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BlueLinx Holdings Inc.  
4300 Wildwood Parkway  
Atlanta, Georgia 30339  
April 17, 2018

Dear Stockholder:

I am pleased to invite you to the 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of BlueLinx Holdings Inc (“BlueLinx”). The meeting will be held at our headquarters at 4300 Wildwood Parkway, Atlanta, Georgia 30339 on Thursday, May 17, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time. The matters to be voted upon at the meeting are listed in the accompanying notice of the Annual Meeting, and are described in more detail in the accompanying proxy statement and proxy card. Whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, please complete, date, sign, and mail promptly the enclosed proxy card in the envelope provided to ensure that your vote will be counted. If you attend the meeting, you will, of course, have the right to revoke the proxy and vote your shares in person.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, management, and associates of BlueLinx, I extend our appreciation for your continued support and look forward to meeting with you.

Very truly yours,  
Mitchell B. Lewis  
President and Chief Executive Officer

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BLUELINX HOLDINGS INC.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

To Our Stockholders:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of BlueLinx Holdings Inc. will be held at our headquarters at 4300 Wildwood Parkway, Atlanta, Georgia 30339 on Thursday, May 17, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time, for the following purposes:

1. to elect six directors to hold office until the 2019 annual meeting of stockholders, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified;
2. to ratify the appointment of BDO USA, LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for our current fiscal year ending December 29, 2018, which we refer to as “fiscal 2018;”
3. to approve an amendment to the BlueLinx Holdings Inc. 2016 Amended and Restated Long-Term Incentive Plan;
4. to hold an advisory, non-binding vote to approve the executive compensation described in this Proxy Statement; and
5. to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting and any adjournment or postponement thereof.

Stockholders of record at the close of business on April 4, 2018, will be entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting or any postponements or adjournments of the meeting.

The Board of Directors recommends voting FOR its nominees for director and FOR proposals 2 through 4.

Whether or not you expect to be present in person at the meeting, please sign and date the accompanying proxy and return it promptly in the enclosed postage-paid reply envelope. This will assist us in preparing for the meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
Shyam K. Reddy  
Chief Administrative Officer, General Counsel and Secretary

April 17, 2018  
Atlanta, Georgia

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IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE 2018 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2018

BlueLinx Holdings Inc. is providing access to its proxy materials both by sending you this full set of proxy materials and by notifying you of the availability of its proxy materials on the Internet.

You may access the following proxy materials as of the date they are first mailed to our stockholders by visiting [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com):

- Notice of 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on Thursday, May 17, 2018;
- Proxy Statement for 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on Thursday, May 17, 2018; and
- Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 30, 2017.

These proxy materials are available free of charge and will remain available through the conclusion of the 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. In accordance with SEC rules, the proxy materials on the site are searchable, readable, and printable; and the site does not have “cookies” or other tracking devices which identify visitors.

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The enclosed proxy is being solicited by the Board of Directors of BlueLinx Holdings Inc. (“BlueLinx,” “us,” “we,” “our,” or the “Company”) for the 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders or any postponement or adjournment of the meeting, for the purposes set forth in the accompanying “Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders.” References in this Proxy Statement to 2018 or fiscal 2018 refer to our current fiscal year, ending December 29, 2018. References to 2017 or fiscal 2017 refer to the fiscal year ended December 30, 2017. References to 2016 or fiscal 2016 refer the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016. All fiscal years presented comprise a 52-week year.

Copies of this proxy statement, the form of proxy and the annual report will first be mailed to stockholders on or about April 17, 2018. The proxy statement and annual report are also available on the investor relations page of our website at [www.BlueLinxCo.com](http://www.BlueLinxCo.com) and [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).

Attending the Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be held at our headquarters at 4300 Wildwood Parkway, Atlanta, Georgia 30339, on Thursday, May 17, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time. For directions to the meeting please contact our investor relations department at 770-953-7000. Holders of our common stock as of the close of business on April 4, 2018, will be entitled to attend and vote at the meeting.

BLUELINX HOLDINGS INC.

4300 Wildwood Parkway  
Atlanta, Georgia 30339  
770-953-7000

GENERAL INFORMATION

Why did I receive this proxy statement?

This proxy statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies on behalf of our Board of Directors (the "Board") to be voted at the annual meeting of our stockholders to be held on May 17, 2018, and any adjournment or postponement thereof, for the purposes set forth in the accompanying "Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders." The meeting will be held at our headquarters, 4300 Wildwood Parkway, Atlanta, Georgia 30339, on Thursday, May 17, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time. This proxy statement and accompanying proxy card are being first sent or given to our stockholders on or about April 17, 2018. Our Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 30, 2017, accompanies this proxy statement, as part of our 2017 Annual Report.

Who is soliciting my vote?

Our Board is soliciting your vote at the 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of BlueLinx Holdings Inc.

Who is entitled to vote?

Only our stockholders of record at the close of business on April 4, 2018, the "Record Date," are entitled to receive notice of the meeting, attend the meeting and to vote the shares of our common stock that they held on that date at the meeting, or any adjournment thereof. Each outstanding share that you own as of the Record Date entitles you to cast one vote on each matter to be voted upon.

Who can attend the meeting?

All stockholders of record as of the close of business on the Record Date, or their duly appointed proxies, may attend the meeting. Each stockholder may be asked to present valid picture identification, such as a driver's license or passport.

Please note that if you hold your shares in "street name" (that is, through a broker or other nominee), you will need to bring a copy of a brokerage statement reflecting your stock ownership as of the Record Date. If you are a stockholder of record, your name will appear on our stockholder list.

What will I vote on?

Four items:

- the election of six directors to our Board;
- the ratification of BDO USA, LLP as our independent registered public accounting

firm for our current fiscal year, which we refer to as "fiscal 2018;"

- the approval of an amendment to the Company's 2016 Amended and Restated Long-Term Incentive Plan; and
- a non-binding, advisory vote to approve the executive compensation described in this Proxy Statement.

Will there be any other items of business on the agenda?

We do not expect any other items of business at the meeting. Nonetheless, if an unforeseen matter is raised, your proxy will give discretionary authority to the persons named on the proxy to vote on any other matters that may be brought before the meeting. These persons will use their best judgment in voting your proxy.

How many votes must be present to conduct business at the meeting?

The presence at the meeting, in person or by proxy, of the holders of a majority of the shares of our common stock outstanding on the Record Date will constitute a quorum, permitting business to be conducted at the meeting. As of the Record Date, we had 9,209,913 shares of common stock outstanding. Proxies received but marked as abstentions or broker non-votes will be included in the calculation of the number of shares considered to be present at the meeting. A broker non-vote occurs when a nominee holding shares for a beneficial owner does not vote on a particular proposal because the nominee does not have discretionary voting power with respect to that item and has not received instructions from the beneficial owner.

How do I vote?

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If you complete and properly sign the accompanying proxy card and return it to us, it will be voted as you direct. If you are a registered stockholder and attend the meeting, you may deliver your completed proxy card in person. "Street name" stockholders who wish to vote at the meeting will need to obtain a proxy form from the institution that holds their shares.

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Can I change my vote after I return my proxy card?

Yes. Even after you have submitted your proxy, you may change your vote at any time before the proxy is exercised by filing either a notice of revocation or a duly executed proxy bearing a later date with our Corporate Secretary, at our principal executive offices, BlueLinx Holdings Inc., attn: Corporate Secretary, 4300 Wildwood Parkway, Atlanta, Georgia 30339. The powers of the proxy holder(s) will be suspended if you attend the meeting in person and so request, although attendance at the meeting will not by itself revoke a previously granted proxy.

What are the recommendations of our Board of Directors?

Our Board recommends a vote FOR the election of the nominated slate of directors, FOR the ratification of the appointment of BDO USA, LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal 2018, FOR the approval of an amendment to the Company's 2016 Amended and Restated Long-Term Incentive Plan, and FOR the approval of the executive compensation described in this Proxy Statement.

What vote is required to approve each item?

Election of Directors. A nominee will be elected as a director if he or she receives a plurality of the votes cast at the meeting. "Plurality" means that the nominees receiving the largest number of votes cast are elected as directors up to the maximum number of directors to be chosen at the meeting. In other words, the six director nominees receiving the most votes will be elected. Broker non-votes or marking your proxy card to withhold authority for all or some nominees will have no effect on the election of directors.

Ratification of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm. The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares present or represented by proxy and entitled to vote is required to ratify the appointment of BDO USA, LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal 2018. As a result, abstentions will have the effect of a vote "against" the proposal; however, broker non-votes will have no effect on this proposal. If our stockholders fail to ratify the selection, the Audit Committee may, but is not required to, reconsider whether to retain that firm. Even if the selection is ratified, the Audit Committee, in its discretion, may direct the appointment of a different independent auditing firm at any time during the fiscal year if it determines that such a change would be in our best interests and that of our stockholders.

Approval of the amendment to the Company's 2016 Amended and Restated Long-Term Incentive Plan. Approval of the amendment to the Company's 2016 Amended and Restated Long-Term Incentive Plan requires the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares present or represented by proxy and entitled

to vote. As a result, abstentions will have the effect of a vote "against" the proposal; however, broker non-votes will have no effect on this proposal.

Approval on a non-binding, advisory basis of the compensation of the Company's named executive officers. Adoption of a resolution approving, on a non-binding, advisory basis, the compensation of the Company's named executive officers, as disclosed in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, compensation tables, and narrative discussion of this proxy statement, requires the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares present or represented by proxy and entitled to vote. As a result, abstentions will have the effect of a vote "against" the proposal; however, broker non-votes will have no effect on this proposal.

What if I don't vote for some or all of the matters listed on my proxy card?

If you are a registered stockholder and you return a signed proxy card without indicating your vote for some or all of the matters, your shares will be voted as follows for any matter you did not indicate a vote on:

FOR the director nominees to the Board listed on the proxy card;

FOR the ratification of the appointment of BDO USA, LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal 2018;

FOR the approval of the amendment to the Company's 2016 Amended and Restated Long-Term Incentive Plan; and

FOR the approval, on an advisory, non-binding basis, of the executive compensation described in this Proxy Statement.

How will proxies be solicited?

Proxies will be solicited by mail. Proxies may also be solicited by our officers and regular employees personally or by telephone or facsimile, but such persons will not be specifically compensated for such services. Banks, brokers,

nominees, and other custodians and fiduciaries will be reimbursed for their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses in forwarding soliciting material to their principals, the beneficial owners of our common stock. We will pay the expense of preparing, assembling, printing, mailing, and soliciting proxies.

Is there electronic access to the proxy materials and annual report?

Yes. The materials will be available, as of the date they were first mailed to our stockholders, by visiting [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com). In addition, this proxy statement and our Annual Report on Form 10-K are available on our website at [www.BlueLinxCo.com](http://www.BlueLinxCo.com).

ITEMS OF BUSINESS TO BE ACTED ON AT THE MEETING

PROPOSAL 1:  
ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Our Board is currently authorized to consist of nine members and we currently have six members, each with terms expiring at the 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Our Board, based on the recommendation of our Nominating and Governance Committee, nominated six candidates for election at the 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Accordingly, we will have three vacancies on our Board following the 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Although we will not recommend a candidate simply because a vacancy exists, the Nominating and Governance Committee will continue to search for qualified candidates to fill the existing vacancies, but it has not identified nominees at this time. Pursuant to the Company's Bylaws, the Board has nominated the six persons listed below for election as directors of the Company at the 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to comprise our entire Board. At the 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, proxies cannot be voted for a greater number of individuals than the six nominees named in this Proxy Statement. On December 8, 2017, our Board appointed Ms. Karel K. Czanderna as a director, effective January 1, 2018, with a term expiring at the 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Ms. Czanderna was initially identified as a potential director by a national search firm, Spencer Stuart, which was paid a customary fee. Each of the persons nominated for election have agreed to serve if elected.

The terms of all of the members of our Board will expire at the next annual meeting after their election, or when their successors, if any, are elected and appointed. If you do not wish your shares of common stock to be voted for particular nominees, you may so indicate on the enclosed proxy card. If, for any reason, any of the nominees become unavailable for election, the individuals named in the enclosed proxy card may exercise their discretion to vote for any substitutes proposed by the Board. At this time, the Board knows of no reason why any nominee might be unavailable to serve.

Our Board unanimously recommends a vote FOR each of the following nominees:

- Karel K. Czanderna
- Dominic DiNapoli
- Kim S. Fennebresque
- Mitchell B. Lewis
- Alan H. Schumacher
- J. David Smith

Biographical and other information about these nominees can be found under "Identification of Executive Officers and Directors" elsewhere in this proxy statement.

**PROPOSAL 2:****RATIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

The Audit Committee of our Board has selected BDO USA, LLP to serve as our independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2018. BDO USA, LLP has served as our independent registered public accounting firm since April 8, 2015.

While stockholder ratification of the selection of BDO USA, LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm is not required by our Bylaws or otherwise, our Board is submitting the selection of BDO USA, LLP to our stockholders for ratification. If our stockholders fail to ratify the selection, the Audit Committee may, but is not required to, reconsider whether to retain that firm. Even if the selection is ratified, the Audit Committee, in its discretion, may direct the appointment of a different independent auditing firm at any time during the fiscal year if it determines that such a change would be in our best interests and that of our stockholders.

BDO USA, LLP has advised us that it has no direct, nor any material indirect, financial interest in us or any of our subsidiaries. We expect that representatives of BDO USA, LLP will be present at the meeting to make any statement they may desire and to respond to appropriate questions from our stockholders.

**Fees Paid To Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

The following table presents the aggregate fees billed by BDO USA, LLP for professional services for fiscal years 2017 and 2016, respectively, by category as described in the notes to the table:

	2017	2016
Audit Fees <sup>(1)</sup>	\$1,302,000	\$970,852
All Other Fees <sup>(2)</sup>	—	—
<b>TOTAL <sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>\$1,302,000</b>	<b>\$970,852</b>

Consists of fees related to audits of our consolidated financial statements, reviews of interim financial statements, and disclosures in filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). Audit fees also included fees

<sup>(1)</sup> related to the audit of internal control over financial reporting, as required by Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, and fees related to the registration statement and prospectus supplements in connection with our former majority shareholder’s secondary offering of our stock.

<sup>(2)</sup> Consists of fees for permitted services other than those that meet the criteria above.

There were no Audit-Related Fees, fees for assurance and related services that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of our consolidated financial statements and are not reported under “Audit Fees”

<sup>(3)</sup> in fiscal 2017 and fiscal 2016. There were no Tax Fees, fees for professional services provided for the review of tax returns prepared by the company; assistance with international tax compliance; or assistance related to the tax impact of proposed and completed transactions in fiscal 2017 and fiscal 2016.

**Pre-Approval of Audit and Non-Audit Services**

The charter of the Audit Committee provides that the Audit Committee is responsible for the pre-approval of all material audit services and non-audit services to be performed for us by our independent registered public accounting firm. All audit and non-audit work described above was pre-approved by the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee may delegate to one or more of its members the authority to grant such pre-approvals. The decisions of any such member shall be presented to the full Audit Committee at each of its scheduled meetings.

Our Board recommends a vote FOR the ratification of BDO USA, LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2018.

PROPOSAL 3:

APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE  
BLUELINX HOLDINGS, INC.  
2016 AMENDED AND RESTATED LONG-TERM INCENTIVE PLAN

On May 19, 2016, our shareholders approved the BlueLinx Holdings Inc. 2016 Amended and Restated Long-Term Incentive Plan (the “Plan”), which we subsequently amended to allow the grant of certain awards with deferral features that comply with IRS rules on deferred compensation. In March 2018, based on the recommendation of our Compensation Committee, our Board of Directors adopted an amendment to the Plan (the “Amendment”) and directed the Amendment be submitted to our stockholders for consideration and approval at the Annual Meeting. The Amendment will become effective on the date that it is approved by our stockholders. The Amendment principally would:

- adjust all share numbers in the Plan, as proposed to be amended (the “Amended Plan”), by dividing each number of shares of common stock by 10 to reflect the Company’s reverse stock split effected in June 2016;
- increase the maximum number of shares available for grant under the Amended Plan by an additional 537,700 shares. Of the shares previously authorized, including shares added as a result of underlying awards outstanding under our 2006 Long-Term Equity Incentive Plan that were forfeited, cancelled or otherwise expired without issuance of shares, approximately 374,541 shares of common stock are available for the grant of awards under the Amended Plan as of April 4, 2018. The maximum number of shares of common stock available for the grant of awards under the Amended Plan will be subject to adjustment in the event of any corporate event or transaction (including, but not limited to, a change in the shares of the Company or the capitalization of the Company) such as a merger, consolidation, reorganization, recapitalization, separation, partial or complete liquidation, stock dividend, stock split, reverse stock split, split up, spin-off, or other distribution of stock or property of the Company, combination of shares, exchange of shares, dividend in kind, or other like change in capital structure, number of outstanding shares or distribution (other than normal cash dividends) to stockholders of the Company, or any similar corporate event or transaction;
- provide that any shares of common stock which are used to pay taxes or the exercise price or purchase price of an award shall not be available again for grant under the Amended Plan and, accordingly, will not be added back to the share authorization of the Amended Plan;
- provide that the Compensation Committee may, in its sole discretion, provide that a participant shall be eligible for a full or prorated award in the event that both a change in control and a cessation of the participant’s service relationship with the Company occurs (or if the surviving entity in such change in control does not assume or replace the award in the change in control). In addition, with respect to awards that are subject to one or more performance objectives, the Compensation Committee may, in its sole discretion, provide that any such award will be paid prior to when any or all such performance objectives are certified (or without regard to whether they are certified) based on actual performance achieved, pro-rata of target based on the elapsed portion of the performance period, or a combination of both actual and pro-rata; and
- provide that, if the surviving entity in a change in control does not assume or replace an award in the change in control, the Compensation Committee may also, in its sole discretion, determine that any or all outstanding awards granted under the Amended Plan, will be canceled and terminated and that in connection with such cancellation and termination the holder of such award may receive for each share of common stock subject to vested awards a cash payment (or the delivery of shares of stock, other securities or a combination of cash, stock and securities equivalent to such cash payment) equal to the difference, if any, between the consideration received by stockholders of the Company in respect of a share of common stock in connection with such transaction and the purchase price per share, if any, under the award multiplied by the number of shares of common stock subject to such vested award; provided that if such product is zero or less or to the extent that the award is not then exercisable, the awards may be canceled and terminated without payment therefor.

General

The purpose of the Amended Plan is to provide a means whereby employees, directors and other service providers of the Company develop a sense of proprietorship and personal involvement in the development and financial success of the Company, and to encourage them to devote their best efforts to the business of the Company, thereby advancing the interests of the Company and its stockholders. A further purpose of the Amended Plan is to provide a means through which the Company may attract able individuals to become employees or serve as directors of the Company and to align the interests of individuals who are responsible for the successful administration and management of the Company with those of our

stockholders. Under the Amended Plan, the Company may grant non-qualified stock options, “incentive stock options” (within the meaning of Section 422 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”)), stock appreciation rights (“SARs”), restricted stock, restricted stock units, performance shares, performance units, cash-based awards, and other stock-based awards.

#### Summary of Amended Plan

**Administration.** The Amended Plan will be administered by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors (the “Committee”).

Subject to the express provisions of the Amended Plan, the Compensation Committee will have the authority to select eligible persons to receive awards and determine all of the terms and conditions of each award. All awards will be evidenced by a written agreement containing such provisions not inconsistent with the Amended Plan as the Compensation Committee shall approve. The Committee will also have authority to establish rules and regulations for administering the Amended Plan and to decide questions of interpretation or application of any provision of the Amended Plan.

**Available Shares.** Under the Amended Plan, 912,241 shares of common stock will be available for awards, plus any shares of common stock that are subject to outstanding awards under the Company’s 2006 Long-Term Equity Incentive Plan or the Plan as of April 4, 2018, that are forfeited, cancelled or otherwise expire without issuance of shares shall also be available for awards under the Amended Plan. All of the shares available for awards under the Amended Plan will be subject to adjustment in the event of any corporate event or transaction (including, but not limited to, a change in the shares of the Company or the capitalization of the Company) such as a merger, consolidation, reorganization, recapitalization, separation, partial or complete liquidation, stock dividend, stock split, reverse stock split, split up, spin-off, or other distribution of stock or property of the Company, combination of shares, exchange of shares, dividend in kind, or other like change in capital structure, number of outstanding shares or distribution (other than normal cash dividends) to stockholders of the Company, or any similar corporate event or transaction.

Shares covered by an award will be counted as used and deducted from the share authorization as of the date of grant. Each performance share or performance unit that may be settled in shares of common stock will be counted as one share of common stock subject to an award, based on the number of shares of common stock that would be paid under the performance share or performance unit for achievement of target performance, with such number deducted from the share authorization as of the date of grant. In the event that an award of performance shares or performance units is later settled based on above-target performance, the additional number of shares of common stock corresponding to the above-target performance, will be deducted from the share authorization at the time of such settlement; in the event that the award is later settled based on below-target performance, the difference between the number of shares of common stock awarded based on the below-target performance and the number previously deducted from the share authorization based on the target performance, will be added back to the share authorization. Performance units or other awards that may not be settled in shares of common stock will not result in a deduction from the share authorization.

Under the Amended Plan, any shares related to awards under the Amended Plan or the Company’s 2006 Long-Term Equity Incentive Plan which terminate by expiration, forfeiture, cancellation, or otherwise without the issuance of such shares, are settled in cash in lieu of shares, or are exchanged with the Compensation Committee’s permission, prior to the issuance of shares, for awards not involving shares, shall be added to the share authorization and shall be available for grant under the Amended Plan. Shares that are used to pay the exercise price of an award or tax withholding amounts will not be added back to the share authorization.

**Eligibility.** All of the Company’s employees and directors, as well as consultants or independent contractors who provide services to the Company or a subsidiary of the Company, are eligible to participate in the Amended Plan. Any and all awards to the Company’s executive officers will be formally approved by the Compensation Committee in the form of individual award agreements to each employee.

**Change in Control.** In the event of certain acquisitions of 20% or more of the common stock, certain changes in a majority of the Board, or the consummation of a reorganization, merger or consolidation or sale or disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company (unless, among other conditions, the Company’s stockholders receive

60% or more of the stock of the surviving company) or the liquidation or dissolution of the Company, if the purchaser or surviving entity in the transaction does not assume or replace the outstanding awards or the participant's employment is terminated within a specified period following the transaction, the Company may provide for accelerated vesting or payment of all or a portion of the outstanding awards.

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Effective Date, Termination and Amendment. If approved by stockholders, the Amended Plan will become effective as of the date of such approval. No awards may be granted under the Amended Plan after May 19, 2026. The Compensation Committee may, at any time and from time to time, alter, amend, modify, suspend, or terminate the Amended Plan and any award agreement in whole or in part; provided, however, that, without the prior approval of the Company's stockholders and except as provided in the Amended Plan, options or SARs issued under the Amended Plan will not be repriced, replaced, or regranted through cancellation, or by lowering the option price of a previously granted option or the grant price of a previously granted SAR, and no amendment of the Amended Plan shall be made without stockholder approval if stockholder approval is required by law, regulation, or stock exchange rule.

The Compensation Committee may impose restrictions upon exercise of any awards granted under the Amended Plan. Additionally, the award agreement shall set forth the extent to which the participant shall have the right to exercise awards in the event of participant's termination of employment or service. Such provisions will be determined by the Compensation Committee.

Stock Options-General. The Compensation Committee will determine the conditions to the exercisability of each option. Upon exercise of an option, the purchase price may be paid in cash, by delivery of previously owned shares of common stock, by a cashless (broker-assisted) exercise or by any other method approved or accepted by the Compensation Committee.

Non-Qualified Stock Options and Incentive Stock Options. The period for the exercise of a non-qualified stock option or incentive stock option will be determined by the Compensation Committee. The exercise price of a non-qualified stock option or incentive stock option will not be less than the fair market value of the Common Stock on its date of grant. The Compensation Committee may impose restrictions on any shares acquired pursuant to the exercise of a non-qualified stock option or incentive stock option granted under the Amended Plan.

The award agreement shall set forth the extent to which the participant shall have the right to exercise the non-qualified stock option or incentive stock option in the event of participant's termination of employment or service. Such provisions will be determined by the Compensation Committee.

Stock Appreciation Rights. The period for the exercise of a SAR will be determined by the Compensation Committee. The base price of a SAR will not be less than 100% of the fair market value of the Common Stock on the date of grant. A SAR entitles the holder to receive upon exercise (subject to withholding taxes) shares of common stock (which may be restricted stock), cash or combination thereof with a value equal to the difference between the fair market value of the common stock on the exercise date and the base price of the SAR.

Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units. The Amended Plan provides for the grant of (i) restricted stock awards which may be subject to a restriction period, and (ii) restricted stock units which are similar to restricted stock except no shares are actually awarded. An award of restricted stock or restricted stock units may be subject to specified performance measures during the applicable restriction period. Shares of restricted stock will be freely transferable after all conditions and restrictions have been satisfied or lapse. The award agreement shall set forth the extent to which the participant shall have the right to retain restricted stock and/or restricted stock units in the event of participant's termination of employment or service. Such provisions will be determined by the Compensation Committee. Unless otherwise set forth in a restricted stock award agreement, the holder of a restricted stock award will have rights as a stockholder of the Company, including the right to vote and receive dividends with respect to the shares of restricted stock. A participant shall have no voting rights with respect to any restricted stock units granted under the Amended Plan.

Performance Units and Performance Shares. The Amended Plan also provides for the grant of performance units and performance share awards. Each performance unit and each performance share is a right, contingent upon the attainment of performance measures within a specified performance period. The Compensation Committee will determine the form of payout of cash or in shares (or in a combination thereof) equal to the value of earned performance units/performance shares at the close of the applicable performance period. The award agreement shall set forth the extent to which the participant shall have the right to retain the performance units and/or performance shares in the event of participant's termination of employment or service, as determined by the Compensation Committee. If the performance-based compensation exception under 162(m) of the Code is available with respect to an award and if the Compensation Committee desires such award to qualify for such performance-based exception

under Section 162(m) of the Code, the performance goals will consist of any of the following:

(a) Net earnings or net income (before or after taxes, depreciation or amortization);

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- (b) Earnings per share;
- (c) Net sales or revenues or growth in net sales or revenues;
- (d) Net operating profit;
- (e) Return measures (including, but not limited to, return on net assets, capital, working capital, equity, sales, or revenue);
- (f) Cash flow (including, but not limited to, operating cash flow, free cash flow, cash flow return on equity, and cash flow return on investment);
- (g) Earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT), earnings before taxes, interest, depreciation and/or amortization (EBITDA), or adjusted EBITDA
- (h) Gross or operating margins;
- (i) Productivity ratios;
- (j) Share price (including, but not limited to, growth measures and total shareholder return);
- (k) Expense targets;
- (l) Margins;
- (m) Operating efficiency;
- (n) Market share;
- (o) Customer satisfaction;
- (p) Working capital targets;
- (q) Debt, debt/capital ratio, debt to equity ratio, or debt reduction, and
- (r) Economic value added or EVA® (net operating profit after tax minus the sum of capital multiplied by the cost of capital).

Cash-Based Awards and Other Stock-Based Awards. The Amended Plan also provides for the grant of cash-based awards and other types of equity-based or equity-related awards not otherwise described by the Amended Plan as determined by the Compensation Committee. The Committee will determine the value of the cash-based awards and other stock-based awards and may establish performance goals. In the event the Compensation Committee establishes performance goals, the number and/or value of cash-based awards or other stock-based awards that will be paid out will depend on the extent to which performance goals are met. The Committee shall determine the extent to which the participant shall have the right to receive cash-based awards or other stock-based awards in the event of participant's termination of employment or service.

Non-Employee Director Awards. The Board or Committee shall determine all awards to non-employee directors. The terms of any such awards shall be set forth in an award agreement. The aggregate amount of all compensation granted to any non-employee director during any calendar year, including any awards (based on grant date fair value computed as of the date of grant) and any cash retainer or meeting fee paid or provided for service on the Board or any committee thereof, or any award granted in lieu of any such cash retained or meeting fee shall not exceed \$700,000.

Maximum Awards for Employees. Generally, the Amended Plan limits the annual awards to any individual employee or director as follows:

- a) 100,000 options;
- b) 150,000 SARs;
- c) 100,000 shares of restricted stock or restricted stock units;
- d) 100,000 performance shares or performance units; and
- e) \$7,500,000 or 50,000 shares of cash-based or other stock-based awards.

#### Certain Federal Income Tax Consequences

The following is a brief summary of certain U.S. federal income tax consequences generally arising with respect to awards under the Amended Plan.

A participant generally will not recognize taxable income at the time an option is granted and the Company will not be entitled to a tax deduction at such time. A participant will recognize compensation taxable as ordinary income (and subject to income tax withholding in respect of an employee) upon exercise of a non-qualified stock option equal to

the excess of the fair market value of the shares purchased over their exercise price, and the Company generally will be entitled to a corresponding deduction. A participant will not recognize income (except for purposes of the alternative minimum tax) upon exercise of an incentive stock option. If the shares acquired by exercise of an incentive stock option are held for the longer of two years from the date the option was granted and one year from the date it was exercised, any gain or loss arising from a subsequent disposition of such shares will be taxed as long-term capital gain or loss, and the Company will not be entitled to any deduction. If, however, such shares are disposed of within the above-described period, then in the year of disposition,

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the participant will recognize compensation taxable as ordinary income equal to the excess of the lesser of (i) the amount realized upon disposition or (ii) the fair market value of the shares on the date of exercise over the exercise price, and the Company generally will be entitled to a corresponding deduction.

A participant generally will not recognize taxable income at the time SARs are granted and the Company will not be entitled to a tax deduction at such time. Upon exercise, the participant will recognize compensation taxable as ordinary income (and subject to income tax withholding in respect of an employee) in an amount equal to the fair market value of any shares delivered and the amount of any cash paid by the Company. This amount generally is deductible by the Company as compensation expense.

A participant will not recognize taxable income at the time restricted stock is granted and the Company will not be entitled to a tax deduction at such time, unless the participant makes an election to be taxed at such time. If such election is not made, the participant will recognize compensation taxable as ordinary income (and subject to income tax withholding in respect of an employee) at the time the restrictions lapse in an amount equal to the excess of the fair market value of the shares at such time over the amount, if any, paid for such shares. The amount of ordinary income recognized generally is deductible by the Company as compensation expense. Restricted stock units generally will also be taxed as ordinary income upon vesting unless structured in compliance with applicable tax rules to defer taxation until settlement.

#### New Amended Plan Benefits

The Company's compensation expense deduction for all of the above stock awards are subject to the limits of Section 162(m) of the Code.

The Compensation Committee, in its discretion, will select the participants who receive awards and the size and types of those awards. It is, therefore, not possible to predict the awards that will be made to particular individuals or groups under the Amended Plan.

Our Board unanimously recommends a vote FOR the approval of the Amendment to the BlueLinx Holding Inc. 2016 Amended and Restated Long-Term Incentive Plan.

#### PROPOSAL 4:

#### NON-BINDING, ADVISORY VOTE TO APPROVE THE COMPENSATION OF OUR NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

As required pursuant to Section 14A of the Exchange Act, we seek a non-binding advisory vote from our stockholders to approve the compensation of our executives as described under "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" ("CD&A") and the tabular disclosure regarding named executive officer compensation (together with the accompanying narrative disclosure) in this proxy statement. This proposal, commonly known as a say-on-pay proposal, gives our stockholders the opportunity to express their views on our executive compensation. Because your vote is advisory, it will not be binding on the Board. However, the Compensation Committee will take into account the outcome of the vote when making future executive compensation decisions. At our 2017 Annual Meeting, our stockholders voted to hold a stockholder advisory vote to approve the compensation of the Company's named executive officers annually.

Accordingly, we presently intend to hold annual say-on-pay votes. At our 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, our stockholders approved our say-on-pay proposal, with over 98 percent of the votes cast approving the 2016 executive compensation described in our 2017 proxy statement. Based on this strong support from our stockholders, we believe our compensation programs are effectively designed and continue to be aligned with the interests of our stockholders. As discussed below in our Compensation Discussion & Analysis, our primary goal is to establish a compensation program that serves the long-term interests of the Company and our stockholders by aligning management's interests with that of our stockholders through equity ownership and by promoting the attainment of our key goals. In addition, our compensation program is designed to attract and retain top quality executives with the qualifications necessary for the long-term financial success of the Company. Key elements of our compensation philosophy include:

- Compensation decisions are driven by a pay-for-performance philosophy, which takes into account performance by both the Company and the individual's impact on that performance;
- Performance is determined with reference to pre-established goals, which we believe enhances our executives' performance;

- A significant portion of compensation should be variable based on performance; and
- Total Compensation opportunity should be comparable with compensation programs of companies with which we compete for executive talent

The Committee periodically reviews and revises our executive compensation programs to assess their appropriateness relative to market practices for similar positions in our industry data obtained from consultation with Meridian, informal market surveys, various trade group publications, and other publicly available information.

Our Board recommends a vote FOR the following non-binding, advisory resolution:

“RESOLVED, that the compensation paid to the Company’s named executive officers as disclosed pursuant to Item 402 of Regulation S-K, including the Compensation Discussion & Analysis, the compensation tables and narrative discussion, is hereby approved.”

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our Board met nine times during 2017. Each incumbent director attended at least 75% of the total of all Board and committee meetings the director was entitled to attend during 2017.

Our Board has reviewed the independence of each of its members based on the criteria for independence set forth under applicable securities laws, including the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), applicable rules and regulations of the SEC, and applicable rules and regulations of the NYSE. The NYSE Listed Company Manual and corresponding listing standards provide that, in order to be independent, the Board must determine that a director has no material relationship with the Company other than as a director. The Board has reviewed the relationships between each Board member and the Company. The Board has determined that all of our directors, except for Mr. Lewis, meet the independence standards promulgated under the listing standards of the NYSE, as he is the Company’s President and Chief Executive Officer. As further described under “Former Controlled Company Transition Period,” below, we are currently exempt from the requirement that our Board be composed of a majority of independent directors. Nevertheless, the Board currently is comprised of a majority of independent directors, and will continue to be comprised of a majority of independent directors if the six persons nominated by the Board for election as directors are elected.

Our business and affairs are managed by our Board. To assist it in carrying out its responsibilities, our Board has established the three standing committees described below, under “Committees of the Board of Directors.” The charter for each of these committees, as currently in effect, may be found on our website, [www.BlueLinxCo.com](http://www.BlueLinxCo.com). Each of these committees has the right to retain its own legal counsel and other advisors. While we do not have a formal attendance policy, all of our directors are encouraged to attend our Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Five of our six current directors attended the 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, and former director Mr. Mayer also attended. Ms. Czanderna had not yet been appointed to the Board as of the date of the 2017 Annual Meeting.

### Board Structure and Risk Oversight

We have separate persons serving as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer. Kim S. Fennebresque, a non-employee independent director, serves as our Chairman of the Board. Mitchell B. Lewis is our President and Chief Executive Officer. The Chairman of the Board provides general oversight and high level strategic planning for the Company while the Chief Executive Officer manages the business of the organization with a focus on daily operations as they relate to the Company’s long-term strategy. The Board will elect a Chairman immediately following the Annual Meeting. We believe this structure is appropriate for the Company at this time as it keeps board leadership separate from operational management.

Our Board monitors our exposure to a variety of risks. Risks may be addressed from time to time by the full Board or by one or more of our Board committees. Senior management is responsible for identifying and managing material risks faced by the Company and periodically reports on such risks to the full Board or to the appropriate committee. Our Audit Committee Charter gives the Audit Committee responsibilities and duties that include discussing with management, the internal audit department, and the independent auditors our major financial and enterprise risk exposures and the steps management has taken to monitor, control, and minimize such exposures. Liquidity risk, credit risk, and risks associated with our debt facilities and cash management are handled primarily by our finance and accounting department, which provides regular reports to our Audit Committee. The Compensation Committee is responsible for reviewing whether our compensation programs encourage excessive risk taking by senior executive management. The Nominating and Governance Committee is responsible for monitoring risk of fraud and other misconduct by reviewing related-party transactions and waivers to our Code of Ethical Conduct. General business and operational risks are handled primarily by senior executive management, which discusses any such risks as necessary during its regular meetings with the Board. The Company also has established a risk committee, comprised of functional area leaders within the Company, which assists the internal audit group with identifying, monitoring, and addressing the Company’s risks.

### Lead Director

The lead director’s duties generally include serving as the chairperson for all executive sessions of the non-management directors and communicating to the Chief Executive Officer the results of non-management executive board sessions. Mr. Fennebresque, the Chairman of the Board, currently serves as the Company’s lead



director. Any interested party may contact the lead director by directing such communications to the lead director c/o Corporate Secretary, BlueLinx Holdings Inc., 4300 Wildwood Parkway, Atlanta, Georgia 30339. Any such correspondence received by us will be forwarded to the lead director.

## Committees of the Board of Directors

### The Audit Committee

Our Board established a separately-designated standing Audit Committee in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Exchange Act. The purpose of the Audit Committee is to assist our Board in fulfilling its responsibilities to oversee our financial reporting process, including monitoring the integrity of our financial statements and the independence and performance of our internal and external auditors. The Audit Committee is directly responsible for the appointment, compensation, retention and oversight of our independent registered public accounting firm. The Audit Committee met eight times in 2017.

The Audit Committee currently consists of Messrs. Schumacher (Chairman), Fennebresque, and Smith. Based on its review, the Board has affirmatively determined that the directors serving on the Audit Committee have no material relationship with us or any other matter of any kind that would impair their independence and, therefore, satisfy the requirements to be considered independent under the rules of the SEC and the listing standards of the NYSE applicable to audit committee membership, and each meets the NYSE's financial literacy requirements. Our Board has determined that Mr. Schumacher is an "audit committee financial expert," as such term is defined under the applicable rules of the SEC and that the simultaneous service on more than three audit committees of public companies by Mr. Schumacher neither impairs his ability to serve on the Audit Committee, nor represents or in any way creates a conflict of interest for the Company.

The Audit Committee operates pursuant to a written charter, a copy of which can be found on our website at [www.bluelinxco.com](http://www.bluelinxco.com). Additionally, the Audit Committee Charter is available in print to any stockholder who requests it by writing to BlueLinx Holdings Inc., attn: Corporate Secretary, 4300 Wildwood Parkway, Atlanta, Georgia 30339. Pursuant to the terms of its written charter, the Audit Committee may delegate certain of its duties and responsibilities to a subcommittee consisting of one or more members of the Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee has adopted a procedure to receive allegations on any fraudulent accounting issues through a toll-free telephone number as set forth in our Code of Ethical Conduct. See "Corporate Governance Guidelines and Code of Ethical Conduct" below.

### The Compensation Committee

The Compensation Committee oversees the determination of all matters relating to employee compensation and benefits and is empowered to: (1) establish a compensation policy for executive officers, including setting base salaries and incentive compensation; (2) review compensation practices, trends, and risks that may be created by the design of our compensation programs; (3) establish compensation levels for executive officers; (4) approve employment contracts; (5) administer our equity and other incentive plans; (6) work in conjunction with the Board on management succession planning; and (7) undertake administration of other employee benefit plans. The Compensation Committee currently consists of Messrs. Smith (Chairman), Fennebresque, and Schumacher. The Compensation Committee met four times during 2017. As discussed above, our Board has affirmatively determined that Messrs. Smith, Fennebresque, and Schumacher each are independent.

The Compensation Committee has continued to engage Meridian Compensation Partners, LLC ("Meridian") as its independent compensation consultant to serve as an advisor to the Committee on executive and outside director compensation issues and to provide recommendations as to executive and outside director compensation levels. Meridian provided an updated compensation benchmarking study to the Compensation Committee in November 2017. The Compensation Committee reviewed the updated benchmarking study and intends to utilize this study in making compensation decisions through fiscal 2018. The Committee has evaluated Meridian's independence as its compensation consultant by considering each of the independence factors adopted by the NYSE and the SEC. Based on such evaluation, the Committee determined that there are no conflicts of interest between any of our directors or executive officers and Meridian.

The Compensation Committee operates pursuant to a written charter, a copy of which can be found on our website at [www.BlueLinxCo.com](http://www.BlueLinxCo.com). Additionally, the charter is available in print to any stockholder who requests it by writing to BlueLinx Holdings Inc., attn: Corporate Secretary, 4300 Wildwood Parkway, Atlanta, Georgia 30339. Pursuant to the terms of its written charter, the Compensation Committee may delegate certain of its duties and responsibilities to a subcommittee consisting of one or more members of the Compensation Committee, or to executive officers of the

Company.

For more information on the role of the Compensation Committee and its processes and procedures for considering and determining executive officer compensation, see “Compensation Discussion and Analysis” in this proxy statement.

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#### The Nominating and Governance Committee

The Nominating and Governance Committee is empowered to: (1) oversee the composition of the Board and its Committees; (2) develop and maintain the Company's corporate governance policies and related matters, including evaluating any waivers to the Company's Code of Ethical Conduct; (3) establish and oversee a process for the annual evaluation of the Board and each committee; (4) review and approve or ratify all related-party transactions or relationships involving a Board member or officer of the Company; (5) oversee director succession planning; (6) review requests by executive management to serve on outside board of directors of other for-profit companies; (7) identify and communicate to the Board relevant and current and emerging corporate and governance trends, issues, and practices and overseeing the continuing education program for directors and the orientation program for new directors; and (8) make recommendations regarding director compensation.

The Nominating and Governance Committee currently consists of Messrs. DiNapoli (Chairman), Schumacher, and Smith. The Nominating and Governance Committee met four times during fiscal 2017. As discussed above, our Board has determined that Messrs. DiNapoli, Schumacher, and Smith are independent.

The Nominating and Governance Committee operates pursuant to a written charter, a copy of which can be found on our website at [www.BlueLinxCo.com](http://www.BlueLinxCo.com). Additionally, the charter is available in print to any stockholder who requests it by writing to BlueLinx Holdings Inc., attn: Corporate Secretary, 4300 Wildwood Parkway, Atlanta, Georgia 30339. Pursuant to the terms of its written charter, the Nominating and Governance Committee may delegate certain of its duties and responsibilities to a subcommittee consisting of one or more members of the Nominating and Governance Committee, or to executive officers of the Company.

#### Nomination Process

Our Nominating and Governance Committee is responsible for identifying and evaluating director candidates from time to time. We believe that identifying and nominating highly skilled and experienced director candidates is critical to our future. Our Nominating and Governance Committee encourages all directors, independent or otherwise, to identify potential director nominees. As a result, our Nominating and Governance Committee believes that it would be presented with a diverse and experienced group of candidates for discussion and consideration. To the extent we receive any such nominations or recommendations, they will be considered at such time based on such factors as the Nominating and Governance Committee considers relevant.

During the evaluation process, our Nominating and Governance Committee seeks to identify director candidates with the highest personal and professional ethics, integrity, and values. While it has not adopted a formal written diversity policy, in the context of the needs of our Nominating and Governance Committee at any given point in time, our Nominating and Governance Committee will seek more diversity on the Board. Furthermore, Nominating and Governance Committee will seek candidates with diverse experience in business, sales, and other matters relevant to a company such as ours. In addition, the Nomination and Governance Committee may consider factors such as, including, without limitation, independence, education, prominence in their profession, civic and community relationships, industry knowledge and experience, concern for the interests of our stockholders, and an understanding of our business. Additionally, our Nominating and Governance Committee requires that director nominees have sufficient time to devote to our business and affairs.

#### Former Controlled Company Transition Period

On October 23, 2017, our former majority shareholder, Cerberus, sold 97% of its outstanding shares, in a secondary offering of our stock. As a result, we are no longer a "controlled company" within the meaning of the NYSE rules. Prior to the secondary offering, more than 50% of the voting power for the election of our directors was held by Cerberus, which allowed us to rely on exemptions from certain corporate governance requirements that would otherwise provide protection to stockholders of other companies. However, as a result of the secondary offering, Cerberus no longer holds a majority of our common stock. Thus, we no longer qualify as a controlled company and must comply with such NYSE requirements for director independence after a one-year transition period. The Board is currently comprised of a majority of independent directors, and currently, each of the Audit Committee, Compensation Committee, and Nominating and Governance Committee are comprised solely of independent directors, and is not relying on these transition periods.



## IDENTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The following table contains the name, age and position with our company of each of our executive officers and directors as of April 4, 2018. Their respective backgrounds are described in the text following the table.

Name	Age	Position
Mitchell B. Lewis	56	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (since 2014)
Susan C. O'Farrell	54	Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, and Treasurer (Since 2014)
Shyam K. Reddy	43	Senior Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary (since 2015)
Kim S. Fennebresque	68	Non-Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors (Director since 2013, Chairman since 2016)
Karel K. Czanderna	61	Director (since 2018)
Dominic DiNapoli	63	Director (since 2016)
Alan H. Schumacher	71	Director (since 2004)
J. David Smith	69	Director (since 2017)

## Executive Officers

Mitchell B. Lewis has served as our President and Chief Executive Officer, and as a Director of BlueLinx Holdings Inc., since January 2014. Mr. Lewis has held numerous leadership positions in the building products industry since 1992. Mr. Lewis served as a director and as President and Chief Executive Officer of Euramax Holdings, Inc., a building products manufacturer, from February 2008 through November 2013. Mr. Lewis also served as Chief Operating Officer in 2005, Executive Vice President in 2002, and group Vice President in 1997 of Euramax Holdings, Inc. and its predecessor companies. Prior to being appointed group Vice President, Mr. Lewis served as President of Amerimax Building Products, Inc. Prior to 1992, Mr. Lewis served as Corporate Counsel with Alumax Inc. and practiced law with Alston & Bird LLP, specializing in mergers and acquisitions. Mr. Lewis received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Emory University and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Michigan. Mr. Lewis' position as our Chief Executive Officer, financial expertise, management advisory expertise, and industry experience make him a valuable member of our Board.

Susan C. O'Farrell has served as our Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, and Treasurer since May 2014. Prior to joining us, Ms. O'Farrell was a senior financial executive holding several roles with The Home Depot, a home improvement specialty retailer, since 1999. As The Home Depot's Vice President of Finance, she led teams supporting the retail organization. Ms. O'Farrell was also responsible for the finance function for The Home Depot's At Home Services Group. Ms. O'Farrell led the financial operations of The Home Depot, as well as served as the VP Finance for the Northern Division of the company. Ms. O'Farrell began her career with Andersen Consulting, LLP (now Accenture), leaving as an Associate Partner in 1996 for a strategic information systems role with AGL Resources (now Southern Company Gas). Ms. O'Farrell earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Auburn University and completed Emory University's Executive Leadership program.

Shyam K. Reddy has served as our Senior Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary since May 2017. From June 1, 2015, until May 2017, Mr. Reddy served as our Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary. Prior to joining us, Mr. Reddy served as Chief Administrative Officer, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary of Euramax Holdings, Inc., from March 2013 to March 2015. Prior to joining Euramax, Mr. Reddy was the Regional Administrator of the Southeast Sunbelt Region of the U.S. General Services Administration from March 2010 to March 2013. Prior to accepting the Presidential Appointment at the U.S. General Services Administration, Mr. Reddy practiced corporate law as a partner in the Atlanta office of Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton. Mr. Reddy received a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master of Public Health degree from Emory University, and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Georgia.

## Nominees for Election as Director

Information regarding each nominee for director, other than Mr. Lewis, is included below. Information regarding Mr. Lewis is included above under "Executive Officers".

Karel K. Czanderna was appointed to our Board effective January 1, 2018. Ms. Czanderna has been the President and CEO of Flexsteel Industries, Inc. (NASDAQ:FLXS, "Flexsteel") since 2012, and is a member of its Board. Prior to joining Flexsteel, Ms. Czanderna served as Group President of Building Materials for Owens Corning (NYSE:OC). She also previously held various executive management positions with Whirlpool Corporation (NYSE:WHR) including Vice President, North America

Cooking Products, Vice President & General Manager, Global KitchenAid and Jenn-Air Businesses, and Vice President, Global Refrigeration. Ms. Czanderna began her career with Eastman Kodak Company (NYSE:KODK), where she served in a variety of leadership roles over 18 years. Ms. Czanderna also currently sits on the boards of American Home Furnishings Alliance and American Home Furnishings Hall of Fame Foundation Inc. She has previously served on the boards of A&E Factory Service LLC, Bremson, Inc., and Clarkson University. Ms. Czanderna earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics from Clarkson University, and a Ph.D. in Materials Science and Engineering from Cornell University.

Ms. Czanderna's business experience, management advisory expertise, and experience as an officer and director of public companies make her well-suited to add value as a member of our Board.

Dominic DiNapoli currently serves as a senior consultant to FTI Consulting, a global business advisory firm, including Vice Chairman from 2011 through 2014, and Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer from 2004 through 2011. From 2002 to 2004, Mr. DiNapoli was a Senior Managing Director and leader of FTI Consulting's corporate finance/restructuring practice. From 1998 to 2002, Mr. DiNapoli was a Managing Partner of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP's U.S. business recovery services practice. Since January 1, 2016, Mr. DiNapoli has served as a consultant to Cerberus Capital providing consulting services, as requested, to portfolio companies.

Mr. DiNapoli's financial expertise, management advisory expertise, and experience as a public company executive qualify him to serve on, and be a valuable member of, the Board.

