASSOCIATES (LIMITED PARTNERSHIP), a Pennsylvania limited partnership  
BROAD RAFAEL PROPERTIES CORP., a Delaware corporation  
BROOKLYN KINGS PLAZA LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
CAM CANDLESTICK LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
CAM-CARSON LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
CAMELBACK SHOPPING CENTER LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, an Arizona limited partnership  
CAM NY 2013 LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
CANDLESTICK CENTER LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
CAPITOLA MALL LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
CCP 1998 BONDS LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
CCP VALENCIA LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
CHANDLER SOLAR LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
CHICAGO 500 NORTH MICHIGAN LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
COOLIDGE HOLDING LLC, an Arizona limited liability company  
CORTE MADERA VILLAGE, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
COUNTRY CLUB PLAZA JV LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
COUNTRY CLUB PLAZA KC PARTNERS LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
DANBURY MALL, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
DB HOLDINGS LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
DELIV, INC., a Delaware corporation  
DEPTFORD MALL ASSOCIATES L.L.C., a New Jersey limited liability company  
DESERT SKY MALL LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
EAST MESA ADJACENT LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
EAST MESA LAND, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company  
EAST MESA MALL, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company  
FASHION OUTLETS II LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
FASHION OUTLETS OF CHICAGO LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
FLAGSTAFF MALL ASSOCIATES LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
FLAGSTAFF MALL SPE LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
FLATIRON PROPERTY HOLDING, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company

FOC ADJACENT LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
FREE RACE MALL REST., L.P., a New Jersey limited partnership  
FREEHOLD I, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
FREEHOLD I SPC, INC., a Delaware corporation  
FREEHOLD CHANDLER HOLDINGS LP, a Delaware limited partnership  
FREEHOLD CHANDLER TRUST LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
FREEMALL ASSOCIATES, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
FREEMALL ASSOCIATES, L.P., a New Jersey limited partnership  
FRMR B LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
FRMR, INC., a New Jersey corporation  
GPM GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
GRANITE MALL GP, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
GREAT NORTHERN HOLDINGS, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
GREAT NORTHERN SPE, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
GREEN ACRES ADJACENT LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
GREEN TREE MALL LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
HUDSON PROPERTIES, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership  
HUDWIL I, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
HUDWIL I SPC, INC., a Delaware corporation  
HUDWIL IV, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
HUDWIL IV SPC, INC., a Delaware corporation  
INLAND SOLAR LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
JAREN ASSOCIATES #4, an Arizona general partnership  
KEYSTONE PHILADELPHIA PROPERTIES, L.P., a Pennsylvania limited partnership  
KIERLAND COMMONS INVESTMENT LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
KIERLAND COMMONS TRADENAME LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
KIERLAND GREENWAY, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
KIERLAND TOWER LOFTS, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
KINGS PLAZA ENERGY LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
KINGS PLAZA GROUND LEASE LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
KITSAPARTY, a Washington non-profit corporation  
KTL INVESTMENT LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
LA SANDIA SANTA MONICA LLC, a Delaware limited liability company

LIGHTSTONE BRONX VENTURE LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
LIGHTSTONE BRONX VENTURE HOLDINGS LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MAC CASCADE LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MAC CROSS COURT LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACD LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACDAN CORP., a Delaware corporation  
MACDB CORP., a Delaware corporation  
MACERICH 443 WABASH SPE LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH ARIZONA MANAGEMENT LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH ARIZONA PARTNERS LLC, an Arizona limited liability company  
MACERICH ARROWHEAD LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH ARROWHEAD HOLDINGS LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH ATLAS LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH BILTMORE CI, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH BILTMORE MM, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH BILTMORE OPI, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH BUENAVENTURA GP CORP., a Delaware corporation  
MACERICH BUENAVENTURA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, a California limited partnership  
MACERICH CAPITOLA ADJACENT GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH CAPITOLA ADJACENT LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, a Delaware limited partnership  
MACERICH CASA GRANDE MEMBER LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH CCP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH CCP VALENCIA LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH CERRITOS, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH CERRITOS ADJACENT, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH CERRITOS HOLDINGS LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH CERRITOS MALL CORP., a Delaware corporation  
MACERICH CHICAGO FASHION OUTLETS LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH CM VILLAGE GP CORP., a Delaware corporation  
MACERICH CM VILLAGE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, a California limited partnership  
MACERICH COTTONWOOD HOLDINGS LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH CROSS COUNTY SECURITY LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH CROSSROADS PLAZA HOLDINGS GP CORP., a Delaware corporation