Kim S. Fennebresque has served as a member of our Board since May 2013, and became Chairperson in May 2016. Mr. Fennebresque currently serves as a senior advisor to Cowen Group Inc. ("Cowen"), a financial services company. He previously served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Cowen and its predecessor SG Cowen from 1999 to 2008. Mr. Fennebresque currently serves on the Board of Directors of Ally Financial

Inc. (NYSE:ALLY), Albertson's LLC, Ribbon Communications (NASDAQ:RBBN), and BAWAG Group, AG (VIE:BG). Mr. Fennebresque served as Chairman of Dahlman Rose & Co., LLC ("Dahlman"), a financial services company, from 2010 to 2012, and as Chief Executive Officer of Dahlman from July 2011 until August 2012. He has also served as head of the corporate finance and mergers & acquisitions departments at UBS and was a general partner and co-head of investment banking at Lazard Frères & Co. Mr. Fennebresque also held various positions at The First Boston Corporation (now Credit Suisse). He is a graduate of Trinity College and Vanderbilt Law School. Mr. Fennebresque's business experience, background in finance, and industry knowledge qualify him to serve on, and be a valuable member of, the Board.

Alan H. Schumacher has served as a member of our Board since May 2004. He is a director of Warrior Met Coal, Inc. (NYSE:HCC), Evertec Inc. (NYSE:EVTC), BlueBird Bus Co. (NASDAQ:BLBD) and Albertson's LLC. Mr. Schumacher was a director of Noranda Aluminum Holding Corporation from 2008 through 2016, and Quality Distribution, Inc. from 2004 through 2015. Mr. Schumacher was a member of the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board from 2002 through June 2012. Mr. Schumacher has 23 years of experience working in various positions at American National Can Corporation and American National Can Group, where from 1997 until his retirement in 2000, he served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer and from 1988 through 1996, he served as Vice President, Controller, and Chief Accounting Officer. Mr. Schumacher received a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from the University of Illinois at Chicago and a Master's degree in Business Administration from Roosevelt University.

Mr. Schumacher's financial expertise (including his qualification as a financial expert), experience in the oversight of financial reporting and internal controls, and experience as an officer and director of public companies make him a valuable member of our Board.

J. David Smith has served as a member of the board of directors of Henry Company since 2017, and Gypsum Management Supply Inc. (NYSE:GMS) since 2014. He has also served as a director of Nortek, Inc. (NASDAQ:NTK) since February 2010, and was appointed to serve as the Chairman of the Nortek's board of directors in April 2012. Mr. Smith has also served as the Chairman of the board of directors at Siamons International, Inc. since 2008, and as a member of the board of directors of Commercial Metals Company (NYSE:CMC) since 2004, and DiversiTech, Inc. since 2010. Mr. Smith served as President of Alumax Fabricated Products, Inc. and as an officer of Alumax, Inc. from 1989 to 1996. Mr. Smith held the positions of Chief Executive Officer and President of Euramax International, Inc.



beginning in 1996 and also served as the Chairman of its board of directors from 2002 until his retirement in 2008. Mr. Smith served as a director of both Houghton International Inc. and Air Distribution Technologies, Inc. until 2014. Mr. Smith has extensive operating and management experience in private and public international metals and building products companies. Mr. Smith received a B.A. from Gettysburg College. Mr. Smith's financial expertise, management advisory expertise, and experience as an officer and director of public companies make him a valuable member of our Board.

#### COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Stockholders and other interested parties who wish to send communications, including recommendations for director nominees, to our Board or any individual director may do so by writing to the Board of Directors, in care of our Corporate Secretary, at our principal executive offices, BlueLinx Holdings Inc., attn: Corporate Secretary, 4300 Wildwood Parkway, Atlanta, Georgia 30339. Your letter should indicate whether you are a stockholder. Depending on the subject matter, our Corporate Secretary will, as appropriate:

- forward the communication to the director to whom it is addressed or, in the case of communications addressed to the Board of Directors generally, to the chairman;

- attempt to handle the inquiry directly where it is a request for information about us; or

- not forward the communication if it is primarily commercial in nature, or if it relates to an improper topic.

Communications from interested parties that are complaints or concerns relating to financial and accounting methods, internal accounting controls, or auditing matters should be sent to the chairman of the Audit Committee, following the procedures set forth above. Director nominations will be reviewed for compliance with the requirements identified under “Submission of Stockholder Proposals” in this proxy statement, and if they meet such requirements, will be promptly forwarded to the director or directors identified in the communication. There have been no material changes to the procedures pursuant to which stockholders may recommend nominees for directors since our 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

All communications will be summarized for our Board on a periodic basis and each letter will be made available to any director upon request.

## SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF MANAGEMENT AND CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS

The following table sets forth, as of April 4, 2018 (unless otherwise indicated in the footnotes), certain information with respect to our common stock owned beneficially by (1) each director or director nominee, (2) each named executive officer, (3) all executive officers and directors as a group, and (4) each person known by us to be a beneficial owner of more than 5% of our outstanding common stock. Unless otherwise noted, each of the persons listed has sole investment and voting power with respect to the shares of common stock included in the table. In addition, unless otherwise noted below, the address for each beneficial owner is the Company's corporate headquarters located at 4300 Wildwood Parkway, Atlanta, Georgia 30339. Beneficial ownership has been determined in accordance with Rule 13d-3 of the Exchange Act. Pursuant to the rules of the SEC, shares of our common stock that a person has a right to acquire beneficial ownership of within 60 days are deemed to be outstanding for the purpose of computing percentage ownership of such owner; hence, restricted stock units for our directors that are vested but not settled (and would settle within 30 days of retirement from the Board) are included, as described, below.

Name of Beneficial Owner	Number of Shares Beneficially Owned	Percentage of Shares Outstanding <sup>(1)</sup>
Adage Capital Partners, L.P. <sup>(2)</sup>	836,300	9.08 %
Solas Capital Management, LLC <sup>(3)</sup>	791,900	8.60 %
Mitchell B. Lewis	160,621	1.74 %
Kim S. Fennebresque <sup>(4)</sup>	96,239	1.04 %
Alan H. Schumacher <sup>(5)</sup>	49,788	*
Susan C. O'Farrell	28,252	*
Dominic DiNapoli <sup>(6)</sup>	28,252	*
Shyam K. Reddy	11,064	*
J. David Smith	6,000	*
Karel K. Czanderna <sup>(7)</sup>	3,000	*
All executive officers and directors as a group (8 persons)	383,216	4.16 %

\* Less than one percent.

(1) The percentage ownership calculations are based on 9,209,913 shares of our common stock outstanding on April 4, 2018.

Based solely on a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on October 19, 2017, by Adage Capital Partners, L.P., Adage Capital Partners GP, LLC, Adage Capital Advisors, LLC, Robert Atchinson, and Phillip Gross (together, the

(2) "Adage Reporting Persons"), exercise shared voting and investment authority over 836,300 shares of our stock. The address of the business office of each of the Adage Reporting Persons is 200 Clarendon Street, 52nd floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02116.

(3) Based solely on a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 14, 2017, by Solas Capital Management LLC and Frederick Tucker Golden, Solas Capital Management, LLC exercises shared voting and investment authority over 791,900 shares of our stock in conjunction with Frederick Tucker Golden. The address for Solas Capital Management, LLC and Frederick Tucker Golden is 1063 Post Road, Second Floor, Darien, Connecticut 06820.

(4) Mr. Fennebresque's shares include 56,391 restricted stock units which are vested and would settle within 30 days of retirement from the Board, and 10,000 shares held by the Madeline A. Fennebresque Trust.

(5) Mr. Schumacher's shares include 36,361 restricted stock units which are vested and would settle within 30 days of retirement from the Board.

(6) Mr. DiNapoli's shares include 25,752 restricted stock units which are vested and would settle within 30 days of retirement from the Board.

(7) All shares held by the Karel K. Czanderna Trust.

**SECTION 16(a) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE**

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires our directors and officers, and beneficial owners of more than 10% of our equity securities, to file initial reports of ownership and reports of changes in ownership with the SEC. Based solely on our review of the copies of such reports received by us with respect to transactions during 2017, or written representations from certain reporting persons, we believe that our directors, officers, and persons who own more than 10% of our equity securities have complied with all applicable filing requirements for 2017, with the exception of the following inadvertent late Form 4 filings: (1) by Mr. Patterson and Mr. Lewis, on January 13, 2017, of exempt transactions relating to tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting of stock awards; and (2) by Mr. Cummings and Mr. Wasson, on January 24, 2017, of exempt transactions relating to tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting of stock awards.

## COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The Compensation Committee of our Board, referred to in this discussion as the Committee, is responsible for reviewing, establishing and approving the compensation of our named executive officers. Compensation paid to our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, and the other named executive officer identified in the Summary Compensation Table is set forth under “Compensation of Executive Officers” below. The following discussion and analysis focuses on compensation to our named executive officers for fiscal 2017.

The Committee regularly consults with management regarding employee compensation matters. The Chief Executive Officer’s compensation primarily was determined by, and the material terms of his compensation arrangement are reflected in, his employment agreement entered into on January 15, 2014. For further information regarding the terms of the Chief Executive Officer’s employment, see “Employment Agreement with Chief Executive Officer” below. Our Chief Executive Officer makes compensation recommendations to the Committee for the other named executive officers. The Committee also considers market factors in making decisions about our compensation program. In this regard, the Committee retained Hewitt Associates, now Meridian, to periodically advise it on executive compensation matters and to provide compensation recommendations as to our executive officers. The Committee and the Company periodically discuss compensation issues and solicit compensation advice and data from Meridian. At the request of the Committee, Meridian provided an updated benchmarking study in November 2017. The benchmarking study is used as a comparative tool in the Committee’s evaluation of the Company’s executive compensation in relation to companies believed to represent the appropriate comparable labor market for executive talent. The Committee periodically reviews these benchmarking studies and external market data from peer companies, and this data is among many of the variables considered by the Committee when making compensation decisions. The following discussion and analysis, which was reviewed and approved by the Committee, analyzes the objectives and results for fiscal 2017 of our named executive officer compensation policies and procedures.

### Compensation Policies and Objectives

Our primary goal is to establish a compensation program that serves the long-term interests of the Company and our stockholders by aligning management’s interests with that of our stockholders through equity ownership and by promoting the attainment of our key goals. In addition, our compensation program is designed to attract and retain top quality executives with the qualifications necessary for the long-term financial success of the Company. Our executive compensation program is based on the following principles:

- Compensation decisions are driven by a pay-for-performance philosophy, which takes into account performance by both the Company and the individual’s impact on that performance;
- Performance is determined with reference to pre-established goals, which we believe enhance our executives’ performance;
- A significant portion of compensation should be variable based on performance; and
- Total compensation opportunity should be comparable with compensation programs of companies with which we compete for executive talent.

The Committee periodically reviews our executive compensation programs to assess their appropriateness relative to market practices for similar positions in our industry based on data obtained from consultation with Meridian, informal market surveys, various trade group publications, and other publicly available information, and revises where appropriate.

At the 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, our stockholders expressed their continued support of our executive compensation programs by approving the non-binding advisory vote on our executive compensation. More than 98 percent of votes cast supported our executive compensation policies and practices. During 2017, we reviewed our executive compensation programs in conjunction with business results and stockholder support of our executive compensation program. Following that review, we continue to believe that our executive compensation programs are designed to support the Company and business strategies in concert with our compensation philosophy described above.

### Elements of Compensation

Compensation for our named executive officers consists of five general components:

Base salary;  
Annual performance-based cash awards;  
Long-term equity incentive compensation;  
Defined contribution plan; and  
Other perquisite and benefit programs.

The appropriate mix and amount of compensation for each named executive officer varies based on the level of the executive's responsibilities, as determined by the Committee in consultation with our Chief Executive Officer. The

compensation structure for each of our named executive officers largely is established by his or her employment agreement. The Committee may increase any component of compensation provided by an employment agreement to any of our named executive officers. There is no established policy or formula for allocating any individual's total compensation between cash and non-cash, or between short-term and long-term incentives. This approach is designed to provide the Company with flexibility to respond to marketplace and individual factors in attracting and retaining executive talent and encouraging performance.

The Committee typically reviews and adjusts base salaries and awards of cash bonuses and equity-based compensation on an annual basis. Our Chief Executive Officer presents recommendations and proposals on compensation, which are developed in consultation with our Chief Human Resources Officer and other Company representatives, to the Committee, including recommended base salaries, recommended structure, target levels, and payout levels for the annual cash bonus program under the Company's short-term incentive plan ("STIP"), and recommended equity awards to executive officers, and management's rationale for its recommendations. The Committee considers these recommendations before determining compensation.

#### Base Salary

Base salaries represent a fixed portion of named executive officer compensation and vary by job responsibility. We provide base salary because it is standard in the marketplace and provides a stable part of compensation to encourage retention. Named executive officer salaries generally are reviewed and approved annually by the Committee. Additionally, periodic salary adjustments are considered upon a promotion, change in job responsibility, or when otherwise necessary for equitable reasons. The Chief Executive Officer's base salary initially was established in his employment agreement, and the Committee consults with the Chief Executive Officer regarding the salaries of the other named executive officers. The Committee primarily considers the recommendations of the Chief Executive Officer, market data, a general review of the executive's compensation (individually and relative to the other executives), and the individual performance of the executive and then approves base salary as to the named executive officers.

The following table sets forth the base salaries for fiscal 2017, awarded to our three named executive officers, consisting of our Chief Executive Officer; our Chief Financial Officer; and our Chief Administrative Officer, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary.

Officer	Base Salary (\$)
Mitchell B. Lewis	700,000
Susan C. O'Farrell	450,000
Shyam K. Reddy	420,000

In November, 2017, the Compensation Committee increased the salaries of our named executive officers effective January 1, 2018, to \$721,000 for Mr. Lewis, \$463,500 for Ms. O'Farrell, and \$440,000 for Mr. Reddy.

#### Annual Bonuses

We utilize cash bonuses as an incentive to promote achievement of individual and Company performance goals. This component of compensation places more emphasis on our annual financial performance and the potential rewards associated with future performance of the Company and the individual executive. Annual bonuses are determined based on agreements with the individual executive as well as pursuant to the Company's STIP. Cash incentives are designed to:

- Support our strategic business objectives;
- Promote the attainment of specific financial goals;
- Reward achievement of specific performance objectives; and
- Encourage teamwork.

Under the STIP, an annual bonus pool is established and funded based solely on performance as measured against established business and/or financial goals at different levels of the Company's operating structure. The Committee establishes the bonus pool based on Company performance. In general, the bonus pool is allocated to each participant based on the participant's "target bonus percentage" (a percentage of such participant's current base salary) and the extent

to which the Company and/or such participant's operating group(s) meets the established business and/or financial goals. Each of the named executive officers is a participant in the STIP, and their annual bonuses are subject to adjustment by the Committee, at its discretion, based on the executive's individual performance and contribution to the Company during the year. The threshold, target, and maximum bonus percentages for 2017 for each of the named executive officers as a percentage of each executive's base salary were as follows:

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Officer	Threshold	Target	Maximum
Mitchell B. Lewis	50 %	100 %	200 %
Susan C. O'Farrell	32.5 %	65 %	130 %
Shyam K. Reddy	32.5 %	65 %	130 %

Generally, the Committee sets the target levels for financial performance metrics for the STIP in alignment with the Company's strategic plan. In making the annual determination of the threshold, target and maximum levels, the Committee may consider specific circumstances facing the Company during the year. For fiscal 2017, 100% of a named executive officer's potential STIP award was based on corporate earnings before interest, tax, depreciation, and amortization targets, as adjusted for non-cash items and other items that are allowed at the discretion of the Committee ("Adjusted EBITDA") and return on working capital ("ROWC"), with the two criteria weighted at 25% Adjusted EBITDA and 75% ROWC. This objective is measured separately against a threshold, target, and maximum goal.

For fiscal 2017, these goals were as follows:

	Threshold	Target	Maximum
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Adjusted \$	32.7	\$38.5	
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EBITDA

(<sup>1</sup>) (in

millions)

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make any other provisions with respect to matters or questions arising under the indentures, provided such action shall not materially adversely affect the rights of any holder of debt securities of any series;

evidence and provide for the acceptance of appointment by a successor or separate trustee; or

establish the form or terms of debt securities of any series and to make any change that does not materially adversely affect the rights of any holder of debt securities. With the consent of the holders of at least a majority in principal amount of debt securities of each series affected by such supplemental indenture (voting as one class), we and the trustee may enter into one or more supplemental indentures for the purpose of adding any provisions to or changing in any manner or eliminating any of the provisions of the indentures or modifying in any manner the rights of the holders of debt securities of each such series.

Notwithstanding our rights and the rights of the trustee to enter into one or more supplemental indentures with the consent of the holders of debt securities of the affected series as described above, no such supplemental indenture shall, without the consent of the holder of each outstanding debt security of the affected series, among other things:

change the maturity of the principal of or any installment of principal of, or the date fixed for payment of interest on, any additional amounts or any sinking fund payment with respect to, any debt securities;

reduce the principal amount of any debt securities or the rate of interest on or any additional amounts with respect to any debt securities;

change the place of payment or the currency in which any debt securities are payable;

impair the right of the holders to institute a proceeding for the enforcement of any right to payment on or after maturity; or

reduce the percentage in principal amount of any series of debt securities whose holders must consent to an amendment or supplemental indenture or any waiver provided in the indenture.

Unless otherwise provided in a supplemental indenture with respect to any series of debt securities, under the indenture, the holders of at least a majority of the principal amount of debt securities of each series may, on behalf of that series:

waive compliance by the Company of certain restrictive covenants of the indenture;  
and

waive any past default under the indenture, except

a default in the payment of principal of or any premium or interest, or any additional amounts with respect to such series; or

a default under any provision of the indenture which itself cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the holder of each outstanding debt security affected.

The indentures provide that in determining whether the holders of the requisite principal amount of outstanding debt securities have given, made or taken any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other actions thereunder or whether a quorum is present at a meeting of holders of debt securities:

the principal amount of an original issue discount security which shall be deemed to be outstanding shall be the amount of the principal thereof which would be due and payable as of such date upon acceleration of the maturity thereof or as otherwise contemplated by the indenture;

the principal amount of a security denominated in one or more non-U.S. dollar currencies or currency units which shall be deemed to be outstanding shall be the U.S. dollar equivalent, determined as of such date, of the principal amount of such security (or, in the case of an original issue discount

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security, of the U.S. dollar equivalent, determined as of such date of the amount determined as provided in the subparagraph immediately above), or as otherwise contemplated by the indenture; and

securities owned by the Company or any other obligor upon the securities or any of the Company's subsidiaries or of such other obligor shall be disregarded.

**Satisfaction and Discharge of the Indenture; Defeasance**

Except to the extent set forth in a supplemental indenture with respect to any series of debt securities, we, at our election, may discharge the applicable indenture and such indenture shall generally cease to be of any further effect with respect to that series of debt securities if (i) we have delivered to the trustee for cancellation all debt securities of that series or (ii) all debt securities of that series not previously delivered to the trustee for cancellation shall have become due and payable, or are by their terms to become due and payable within one year or are to be called for redemption within one year, and we have deposited with the trustee the entire amount sufficient to pay at maturity or upon redemption the principal, interest and any premium on all such debt securities to the stated maturity or redemption date.

In addition, to the extent set forth in a supplemental indenture with respect to a series of debt securities, we may have a legal defeasance option (pursuant to which we may terminate, with respect to the debt securities of a particular series, all of our obligations under such debt securities and the indenture with respect to such debt securities) and a covenant defeasance option (pursuant to which we may terminate, with respect to the debt securities of a particular series, our obligations with respect to such debt securities under certain specified covenants contained in the indenture). If we have and exercise a legal defeasance option with respect to a series of debt securities, payment of such debt securities may not be accelerated because of an event of default. If we have and exercise a covenant defeasance option with respect to a series of debt securities, payment of such debt securities may not be accelerated because of an event of default related to the specified covenants.

To the extent set forth in a supplemental indenture with respect to a series of debt securities, we may exercise a legal defeasance option or a covenant defeasance option with respect to the debt securities of a series only if we irrevocably deposit in trust with the trustee cash or U.S. government obligations (for debt securities denominated in U.S. dollars) or certain foreign government obligations (for debt securities denominated in a currency other than U.S. dollars) for the payment of principal, premium, if any, and interest and any additional amounts with respect to such debt securities to maturity or redemption, as the case may be. In addition, to exercise either of the defeasance options, we must comply with certain other conditions, including for debt securities denominated in U.S. dollars the delivery to the trustee of an opinion of counsel to the effect that the holders of debt securities of such series will not recognize income, gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a result of such defeasance and will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such defeasance had not occurred (and, in the case of legal defeasance only, such opinion of counsel must be based on a ruling from the Internal Revenue Service or other change in applicable U.S. federal income tax law).

The trustee will hold in trust the cash or government obligations deposited with it as described above and will apply the deposited cash and the proceeds from deposited government obligations to the payment of principal, premium, if any, and interest and any additional amounts with respect to the debt securities of the defeased series.

In the event the we effect covenant defeasance with respect to any debt securities and the debt securities are declared due and payable, amounts deposited with the trustee will be sufficient to pay amounts due on the debt securities at the time of their stated maturity, but may not be sufficient to pay amounts due on the debt securities at the time of the acceleration resulting from such event of default. However, we would remain liable to make payment of those amounts due at the time of acceleration.

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**Mergers, Consolidations and Certain Sales of Assets**

Except to the extent set forth in a supplemental indenture with respect to any series of debt securities, we may not:

consolidate with or merge into any other person or entity or permit any other person or entity to consolidate with or merge into us in a transaction in which we are not the surviving entity, or

transfer, lease or dispose of all or substantially all of our assets to any other person or entity; unless in the case of both preceding clauses:

the resulting, surviving or transferee entity shall be a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States or any state thereof or the District of Columbia and such resulting, surviving or transferee entity shall expressly assume, by supplemental indenture, all of our obligations under the debt securities and the applicable indenture;

immediately after giving effect to such transaction, no default or event of default would occur or be continuing; and

we shall have delivered to the trustee an officers' certificate and an opinion of counsel, each stating that such consolidation, merger or transfer and such supplemental indenture (if any) comply with the applicable indenture.

Except for the above restrictions, the indenture does not limit the ability of the Company to enter into any of the following types of transactions:

a highly leveraged or similar transaction involving us, our management or any affiliate thereof;

a change of control; or

a reorganization, restructuring, merger or similar transaction involving us that may adversely affect the holders of the debt securities.

In addition, subject to the limitations on mergers, consolidations and sales described above, we may enter into transactions in the future, such as the sale of all or substantially all of our assets or the merger or consolidation of us, that would increase the amount of our debt or substantially reduce or eliminate our assets, which may have an adverse effect on our ability

to service its debt, including the debt securities.

### **Governing Law**

The indentures and the debt securities will be governed by the laws of the State of New York, except as may be provided as to any series in a supplemental indenture.

### **Conversion or Exchange Rights**

Any debt securities that we may issue pursuant to this prospectus may be convertible into or exchangeable for shares of our equity or other securities. The terms and conditions of such conversion or exchange will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement or other offering materials. Such terms may include, among others, the following:

the conversion or exchange price;

the conversion or exchange period;

restrictions on conversion, including to maintain REIT status;

provisions regarding our ability or that of the holder to convert or exchange the debt securities;

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events requiring adjustment to the conversion or exchange price; and

provisions affecting conversion or exchange in the event of our redemption of such debt securities.

**Concerning the Trustee**

The indentures provide that there may be more than one trustee with respect to one or more series of debt securities but we need not designate more than one trustee. If there are different trustees for different series of debt securities, each trustee will be a trustee of a trust under a supplemental indenture separate and apart from the trust administered by any other trustee under such indenture. Except as otherwise indicated in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement, any action permitted to be taken by a trustee may be taken by the trustee only with respect to the one or more series of debt securities for which it is the trustee under an indenture. Any trustee under an indenture or a supplemental indenture may resign or be removed with respect to one or more series of debt securities. All payments of principal or, premium, if any, interest on and any additional amounts with respect to, and all registration, transfer, exchange authentication and delivery of, the debt securities of a series will be effected with respect to such series at an office designated by us.

The indentures contain limitations on the rights of any trustee, should it become a creditor of the Company, to obtain payment of claims in certain cases or to realize on certain property received in respect of any such claim as security or otherwise. If any trustee acquires an interest that conflicts with any duties with respect to the debt securities, such trustee is required to either resign or eliminate such conflicting interest to the extent and in the manner provided by the applicable indenture.

**Notices**

Notices to holders of debt securities will be given by mail to the addresses of such holders as they appear in the security register.



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**DESCRIPTION OF UNITS**

*The following description, together with the additional information we include in any applicable prospectus supplement or other applicable offering materials, summarizes the general terms and provisions of the units that we may offer under this prospectus. Because the following is a summary, it does not contain all of the information that may be important to you. For more information, you should read the form of unit agreement with respect to the units of any particular series which we will file as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is part prior to an offering of units. While the terms we have summarized below will apply generally to any units we may offer, you should read the applicable prospectus supplement or other applicable offering materials which will describe the particular terms of any units that we may offer in more detail. See [Where You Can Find More Information](#). This summary also is subject to and qualified by reference to the descriptions of the particular terms of the securities described in the applicable prospectus supplement or other applicable offering materials and by the terms of the applicable final units and unit agreement.*

We may issue units comprised of two or more common shares, preferred shares, depository shares, warrants, debt securities and other securities in any combination. Each unit will be issued so that the holder of the unit is also the holder of each security included in the unit. Thus, the holder of a unit will have the rights and obligations of a holder of each included security. The unit agreement under which a unit is issued may provide that the securities included in the unit may not be held or transferred separately, at any time or at any time before a specified date.

The prospectus supplement or other offering materials for a series of units will provide information relating to the terms of the series of units being offered, which may include:

the designation and terms of the units and of the securities comprising the units, including whether and under what circumstances those securities may be held or transferred separately;

any provisions of the governing unit agreement that differ from those described below;

the price or prices at which such units will be issued;

information with respect to book-entry procedures, if any;

a discussion of material U.S. federal income tax considerations;

any provisions for the issuance, payment, settlement, transfer or exchange of the units or of the securities comprising the units; and

any other terms of the units and of the securities comprising the units.

The provisions described in this section, as well as those described under Description of Shares of Beneficial Interest, Description of Depositary Shares, Description of Warrants and Description of Debt Securities will apply to the securities included in each unit, to the extent relevant.

### **Issuance in Series**

We may issue units in such amounts and in as many distinct series as we wish, subject to any applicable limitations on the issuance of the securities included in the unit. This section summarizes terms of the units that apply generally to all series. Most of the financial and other specific terms of your series will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement or other offering materials.

### **Unit Agreements**

We will issue the units under one or more unit agreements to be entered into between us and a bank or other financial institution, as unit agent. We may add, replace or terminate unit agents from time to time. We will identify the unit agreement under which each series of units will be issued and the unit agent under that agreement in the applicable prospectus supplement or other offering materials.

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The following provisions will generally apply to all unit agreements unless otherwise stated in the applicable prospectus supplement or other offering materials.

### **Enforcement of Rights**

The unit agent under a unit agreement will act solely as our agent in connection with the units issued under that agreement. The unit agent will not assume any obligation or relationship of agency or trust for or with any holders of those units or of the securities comprising those units. The unit agent will not be obligated to take any action on behalf of those holders to enforce or protect their rights under the units or the included securities.

Except as indicated in the next paragraph, a holder of a unit may, without the consent of the unit agent or any other holder, enforce its rights as holder under any security included in the unit, in accordance with the terms of that security and the articles supplementary, depositary agreement, warrant agreement, indenture or other instrument under which that security is issued. Those terms are described elsewhere in this prospectus under the sections relating to common shares, preferred shares, depositary shares, warrants and debt securities, as relevant.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a unit agreement may limit or otherwise affect the ability of a holder of units issued under that agreement to enforce its rights, including any right to bring a legal action, with respect to those units or any securities, other than debt securities, that are included in those units. Limitations of this kind will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement or other offering materials.

### **Unit Agreements Will Not Be Qualified Under Trust Indenture Act**

No unit agreement will be qualified as an indenture, and no unit agent will be required to qualify as a trustee, under the Trust Indenture Act. Therefore, holders of units issued under unit agreements will not have the protections of the Trust Indenture Act with respect to their units.

### **Mergers and Similar Transactions Permitted; No Restrictive Covenants or Events of Default**

The unit agreements will not restrict our ability to merge or consolidate with, or sell our assets to, another entity or to engage in any other transactions. If at any time we merge or consolidate with, or sell our assets substantially as an entirety to, another entity, the successor entity will succeed to and assume our obligations under the unit agreements. We will then be relieved of any further obligation under these agreements.

The unit agreements will not include any restrictions on our ability to put liens on our assets, including our interests in our subsidiaries, nor will they restrict our ability to sell our assets. The unit agreements also will not provide for any events of default or remedies upon the occurrence of any events of default.

### **Governing Law**

The unit agreements and the units will be governed by New York law.

**Form, Exchange and Transfer**

We will issue each unit in global i.e., book-entry form only. Units in book-entry form will be represented by a global security registered in the name of a depository, which will be the holder of all the units represented by the global security. Those who own beneficial interests in a unit will do so through participants in the depository's system, and the rights of these indirect owners will be governed solely by the applicable procedures of the depository and its participants. Information with respect to book-entry procedures, if any, will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement or other offering materials.

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Each unit and all securities comprising the unit will be issued in the same form.

If we issue any units in registered, non-global form, the following will apply to them.

The units will be issued in the denominations stated in the applicable prospectus supplement. Holders may exchange their units for units of smaller denominations or combined into fewer units of larger denominations, as long as the total amount is not changed.

Holdings may exchange or transfer their units at the office of the unit agent. Holders may also replace lost, stolen, destroyed or mutilated units at that office. We may appoint another entity to perform these functions or perform them ourselves.

Holdings will not be required to pay a service charge to transfer or exchange their units, but they may be required to pay for any tax or other governmental charge associated with the transfer or exchange. The transfer or exchange, and any replacement, will be made only if our transfer agent is satisfied with the holder's proof of legal ownership. The transfer agent may also require an indemnity before replacing any units.

If we have the right to redeem, accelerate or settle any units before their maturity, and we exercise our right as to less than all those units or other securities, we may block the exchange or transfer of those units during the period beginning 15 days before the day we mail the notice of exercise and ending on the day of that mailing, in order to freeze the list of holders to prepare the mailing. We may also refuse to register transfers of or exchange any unit selected for early settlement, except that we will continue to permit transfers and exchanges of the unsettled portion of any unit being partially settled. We may also block the transfer or exchange of any unit in this manner if the unit includes securities that are or may be selected for early settlement. Only the depositary will be entitled to transfer or exchange a unit in global form, since it will be the sole holder of the unit.

**Payments and Notices**

In making payments and giving notices with respect to our units, we will follow the procedures we plan to use with respect to our debt securities, where applicable. We describe those procedures above under Description of Debt Securities.

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**DESCRIPTION OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF MARYLAND LAW AND EPR S**

**DECLARATION OF TRUST AND BYLAWS**

*We are organized as a Maryland real estate investment trust. The following is a summary of our Declaration of Trust and Bylaws and several provisions of Maryland law. Because the following is a summary, it does not contain all the information that may be important to you. If you want more information, you should read our entire Declaration of Trust and Bylaws, copies of which we have previously filed with the SEC, or refer to the provisions of Maryland law. See *Where You Can Find More Information* for information about how to obtain copies of our Declaration of Trust and Bylaws.*

**Trustees**

Our Declaration of Trust and Bylaws provide that only our Board of Trustees will establish the number of Trustees, provided however that the term of office of a Trustee will not be affected by any decrease in the number of Trustees. Any vacancy on the Board of Trustees may be filled only by a majority of the remaining Trustees, even if the remaining trustees do not constitute a quorum, or by the sole Trustee. Any Trustee elected to fill a vacancy will hold office until the next annual meeting of shareholders and until a successor is elected and qualified.

Our Declaration of Trust divides our Board of Trustees into three classes. Shareholders elect the Trustees of each class for three-year terms upon the expiration of the current term of a respective class. Shareholders elect only one class of Trustees each year. We believe that classification of our Board of Trustees helps to assure the continuity of our business strategies and policies. The classified Board of Trustees provision could have the effect of making the replacement of our incumbent Trustees more time consuming and difficult. At least two annual meetings of shareholders are generally required to effect a change in a majority of our Board of Trustees.

Our Declaration of Trust provides that, subject to any right of holders of one or more classes of preferred shares to elect or remove one or more Trustees, a Trustee may be removed for cause by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least two-thirds of our common shares entitled to be cast in the election of trustees. This provision precludes shareholders from removing our incumbent Trustees unless cause, as defined in the Declaration of Trust, exists, and they can obtain a substantial affirmative vote of shares.

**Advance Notice of Trustee Nominations and New Business**

Our Bylaws provide that nominations of persons for election to our Board of Trustees and business to be transacted at shareholder meetings may be properly brought pursuant to our notice of the meeting, by our Board of Trustees or by a shareholder who (i) is a shareholder of record at the time of giving the advance notice and at the time of the meeting, (ii) is entitled to vote at the meeting and (iii) has complied with the advance notice provisions set forth in our Bylaws.

Under our Bylaws, a shareholder's notice of nominations for Trustee or business to be transacted at an annual meeting of shareholders must be delivered to our secretary at our principal office not later than the close of business on the 60th day and not earlier than the close of business on the 90th day prior to the first anniversary of the preceding year's annual meeting. In the event that the date of the annual meeting is advanced by more than 30 days or delayed by more than 60 days from the anniversary date of the preceding year's annual meeting, a shareholder's notice must be delivered to us not earlier than the close of business on the 90th day prior to such annual meeting and not later than the later of: (i) the 60th day prior to such annual meeting or (ii) the 10th day following the day on which we first make a public announcement of the date of such meeting. The public announcement of a postponement or of an adjournment of such annual meeting to a later date or time will not commence a new time period for the giving of a shareholder's notice. If the number of Trustees to be elected to our Board of Trustees is increased and we make no public announcement of such action at least 70 days prior to the first anniversary of the preceding year's annual meeting, a shareholder's notice also will be considered

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timely, but only with respect to nominees for any new positions created by such increase, if the notice is delivered to our secretary at our principal office not later than the close of business on the 10th day immediately following the day on which such public announcement is made.

For special meetings of shareholders, our Bylaws require a shareholder who is nominating a person for election to our Board of Trustees at a special meeting at which Trustees are to be elected to give notice of such nomination to our secretary at our principal office not earlier than the close of business on the 90th day prior to such special meeting and not later than the close of business on the later of: (1) the 60th day prior to such special meeting or (2) the 10th day following the day on which public announcement is first made of the date of the special meeting and of the nominees proposed by the Trustees to be elected at such meeting. The public announcement of a postponement or adjournment of a special meeting to a later date or time will not commence a new time period for the giving of a shareholder's notice as described above.

## **Meetings of Shareholders**

Under our Bylaws, our annual meeting of shareholders will take place during the second quarter of each year following delivery of the annual report. Our Chairman, President or one-third of our Trustees may call a special meeting of the shareholders. Our secretary also may call a special meeting of shareholders upon the written request of holders of at least a majority of the shares entitled to vote at the meeting.

## **Liability and Indemnification of Trustees and Officers**

The laws relating to Maryland real estate investment trusts (the Maryland REIT Law ) permit a real estate investment trust to indemnify and advance expenses to its trustees, officers, employees and agents to the same extent permitted by the Maryland General Corporation Law (the MGCL ) for directors and officers of Maryland corporations. The MGCL permits a corporation to indemnify its present and former directors and officers against judgments, penalties, fines, settlements and reasonable expenses incurred in connection with any proceeding to which they may be made, or are threatened to be made, a party by reason of their service in those capacities. However, a Maryland corporation is not permitted to provide this type of indemnification if the following is established:

the act or omission of the director or officer was material to the matter giving rise to the proceeding and was committed in bad faith or was the result of active and deliberate dishonesty;

the director or officer actually received an improper personal benefit in money, property or services; or



in the case of any criminal proceeding, the director or officer had reasonable cause to believe that the act or omission was unlawful.

Additionally, a Maryland corporation may not indemnify a director or officer for an adverse judgment in a suit by or in the right of that corporation or for a judgment of liability on the basis that personal benefit was improperly received, unless in either case a court orders indemnification and then only for expenses. The MGCL permits a corporation to advance reasonable expenses to a director or officer upon the corporation's receipt of the following:

a written affirmation by the director or officer of his good faith belief that he has met the standard of conduct necessary for indemnification by the corporation; and

a written undertaking by him or on his behalf to repay the amount paid or reimbursed by the corporation if it is ultimately determined that this standard of conduct was not met.

Our officers and trustees are and will be indemnified under our Declaration of Trust against certain liabilities. Our Declaration of Trust provides that we will, to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law in effect from time to time, indemnify: (a) any individual who is a present or former trustee or officer of EPR; or (b) any individual who, while a trustee or officer of EPR and at the request of EPR, serves or has served as a director, officer, shareholder, partner, trustee, employee or agent of any real estate investment trust, corporation,

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partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or any other enterprises against any claim or liability, together with reasonable expenses actually incurred in advance of a final disposition of a legal proceeding, to which such person may become subject or which such person may incur by reason of his or her status as such. We have the power, with the approval of our Board of Trustees, to provide such indemnification and advancement of expenses to a person who served a predecessor of EPR in any of the capacities described in (a) or (b) above and to any employee or agent of EPR or its predecessors.

We have also entered into indemnification agreements with our trustees and certain of our officers providing procedures for indemnification by us to the fullest extent permitted by law and advancements by us of certain expenses and costs relating to claims, suits or proceedings arising from the respective trustee's or officer's service to us.

We have obtained trustee's and officers' liability insurance for the purpose of funding the provision of any such indemnification.

The SEC has expressed the opinion that indemnification of trustees, officers or persons otherwise controlling a company for liabilities arising under the Securities Act is against public policy and is therefore unenforceable.

### **Shareholder Liability**

Under Maryland law, a shareholder is not personally liable for the obligations of a real estate investment trust solely as a result of his or her status as a shareholder. Despite this, our legal counsel has advised us that in some jurisdictions the possibility exists that shareholders of a trust entity such as ours may be held liable for acts or obligations of the trust. While we intend to conduct our business in a manner designed to minimize potential shareholder liability, we can give no assurance that you can avoid liability in all instances in all jurisdictions. Our Trustees have not provided in the past and do not intend to provide insurance covering these risks to our shareholders.

### **Actions by Shareholders by Written Consent**

Our Bylaws provide procedures governing actions by shareholders by written consent. The Bylaws specify that any written consents must be signed by shareholders entitled to cast a sufficient number of votes to approve the matter, as required by statute, our Declaration of Trust or our Bylaws, and such consent must be filed with minutes of the proceedings of the shareholders.

### **Restrictions on Ownership and Transfer of Shares**

Our Declaration of Trust restricts the number of shares which may be owned by shareholders. Generally, for us to qualify as a REIT under the Code, not more than 50% in value of our outstanding shares may be owned, directly or indirectly, by five or fewer individuals (defined in the Code to include certain entities and constructive ownership among specified family members) at any time during the last half of a taxable year. The shares also must be beneficially owned by 100 or more persons during at least 335 days of a taxable year or during a proportionate part of a shorter taxable year. In order to maintain our qualification as

a REIT, our Declaration of Trust contains restrictions on the acquisition of shares intended to ensure compliance with these requirements.

Our Declaration of Trust generally provides that any person (not just individuals) holding more than 9.8% in number of shares or value, of the outstanding shares of any class or series of our common shares or preferred shares (the Ownership Limit ) may be subject to forfeiture of the shares (including common shares and preferred shares) owned in excess of the Ownership Limit. We refer to the shares in excess of the Ownership Limit as Excess Shares. The Excess Shares may be transferred to a trust for the benefit of one or more charitable beneficiaries. The trustee of that trust would have the right to vote the voting Excess Shares, and distributions on the Excess Shares would be payable to the trustee for the benefit of the charitable beneficiaries.

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Holders of Excess Shares would be entitled to compensation for their Excess Shares, but that compensation may be less than the price they paid for the Excess Shares. Persons who hold Excess Shares or who intend to acquire Excess Shares must provide written notice to us.

Our Ownership Limit may also act to deter an unfriendly takeover of the Company.

### **Business Combinations**

The MGCL contains a provision which regulates business combinations with interested shareholders. This provision applies to Maryland real estate investment trusts like us. Under the MGCL, business combinations such as mergers, consolidations, share exchanges and the like between a Maryland real estate investment trust and an interested shareholder or an affiliate of an interested shareholder are prohibited for five years after the most recent date on which the shareholder becomes an interested shareholder. Under the MGCL the following persons are deemed to be interested shareholders:

any person who beneficially owns 10% or more of the voting power of the trust's shares; or

an affiliate or associate of the trust who, at any time within the two-year period prior to the date in question, was the beneficial owner of 10% or more of the voting power of the then outstanding voting shares of the trust.

After the five-year prohibition period has ended, a business combination between a trust and an interested shareholder must be recommended by the board of trustees of the trust and must receive the following shareholder approvals:

the affirmative vote of at least 80% of the votes entitled to be cast; and

the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast by holders of shares other than shares held by the interested shareholder with whom or with whose affiliate or associate the business combination is to be effected or held by an affiliate or associate of the interested shareholder.

The shareholder approvals discussed above are not required if the trust's shareholders receive the minimum price set forth in the MGCL for their shares and the consideration is received in cash or in the same form as previously paid by the interested shareholder for its shares.

The foregoing provisions of the MGCL do not apply, however, to business combinations that are approved or exempted by the board of trustees of the trust prior to the time that the interested shareholder becomes an interested shareholder. A person is not an interested shareholder under the MGCL if the board of trustees approved in advance the transaction by which the person otherwise would have become an interested shareholder. The board of trustees may provide that its approval is subject to compliance with any terms and conditions

determined by the board of trustees.

### **Control Share Acquisitions**

The MGCL contains a provision which regulates control share acquisitions. This provision also applies to Maryland real estate investment trusts. The MGCL provides that control shares of a Maryland real estate investment trust acquired in a control share acquisition have no voting rights except to the extent approved by a vote of two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter. Shares owned by the acquiror, by officers or by trustees who are employees of the trust are excluded from shares entitled to vote on the matter. Control shares are voting shares which, if aggregated with all other shares owned by the acquiror, or in respect of which the acquiror is able to exercise or direct the exercise of voting power (except solely by virtue of a revocable proxy), would entitle the acquiror to exercise voting power in electing trustees within one of the following ranges of voting power:

One-tenth or more but less than one-third;

One-third or more but less than a majority; or

A majority or more of all voting power.

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Control shares do not include shares which the acquiring person is entitled to vote as a result of having previously obtained shareholder approval. A control share acquisition means the acquisition of control shares, subject to certain exceptions.

A person who has made or proposes to make a control share acquisition may compel the board of trustees to call a special meeting of shareholders to be held within 50 days of demand to consider the voting rights of the shares. The right to compel the calling of a special meeting is subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions, including an undertaking to pay the expenses of the meeting. If no request for a meeting is made, the trust may itself present the question at any shareholders meeting.

If voting rights are not approved at the meeting or if the acquiring person does not deliver an acquiring person statement as required by the MGCL, then the trust may redeem for fair value any or all of the control shares, except those for which voting rights have previously been approved. The right of the trust to redeem control shares is subject to conditions and limitations. Fair value is determined, without regard to the absence of voting rights for the control shares, as of the date of the last control share acquisition by the acquiror or of any meeting of shareholders at which the voting rights of the shares are considered and not approved. If voting rights for control shares are approved at a shareholders meeting and the acquiror becomes entitled to vote a majority of the shares entitled to vote, all other shareholders may exercise appraisal rights. The fair value of the shares as determined for purposes of appraisal rights may not be less than the highest price per share paid by the acquiror in the control share acquisition.

The control share acquisition statute of the MGCL does not apply to the following:

shares acquired in a merger, consolidation or share exchange if the trust is a party to the transaction; or

acquisitions approved or exempted by a provision in the declaration of trust or bylaws of the trust adopted before the acquisition of shares.

**Anti-Takeover Effect of Maryland Law and of Our Declaration of Trust and Bylaws**

The following provisions in our Declaration of Trust and Bylaws and in Maryland law could delay or prevent a change in control of EPR:

the limitation on ownership and acquisition of more than 9.8% of our shares;

the classification of our Board of Trustees into classes and the election of each class for three-year staggered terms;

the requirement of cause and a two-thirds majority vote of shareholders for removal of our Trustees;

the fact that the number of our Trustees may be fixed only by vote of our Board of Trustees and that a vacancy on our Board of Trustees may be filled only by the affirmative vote of a majority of our remaining Trustees;

the advance notice requirements for shareholder nominations for Trustees and other proposals;

the business combination provisions of the MGCL;

the control share acquisition provisions of the MGCL; and

the power of our Board of Trustees to authorize and issue additional shares, including additional classes of shares with rights defined at the time of issuance, without shareholder approval.

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**U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS**

*The following discussion summarizes the material United States ( U.S. ) federal income tax considerations regarding EPR and the acquisition, ownership and disposition of our securities. For purposes of this section entitled U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations, references to we, us, and our mean only EPR Properties and not its subsidiaries or other lower tier entities, except as otherwise indicated. If we offer depositary shares, warrants, debt securities or units, information about any additional income tax consequences to holders of those securities will be included in the prospectus supplement or other applicable offering materials under which those securities are offered.*

*This summary is based on current law, is for general information only and is not tax advice. The tax treatment to holders of our securities will vary depending on a holder's particular situation. This summary does not address all aspects of U.S. federal income taxation that may be relevant to a holder of securities in light of his or her personal investments or tax circumstances. Moreover, this summary does not address tax considerations applicable to certain types of holders subject to special treatment under the U.S. federal income tax laws including, without limitation:*

*a bank, life insurance company, regulated investment company or other financial institution;*

*broker-dealers or traders;*

*partnerships and trusts;*

*a person who acquires our securities in connection with employment or other performances of services;*

*a person who holds our securities as part of a straddle, hedging transaction, constructive sale transaction, constructive ownership transaction, conversion transaction or other integrated investment;*

*a person subject to the alternative minimum tax; or*

*except as specifically described in the following summary, a tax exempt entity or a foreign person.*

*In addition, the summary below does not consider the effect of any foreign, state, local or other tax laws that may be applicable to holders of our securities.*



*The information in this section is based on the U.S. Internal Revenue Code (the Code), current, temporary and proposed Treasury Regulations promulgated under the Code, the legislative history of the Code, current administrative interpretations and practices of the Internal Revenue Service (the IRS), and court decisions, all as of the date of this prospectus. Future legislation, Treasury Regulations, administrative interpretations and practices and court decisions may change or adversely affect, perhaps retroactively, the tax considerations described herein. We have not requested, and do not plan to request, any rulings from the IRS concerning our tax treatment and the statements in this prospectus are not binding on the IRS or any court. Thus, we can provide no assurance that the tax considerations contained in this summary will not be challenged by the IRS or sustained by a court if challenged by the IRS.*

*This summary is based upon the assumption that the operation of the Company, and of its subsidiaries and other lower-tier and affiliated entities, will in each case be in accordance with its applicable organizational documents or partnership agreements. This summary does not discuss the impact that U.S. state and local taxes and taxes imposed by the non-U.S. jurisdictions could have on the matters discussed in this summary. In addition, this summary assumes that security holders hold our common shares as a capital asset, which generally means as property held for investment.*

***The U.S. federal income tax treatment of holders of our common shares depends in some circumstances on determinations of fact and interpretation of complex provisions of U.S. federal income tax law for which no clear precedent or authority may be available. You are advised to consult your tax advisor regarding the specific tax consequences to you of the acquisition, ownership and sale of our securities, and of our election to***

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*be taxed as a REIT, including the U.S. federal, state, local, foreign and other tax consequences of such acquisition, ownership, sale and election and of potential changes in applicable tax laws.*

**Taxation of the Company**

*General*

We elected to be taxed as a REIT under Sections 856 through 860 of the Code, commencing with our taxable year ended December 31, 1997. Our REIT election, assuming continuing compliance with the then applicable qualification tests, continues in effect for subsequent taxable years. Although no absolute assurance can be given, we believe we have been organized and have operated in a manner which allows us to qualify for taxation as a REIT under the Code commencing with our taxable year ended December 31, 1997. We intend to continue to operate in a manner that will enable us to meet the requirements for qualification and taxation as a REIT under the Code. However, we cannot assure you that we will meet the applicable requirements under U.S. federal income tax laws, which are highly technical and complex.

In the opinion of our counsel, Stinson Leonard Street LLP, we have qualified as a REIT under the Code for our 1997 through 2015 taxable years, we are organized in conformity with the requirements for qualification as a REIT, and our current and proposed method of operation will enable us to meet the requirements for qualification and taxation as a REIT under the Code for future taxable years. This opinion is based upon certain assumptions and representations as to factual matters made by us, including representations made by us in a representation letter and certificate provided by our officers and our factual representations set forth herein and in registration statements previously filed with the SEC. Any variation from the factual statements set forth herein, in registration statements previously filed with the SEC, or in the representation letter and certificate we have provided to our counsel may affect the conclusions upon which its opinion is based.

The opinions of Stinson Leonard Street LLP are based on existing law as contained in the Code and Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder, in effect on the date of this prospectus, and the interpretations of such provisions and Treasury Regulations by the IRS and court decisions, all of which are subject to change either prospectively or retroactively, and to possibly different interpretations. Our counsel will have no obligation to advise us or the holders of our securities of any subsequent change in the matters stated, represented or assumed, or of any subsequent change in the applicable law. You should be aware that the opinions expressed are not binding upon the IRS or any court. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that contrary positions may not successfully be asserted by the IRS. Moreover, our qualification and taxation as a REIT depends upon our ability, through actual annual operating results and methods of operation, to satisfy various qualification tests imposed under the Code, such as distributions to shareholders, asset composition levels, and diversity of stock ownership, the actual results of which have not been and will not be reviewed by our counsel. In addition, our ability to qualify as a REIT also depends in part upon the operating results, organizational structure and entity classification for U.S. federal income tax purposes of certain affiliated entities, including affiliates that have made elections to be taxed as REITs, and for whom the actual results of the various REIT qualification tests have not been

and will not be reviewed by our counsel.