MACERICH CROSSROADS PLAZA HOLDINGS LP, a Delaware limited partnership  
MACERICH DEPTFORD LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH DEPTFORD II LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH DEPTFORD GP CORP., a Delaware corporation  
MACERICH DESERT SKY MALL HOLDINGS LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH EQ GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH EQ LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, a California limited partnership  
MACERICH FARGO ASSOCIATES, a California general partnership  
MACERICH FIESTA MALL ADJACENT LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH FLATIRON LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH FREEHOLD CHANDLER GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH FRESNO ADJACENT GP CORP., a Delaware corporation  
MACERICH FRESNO ADJACENT LP, a Delaware limited partnership  
MACERICH FRESNO GP CORP., a Delaware corporation  
MACERICH FRESNO LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, a California limited partnership  
MACERICH G3 LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH GALLERY MARKET EAST GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH GALLERY MARKET EAST LP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH GALLERY MARKET EAST TRS SUB LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH GREAT FALLS GP CORP., a Delaware corporation  
MACERICH HHF CENTERS LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH HOLDINGS LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH INLAND GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH INLAND LP, a Delaware limited partnership  
MACERICH JANSS MARKETPLACE HOLDINGS LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH LA CUMBRE 9.45 AC LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH LA CUMBRE GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH LA CUMBRE LP, a Delaware limited partnership  
MACERICH LA CUMBRE SPE LP, a Delaware limited partnership  
MACERICH LAKE SQUARE MALL LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH LAKEWOOD GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH LAKEWOOD HOLDINGS LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH LAKEWOOD LP, a Delaware limited partnership

MACERICH LUBBOCK GP CORP., a Delaware corporation  
MACERICH LUBBOCK HOLDINGS LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH LUBBOCK LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, a California limited partnership  
MACERICH MALL DEL NORTE HOLDINGS LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH MANAGEMENT COMPANY, a California corporation  
MACERICH MARYSVILLE HOLDINGS LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH MERCHANTWIRED, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH NEW RIVER HOLDINGS LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH NIAGARA LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH NORTH BRIDGE LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH NORTHGATE GP I LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH NORTHGATE GP II LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH NORTHGATE HOLDINGS LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH NORTH PARK MALL LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH NORTHRIDGE LP, a California limited partnership  
MACERICH NORTHWESTERN ASSOCIATES, a California general partnership  
MACERICH OAKS ADJACENT LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH OAKS GP CORP., a Delaware corporation  
MACERICH OAKS LP, a Delaware limited partnership  
MACERICH ONE SCOTTSDALE LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH PANORAMA GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH PANORAMA LP, a Delaware limited partnership  
MACERICH PARTNERS OF COLORADO LLC, a Colorado limited liability company  
MACERICH PPR CORP., a Maryland corporation  
MACERICH PPR GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH PROPERTY EQ GP CORP., a Delaware corporation  
MACERICH PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH PVIC ADJACENT LLC, an Arizona limited liability company  
MACERICH QUEENS ADJACENT GUARANTOR GP CORP., a Delaware corporation  
MACERICH QUEENS JV GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH QUEENS JV LP, a Delaware limited partnership  
MACERICH RIDGMAR LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH SANTAN PHASE 2 SPE LLC, a Delaware limited liability company