Accordingly, no assurance can be given that the actual results of our operations for any particular taxable year will satisfy such requirements for qualification and taxation as a REIT.

If we qualify for taxation as a REIT, we generally will not be subject to U.S. federal corporate income taxes on our taxable income that is distributed currently to our shareholders.

This treatment substantially eliminates the double taxation (once at the corporate level when earned and once again at the shareholders level when distributed) that generally results from investment in an ordinary Subchapter C corporation.

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Any distributions to our shareholders will be included in their income as dividends to the extent of our current or accumulated earnings and profits. Generally, our dividends are not treated as qualified dividend income subject to a favorable 15% or 20% rate. No portion of any of our dividends is eligible for the dividends received deduction for corporate shareholders. Distributions in excess of current or accumulated earnings and profits generally are treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes as return of capital to the extent of, and in reduction of, a shareholder's basis in our shares. Our current or accumulated earnings and profits are generally allocated first to distributions made on our preferred shares, if any, and thereafter to distributions made on our common shares. For all of these purposes, our distributions include cash distributions and any in kind distributions of property that we might make.

If we qualify as a REIT, we will, however, be subject to U.S. federal income tax in the following circumstances:

We will be taxed at regular corporate rates on any undistributed REIT taxable income, including undistributed net capital gains.

We may be subject to the alternative minimum tax on our items of tax preference under certain circumstances.

If we have (a) net income from the sale or other disposition of foreclosure property (defined generally as property we acquired through foreclosure or after a default on a loan secured by the property or a lease of the property) which is held primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of business or (b) other nonqualifying income from foreclosure property, we will be subject to tax at the highest U.S. federal corporate income tax rate, currently 35%, on this income.

We will be subject to a 100% tax on any net income from prohibited transactions (which are, in general, certain sales or other dispositions of property (other than foreclosure property) included in our inventory or held primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of business).

We may elect to retain and pay income tax on our net long-term capital gain. In that case, a U.S. Shareholder would be taxed on its proportionate share of our undistributed long-term capital gain (to the extent we make a timely designation of such gain to the shareholder) and would receive a credit or refund for its proportionate share of the tax we paid.

If we fail to satisfy the 75% or 95% gross income tests (as discussed below), but have maintained our qualification as a REIT because we satisfied certain other

requirements, we will be subject to a 100% tax on an amount equal to (a) the gross income attributable to the greater of the amounts by which we fail the 75% or 95% gross income tests multiplied by (b) a fraction intended to reflect our profitability.

If we fail to distribute for any calendar year at least the sum of (a) 85% of our REIT ordinary income for the year, (b) 95% of our REIT capital gain net income for the year (other than certain long-term capital gains for which we make a capital gains designation (described below) and on which we pay the tax), and (c) any undistributed taxable income from prior periods, we would be subject to a 4% excise tax on the excess of the required distribution over the sum of (a) the amounts actually distributed, plus (b) retained amounts on which income is paid at the corporate level.

If we acquire any asset from a corporation which is or has been a Subchapter C corporation in a transaction in which the basis of the asset in our hands is determined by reference to the basis of the asset in the hands of the Subchapter C corporation, and we subsequently recognize gain on the disposition of the asset during the applicable recognition period set forth in Section 1374 of the Code (currently a five-year period for the taxable year beginning in 2013) beginning on the date on which we acquired the asset, then we will be subject to tax at the highest regular corporate tax rate on the excess of (a) the fair market value of the asset over (b) our adjusted basis in the asset, in each case determined as of the date we acquired the asset. The results described in this paragraph with respect to the recognition of gain assume that we will not make an election pursuant to existing Treasury Regulations to recognize such gain at the time we acquire the asset.

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We will be required to pay a 100% tax on any redetermined rents, redetermined deductions or excess interest. In general, redetermined rents are rents from real property that are overstated as a result of services furnished to any of our tenants by a taxable REIT subsidiary of ours. Redetermined deductions and excess interest generally represent amounts that are deducted by a taxable REIT subsidiary of ours for amounts paid to us that are in excess of the amounts that would have been deducted based on arm's-length negotiations. Any taxable REIT subsidiary is separately taxed on its net income as a C corporation.

If we fail to satisfy any of the REIT asset tests, as described below, by more than a de minimis amount, due to reasonable cause and we nonetheless maintain our REIT qualification because of specified cure provisions, we will be required to pay a tax equal to the greater of \$50,000 for each taxable year in which we fail to satisfy any of the asset tests or the highest corporate tax rate multiplied by the net income generated by the nonqualifying assets that caused us to fail such test (for the period from the start of such failure until the failure is resolved or the assets that caused the failure are disposed of).

If we invest in properties in foreign countries or other jurisdictions, our income from those properties will generally be subject to tax there. Then we will distribute the required percentages of our taxable income to our shareholders for any such year and we will generally not pay U.S. federal income tax. As a result, we cannot recover the cost of foreign income taxes imposed on our foreign investments by claiming foreign tax credits against our U.S. federal income tax liability. Also, we cannot pass any foreign tax credits through to our shareholders.

If we fail to satisfy any provision of the Code that would result in our failure to qualify as a REIT (other than a violation of the REIT gross income tests or certain violations of the asset tests described below) and the violation is due to reasonable cause, we may retain our REIT qualification but we will be required to pay a penalty of \$50,000 for each such failure.

We may be required to pay monetary penalties to the IRS in certain circumstances, including if we fail to meet record keeping requirements intended to monitor our compliance with rules relating to the composition of a REIT's shareholders, as described below in Requirements for Qualification as a REIT.

A 100% tax may be imposed with respect to certain items of income and expense that are directly or constructively paid between a REIT and a TRS if and to the extent that the IRS establishes that such items were not based on market rates.

Certain of our subsidiaries that are subchapter C corporations, including any TRSs (as defined below), will be subject to federal corporate income tax on their earnings. If we fail to qualify or elect not to qualify as a REIT, we will be subject to U.S. federal income tax in the same manner as a C corporation. Distributions to our shareholders if we do not qualify as a REIT will not be deductible by us nor will distributions be required under the Code. In that event, distributions to our shareholders will generally be taxable as ordinary dividends potentially eligible for the 15% or 20% income tax rate (depending on whether the shareholder is in the 39.6% marginal U.S. federal income tax bracket) discussed below in

Taxation of Taxable U.S. Shareholders and, subject to limitations in the Code, will be eligible for the dividends received deduction for corporate shareholders. Also, we will generally be disqualified from qualification as a REIT for the four taxable years following disqualification. If we do not qualify as a REIT for even one year, this could result in reduction or elimination of distributions to our shareholders, or in our incurring substantial indebtedness or liquidating substantial investments in order to pay the resulting corporate-level taxes. The Code provides certain relief provisions under which we might avoid automatically ceasing to be a REIT for failure to meet certain REIT requirements, all as discussed in more detail below.

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***Requirements for Qualification as a REIT***

The Code defines a REIT as a corporation, trust or association that elects to be a REIT, or has made such election for a previous year, and satisfies the applicable filing and administrative requirements to maintain qualification as a REIT, and:

- (1) that is managed by one or more trustees or directors;
- (2) the beneficial ownership of which is evidenced by transferable shares or transferable certificates;
- (3) that would be taxable as a domestic corporation, but for Sections 856 through 859 of the Code;
- (4) that is neither a financial institution or an insurance company within the meaning of certain provisions of the Code;
- (5) the beneficial ownership of which is held by 100 or more persons;
- (6) not more than 50% in value of the outstanding shares of which is owned, actually or constructively, by five or fewer individuals (as defined in the Code to include certain entities) during the last half of each taxable year; and
- (7) that meets certain other tests, described below, regarding the nature of its income and assets and the amount of its distributions.

The corporation, trust or association must elect to be a REIT, or have made such election for a previous year, and satisfy the applicable filing and administrative requirements to maintain qualification as a REIT.

The Code provides that conditions (1) through (4), inclusive, must be met during the entire taxable year and that condition (5) must be met during at least 335 days of a taxable year of 12 months, or during a proportionate part of a taxable year of less than 12 months. Conditions (5) and (6) do not apply until after the first taxable year for which an election is made to be taxed as a REIT. For purposes of condition (6), pension funds and certain other tax-exempt entities are treated as individuals, subject to a look-through exception with respect to pension funds.

A REIT also must report its income for U.S. federal income tax purposes based on a calendar year accounting period. We have adopted December 31 as our year end, and thereby satisfy



this requirement.

To monitor continuing compliance with the share ownership requirements described in (5) and (6) above, we are generally required to maintain records regarding the actual ownership of our shares. To do so, we must demand written statements each year from the record holders of significant percentages of our stock in which the record holders are to disclose the actual owners of the shares, i.e., the persons required to include in gross income the dividends paid by us. A list of those persons failing or refusing to comply with this demand must be maintained as part of our records. Failure to comply with these record keeping requirements could subject us to monetary penalties. A shareholder that fails or refuses to comply with the demand is required by Treasury regulations to submit a statement with its tax return disclosing the actual ownership of the shares and other information.

We believe that we have satisfied each of the above conditions. In addition, our Declaration of Trust provides for restrictions regarding ownership and transfer of shares to prevent further concentration of share ownership (as summarized in Description of Certain Provisions of Maryland Law and EPR's Declaration of Trust and Bylaws ). These restrictions are intended to assist us in continuing to satisfy the share ownership requirements described in (5) and (6) above. These restrictions, however, may not ensure that we will, in all cases, be able to satisfy the share ownership requirements described in (5) and (6) above. In general, if we fail to satisfy these share ownership requirements, our status as a REIT will terminate. However, if we comply with the rules in applicable Treasury Regulations that require us to ascertain the actual ownership of our shares, and we do not know, or would not have known through the exercise of reasonable diligence, that we failed to meet the requirement described in condition (6) above, we will be treated as having met this requirement.

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***Ownership of Interests in Partnerships and Limited Liability Companies.***

We own and operate one or more properties through partnerships and limited liability companies. In the case of a REIT which is a partner in a partnership, or a member in a limited liability company treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes, Treasury Regulations provide that the REIT will be deemed to own its proportionate share of the assets of the partnership or limited liability company, based on its interest in partnership capital, subject to special rules relating to the 10% REIT asset test described below. Also, the REIT will be deemed to be entitled to its proportionate share of the income of that entity. The assets and items of gross income of the partnership or limited liability company retain the same character in our hands for purposes of Section 856 of the Code, including satisfying the gross income tests and the asset tests. Thus, our proportionate share of the assets and items of income of partnerships and limited liability companies taxed as partnerships, in which we are, directly or indirectly through other partnerships or limited liability companies taxed as partnerships, a partner or member, are treated as our assets and items of income for purposes of applying the REIT qualification requirements described in this prospectus (including the income and asset tests described below).

***Ownership of Interests in Qualified REIT and Other Disregarded Subsidiaries.***

We own 100% of the stock of a number of corporate subsidiaries that are qualified REIT subsidiaries (each, a QRS ) and may acquire stock of one or more new subsidiaries. A corporation qualifies as a QRS if 100% of its outstanding stock is held by us, and we do not elect to treat the corporation as a taxable REIT subsidiary, as described below. A QRS is generally disregarded for U.S. federal income tax purposes, and all assets, liabilities and items of income, deduction and credit of a QRS are treated as our assets, liabilities and items of income, deduction and credit for all purposes of the Code, including the REIT qualification tests. Other entities that are wholly owned by us, including single member limited liability companies that have not elected to be taxed as corporations for U.S. federal income tax purposes, are also generally disregarded as separate entities for U.S. federal income tax purposes, including for purposes of the REIT income and asset tests. For this reason, in applying the U.S. federal income tax requirements described in this summary, references to our income and assets include the income and assets of any QRS or other disregarded subsidiary. A QRS is not subject to U.S. federal income tax, and our ownership of the voting stock of a QRS is ignored for purposes of determining our compliance with the ownership limits described below in Asset Tests.

***Ownership of Interests in Taxable REIT Subsidiaries.***

A taxable REIT subsidiary ( TRS ) is a corporation other than a REIT in which a REIT directly or indirectly holds stock, and that has made a joint election with the REIT to be treated as a TRS. A TRS also includes any corporation other than a REIT with respect to which a TRS owns securities possessing more than 35% of the total voting power or value of the outstanding securities of such corporation. Other than some activities relating to lodging and health care facilities, a TRS generally may engage in any business, including the provision of customary or non-customary services to tenants of its parent REIT. We own several corporate subsidiaries that have elected TRS status and may acquire interests in additional TRSs in the future.

A TRS is subject to U.S. federal income tax at regular corporate rates (currently a maximum rate of 35%), and also may be subject to state and local taxation.

We are not treated as holding the assets of a TRS or other taxable subsidiary corporation or as receiving any income that the subsidiary earns. Rather, the stock issued by a taxable subsidiary to us is an asset in our hands, and we treat the dividends paid to us from such taxable subsidiary, if any, as income. This treatment can affect our income and asset test calculations, as described below. Because we do not include the assets and income of TRSs or other taxable subsidiary corporations in determining our compliance with the REIT requirements, we may use such entities to undertake indirectly activities that the REIT rules might otherwise preclude us from doing directly or through pass-through subsidiaries. For example, we may use TRSs or other taxable subsidiary corporations to conduct activities that give rise to certain categories of income such as management fees or to conduct activities that, if conducted by us directly, could be treated in our hands as prohibited transactions.

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In addition, the earnings stripping rules of the Code limit the deductibility of interest paid or accrued by a TRS and its parent REIT to assure that the TRS is subject to an appropriate level of corporate taxation. Accordingly, if we lend money to a TRS, the TRS may be unable to deduct all or a part of the interest paid on that loan, and the lack of an interest deduction could result in a material increase in the amount of tax paid by the TRS. Further, as discussed below under Penalty Tax, the rules impose a 100% excise tax on certain transactions between a TRS and its parent REIT or the REIT's operations that are not conducted on an arm's-length basis. Any dividends paid or deemed paid by any one of the Company's TRSs will be taxable to the Company's shareholders to the extent the dividends received from the TRS are paid to the Company's shareholders. The Company may own more than 10% of the stock of a TRS without jeopardizing its qualification as a REIT. However, as noted below, in order for the Company to qualify as a REIT, the securities of all of the TRSs in which it has invested either directly or indirectly may not represent more than 25% of the total value of its assets. The Company expects that the aggregate value of all of its interests in TRSs will represent less than 25% of the total value of its assets; however, the Company cannot assure that this will always be true. In addition, a TRS may be prevented from deducting interest on debt funded directly or indirectly by its parent REIT if certain tests regarding the TRS's debt to equity ratio and interest expense are not satisfied. A REIT's ownership of securities of a TRS will not be subject to the 10% or 5% asset tests described below, and its operations will be subject to the provisions described above.

Further, the TRS rules impose a 100% excise tax on transactions between a TRS and its parent REIT or the REIT's tenants that are not conducted on an arm's-length basis, such as any redetermined rents, redetermined deductions, excess interest or redetermined TRS service income. In general, redetermined rents are rents from real property that are overstated as a result of any services furnished to any of our tenants by a TRS of ours, redetermined deductions and excess interest represent any amounts that are deducted by a TRS of ours for amounts paid to us that are in excess of the amounts that would have been deducted based on arm's-length negotiations, and redetermined TRS service income is income of a TRS that is understated as a result of services provided to us or on our behalf. Rents we receive will not constitute redetermined rents if they qualify for certain safe harbor provisions contained in the Code. We intend to scrutinize all of our transactions with our TRSs and to conduct such transactions on an arm's-length basis; however we cannot assure you that we will be successful in avoiding this excise tax.

### ***Asset Tests***

At the close of each quarter of our taxable year, we must satisfy four tests relating to the nature and diversification of our assets.

First, at least 75% of the value of our total assets, including assets held by our QRSs and our allocable share of the assets held by the partnerships and other entities treated as partnerships under the Code in which we own an interest, must be represented by (1) interests in real property, (2) interests in mortgages on real property, such as land, buildings, leasehold interests in real property, and personal property leased in connection with a lease of real property for which the rent attributable to the personal property is not greater than 15% of the total rent received under the lease, (3) shares (or transferable certificates of beneficial interest) in other REITs, (4) cash, (5) cash items (including receivables arising in the ordinary course

of the REIT's business) and (6) government securities (as well as certain temporary investments in stock or debt instruments purchased with the proceeds of new capital raised by EPR for the one-year period beginning on the date of receipt of such new capital).

Second, not more than 25% of our total assets may be represented by securities, other than those securities includable in the 75% asset test.

Third, of the investments included in the 25% asset class, and except for certain investments in other REITs, a QRS or a TRS, the value of any one issuer's securities may not exceed 5% of the value of our total assets, and we may not own more than 10% of the total vote or value of the outstanding securities of any one issuer except, in the case of the 10% value test, securities satisfying the straight debt safe-harbor. Certain types of securities

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we may own are disregarded as securities solely for purposes of the 10% value test, including, but not limited to, any loan to an individual or an estate, any obligation to pay rents from real property and any security issued by a REIT. In addition, solely for purposes of the 10% value test, the determination of our interest in the assets of a partnership or limited liability company in which we own an interest will be based on our proportionate interest in any securities issued by the partnership or limited liability company, excluding for this purpose certain securities described in the Code.

Fourth, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2009, no more than 25% (20% for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2001 and ending on or before December 31, 2008) of the value of our assets may be comprised of securities of one or more TRSs.

The asset tests described above must be satisfied at the close of each calendar quarter of our taxable year. After initially meeting the asset tests at the close of any quarter, we will not lose our status as a REIT for failure to satisfy the asset tests at the end of a later quarter solely by reason of changes in asset values. If we fail to satisfy an asset test because we acquire securities or other property during a quarter, we can cure this failure by disposing of sufficient nonqualifying assets within 30 days after the close of that quarter. We believe we have maintained and intend to continue to maintain adequate records of the value of our assets to ensure compliance with the asset tests. If we fail to cure any noncompliance with the asset tests within the 30 day cure period, we would cease to qualify as a REIT unless we are eligible for certain relief provisions discussed below.

Certain relief provisions may be available to us if we fail to satisfy the asset tests described above after the 30 day cure period. Under these provisions, we will be deemed to have met the 5% and 10% REIT asset tests if (i) the value of our nonqualifying assets does not exceed the lesser of (a) 1% of the total value of our assets at the end of the applicable quarter or (b) \$10,000,000, and (ii) we dispose of the nonqualifying assets or otherwise satisfy such tests within six months after the last day of the quarter in which the failure to satisfy the asset tests is discovered or the period of time prescribed by Treasury Regulations. For a failure that exceeds the de minimis thresholds described above that is due to reasonable cause and not willful neglect, we may avoid disqualification as a REIT under any of the asset tests, after the 30 day cure period, by taking steps including (i) the disposition of sufficient nonqualifying assets, or the taking other actions, which allow us to meet the asset test within six months after the last day of the quarter in which the failure to satisfy the asset tests is discovered or the period of time prescribed by Treasury Regulations, (ii) paying a tax equal to the greater of (a) \$50,000 or (b) the highest corporate tax rate multiplied by the net income generated by the nonqualifying assets and (iii) filing a schedule describing each asset that caused the failure in accordance with applicable Treasury Regulations.

Although we believe that we have satisfied the asset tests described above and plan to take steps to ensure that we satisfy such tests for any quarter end, there can be no assurance we always will be successful. If we fail to cure any noncompliance with the asset tests in a timely manner, and the relief provisions described above are not available, we would cease to qualify as a REIT.

***Gross Income Tests***

We must satisfy two gross income requirements for each taxable year to maintain our qualification as a REIT. First, in each taxable year at least 75% of our gross income must be qualifying income. Qualifying income generally includes (i) rents from real property (except as modified below), (ii) interest on obligations collateralized by mortgages on, or interests in, real property and real estate mortgages, other than gain from property held primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of our trade or business ( dealer property ), (iii) dividends or other distributions on shares in other REIT s, as well as gain from the sale of those shares, (iv) abatements and refunds of real property taxes, (v) income from the operation, and gain from the sale, of property acquired at or in lieu of a foreclosure of the mortgage collateralized by such property ( foreclosure property ), (vi) commitment fees received for agreeing to make loans collateralized by mortgages on real property or to purchase or lease real property, (vii) qualified temporary investment income, and (viii) gain from the sale or other disposition of a real estate asset which is not a prohibited transaction. Second, in each taxable

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year at least 95% of our gross income (excluding gross income from prohibited transactions) must be derived directly or indirectly from income from the real property investments described above or dividends, interest and gain from the sale or disposition of stock or securities (or from any combination of the foregoing).

Interest income constitutes qualifying mortgage interest for purposes of the 75% gross income test (as described above) to the extent that the obligation upon which such interest is paid is secured by a mortgage on real property. If we receive interest income with respect to a mortgage loan that is secured by both real property and other property, and the highest principal amount of the loan outstanding during a taxable year exceeds the fair market value of the real property on the date that we acquired or originated the mortgage loan, the interest income will be apportioned between the real property and the other collateral, and our income from the arrangement will qualify for purposes of the 75% gross income test only to the extent that the interest is allocable to the real property. Even if a loan is not secured by real property, or is undersecured, the income that it generates may nonetheless qualify for purposes of the 95% gross income test.

Rents we receive will qualify as rents from real property for purposes of satisfying the gross income tests for a REIT described above only if all of the following conditions are met:

The amount of rent must not be based in any way on the income or profits of any person, although rents generally will not be excluded solely because they are based on a fixed percentage or percentages of gross receipts or gross sales.

We, or an actual or constructive owner of 10% or more of our capital shares, must not actually or constructively own 10% or more of the interests in the tenant, or, if the tenant is a corporation, 10% or more of the voting power or value of all classes of stock of the tenant. Rents received from any such tenant that is our TRS, however, will not be excluded from the definition of rents from real property as a result of this condition if at least 90% of the space at the property to which the rents relate is leased to third parties, and the rents paid by the TRS are comparable to rents paid by our other tenants for comparable space. Whether rents paid by a TRS are substantially comparable to rents paid by other tenants is determined at the time the lease with the TRS is entered into, extended, and modified, if such modification increases the rents due under such lease. Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, if a lease with a controlled taxable REIT subsidiary is modified and such modification results in an increase in the rents payable by such TRS, any such increase will not qualify as rents from real property. For purposes of this rule, a controlled taxable REIT subsidiary is a TRS in which we own stock possessing more than 50% of the voting power or more than 50% of the total value of outstanding stock of such TRS. In addition, rents we receive from a tenant that also is our TRS will not be excluded from the definition of rents from real property as a result of our ownership interest in the TRS if the property to which the rents relate is a qualified lodging facility, or on or after January 1, 2009, a qualified healthcare property, and such property is operated on behalf of the TRS by a person who is an independent contractor and certain other requirements are met. Our



TRSs will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on their income from the operation of these properties.

Rent attributable to personal property, leased in connection with a lease of real property, must not be greater than 15% of the total rent received under the lease. If this condition is not met, then the portion of the rent attributable to personal property will not qualify as rents from real property. We currently have several leases that generate non-qualifying rent from personal property but such amounts are not material in relation to our gross income.

The REIT generally must not operate or manage the property for which the rents are received or furnish or render services to the tenants of the property (subject to a 1% de minimis exception), other than through an independent contractor from whom the REIT derives no revenue or through a TRS. The REIT may, however, directly perform certain services that are usually or customarily rendered in connection with the rental of space for occupancy only and are not otherwise considered rendered to the occupant of the property. Any amounts we receive from a TRS with respect to the TRS's provision of non-customary services will be nonqualifying income under the 75% gross income test and, except to the extent received through the payment of dividends, the 95% gross income test.

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We do not intend to charge rent for any property that is based in whole or in part on the net income or profits of any person (except by reason of being based on a percentage of gross receipts or sales, as described above), and generally we do not intend to rent any personal property (other than in connection with a lease of real property where either less than 15% of the total rent is attributable to personal property or an amount immaterial to our operations is attributable to personal property). Currently, we do have several leases in which the rent attributable to personal property may exceed the 15% limitation based on the original respective fair market values of the real property and personal property at the time the lease was executed.

We directly perform services under certain of our leases, but such services are not rendered to the occupant of the property. Furthermore, these services are usual and customary management services provided by landlords renting space for occupancy in the geographic areas in which we own property. To the extent that the performance of any services provided by us would cause amounts received from our tenants to be excluded from rents from real property, we intend to hire a TRS, or an independent contractor from whom we derive no revenue, to perform such services.

The term *interest* generally does not include any amount received or accrued (directly or indirectly) if the determination of some or all of the amount depends in any way on the income or profits of any person. However, an amount received or accrued generally will not be excluded from the term *interest* solely by reason of being based on a fixed percentage or percentages of receipts or sales.