MACERICH SCG GP CORP., a Delaware corporation  
MACERICH SCG GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH SCG LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, a California limited partnership  
MACERICH SJV LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH SMP GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH SMP LP, a Delaware limited partnership  
MACERICH SOLAR LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH SOUTH PARK MALL LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH SOUTH PLAINS GP I LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH SOUTH PLAINS GP II LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH SOUTH PLAINS GP III LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH SOUTH PLAINS LP, a Delaware limited partnership  
MACERICH SOUTH PLAINS MEMBER LP, a Delaware limited partnership  
MACERICH SOUTH PLAINS MEZZ LP, a Delaware limited partnership  
MACERICH SOUTHRIDGE MALL LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH SOUTH TOWNE GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH SOUTH TOWNE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, a California limited partnership  
MACERICH ST MARKETPLACE GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH ST MARKETPLACE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, a California limited partnership  
MACERICH STONEWOOD, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH STONEWOOD CORP., a Delaware corporation  
MACERICH STONEWOOD HOLDINGS LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH SUNLAND PARK HOLDINGS LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH SUPERSTITION ADJACENT HOLDINGS LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH SUPERSTITION LAND HOLDINGS LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH SUPERSTITION MALL HOLDINGS LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH TRUST LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH TWC II CORP., a Delaware corporation  
MACERICH TWC II LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH TWENTY NINTH STREET LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH TYSONS LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH TYSONS CORNER HOTEL TRS LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH VALLE VISTA HOLDINGS LLC, a Delaware limited liability company

MACERICH VALLEY RIVER CENTER LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH VICTOR VALLEY GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH VICTOR VALLEY LP, a Delaware limited partnership  
MACERICH VINTAGE FAIRE GP CORP., a Delaware corporation  
MACERICH VINTAGE FAIRE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, a Delaware limited partnership  
MACERICH VV GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH VV SPE LP, a Delaware limited partnership  
MACERICH WALLEYE LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH WASHINGTON SQUARE PETALUMA HOLDINGS LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH WESTSIDE GP CORP., a Delaware corporation  
MACERICH WESTSIDE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, a California limited partnership  
MACERICH WESTSIDE PAVILION PROPERTY LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH WHITTWOOD HOLDINGS GP CORP., a Delaware corporation  
MACERICH WHITTWOOD HOLDINGS LP, a Delaware limited partnership  
MACERICH WRLP CORP., a Delaware corporation  
MACERICH WRLP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH WRLP II CORP., a Delaware corporation  
MACERICH WRLP II L.P., a Delaware limited partnership  
MACERICH YUMA HOLDINGS LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACERICH ZETA HOLDINGS LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACJ, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MAC NORTHRIDGE GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACPT LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACW FREEHOLD, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACWH, LP, a Delaware limited partnership  
MACW MALL MANAGEMENT, INC., a New York corporation  
MACWP II LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MACW PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC, a New York limited liability company  
MACW TYSONS, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MALL MAINTENANCE CORPORATION, a Pennsylvania non-profit corporation  
MALL MAINTENANCE CORPORATION II, a Pennsylvania non-profit corporation  
MERCHANTWIRED, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MPLP MSR LP, a Delaware limited partnership

MP MSR GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MP MSR LP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MS PORTFOLIO LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MVRC HOLDING LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
MW INVESTMENT GP CORP., a Delaware corporation  
MW INVESTMENT LP, a Delaware limited partnership  
NEW LAKE LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
NEW RIVER ASSOCIATES LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
NORTH BRIDGE CHICAGO LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
NORTHGATE MALL ASSOCIATES, a California general partnership  
NORTH VALLEY PLAZA ASSOCIATES, a California general partnership  
NSHE MAHWAH, LLC, an Arizona limited liability company  
ONE SCOTTSDALE INVESTORS LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
PACIFIC PREMIER RETAIL LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
PACIFIC PREMIER RETAIL TRUST LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
PARADISE VALLEY MALL SPE LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
PARADISE WEST #1, L.L.C., an Arizona limited liability company  
PEI MSR GP I LLC, a Pennsylvania limited liability company  
PEI MSR GP II LLC, a Pennsylvania limited liability company  
PEI MSR GP III LLC, a Pennsylvania limited liability company  
PEI MSR LP LLC, a Pennsylvania limited liability company  
PEI MSR I LP, a Pennsylvania limited partnership  
PEI MSR II LP, a Pennsylvania limited partnership  
PEI MSR III LP, a Pennsylvania limited partnership  
PHXAZ/KIERLAND COMMONS, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company  
PM 833 MARKET MEZZ GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
PM 833 MARKET MEZZ LP, a Delaware limited partnership  
PM GALLERY LP, a Delaware limited partnership  
PPR LAKEWOOD ADJACENT, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
PPR SQUARE TOO LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
PPR WASHINGTON SQUARE LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
PPRT SOLAR LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
PPRT TRUST LLC, a Delaware limited liability company