From time to time, we may enter into hedging transactions with respect to one or more of our assets or liabilities. Our hedging activities may include entering into interest rate swaps, caps, and floors, options to purchase these items, and futures and forward contracts. Income from a hedging transaction, including gain from the sale or disposition of such a transaction, that is clearly identified as a hedging transaction as specified in the Code will not constitute gross income and thus will be exempt from the 95% gross income test to the extent such a hedging transaction is entered into on or after January 1, 2005, and from the 75% gross income test to the extent such hedging transaction is entered into after July 30, 2008. The term *hedging transaction*, as used above, generally means any transaction we enter into in the normal course of our business primarily to manage risk of (1) interest rate changes or fluctuations with respect to borrowings made or to be made by us to acquire or carry real estate assets, or (2) for hedging transactions entered into after July 30, 2008, currency fluctuations with respect to an item of qualifying income under the 75% or 95% gross income test. To the extent that we do not properly identify such transactions as hedges, we hedge other risks or we hedge with other types of financial instruments, the income from those transactions is not likely to be treated as qualifying income for purposes of the gross income tests. We intend to structure any hedging transactions in a manner that does not jeopardize our status as a REIT.

We have made investments in properties located in Canada. These investments could cause us to incur foreign currency gains or losses. Prior to July 30, 2008, the characterization of any such foreign currency gains for purposes of the gross income tests was unclear, though the IRS had indicated that REITs may apply the principles of proposed Treasury Regulations to determine whether such foreign currency gain constitutes qualifying income under the gross income tests. As a result, we anticipate that any foreign currency gain we recognized relating

to rents we receive from our properties located in Canada was qualifying income for purposes of the 75% and 95% gross income tests. Any foreign currency gains recognized after July 30, 2008, to the extent attributable to specific items of qualifying income or gain, or specific qualifying assets, however, generally will not constitute gross income for purposes of the 75% and 95% gross income tests, and therefore will be exempt from these tests.

Dividends we receive from our taxable REIT subsidiaries will qualify under the 95%, but not the 75%, gross income test.

The Department of Treasury has the authority to determine whether any item of income or gain recognized after July 30, 2008, which does not otherwise qualify under the 75% or 95% gross income tests, may be excluded as gross income for purposes of such tests or may be considered income that qualifies under either such test.

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If we fail to satisfy one or both of the 75% or 95% gross income tests for any taxable year, we may nevertheless qualify as a REIT for the year if we are entitled to relief under certain provisions of the Code. We generally may make use of the relief provisions if:

our failure to meet these tests was due to reasonable cause and not due to willful neglect;

we attach a schedule of the sources of our income to our U.S. federal income tax return; and

any incorrect information on the schedule was not due to fraud with intent to evade tax.

If this relief provision is available, we would remain subject to tax equal to the greater of the amount by which we failed the 75% gross income test or the 95% gross income test, as applicable, multiplied by a fraction intended to reflect our profitability.

It is not possible, however, to state whether in all circumstances we would be entitled to the benefit of these relief provisions. For example, if we fail to satisfy the gross income tests because nonqualifying income that we intentionally accrue or receive exceeds the limits on nonqualifying income, the IRS could conclude that our failure to satisfy the tests was not due to reasonable cause. If these relief provisions do not apply to a particular set of circumstances, we will not qualify as a REIT. As discussed above, even if these relief provisions apply, and we retain our status as a REIT, a tax would be imposed with respect to our nonqualifying income. We may not always be able to comply with the gross income tests for REIT qualification despite periodic monitoring of our income.

***Prohibited Transaction Income***

Any gain we realize on the sale of any property, other than foreclosure property, held as inventory or otherwise primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of business, will be treated as income from a prohibited transaction that is subject to a 100% penalty tax. Whether property is held primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of a trade or business depends on all the facts and circumstances surrounding the particular transaction. We intend to engage in the business of acquiring, developing and owning our properties for investment with a view to long-term appreciation. We have made, and may in the future make, occasional sales of the properties consistent with our investment objectives. We do not intend to engage in prohibited transactions. The IRS may contend, however, that one or more of these sales is subject to the 100% penalty tax.

***Foreclosure Property***

Foreclosure property is real property and any personal property incident to such real property (1) that we acquire as the result of having bid in the property at foreclosure, or having otherwise reduced the property to ownership or possession by agreement or process of law,

after a default (or upon imminent default) on a lease of the property or a mortgage loan held by us and secured by the property, (2) for which we acquired the related loan or lease at a time when default was not imminent or anticipated, and (3) with respect to which we made a proper election to treat the property as foreclosure property. We generally will be subject to tax at the maximum corporate rate (currently 35%) on any net income from foreclosure property, including any gain from the disposition of the foreclosure property, other than income that constitutes qualifying income for purposes of the 75% gross income test. Any gain from the sale of property for which a foreclosure property election has been made will not be subject to the 100% tax on gains from prohibited transactions described above, even if the property would otherwise constitute inventory or dealer property. To the extent that we receive any income from foreclosure property that does not qualify for purposes of the 75% gross income test, we intend to make an election to treat the related property as foreclosure property.

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***Penalty Tax***

Any redetermined rents, redetermined deductions or excess interest we generate will be subject to a 100% penalty tax. In general, redetermined rents are rents from real property that are overstated as a result of any services furnished to any of our tenants by one of our TRSs, and redetermined deductions and excess interest generally represent any amounts that are deducted by a TRS for amounts paid to us that are in excess of the amounts that would have been deducted based on arm's-length negotiations. Rents we receive will not constitute redetermined rents if they qualify for certain safe harbor provisions contained in the Code.

We believe that all fees paid to our TRSs for tenant services are at arm's-length rates, although the fees may not satisfy the safe harbor provisions referenced above. These determinations are inherently factual, and the IRS has broad discretion to assert that amounts paid between related parties should be reallocated to clearly reflect their respective incomes. If the IRS successfully makes such an assertion, we would be required to pay a 100% penalty tax on the excess of an arm's-length fee for tenant services over the amount actually paid.

***Annual Distribution Requirements***

To maintain our qualification as a REIT, we are required to distribute dividends (other than capital gain dividends) to our shareholders each year in an amount at least equal to:

(A) the sum of

- (i) 90% of our REIT taxable income (computed before deductions for dividends paid and excluding net capital gain) and
- (ii) 90% of our net income (after tax), if any, from foreclosure property; minus

(B) the excess of the sum of certain items of noncash income (i.e., income attributable to leveled stepped rents, original issue discount on purchase money debt, or a like-kind exchange that is later determined to be taxable) over 5% of REIT taxable income as described above.

In addition, if we dispose of any asset we acquired from a corporation which is or has been a Subchapter C corporation in a transaction in which our basis in the asset is determined by reference to the basis of the asset in the hands of that Subchapter C corporation, within the ten year period following our acquisition of such asset, we would be required to distribute at least 90% of the after-tax built in gain, if any, we recognized on the disposition of the asset.

We must pay the distributions described above in the taxable year to which they relate (current distributions), or, at our election, in the following taxable year if they are either (i) declared before we timely file our tax return for such year and paid on or before the first regular dividend payment after such declaration, provided such payment is made during the

twelve months following the close of such year ( throwback distributions ) or (ii) paid during January to shareholders of record in October, November or December of the prior year ( deemed current distributions ).

To the extent that we do not distribute all of our net capital gain or distribute at least 90%, but less than 100%, of our REIT taxable income, as adjusted, we will be subject to tax thereon at regular ordinary and capital gain corporate tax rates. In addition, we would be subject to a 4% excise tax to the extent we fail to distribute during each calendar year (or in the case of distributions with declaration and record dates falling in the last three months of the calendar year, by the end of January immediately following such year) at least the sum of 85% of our REIT ordinary income for such year, 95% of our REIT capital gain income for the year (other than certain long-term capital gains for which we make a capital gains designation and on which we pay the tax), and any undistributed taxable income from prior periods. Any REIT taxable income and net capital gain on which a REIT-level corporate income tax is imposed for any year is treated as an amount distributed during that year for purposes of calculating the excise tax.

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We believe we have made, and intend to continue to make, timely distributions sufficient to satisfy these annual distribution requirements.

We generally expect that our REIT taxable income will be less than our cash flow because of the allowance of depreciation and other non-cash charges included in computing REIT taxable income. Accordingly, we anticipate that we generally will have sufficient cash or liquid assets to enable us to satisfy the distribution requirements described above. However, from time to time, we may not have sufficient cash or other liquid assets to meet these distribution requirements because of timing differences between the actual receipt of income and actual payment of deductible expenses, and the inclusion of income and deduction of expenses in arriving at our taxable income. In addition, we may decide to retain our cash, rather than distribute it, in order to repay debt or for other reasons. Further, it is possible that from time to time we may be allocated a share of net capital gain attributable to any depreciated property we sell that exceeds our allocable share of cash attributable to that sale. If these circumstances occur, we may need to arrange for borrowings, or may need to pay dividends in the form of taxable stock dividends, in order to meet the distribution requirements.

Under certain circumstances, we may be able to rectify an inadvertent failure (due to, for example, an IRS adjustment such as an increase in our taxable income or a reduction in reported expenses) to meet the 90% distribution requirement for a year by paying deficiency dividends to shareholders in a later year, which may be included in our deduction for dividends paid for the earlier year. Thus, we may be able to avoid being taxed on amounts distributed as deficiency dividends, subject to the 4% excise tax described below. However, we will be required to pay interest to the IRS based on the amount of any deduction taken for deficiency dividends.

### ***Failure to Qualify***

Certain cure provisions may be available to us in the event that we discover a violation of a provision of the Code that would result in our failure to qualify as a REIT. Except with respect to violations of the gross income tests and assets tests (for which the cure provisions are described above), and provided the violation is due to reasonable cause and not due to willful neglect, these cure provisions generally impose a \$50,000 penalty for each violation in lieu of a loss of REIT status. If we fail to qualify for taxation as a REIT in any taxable year, and the relief provisions do not apply, we will be subject to tax (including any applicable alternative minimum tax) on our taxable income at regular corporate rates. Distributions to shareholders in any year in which we fail to qualify will not be deductible by us, and we will not be required to distribute any amounts to our shareholders. As a result, our failure to qualify as a REIT would reduce the cash available for distribution by us to our shareholders. In addition, if we fail to qualify as a REIT, all distributions to shareholders would be taxable as ordinary income to the extent of our current and accumulated earnings and profits, and, subject to certain limitations of the Code, corporate distributees may be eligible for the dividends received deduction. Unless entitled to relief under specific statutory provisions, we also would be disqualified from taxation as a REIT for the four taxable years following the year during which we lost our qualification. As a result, our failure to qualify as a REIT would likely reduce the cash available for distribution to our shareholders. In addition, if we fail to qualify as a REIT, all distributions to our shareholders will be taxable as regular



corporate dividends to the extent of our current and accumulated earning and profits. In this event, subject to certain limitations under the Code, corporate distributees may be eligible for the dividends-received deduction and individual distributees may be eligible for preferential rates, if any, on any qualified dividend income. It is not possible to state whether in all circumstances we would be entitled to this statutory relief.

### **Taxation of Taxable U.S. Shareholders**

The following summary describes certain U.S. federal income tax consequences to U.S. shareholders with respect to an investment in our shares. This discussion does not address the tax consequences to persons who receive special treatment under the U.S. federal income tax law. Shareholders subject to special treatment include, without limitation, insurance companies, financial institutions or broker-dealers, tax-exempt organizations, shareholders holding securities as part of a conversion transaction, or a hedge or hedging

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transaction or as a position in a straddle for tax purposes, foreign corporations or partnerships and persons who are not citizens or residents of the United States. If you are a U.S. shareholder, as defined below, this section or the section entitled Taxation of Tax-Exempt Shareholders applies to you. Otherwise, the section entitled Taxation of Non-U.S. Shareholders, applies to you.

As used herein, the term U.S. shareholders means a holder of shares who, for U.S. federal income tax purposes is:

a citizen or resident of the United States;

a corporation, partnership or other entity classified as a corporation or partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes, created or organized in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof unless, in the case of a partnership, Treasury Regulations provide otherwise;

an estate the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source; or

a trust that is subject to the primary supervision of a U.S. court and which has one or more U.S. persons who have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust or has a valid election in effect under applicable Treasury Regulations to be treated as a U.S. person.

***Distributions Generally***

As long as we qualify as a REIT, distributions made out of our current or accumulated earnings and profits (and not designated as capital gain dividends), generally will constitute dividends taxable to our U.S. shareholders as ordinary income when actually or constructively received. For purposes of determining whether distributions to holders of shares are out of current or accumulated earnings and profits, our earnings and profits will be allocated first to our outstanding preferred shares and then to our common shares. These distributions will not be eligible for the dividends-received deduction in the case of U.S. shareholders that are corporations.

Because we generally are not subject to U.S. federal income tax on the portion of our REIT taxable income distributed to our shareholders, our ordinary dividends generally are not qualified dividend income eligible for the reduced 15% or 20% rates (depending on whether the marginal U.S. federal income tax rate is less than 39.6% or is 39.6%) available to most non-corporate taxpayers under the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012, and will continue to be taxed at the higher tax rates applicable to ordinary income. However, the reduced 15% or 20% rate does apply to our distributions:

designated as long-term capital gain dividends (except to the extent attributable to real estate depreciation, in which case such distributions continue to be subject to tax at a 25% rate);

to the extent attributable to dividends received by us from non-REIT corporations or other taxable REIT subsidiaries; and

to the extent attributable to income upon which we have paid corporate income tax (for example, if we distribute taxable income that we retained and paid tax on in the prior year).

It is not likely that a significant amount of our dividends paid to individual U.S. shareholders will constitute qualified dividend income eligible for the current reduced tax rates of 15% or 20%.

To the extent that we make distributions (not designated as capital gain dividends) in excess of our current and accumulated earnings and profits, these distributions will be treated as a tax-free return of capital to each U.S. shareholder. This treatment will reduce the adjusted basis which each U.S. shareholder has in his or her shares of stock for tax purposes by the amount of the distribution (but not below zero). Distributions in excess of a U.S. shareholders adjusted basis in his or her shares will be taxable as capital gains (provided that the shares have been held as a capital asset) and will be taxable as long-term capital gain if the shares have been held for

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more than one year. Dividends we declare in October, November, or December of any year and payable to a shareholder of record on a specified date in any of these months shall be treated as both paid by us and received by the shareholders on December 31 of that year, provided we actually pay the dividend on or before January 31 of the following calendar year. U.S. Shareholders may not include in their own income tax returns any of our net operating losses or capital losses.

Certain stock dividends, including dividends partially paid in our common shares and partially paid in cash that comply with recent IRS guidance, will be taxable to recipient U.S. shareholders to the same extent as if paid in cash. See *Taxation of the Company Annual Distribution Requirements* above.

### ***Capital Gain Distributions***

Distributions that we properly designate as capital gain dividends (and undistributed amounts for which we properly make a capital gains designation) will be taxable to U.S. shareholders as gains (to the extent that they do not exceed our actual net capital gain for the taxable year) from the sale or disposition of a capital asset. Depending on the period of time we have held the assets which produced these gains, and on certain designations, if any, which we may make, these gains may be taxable to non-corporate U.S. shareholders at a 0%, 15%, 20% or 25% rate, depending on the nature of the asset giving rise to the gain and the shareholder's marginal federal income tax rate. Corporate U.S. shareholders may, however, be required to treat up to 20% of certain capital gain dividends as ordinary income.

### ***Passive Activity Losses and Investment Interest Limitations***

Distributions we make and gain arising from the sale or exchange by a U.S. shareholder of our shares will be treated as portfolio income. As a result, U.S. shareholders generally will not be able to apply any passive losses against this income or gain. A U.S. shareholder may elect to treat capital gain dividends, capital gains from the disposition of stock and qualified dividend income as investment income for purposes of computing the investment interest limitation, but in such case, the shareholders will be taxed at ordinary income rates on such amounts. Other distributions we make (to the extent they do not constitute a return of capital) generally will be treated as investment income for purposes of computing the investment interest limitation. Gain arising from the sale or other disposition of our shares, however, will not be treated as investment income under certain circumstances.

### ***Retention of Net Long-Term Capital Gains***

We may elect to retain, rather than distribute as a capital gain dividend, our net long-term capital gains. If we make this election (a *Capital Gains Designation*) we would pay tax on our retained net long-term capital gains. In addition, to the extent we make a *Capital Gains Designation*, a U.S. shareholder generally would:

include its proportionate share of our undistributed long-term capital gains in computing its long-term capital gains in its return for its taxable year in which the last

day of our taxable year falls (subject to certain limitations as to the amount that is includable);

be deemed to have paid the capital gains tax imposed on us on the designated amounts included in the U.S. shareholder's long-term capital gains;

receive a credit or refund for the amount of tax deemed paid by it;

increase the adjusted basis of its shares by the difference between the amount of includable gains and the tax deemed to have been paid by it; and

in the case of a U.S. shareholder that is a corporation, appropriately adjust its earnings and profits for the retained capital gains in accordance with Treasury Regulations to be promulgated.

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### ***Dispositions of Shares***

Generally, if you are a U.S. shareholder and you sell or dispose of your shares, you will recognize gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes in an amount equal to the difference between (i) the amount of cash and the fair market value of any property you receive on the sale or other disposition and (ii) your adjusted basis in the shares for tax purposes. This gain or loss will be capital in nature if you have held the shares as a capital asset and will be long-term capital gain or loss if you have held the shares for more than one year, and will be taxed at ordinary income tax rates (up to 39.6%) if the shares are held for one year or less. However, if you are a U.S. shareholder and you recognize loss upon the sale or other disposition of shares that you have held for six months or less (after applying certain holding period rules), the loss you recognize will be treated as a long-term capital loss, to the extent you received distributions from us or which were retained by us and which were required to be treated as long-term capital gains.

The maximum tax rate for individual taxpayers on net long-term capital gains (i.e., the excess of net long-term capital gain over net short-term capital loss) is currently 15% or 20% (depending on whether the shareholder is in the 39.6% marginal U.S. federal income tax bracket) for most assets. In the case of individuals whose ordinary income is taxed at a 10% or 15% rate, the 15% rate is reduced to 0%.

If an investor recognizes a loss upon a subsequent disposition of our shares or other securities in an amount that exceeds a prescribed threshold, it is possible that the provisions of Treasury regulations involving reportable transactions could apply, with a resulting requirement to separately disclose the loss-generating transaction to the IRS. These regulations, though directed towards tax shelters, are broadly written, and apply to transactions that would not typically be considered tax shelters. The Code imposes significant penalties for failure to comply with these requirements. You should consult your tax advisors concerning any possible disclosure obligation with respect to the receipt or disposition of our shares or securities, or transactions that we might undertake directly or indirectly. Moreover, you should be aware that we and other participants in the transactions in which we are involved (including their advisors) might be subject to disclosure or other requirements pursuant to these regulations.

### ***Redemption of Shares***

If we redeem any of our shares held by you, the tax treatment of the redemption must be determined based on facts at the time of redemption. In general, you will recognize gain or loss (as opposed to dividend income) equal to the difference between the amount received by you in the redemption and your adjusted tax basis in your shares redeemed if such redemption results in a complete termination of your interest in all classes of our equity securities, is a substantially disproportionate redemption or is not essentially equivalent to a dividend within the meaning of Section 302(b) of the Code with respect to you.

In applying these tests, you must take into account your ownership of all classes of our equity securities. You also must take into account any equity securities that are considered to be constructively owned by you under the Code.

If, as a result of a redemption by us of your shares, you no longer own (either actually or constructively) any of our equity securities or only own (actually and constructively) an insubstantial percentage of our equity securities, then it is likely that the redemption of your shares would be considered not essentially equivalent to a dividend and, thus, would result in gain or loss to you. Gain from the sale or exchange of our shares held for more than one year is taxed at a maximum long-term capital gain rate of 15% or 20% depending on whether the shareholder is in the 39.6% marginal U.S. federal income tax bracket. In the case of individuals whose ordinary income is taxed at a 10% or 15% rate, the 15% rate is reduced to 0%. However, whether a distribution is not essentially equivalent to a dividend depends on all of the facts and circumstances, and if you rely on any of these tests at the time of redemption, you should consult your tax advisor to determine their application to your situation.

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Generally, if the redemption does not meet the tests described above, then the proceeds received by you from the redemption of your shares will be treated as a distribution taxable as a dividend to the extent of the allocable portion of current or accumulated earnings and profits. The amount of the dividend will be the amount of cash and the fair market value of any property received. If the redemption is taxed as a dividend, your adjusted tax basis in the redeemed shares will be transferred to any other shares in us that you own. If you own no other shares in us, under certain circumstances, such basis may be transferred to a related person, or it may be lost entirely.

### ***Medicare Tax on Net Investment Income***

A U.S. Shareholder that is an individual or estate, or a trust that does not fall into a special class of trusts exempt from such tax, will generally be subject to a 3.8% tax on the lesser of (i) the U.S. person's net investment income for a taxable year or (ii) the excess of the U.S. person's modified adjusted gross income for such taxable year over \$200,000 for a single individual (\$250,000 in the case of joint filers and \$125,000 for married filing separate). For these purposes, net investment income will generally include interest, dividends, annuities, royalties, rents, net gain from the disposition of stock unless such income or gains are derived in the ordinary course of the conduct of a trade or business (other than a trade or business that consists of certain passive or trading activities), and certain other income, but will be reduced by any deductions properly allocable to such income or net gain. A U.S. person that is an individual, estate or trust should consult its tax advisor regarding the applicability of the Medicare tax to its income and gains in respect of its investment in our shares.

### ***Backup Withholding***

We report to our U.S. shareholders and the IRS the amount of dividends paid during each calendar year, and the amount of any tax withheld. Under the backup withholding rules, a shareholder may be subject to backup withholding with respect to dividends paid at the fourth lowest rate of tax under Section 1(c) of the Code (which is currently 28%) unless the holder is a corporation or comes within certain other exempt categories and, when required, demonstrates this fact, or provides a taxpayer identification number, certifies as to no loss of exemption from backup withholding, and otherwise complies with applicable requirements of the backup withholding rules. A U.S. shareholder that does not provide us with its correct taxpayer identification number may also be subject to penalties imposed by the IRS. Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amount paid as backup withholding will be creditable against the shareholders' income tax liability. In addition, we may be required to withhold a portion of capital gain distributions to any shareholders who fail to certify their non-foreign status. See [Taxation of Non-U.S. Shareholders](#).

### ***Taxation of Tax-Exempt Shareholders***

The IRS has ruled that amounts distributed as dividends by a REIT to a tax-exempt employee's pension trust do not constitute unrelated business taxable income (UBTI). Based on that ruling, dividend income from us should not be UBTI to a tax-exempt shareholder so long as the tax-exempt shareholder (except certain tax-exempt shareholders described below) has not held its shares as debt-financed property within the meaning of the Code and the shares are not otherwise used in an unrelated trade or business of the tax-exempt entity.



Generally, debt financed property is property the acquisition of which was financed through a borrowing by the tax-exempt shareholder. Similarly, income from the sale of shares will not constitute UBTI unless a tax-exempt shareholder has held its shares as debt financed property within the meaning of the Code or has used the shares in a trade or business.

For tax-exempt shareholders which are social clubs, voluntary employee benefit associations, supplemental unemployment benefit trusts and qualified group legal services plans exempt from U.S. federal income taxation under Code Sections 501(c)(7), (c)(9), (c)(17) and (c)(20), respectively, income from an investment in our shares will constitute UBTI unless the organization is able to properly deduct amounts set aside or placed in reserve for certain purposes so as to offset the income generated by its investment in our shares. These prospective investors should consult their own tax advisors concerning these set aside and reserve requirements.

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Notwithstanding the above, however, a portion of the dividends paid by a pension held REIT may be treated as UBTI to certain types of trusts that hold more than 10% (by value) of the interests in the REIT. A pension held REIT is any REIT if more than 25% (by value) of its shares are owned by at least one pension trust, or one or more pension trusts, each of which owns more than 10% (by value) of such shares, and in the aggregate such pension trusts own more than 50% (by value) of its shares. We do not expect to be classified as a pension held REIT, but because our shares are publicly traded, we cannot guarantee this will always be the case.

**Tax-exempt shareholders should consult their own tax advisors concerning the U.S. federal, state, local and foreign tax consequences of an investment in our shares.**

### **Taxation of Non-U.S. Shareholders**

The rules governing U.S. federal income taxation of the ownership and disposition of shares by persons that are not U.S. shareholders ( Non-U.S. shareholders ) are complex. No attempt is made herein to provide more than a brief summary of such rules. Accordingly, this discussion does not address all aspects of U.S. federal income taxation that may be relevant to a Non-U.S. shareholder in light of its particular circumstances and does not address any state, local or foreign tax consequences.

**Non-U.S. shareholders should consult their own tax advisors to determine the impact of U.S. federal, state, local and foreign tax consequences to them of an investment in our shares, including tax return filing requirements.**

### ***Distributions***

Distributions (including certain stock dividends) that are neither attributable to gain from our sale or exchange of U.S. real property interests nor designated by us as capital gain dividends will be treated as dividends of ordinary income to the extent that they are made out of our current or accumulated earnings and profits. Such distributions ordinarily will be subject to U.S. withholding tax at a 30% rate or such lower rate as may be specified by an applicable income tax treaty unless the distributions are treated as effectively connected with the conduct by you of a U.S. trade or business (or, if an income tax treaty applies, are attributable to a U.S. permanent establishment of the Non-U.S. shareholder). Under certain treaties, however, lower withholding rates generally applicable to dividends do not apply to dividends from a REIT. Certain certification and disclosure requirements must be satisfied to be exempt from withholding under the effectively connected income exemption. In general, Non-U.S. shareholders will not be considered engaged in a U.S. trade or business (or in the case of an income tax treaty, as having a U.S. permanent establishment) solely by reason of their ownership of shares.

Dividends that are treated as effectively connected with such a trade or business (or, if an income tax treaty applies, is attributable to a U.S. permanent establishment of the Non-U.S. shareholder) will be subject to tax on a net basis (that is, after allowance for deductions) at graduated rates, in the same manner as dividends paid to U.S. shareholders are subject to tax, and are generally not subject to withholding. Any such dividends received by a Non-U.S. shareholder that is a corporation also may be subject to an additional branch profits tax at a

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30% rate or such lower rate as may be specified by an applicable income tax treaty.

We expect to withhold U.S. federal income tax at the rate of 30% on any distributions made to a Non-U.S. shareholder unless:

a lower treaty rate applies and you file with us an IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E, as applicable, evidencing eligibility for such reduced treaty rate of withholding; or

you file an IRS Form W-8ECI with us claiming that the distribution is income effectively connected with your trade or business.

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***Return of Capital Distributions***

Distributions in excess of our current and accumulated earnings and profits will not be taxable to you to the extent that such distributions do not exceed your adjusted basis in our shares, but rather will reduce the adjusted basis of such shares. Distributions in excess of your adjusted basis in our shares will give rise to gain from the sale or exchange of such shares. The tax treatment of this gain is described below.

For withholding purposes, we expect to treat all distributions as made out of our current or accumulated earnings and profits. However, amounts withheld generally should be refundable if it is subsequently determined that the distribution was, in fact, in excess of our current and accumulated earnings and profits.

***Capital Gain Dividends and Distributions Attributable to a Sale or Exchange of U.S. Real Property Interests***

Distributions to you that we properly designate as capital gain dividends, other than those arising from the disposition of a U.S. real property interest, generally should not be subject to U.S. federal income taxation, unless:

the investment in our shares is treated as effectively connected with your U.S. trade or business, in which case you will be subject to the same treatment as U.S. shareholders with respect to such gain, except that a Non-U.S. shareholder (or, if an income tax treaty applies, it is attributable to a U.S. permanent establishment of the Non-U.S. shareholder) that is a foreign corporation may also be subject to the 30% branch profits tax, as discussed above; or

you are a nonresident alien individual who is present in the U.S. for 183 days or more during the taxable year and certain other conditions are met, in which case you will be subject to a 30% tax on your capital gains.

For each year during which we qualify as a REIT, distributions that are attributable to net capital gain from the sale or exchange of U.S. real property interests, such as properties beneficially owned by us, will be taxed to a Non-U.S. shareholder under the provisions of the Foreign Investment in Real Property Tax Act of 1980 ( *FIRPTA* ). Under *FIRPTA*, such distributions paid to a Non-U.S. shareholder who owns more than 5% of the value of our shares at any time during the one-year period ending on the date of distribution will be subject to U.S. federal income tax as income effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business. The *FIRPTA* tax will apply to these distributions whether or not the distribution is designated as a capital gain dividend.

Generally, you will be taxed at the same capital gain rates applicable to U.S. shareholders (subject to applicable alternative minimum tax and a special alternative minimum tax in the case of nonresident alien individuals). We will be required to withhold and to remit 35% (or such lesser percentage provided in Treasury Regulations) of any distribution to you that could be treated as a capital gain dividend. The amount withheld is creditable against your U.S.

federal income tax liability. However, any distribution with respect to any class of shares which is regularly traded on an established securities market located in the United States is not subject to FIRPTA, and therefore, not subject to the 35% U.S. withholding tax described above, if you did not own more than 5% of such class of shares at any time during the one-year period ending on the date of the distribution (the 5% Exception ). Instead, such distributions will be treated as ordinary dividend distributions.

***Retention of Net Capital Gains***

Although the law is not clear on the matter, it appears that amounts designated by us as retained capital gains in respect of the shares held by Non-U.S. shareholders generally should be treated in the same manner as actual distributions by us of capital gain dividends. Under this approach, you would be able to offset as a credit against your U.S. federal income tax liability resulting from your proportionate share of the tax paid by us on such retained capital gains, and to receive from the IRS a refund to the extent your proportionate share of such tax paid by us exceeds your actual U.S. federal income tax liability.

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***Sale of Shares***

Gain recognized by a Non-U.S. shareholder upon the sale or exchange of our shares generally will not be subject to U.S. taxation unless such shares constitute a U.S. real property interest. Our shares will not constitute a U.S. real property interest so long as (i) we are a domestically-controlled qualified investment entity, which includes a REIT, if at all times during a specified testing period less than 50% in value of its stock is held directly or indirectly by non-U.S. shareholders or (ii) such class of our shares is regularly traded, as defined by applicable Treasury Regulations, on an established securities market such as the NYSE; and you owned, actually and constructively, 10% or less in value of such class of our shares throughout the shorter of the period during which you held such shares or the five-year period ending on the date of the sale or exchange.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, gain from the sale or exchange of our shares not otherwise subject to FIRPTA will be taxable to you if either (1) the investment in our shares is treated as effectively connected with your U.S. trade or business or (2) you are a nonresident alien individual who is present in the U.S. for 183 days or more during the taxable year and certain other conditions are met. In addition, even if we are a domestically controlled qualified investment entity, upon disposition of our shares (subject to the 5% exception applicable to regularly traded stock described above), you may be treated as having gain from the sale or exchange of a U.S. real property interest if you (1) dispose of our shares within a 30-day period preceding the ex-dividend date of a distribution, any portion of which, but for the disposition, would have been treated as gain from the sale or exchange of a U.S. real property interest and (2) acquire, or enter into a contract or option to acquire, or are deemed to acquire, substantially identical shares during the 61 day period beginning 30 days before the ex-dividend date.

If gain on the sale or exchange of our shares were subject to taxation under FIRPTA, you would be subject to regular U.S. federal income tax with respect to such gain in the same manner as a taxable U.S. shareholder (subject to any applicable alternative minimum tax and a special alternative minimum tax in the case of nonresident alien individuals). In addition, if our shares are not then traded on an established securities market, the purchaser of the shares would be required to withhold and remit to the IRS 10% of the purchase price. If amounts withheld on a sale, redemption, repurchase, or exchange of our shares exceed the Non-U.S. shareholder's tax liability resulting from such disposition, such excess may be refunded or credited against such Non-U.S. shareholder's U.S. federal income tax liability, provided that the required information is provided to the IRS on a timely basis. Amounts withheld on any such sale, exchange or other taxable disposition of our shares may not satisfy a Non-U.S. shareholder's entire tax liability under FIRPTA, and such Non-U.S. shareholder remains liable for the timely payment of any remaining tax liability.

As discussed in more detail under Taxation of Taxable U.S. Shareholders-Medicare Tax on Net Investment Income, a 3.8% Medicare tax will apply, in addition to regular income tax, to certain net investment income. The 3.8% Medicare tax generally applies only to U.S. shareholders; however, the IRS in proposed Treasury Regulations has indicated that the 3.8% Medicare tax may be applicable to Non-U.S. shareholders that are estates or trusts and have one or more U.S. beneficiaries. Non-U.S. shareholders should consult their own tax advisors about the possible application of the 3.8% Medicare tax.

***Backup Withholding Tax and Information Reporting***

Generally, we must report annually to the IRS the amount of dividends paid to you, your name and address, and the amount of tax withheld, if any. A similar report is sent to you. Pursuant to tax treaties or other agreements, the IRS may make its reports available to tax authorities in your country of residence.

Payments of dividends or of proceeds from the disposition of shares made to you may be subject to information reporting and backup withholding unless you establish an exemption, for example, by properly certifying your Non-U.S. shareholder status on an IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E, as applicable, or another appropriate version of IRS Form W-8. Notwithstanding the foregoing, backup withholding and information reporting may apply if either we have or our paying agent has actual knowledge, or reason to know, that you are a U.S. person.

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Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Rather, the U.S. federal income tax liability of persons subject to backup withholding will be reduced by the amount of tax withheld. If withholding results in an overpayment of taxes, a refund or credit may be obtained, provided that the required information is furnished to the IRS.

## **Taxation of Holders of Our Debt Securities**

The following summary describes certain of the principal U.S. federal income tax consequences of ownership and disposition of our debt securities. This discussion assumes the debt securities will be issued without original issue discount, sometimes referred to as OID. OID with respect to a debt security is the excess, if any, of the debt security's stated redemption price at maturity over its issue price. The stated redemption price at maturity is the sum of all payments provided by the debt security, whether designated as interest or as principal, other than payments of qualified stated interest. Interest on a debt security generally will constitute qualified stated interest if the interest is unconditionally payable, or will be constructively received under Section 451 of the Code, in cash or in property, other than debt instruments issued by us, at least annually at a single fixed rate. The issue price of a debt security is the first price at which a substantial amount of the debt securities in the issuance that includes such debt security is sold for money, excluding sales to bond houses, brokers or similar persons or organizations acting in the capacity of underwriters, placement agents or wholesalers. The amount of OID with respect to a debt security will be treated as zero if the OID is less than an amount equal to 0.0025 multiplied by the product of the stated redemption price at maturity and the number of complete years to maturity, or, in the case of a debt security that provides for payment of any amount other than qualified stated interest prior to maturity, the weighted average maturity of the debt security. If one or more series of debt securities are issued with OID, disclosure concerning the tax considerations arising therefrom will be included with the applicable prospectus supplement or other applicable offering materials under which those securities are offered.

## **Taxation of Taxable U.S. Debt Holders**

As used herein, the term "U.S. debt holders" means a holder of our debt securities who, for U.S. federal income tax purposes is:

a citizen or resident of the United States;

a corporation, partnership or other entity classified as a corporation or partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes, created or organized in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof unless, in the case of a partnership, Treasury Regulations provide otherwise;

an estate the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source; or



a trust that is subject to the primary supervision of a U.S. court and which has one or more U.S. persons who have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust or has a valid election in effect under applicable Treasury Regulations to be treated as a U.S. person.

If you are a U.S. debt holder, this section applies to you. Otherwise, the section entitled Taxation of Non-U.S. Debt Holders, applies to you.

***Stated Interest***

U.S. debt holders generally must include interest on the debt securities in their U.S. federal taxable income as ordinary income:

when it accrues, if the U.S. debt holder uses the accrual method of accounting for U.S. federal income tax purposes; or

when the U.S. debt holder actually or constructively receives it, if the U.S. debt holder uses the cash method of accounting for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

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If we redeem or otherwise repurchase any of our debt securities, we may be obligated to pay additional amounts in excess of stated principal and interest. We intend to take the position that the debt securities should not be treated as contingent payment debt instruments because of this additional payment. Assuming such position is respected, a U.S. debt holder would be required to include in income the amount of any such additional payment at the time such payment is received or accrued in accordance with such U.S. debt holder's method of accounting for U.S. federal income tax purposes. If the IRS successfully challenged this position, and the debt securities were treated as contingent payment debt instruments, U.S. debt holders could be required to accrue interest income at a rate higher than the stated interest rate on the debt securities and to treat as ordinary income, rather than capital gain, any gain recognized on a sale, exchange or redemption of a debt security. U.S. debt holders are urged to consult their tax advisors regarding the potential application to the debt securities of the contingent payment debt instrument rules and the consequences thereof.

### ***Sale, Exchange or Other Taxable Disposition of the Debt Securities***

Unless a nonrecognition provision applies, U.S. debt holders must recognize taxable gain or loss on the sale, exchange, redemption, retirement or other taxable disposition of a debt security. The amount of gain or loss equals the difference between (i) the amount the U.S. debt holder receives for the debt security in cash or other property, valued at fair market value, less the amount thereof that is attributable to accrued but unpaid interest on the debt security and (ii) the U.S. debt holder's adjusted tax basis in the debt security. A U.S. debt holder's initial tax basis in a debt security generally will equal the price the U.S. debt holder paid for the debt security.

Gain or loss generally will be long-term capital gain or loss if at the time the debt security is disposed of it has been held for more than one year. Otherwise, it will be a short-term capital gain or loss.

Payments attributable to accrued interest which have not yet been included in income will be taxed as ordinary interest income. The maximum U.S. federal income tax rate on long-term capital gain on most capital assets held by an individual is currently 20% for individuals in the 39.6% marginal U.S. federal income tax bracket. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to limitations.

### ***Information Reporting and Backup Withholding***

Backup withholding at the applicable statutory rate may apply when a U.S. debt holder receives interest payments on a debt security or proceeds upon the sale or other disposition of a debt security. Certain holders including, among others, corporations, financial institutions and certain tax-exempt organizations, are generally not subject to backup withholding. In addition, backup withholding will not apply to a U.S. debt holder who provides his or her social security or other taxpayer identification number in the prescribed manner unless:

the IRS notifies us or our paying agent that the taxpayer identification number provided is incorrect;

the U.S. debt holder fails to report interest and dividend payments received on the U.S. debt holder's tax return and the IRS notifies us or our paying agent that backup withholding is required; or

the U.S. debt holder fails to certify under penalty of perjury that backup withholding does not apply.

A U.S. debt holder who provides us or our paying agent with an incorrect taxpayer identification number may be subject to penalties imposed by the IRS. If backup withholding does apply, the U.S. debt holder may request a refund of the amounts withheld or use the amounts withheld as a credit against the U.S. debt holder's U.S. federal income tax liability as long as the U.S. debt holder provides the required information to the IRS. U.S. debt holders should consult their tax advisors as to their qualification for exemption from backup withholding and the procedures for obtaining the exemption.

We will be required to furnish annually to the IRS and to U.S. debt holders information relating to the amount of interest paid on the debt securities, and that information reporting may also apply to payments of proceeds from the sale of the debt securities to those holders. Some U.S. debt holders, including corporations, financial institutions and certain tax-exempt organizations, generally are not currently subject to information reporting.

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***Medicare Tax on Net Investment Income***

For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2012, U.S. debt holders who are individuals, estates or trusts and whose income exceeds certain thresholds are required to pay an additional 3.8% Medicare tax on, among other things, interest on the debt securities and capital gains from the sale or other taxable disposition of debt securities. The 3.8% tax is imposed on the lesser of (i) the U.S. debt holder's net investment income for the taxable year and (ii) the excess of the U.S. debt holder's modified adjusted gross income for the taxable year over a certain threshold (which in the case of individuals will be between \$125,000 and \$250,000 depending on the individual's circumstances). A U.S. debt holder that is an individual, trust or estate should consult its tax advisor regarding the effect, if any, of this legislation on their acquisition, ownership and disposition of the debt securities.

**Taxation of Non-U.S. Debt Holders**

This section applies to you if you are not a U.S. debt holder, as defined above ( Non-U.S. debt holders ).

Special rules may apply to certain Non-U.S. debt holders such as controlled foreign corporations and passive foreign investment companies. Such entities are encouraged to consult their tax advisors to determine the U.S. federal, state, local and other tax consequences that may be relevant to them.

***Payments of Interest***

Interest paid to a Non-U.S. debt holder will not be subject to U.S. federal income taxes or withholding tax if the interest is not effectively connected with the Non-U.S. debt holder's conduct of a trade or business within the United States, and the Non-U.S. debt holder:

does not actually or constructively own a 10% or greater interest in the total combined voting power of all classes of our voting stock;

is not a controlled foreign corporation with respect to which we are a related person within the meaning of Section 864(d)(4) of the Code;

is not a bank that received such debt securities on an extension of credit made pursuant to a loan agreement entered into in the ordinary course of its trade or business; and

provides the appropriate certification as to the Non-U.S. debt holder's status. A Non-U.S. debt holder can generally meet this certification requirement by providing a properly executed IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E, as applicable, or appropriate substitute form to us or our paying agent. If the debt securities are held

through a financial institution or other agent acting on the Non-U.S. debt holder's behalf, the Non-U.S. debt holder may be required to provide appropriate documentation to the agent. The agent will then generally be required to provide appropriate certifications to us or our paying agent, either directly or through other intermediaries. Special certification rules apply to foreign partnerships, estates and trusts, and in certain circumstances certifications as to foreign status of partners, trust owners or beneficiaries may have to be provided to us or our paying agent.

If a Non-U.S. debt holder does not qualify for an exemption under these rules, interest income from the debt securities may be subject to withholding tax at the rate of 30% (or lower applicable treaty rate) at the time such interest is paid. To claim the benefit of a tax treaty, a Non-U.S. debt holder must provide a properly executed IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E, as applicable, before the payment of interest and a Non-U.S. debt holder may be required to obtain a U.S. taxpayer identification number and provide documentary evidence issued by foreign governmental authorities to prove residence in the foreign country. The payment of interest effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business, however, would not be subject to a 30% withholding tax so long as the Non-U.S. debt holder provides us or our paying agent an adequate certification (currently on IRS Form W-8ECI), but such interest would be subject to U.S. federal income tax on a net basis at the rates applicable to U.S. persons

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generally. In addition, if the payment of interest is effectively connected with a foreign corporation's conduct of a U.S. trade or business, that foreign corporation may also be subject to a 30% (or lower applicable treaty rate) branch profits tax.

### ***Sale, Exchange or Other Taxable Disposition of Debt Securities***

Non-U.S. debt holders generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax on any amount which constitutes capital gain upon a sale, exchange, redemption, retirement or other taxable disposition of a debt security, unless either of the following is true:

the Non-U.S. debt holder's investment in the debt securities is effectively connected with the conduct of a U.S. trade or business; or

the Non-U.S. debt holder is a nonresident alien individual holding the debt security as a capital asset, is present in the United States for 183 or more days in the taxable year within which the sale, redemption or other disposition takes place, and certain other requirements are met.

For Non-U.S. debt holders described in the first bullet point above, the net gain derived from the retirement or disposition of the debt securities generally would be subject to U.S. federal income tax at the rates applicable to U.S. persons generally (or lower applicable treaty rate). In addition, foreign corporations may be subject to a 30% (or lower applicable treaty rate) branch profits tax if the investment in the debt security is effectively connected with the foreign corporation's conduct of a U.S. trade or business. Non-U.S. debt holders described in the second bullet point above will be subject to a flat 30% U.S. federal income tax on the gain derived from the retirement or disposition of their debt securities, which may be offset by U.S. source capital losses, even though Non-U.S. debt holders are not considered residents of the United States.

As discussed in more detail under "Taxation of Taxable U.S. Debt Holders-Medicare Tax on Net Investment Income," a 3.8% Medicare tax will apply, in addition to regular income tax, to certain net investment income. The 3.8% Medicare tax generally applies only to U.S. debt holders; however, the IRS in proposed Treasury Regulations has indicated that the 3.8% Medicare tax may be applicable to Non-U.S. debt holders that are estates or trusts and have one or more U.S. beneficiaries. Non-U.S. debt holders should consult their own tax advisors about the possible application of the 3.8% Medicare tax.

### ***Backup Withholding Tax and Information Reporting***

Backup withholding generally will not apply to payments of interest made to a Non-U.S. debt holder with respect to debt securities, provided that we do not have actual knowledge or reason to know that the Non-U.S. debt holder is a U.S. person and the Non-U.S. debt holder has given us the certification described above under "Taxation of Non-U.S. Debt Holders Payments of Interest." However, we generally will be required to report annually to the IRS and to a Non-U.S. debt holder (i) the amount of any interest paid to the Non-U.S. debt holder, regardless of whether any tax was actually withheld and (ii) the amount of any tax withheld

with respect to any interest paid to the Non-U.S. debt holder. Copies of these information returns may also be made available under the provisions of a specific treaty or agreement with the tax authorities of the country in which the Non-U.S. debt holder resides.

The gross proceeds from the sale or other disposition by a Non-U.S. debt holder of the debt securities (including a retirement or redemption) may be subject to information reporting and backup withholding tax. If a Non-U.S. debt holder sells or otherwise disposes of the debt securities outside of the United States through a non-U.S. office of a non-U.S. broker and the proceeds are paid to the Non-U.S. debt holder outside of the United States, then the U.S. backup withholding and information reporting requirements generally will not apply to that payment. However, U.S. information reporting, but not backup withholding, will apply to a payment of proceeds from the sale or other disposition by a Non-U.S. holder of the debt securities, even if that payment is made outside of the United States, if the Non-U.S. debt holder sells or otherwise disposes of the debt securities through

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a non-U.S. office of a U.S. broker or a non-U.S. broker with certain connections to the United States unless the broker has documentary evidence in its files that the Non-U.S. debt holder is not a U.S. person and certain other conditions are met, or the Non-U.S. debt holder otherwise establishes an exemption. If a Non-U.S. debt holder receives payments of the proceeds of a sale or other disposition of the debt securities to or through a U.S. office of a broker, the payment is subject to both U.S. backup withholding and information reporting unless such debt holder provides an IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E, as applicable, (or other applicable form) certifying that the Non-U.S. holder is not a U.S. person or that the Non-U.S. debt holder otherwise establishes an exemption, provided that the broker does not have actual knowledge or reason to know that the Non-U.S. debt holder is a U.S. person or the conditions of any other exemption are not, in fact, satisfied. A Non-U.S. debt holder generally will be entitled to a credit or refund with respect to any amounts withheld under backup withholding rules against such debt holder's U.S. federal income tax liability, provided that the required information is furnished to the IRS in a timely manner. Non-U.S. debt holders should consult with their tax advisors regarding the application of backup withholding and information reporting in their particular situation, the availability of an exemption therefrom, and the procedure for obtaining an exemption, if available.

## **FATCA**

Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code and the regulations thereunder (commonly referred to as FATCA) impose a 30% withholding tax on U.S. source payments of dividends and interest and, beginning on January 1, 2017, gross proceeds from the sale or other disposition of, our equity securities or debt securities paid to a foreign financial institution or to a foreign entity other than a financial institution, unless (i) the foreign financial institution undertakes certain diligence and reporting obligations or (ii) the foreign entity is not a financial institution and either certifies it does not have any substantial U.S. owners or furnishes identifying information regarding each substantial U.S. owner. If the payee is a foreign financial institution, it must enter into an agreement with the U.S. Treasury requiring, among other things, that it undertake to identify accounts held by certain U.S. persons or U.S. owned foreign entities, annually report certain information about such accounts, and withhold 30% on payments to account holders whose actions prevent it from complying with these reporting and other requirements. Certain countries have entered into, and other countries are expected to enter into, agreements with the United States to facilitate the type of information reporting required under FATCA. While the existence of such agreements will not eliminate the risk of FATCA withholding on payments made by the Company to non-U.S. investors, these agreements are expected to reduce the risk of the withholding for investors in (or indirectly holding interests in the Issuer through financial institutions in) those countries. In addition, the presence in the payment chain of an intermediary that fails to comply with the additional certification, information reporting and other specified requirements under FATCA could result in withholding under FATCA being imposed on payments of interest and proceeds to U.S. holders who own our notes through foreign accounts or foreign intermediaries. Prospective investors should consult their tax advisors regarding the application of FATCA and the final regulations on them.

## **PATH ACT REIT and FIRPTA Provisions**



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The Protecting Americans From Tax Hikes Act of 2015 ( PATH Act ) was signed into law on December 18, 2015.

The PATH Act revises several provisions of the Code related to REITs, none of which should materially impact EPR and its operations. The PATH Act REIT provisions:

Reduce a REIT's percentage of assets that may be invested in TRSs from 25% to 20% for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017.

Clarify that personal property shall be treated as a real estate asset for purposes of the REIT asset tests to the extent that rents attributable to such property are treated as rents from real property under the REIT gross income tests.

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Clarify that, for purposes of the REIT asset tests, an obligation secured by both real property and personal property will be treated as an obligation secured by real property and as a real estate asset if the fair market value of the personal property does not exceed 15% of the total fair market value of all such property.

For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015, treat debt instruments issued by publicly offered REITs as real estate assets and restrict investments in nonqualified publicly offered REIT debt instruments to not more than 25% of the value of the REIT's total assets for purposes of the REIT asset tests.

Permit successive specifically identified hedging of debt transactions, the income from which (including gain from termination of such position) shall not constitute gross income for purposes of the REIT gross income tests.

Modify the computations of earnings and profits for the dividends paid deduction in order to avoid duplicate taxation.

Provide a fourth alternative prohibited transaction income safe harbor allowing sales in any year of no greater than 20% of the aggregate adjusted bases of all the assets of the REIT as of the beginning of the year provided that the three year average adjusted bases percentage of sales does not exceed 10% of such aggregate adjusted bases of all of the REIT's assets.