PR 907 MARKET LP, a Delaware limited partnership  
PR GALLERY I LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, a Pennsylvania limited partnership  
PROPCOR ASSOCIATES, an Arizona general partnership  
PROPCOR II ASSOCIATES, LLC, an Arizona limited liability company  
QUEENS CENTER PLEDGOR LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
QUEENS CENTER REIT LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
QUEENS CENTER SPE LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
QUEENS JV GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
QUEENS JV LP, a Delaware limited partnership  
RACEWAY ONE, LLC, a New Jersey limited liability company  
RACEWAY TWO, LLC, a New Jersey limited liability company  
RAILHEAD ASSOCIATES, L.L.C., an Arizona limited liability company  
RN 116 COMPANY, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company  
RN 120 COMPANY, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company  
RN 124/125 COMPANY, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company  
RN 540 HOTEL COMPANY L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company  
ROTTERDAM SQUARE, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
SAN TAN SOLAR LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
SANTAN VILLAGE PHASE 2 LLC, an Arizona limited liability company  
SARWIL ASSOCIATES, L.P., a New York limited partnership  
SARWIL ASSOCIATES II, L.P., a New York limited partnership  
SCOTTSDALE FASHION ADJACENT LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
SCOTTSDALE FASHION OFFICE LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
SCOTTSDALE FASHION SQUARE LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
SCOTTSDALE FASHION SQUARE PARTNERSHIP, an Arizona general partnership  
SDG MACERICH PROPERTIES, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership  
SHOPPINGTOWN MALL HOLDINGS, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
SHOPPINGTOWN MALL, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
SHOPPINGTOWN MALL, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership  
SM EASTLAND MALL, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
SM PORTFOLIO LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, a Delaware limited partnership  
SM VALLEY MALL, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
SOUTH PLAINS LP, a Delaware limited partnership

SOUTHRIDGE ADJACENT, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
SUPERSTITION SPRINGS HOLDING LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
THE MACERICH PARTNERSHIP, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership  
THE MARKET AT ESTRELLA FALLS LLC, an Arizona limited liability company  
THE WESTCOR COMPANY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, an Arizona limited partnership  
THE WESTCOR COMPANY II LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, an Arizona limited partnership  
TM TRS HOLDING COMPANY LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
TOWNE MALL, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company  
TWC CHANDLER LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
TWC LIMITED PARTNER LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
TWC SCOTTSDALE CORP., an Arizona corporation  
TWC SCOTTSDALE MEZZANINE, L.L.C., an Arizona limited liability company  
TWC TUCSON, LLC, an Arizona limited liability company  
TYSONS CORNER LLC, a Virginia limited liability company  
TYSONS CORNER HOLDINGS LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
TYSONS CORNER HOTEL I LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
TYSONS CORNER HOTEL PLAZA LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
TYSONS CORNER OFFICE I LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
TYSONS CORNER PROPERTY HOLDINGS LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
TYSONS CORNER PROPERTY HOLDINGS II LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
TYSONS CORNER PROPERTY LLC, a Virginia limited liability company  
TYSONS CORNER RESIDENTIAL I LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
VALLEY STREAM GA MEZZANINE LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
VALLEY STREAM GREEN ACRES LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
WALLEYE LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
WALLEYE RETAIL INVESTMENTS LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
WALLEYE TRS HOLDCO, INC., a Delaware corporation  
WALTON RIDGMAR, G.P., L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company  
WEST ACRES DEVELOPMENT, LLP, a North Dakota limited liability partnership  
WESTCOR 303 CPC LLC, an Arizona limited liability company  
WESTCOR 303 RSC LLC, an Arizona limited liability company  
WESTCOR 303 WCW LLC, an Arizona limited liability company  
WESTCOR/303 AUTO PARK LLC, an Arizona limited liability company

WESTCOR/303 LLC, an Arizona limited liability company  
WESTCOR/BLACK CANYON MOTORPLEX LLC, an Arizona limited liability company  
WESTCOR/BLACK CANYON RETAIL LLC, an Arizona limited liability company  
WESTCOR/CASA GRANDE LLC, an Arizona limited liability company  
WESTCOR/COOLIDGE LLC, an Arizona limited liability company  
WESTCOR/GILBERT, L.L.C., an Arizona limited liability company  
WESTCOR/GILBERT PHASE 2 LLC, an Arizona limited liability company  
WESTCOR/GOODYEAR, L.L.C., an Arizona limited liability company  
WESTCOR GOODYEAR PC LLC, an Arizona limited liability company  
WESTCOR GOODYEAR RSC LLC, an Arizona limited liability company  
WESTCOR MARANA LLC, an Arizona limited liability company  
WESTCOR/MERIDIAN LLC, an Arizona limited liability company  
WESTCOR ONE SCOTTSDALE LLC, an Arizona limited liability company  
WESTCOR/PARADISE RIDGE, L.L.C., an Arizona limited liability company  
WESTCOR/QUEEN CREEK LLC, an Arizona limited liability company  
WESTCOR REALTY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, a Delaware limited partnership  
WESTCOR SANTAN ADJACENT LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
WESTCOR SANTAN HOLDINGS LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
WESTCOR SANTAN VILLAGE LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
WESTCOR SURPRISE CPC LLC, an Arizona limited liability company  
WESTCOR SURPRISE RSC LLC, an Arizona limited liability company  
WESTCOR SURPRISE WCW LLC, an Arizona limited liability company  
WESTCOR/SURPRISE LLC, an Arizona limited liability company  
WESTCOR/SURPRISE AUTO PARK LLC, an Arizona limited liability company  
WESTCOR TRS LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
WESTDAY ASSOCIATES LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
WESTPEN ASSOCIATES LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
WILSAR, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
WILSAR SPC, INC., a Delaware corporation  
WILTON MALL, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
WILTON SPC, INC., a Delaware corporation  
WMAP, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company  
WMGTH, INC., a Delaware corporation

WM INLAND ADJACENT LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
WM INLAND LP, a Delaware limited partnership  
WM INLAND INVESTORS IV GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
WM INLAND INVESTORS IV LP, a Delaware limited partnership  
WM INLAND (MAY) IV, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company  
WM RIDGMAR, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership  
WP CASA GRANDE RETAIL LLC, an Arizona limited liability company  
ZENGO RESTAURANT SANTA MONICA LLC, a Delaware limited liability company

**Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

The Board of Directors  
The Macerich Company  
Santa Monica, California

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the registration statements (Nos. 333-198260, 333-107063 and 333-121630) on Form S-3 and (Nos. 333-00584, 333-42309, 333-42303, 333-69995, 333-108193, 333-120585, 333-161371, 333-186915 and 333-186916) on Form S-8 of The Macerich Company of our reports dated February 23, 2016 with respect to the consolidated balance sheets of The Macerich Company as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related consolidated statements of operations, equity and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2015, the financial statement schedule III - Real Estate and Accumulated Depreciation, and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015, which reports appear in the December 31, 2015 annual report on Form 10-K of The Macerich Company.

Our reports with respect to the consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedule III - Real Estate and Accumulated Depreciation of The Macerich Company make reference to The Macerich Company changing their method of reporting discontinued operations in 2014 due to the adoption of FASB Accounting Standards Update No. 2014-08, *Presentation of Financial Statements (Topic 205) and Property, Plant and Equipment (Topic 360): Reporting Discontinued Operations and Disclosures of Disposals of Components of an Entity*.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Los Angeles, California  
February 23, 2016

## SECTION 302 CERTIFICATION

I, Arthur M. Coppola, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 of The Macerich Company;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ ARTHUR M. COPPOLA

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*Chairman and Chief Executive Officer*

Date: February 23, 2016

## SECTION 302 CERTIFICATION

I, Thomas E. O'Hern, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 of The Macerich Company;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ THOMAS E. O'HERN

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*Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*

Date: February 23, 2016

**THE MACERICH COMPANY (The Company)**  
**WRITTEN STATEMENT PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350**

The undersigned, Arthur M. Coppola and Thomas E. O'Hern, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, respectively, of The Macerich Company (the "Company"), pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350, each hereby certify that, to the best of his knowledge:

- (i) the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 of the Company (the "Report") fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (ii) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: February 23, 2016

/s/ ARTHUR M. COPPOLA

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*Chairman and Chief Executive Officer*

/s/ THOMAS E. O'HERN

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*Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*