Provide a fifth alternative prohibited transaction income safe harbor similar to the above but based on the fair market value of such sales during the year and the three year average of the fair market value of such sales.

Clarify that the determination of whether property is inventory property (and subject to the 100% prohibited transactions tax) is made without any inference being drawn from the safe harbor provisions.

Provide that redetermined TRS service income from a REIT that is increased under section 482 is subject to the 100% excise tax.

Provide, for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015, that the aggregate amount of dividends designated as capital gain dividends and qualified dividend income for purposes of the corporate dividends received deduction cannot exceed the actual dividends paid with respect to such year.

Repeal the preferential dividend rules for publicly traded REITs requiring, for purposes of the dividends paid deduction, that any dividend must be pro-rata as to all shares of a class of stock in order to qualify as a dividend paid. This change applies to distributions in taxable years beginning after December 31, 2014.

The PATH Act also revises certain rules under FIRPTA:

Increases from 5% to 10% of the value of a publicly traded REIT's stock that must be owned before FIRPTA applies to gain on disposition of such stock or distributions on such stock. These FIRPTA amendments apply to any disposition after December 18, 2015 and any distribution by a REIT after such date which is treated as a deduction for a taxable year of the REIT ending after such date.

Provides a FIRPTA exception to United States real property interest (USRPI) treatment and FIRPTA withholding with respect to distributions from a REIT to any qualified shareholder holding REIT stock directly or indirectly through one or more partnerships. For this purpose a qualified shareholder is a foreign person that (i) is (A) a foreign person eligible for benefits of a comprehensive tax treaty with the U.S., in a country that has an exchange of information program in place with the U.S. and has a class of interest traded on one or more recognized stock exchanges or (B) a foreign limited partnership that meets certain requirements similar to those set forth above, (ii) is also a qualified collective investment vehicle and (iii) meets certain record keeping requirements.

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Provides a FIRPTA exception for any USRPI held by, directly or indirectly through one or more partnerships, or any distribution received from, a REIT by a qualified foreign pension fund or any entity all of the interests which are held by a qualified foreign pension fund.

Increases from 10% to 15% the withholding rate on a foreign seller's gross proceeds from the disposition of a USRPI to which FIRPTA applies. This increased withholding rate applies to dispositions taking place after February 16, 2016. Prospective investors should consult their tax advisors regarding the possible application of the PATH Act FIRPTA provisions and exceptions to USRPI treatment on them.

**Possible Legislative or Other Actions Affecting Tax Consequences**

Prospective investors should recognize that the present U.S. federal income tax treatment of an investment in us may be modified by legislative, judicial or administrative action at any time, and that any such action may affect investments and commitments previously made. The rules dealing with U.S. federal income taxation are constantly under review by persons involved in the legislative process and by the IRS and the U.S. Treasury Department, resulting in revisions of regulations and revised interpretations of established concepts as well as statutory changes. Revisions in U.S. federal tax laws and interpretations thereof could adversely affect the tax consequences of an investment in us.

**State and Local Tax Consequences**

We may be subject to state or local taxation or withholding in various state or local jurisdictions, including those in which we transact business, and our shareholders may be subject to state or local taxation or withholding in various state or local jurisdictions, including those in which they reside. The state and local tax treatment of us may not conform to the U.S. federal income tax treatment discussed above. Several states in which we may own properties treat REITs as ordinary Subchapter C corporations subject to tax at the corporate level. In addition, your state and local tax treatment may not conform to the U.S. federal income tax treatment discussed above. You should consult your own tax advisors regarding the effect of state and local tax laws on an investment in our shares.

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**SELLING SECURITY HOLDERS**

Selling security holders are persons or entities that, directly or indirectly, have acquired or will from time to time acquire from us common shares, preferred shares, depositary shares, warrants, debt securities or units, as applicable, in various private transactions. Such selling security holders may be parties to a registration rights agreement with us, or we otherwise may have agreed or will agree to register their securities for resale. The initial purchasers of our securities, as well as their transferees, pledgees, donees or successors, all of whom we refer to as selling security holders, may from time to time offer and sell the securities pursuant to this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement.

The selling security holders may offer for sale all or some portion of the securities that they hold. To the extent that any of the selling security holders are brokers or dealers, they are deemed to be, under interpretations of the SEC, underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act.

The applicable prospectus supplement will set forth the name of each of the selling security holders and the number and classes of our securities beneficially owned by such selling security holders that are covered by such prospectus supplement. The applicable prospectus supplement will also disclose whether any of the selling security holders has held any position or office with, has been employed by or otherwise has had a material relationship with us during the three years prior to the date of the prospectus supplement.

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**PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION**

We and the selling security holders may sell common shares, preferred shares, depositary shares, warrants, debt securities and units:

to or through underwriters or dealers or an underwriting syndicate represented by one or more managing underwriters;

to or through agents;

directly to one or more purchasers, including our affiliates;

in block trades;

if indicated in the prospectus supplement, pursuant to delayed delivery contracts; or

through any combination of these methods.

The distribution of common shares, preferred shares, depositary shares, warrants, debt securities and units may be effected from time to time in one or more transactions either:

at a fixed price or prices which may be changed;

at market prices prevailing at the time of sale;

at prices relating to those market prices; or

at negotiated prices.

For each offering of common shares, preferred shares, depositary shares, warrants, debt securities or units, the prospectus supplement or other offering materials will describe:

the plan of distribution;

the terms of the offering;

the names of any agents, dealers or underwriters;

the name or names of any managing underwriter or underwriters;

the securities exchanges on which the securities will be listed, if any;

the purchase price of the securities;

the net proceeds to us from the sale of the securities;

any delayed delivery arrangements;

any underwriting discounts, commissions and other items constituting underwriters compensation;

any initial public offering price;

any discounts or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid to dealers; and

any commissions paid to agents.

If underwriters are used in the sale, they will buy the securities for their own account. The underwriters may then resell from time to time the securities in one or more transactions, including without limitation, negotiated transactions, at a fixed public offering price, at any market price in effect at the time of sale or at a discount from any such market price or otherwise at varying prices determined by the underwriters at the time of sale. The obligations of the underwriters to purchase the securities will be subject to certain conditions. The underwriters will be obligated to purchase all the securities offered if they purchase any securities. Any discounts or concessions allowed or re-allowed or paid to dealers may be changed by the underwriters from time to time.

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In connection with the sale of the securities, underwriters may receive compensation from us, selling security holders or from purchasers of the securities, for whom they may act as agents, in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions. Underwriters may sell the securities to or through dealers, and these dealers may receive compensation in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions from the underwriters and/or commissions from the purchasers for whom they may act as agents. Any public offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed, reallocated, or paid to dealers may be changed from time to time. Underwriters, dealers and agents that participate in the distribution of the securities may be deemed to be underwriters, and any discounts or commissions they receive from us, and any profit on the resale of the securities they realize, may be deemed to be underwriting discounts and commissions, under the Securities Act. We may have agreements with underwriters, dealers and agents to indemnify them against certain civil liabilities, including certain liabilities under the Securities Act, or to contribute to payments they may be required to make.

In order to facilitate the offering of securities, the underwriters may engage in transactions that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the price of securities. Specifically, the underwriters may over-allot in connection with the offering, creating a short position in the securities for their account. In addition, to cover over-allotments or to stabilize the price of the shares, the underwriters may bid for, and purchase, shares in the open market. Finally, an underwriting syndicate may reclaim selling concessions allowed to an underwriter or a dealer for distributing the securities in the offering if the syndicate repurchases previously distributed shares in transactions to cover syndicate short positions, in stabilization transactions, or otherwise. Any of these activities may stabilize or maintain the market price of the offered securities above independent market levels. The underwriters are not required to engage in these activities and may end any of these activities at any time.

Some or all of the securities offered through this prospectus may be new issues of securities with no established trading market. Any underwriters to whom securities are sold for public offering and sale may make a market in those securities, but they will not be obligated to and they may discontinue any market making at any time without notice. Accordingly, we cannot assure you of the liquidity of, or continued trading markets for, any securities offered pursuant to this prospectus. If dealers are used in the sale, securities will be sold to those dealers as principals. The dealers may then resell the securities to the public at any market price or other prices to be determined by the dealers at the time of resale. If agents are used in the sale, unless we inform you otherwise in the prospectus supplement or other applicable offering materials they will use their reasonable best efforts to solicit purchasers for the period of their appointment. If securities are sold directly, no underwriters or agents would be involved. Direct sales may also be made through subscription rights distributed to our shareholders on a pro rata basis, which may or may not be transferable. In any distribution of subscription rights to shareholders, if all of the securities are not subscribed for, the unsubscribed securities may be sold directly to third parties or one or more underwriters, dealers, or agents, including standby underwriters, may be engaged to sell the unsubscribed securities to third parties. In the prospectus supplement or other applicable offering materials, we will name any agent involved in the offer or sale of the offered securities, and we will describe any commissions payable to the agent. An offer of securities is not being made in any state that does not permit such an offer.



We may authorize underwriters, dealers or agents to solicit offers from institutions in which the institution contractually agrees to purchase the securities from us on a future date at a specified price. This type of agreement may be made only with institutions that we specifically approve. These institutions could include banks, insurance companies, pension funds, investment companies and educational and charitable institutions. The underwriters, dealers or agents will not be responsible for the validity or performance of these agreements.

Underwriters, dealers or agents may engage in transactions with us and may perform services for us in the ordinary course of business.

Securities may be sold directly to institutional investors or others who may be deemed to be underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act with respect to any sale of those securities. We will describe the terms of any such sales in the prospectus supplement or other applicable offering materials.

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To the extent that we permit this prospectus to be used for sales of securities by selling security holders, the selling security holders will act independently of us in making decisions with respect to the timing, manner and size of each sale. We will not receive any of the proceeds from sales of securities made by the selling security holders pursuant to this prospectus but in certain cases we may pay fees and expenses relating to the registration or an offering of such securities, such as registration and filing fees, fees and expenses for complying with federal and state securities laws and FINRA rules and regulations, and fees and expenses incurred in connection with a listing, if any, of any of the securities on any securities exchange or association.

The selling security holders and any dealers or agents that participate in the distribution of such securities may be deemed to be underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act and any profit on the resale of the securities by them and any commissions received by any of these dealers or agents might be deemed to be underwriting commissions under the Securities Act.

To the extent required, the securities to be sold, the names of the selling security holders, the respective purchase prices and public offering prices, the names of any agent, dealer or underwriter, and any applicable commissions or discounts with respect to a particular offer will be set forth in an accompanying prospectus supplement or, if appropriate, a post-effective amendment to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part.

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**LEGAL MATTERS**

Stinson Leonard Street LLP, Kansas City, Missouri, will issue an opinion about the validity of the securities and EPR's qualification and taxation as a REIT under the Code. In addition, the description of EPR's taxation and qualification as a REIT under the caption "U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations" is based upon the opinion of Stinson Leonard Street LLP. Underwriters, dealers or agents who we identify in a prospectus supplement or other applicable offering materials may have their counsel give an opinion on certain legal matters relating to the securities or the offering.

**EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements and schedules of EPR Properties and its subsidiaries as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2015 and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015, have been incorporated by reference herein and in the registration statement, in reliance upon the reports of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, incorporated by reference herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing. KPMG LLP's report refers to the Company's adoption of FASB Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2015-03, "Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issue Costs" in 2015 and No. 2014-08, "Reporting Discontinued Operations and Disclosures of Disposals of Components of an Entity" in 2014.

**WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION**

We are subject to the informational requirements of the Exchange Act, and in accordance with those requirements, we file reports and other information with the SEC. The reports and other information can be inspected and copied at the public reference facilities maintained by the SEC at Room 1580, 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of this material can be obtained by mail from the Public Reference Section of the SEC at Room 1580, 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549 at prescribed rates. The public may obtain information on the operation of the public reference room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC maintains an Internet website (<http://www.sec.gov>) that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other materials that are filed through the SEC Electronic Data Gathering Analysis and Retrieval (EDGAR) system. In addition, our common shares, Series C Preferred Shares, Series E Preferred Shares and Series F Preferred Shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange and we are required to file reports, proxy and information statements and other information with the New York Stock Exchange. These documents can be inspected at the principal office of the New York Stock Exchange, 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005. We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-3, of which this prospectus is a part, relating to the securities covered by this prospectus. You should be aware that this prospectus does not contain all of the information contained or incorporated by reference in the registration statement and its exhibits and schedules. You may inspect and obtain the registration statement, including exhibits, schedules, reports and other information that we have filed with the SEC as described in this paragraph. Statements contained in this prospectus concerning the contents of any document we refer you to are not necessarily complete and in each instance we refer you to the applicable document filed with the SEC for more complete information.

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The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference the information we file with the SEC, which means we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is an important part of this prospectus. Any statement contained in a document which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus is automatically updated and superseded if information contained in this prospectus or information we later file with the SEC, modifies or replaces that information.

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The documents listed below have been filed by us under the Exchange Act, (File No. 001-13561) and are incorporated by reference in this prospectus (other than portions of these documents that are furnished under Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of a Current Report on Form 8-K, including any exhibits included with such Items):

1. Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 (including information specifically incorporated by reference into our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 from our definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on April 1, 2016).
2. Our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the first quarter ended March 31, 2016.
3. Our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on January 14, 2016, January 15, 2016, January 21, 2016 and May 12, 2016.
4. The description of our common shares included in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed with the SEC on November 4, 1997, including any amendments and reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.
5. The description of our Series C Preferred Shares included in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed with the SEC on December 21, 2006, including any amendments and reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.
6. The description of our Series E Preferred Shares included in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed with the SEC on April 2, 2008, including any amendments and reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.
7. The description of our Series F Preferred Shares included in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed with the SEC on October 12, 2012, including any amendments and reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.

In addition, all documents filed by us under Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (excluding any information that is deemed to have been furnished and not filed with the SEC) after the date of this prospectus and prior to the termination of the offering of the securities covered by this prospectus are incorporated by reference herein.

To obtain a free copy of any of the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus (other than exhibits, unless they are specifically incorporated by reference in the documents) please contact us at the following address or telephone number:

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**EPR Properties**

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**Email: [info@eprkc.com](mailto:info@eprkc.com)**

Our SEC filings also are available on our Internet website at [www.eprkc.com](http://www.eprkc.com). The information on our website is not, and you must not consider the information to be, a part of or incorporated by reference into this prospectus.

As you read these documents, you may find some differences in information from one document to another. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus is accurate only as of the date on its cover, and you should assume that the information appearing in any document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus is accurate only as of the date that document was filed with the SEC. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

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Set forth below is an estimate (except in the case of the registration fee) of the amount of fees and expenses to be incurred in connection with the issuance and distribution of the offered securities, other than underwriting discounts and commissions.

Registration Fee Under Securities Act of 1933	\$ *
Legal Fees and Expenses	**
Accounting Fees and Expenses	**
Printing and Engraving Expenses	**
Trustee Fees (including counsel fees)	**
Rating Agency Fees	**
Miscellaneous Fees and Expenses	**
Total	\$ **

- \* In accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r) of the Securities Act of 1933, we are deferring payment of the registration fee for the securities offered by this prospectus.
- \*\* Estimated expenses are not currently known. The foregoing sets forth the general categories of expenses (other than underwriting discounts and commissions) that we expect to incur in connection with the offerings of securities under this registration statement. The applicable prospectus supplement will set forth the estimated amount of expenses in respect of any offering of securities.

**Item 15. Indemnification of Trustees and Officers.**

*The terms we, us, our, EPR or the Company refer to EPR Properties and not to any of its subsidiaries.*

**(a) The Company**

The laws relating to Maryland real estate investment trusts (the Maryland REIT Law ) permit a real estate investment trust to indemnify and advance expenses to its trustees, officers, employees and agents to the same extent permitted by the Maryland General Corporation Law (the MGCL ) for directors and officers of Maryland corporations. The MGCL permits a corporation to indemnify its present and former directors and officers against judgments, penalties, fines, settlements and reasonable expenses incurred in connection with any proceeding to which they may be made, or are threatened to be made, a party by reason of their service in those capacities. However, a Maryland corporation is not permitted to provide this type of indemnification if the following is established:

the act or omission of the director or officer was material to the matter giving rise to the proceeding and was committed in bad faith or was the result of active and deliberate dishonesty;

the director or officer actually received an improper personal benefit in money, property or services; or

in the case of any criminal proceeding, the director or officer had reasonable cause to believe that the act or omission was unlawful.

Additionally, a Maryland corporation may not indemnify a director or officer for an adverse judgment in a suit by or in the right of that corporation or for a judgment of liability on the basis that personal benefit was improperly received, unless in either case a court orders indemnification and then only for expenses. The MGCL permits a corporation to advance reasonable expenses to a director or officer upon the corporation's receipt of the following:

a written affirmation by the director or officer of his good faith belief that he has met the standard of conduct necessary for indemnification by the corporation; and

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a written undertaking by him or on his behalf to repay the amount paid or reimbursed by the corporation if it is ultimately determined that this standard of conduct was not met.

Our officers and trustees are and will be indemnified under our Declaration of Trust against certain liabilities. Our Declaration of Trust provides that we will, to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law in effect from time to time, indemnify: (a) any individual who is a present or former trustee or officer of EPR; or (b) any individual who, while a trustee or officer of EPR and at the request of EPR, serves or has served as a director, officer, shareholder, partner, trustee, employee or agent of any real estate investment trust, corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or any other enterprises against any claim or liability, together with reasonable expenses actually incurred in advance of a final disposition of a legal proceeding, to which such person may become subject or which such person may incur by reason of his or her status as such. We have the power, with the approval of our Board of Trustees, to provide such indemnification and advancement of expenses to a person who served a predecessor of EPR in any of the capacities described in (a) or (b) above and to any employee or agent of EPR or its predecessors.

We have also entered into indemnification agreements with our trustees and certain of our officers providing for procedures for indemnification by us to the fullest extent permitted by law and advancements by us of certain expenses and costs relating to claims, suits or proceedings arising from their service to us.

We have obtained trustees' and officers' liability insurance for the purpose of funding the provision of any such indemnification.

The SEC has expressed the opinion that indemnification of trustees, officers or persons otherwise controlling a company for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, is against public policy and is therefore unenforceable.

**(b) EPT 909, Inc., EPT Aliso Viejo, Inc., EPT Boise, Inc., EPT Davie, Inc., EPT Deer Valley, Inc., EPT Gulf Point, Inc., EPT Hamilton, Inc., EPT Huntsville, Inc., EPT Hurst, Inc., EPT Little Rock, Inc., EPT Mesa, Inc., EPT Mesquite, Inc., EPT Mount Attitash, Inc., EPT Mount Snow, Inc., EPT Nineteen, Inc., EPT Oakview, Inc., EPT Pompano, Inc., EPT Raleigh Theatres, Inc., EPT Ski Properties, Inc., EPT South Barrington, Inc., EPT Waterparks, Inc. and Flik, Inc. (each a Delaware corporation and, collectively, referred to as the Delaware Corporations )**

Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law ( DGCL ) provides that a Delaware corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation) by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation or is or was serving at its request in such capacity in another corporation, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable

cause to believe the person's conduct was unlawful.

Section 145 further authorizes a Delaware corporation to indemnify any person serving in such capacity who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the Delaware Court of Chancery or such other court in which such action or suit was brought shall

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determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the Court of Chancery or such other court shall deem proper.

Section 145 further provides that to the extent that a present or former director or officer of a corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to above, or in defense of any claim, issue or matter, such person shall be indemnified against expenses, including attorneys' fees, actually and reasonably incurred by such person.

As permitted by Section 145, each Delaware Corporation has adopted provisions in its Bylaws requiring it to indemnify officers and directors to the fullest extent provided by the DGCL.

As permitted by Section 102(b)(7) of the DGCL, the certificate of incorporation of each Delaware Corporation includes a provision eliminating or limiting the personal liability of a director to the corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, provided that such provision shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director (i) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its stockholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) under Section 174 of the DGCL, or (iv) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

**(c) Adelaar Developer, LLC, ECE I, LLC, ECE II, LLC, ECS Douglas I, LLC, Education Capital Solutions, LLC, EPR Karting, LLC, EPR Tuscaloosa, LLC, EPT Charlotte, LLC, EPT Concord II, LLC, EPT Dallas, LLC, EPT Fontana, LLC, EPT Twin Falls, LLC and WestCol Center, LLC (each a Delaware limited liability company, collectively, the Delaware LLCs )**

Section 18-108 of the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act provides that subject to such standards and restrictions, if any, as are set forth in its limited liability company agreement, a limited liability company may, and shall have the power to, indemnify and hold harmless any member or manager or other person from and against any and all claims and demands whatsoever.

The limited liability company agreement of each of the Delaware LLCs provides that to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law:

(i) no member or manager shall be liable to the Delaware LLC or its member for any loss, damage, liability or expense suffered by the Delaware LLC or its member on account of any action taken or omitted to be taken by such person as a member or manager of the Delaware LLC, and

(ii) the Delaware LLC shall indemnify each person who has been or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, investigative or appellate (regardless of whether such action, suit or proceeding is by or in the right of the Delaware LLC or by third parties) by reason of the fact that such person is or was a member or manager of the Delaware LLC, or is

or was serving at the request of the Delaware LLC as a director, officer or in any other comparable position of any other specified enterprise against all liabilities and expenses, including, without limitation, judgments, amounts paid in settlement, attorneys' fees, excise taxes or penalties, fines and other expenses, actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding (including, without limitation, the investigation, defense, settlement or appeal of such action, suit or proceeding),

in either case, only if such person discharged such person's duties in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Delaware LLC and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, if such person had no reasonable cause to believe that such person's conduct was unlawful. The Delaware LLC shall not be required to indemnify or advance expenses to any person from or on account of such person's conduct that is finally adjudged to have been knowingly fraudulent, deliberately dishonest or willful misconduct, and the Delaware LLC shall not be required to indemnify or advance expenses

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to any person in connection with an action, suit or proceeding initiated by such person unless the initiation of such action, suit or proceeding was authorized in advance by the member of the Delaware LLC.

**(d) Burbank Village, L.P., Cantera 30 Theatre, L.P., EPR North US LP and Tampa Veterans 24, L.P. (each a Delaware limited partnership, collectively, the Delaware LPs )**

Section 17-108 of the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act provides that subject to such standards and restrictions, if any, as are set forth in its partnership agreement, a limited partnership may, and shall have the power to, indemnify and hold harmless any partner or other person from and against any and all claims and demands whatsoever.

The partnership agreement of each of the Delaware LPs provides that:

the general partner shall not be liable for any loss, damage, liability or expense suffered by the Delaware LP or its limited partner on account of any action taken or omitted by the general partner or as a result of errors in judgment or any other act or omission of the general partner, so long as the general partner discharges its duties in good faith and in a manner it reasonably believes to be in the best interest of the Delaware LP and is not guilty of fraud, gross negligence or willful misconduct, and

the limited partner and its partners shall not be liable, under a judgment, decree or order of a court, or in any other manner, for any debt, obligation or liability of the Delaware LP, whether arising in contract, tort or otherwise, or for the acts or omissions of the general partner and the failure of the Delaware LP to observe any formalities or requirements relating to the exercise of its powers or management of its business or affairs under the partnership agreement Act shall not be grounds for imposing liability on the limited partner or its partners for liabilities of the Delaware LP.

In addition, the partnership agreement of each of the Delaware LPs provides that the Delaware LP shall defend, indemnify and hold each person who has been or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, investigative or appellate (regardless of whether such action, suit or proceeding is by or in the right of the Delaware LP or by third parties) by reason of the fact that such person is or was a partner, officer, employee or consultant of the Delaware LP, or was an affiliate of one of the foregoing, against all liabilities and expenses, including, without limitation, judgments, amounts paid in settlement, attorneys fees, excise taxes or penalties, fines and other expenses, actually and reasonably incurred in connection with such action, suit or proceeding (including, without limitation, the investigation, defense, settlement or appeal of such action, suit or proceeding). The Delaware LP shall not be required to indemnify or advance expenses to the any person for or on account of conduct that was finally adjudged to have been knowingly fraudulent, deliberately dishonest or to constitute gross negligence or willful misconduct, and the Delaware LP shall not be required to indemnify or advance expenses to any person in connection with an action, suit or proceeding initiated by such person unless the initiation of such action, suit or

proceeding was authorized in advance by each of the partners of the Delaware LP.

**(e) EPR Hialeah, Inc., EPT DownREIT II, Inc., EPT Kalamazoo, Inc., EPT Mad River, Inc., EPT Melbourne, Inc., EPT Pensacola, Inc., Megaplex Four, Inc., and Megaplex Nine, Inc. (each a Missouri corporation, collectively, the Missouri Corporations )**

Sections 351.355(1) and (2) of the General and Business Corporation Law of Missouri (the MGBC ) provides that a corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, other than an action by or in the right of the corporation, by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses, including attorneys fees, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with such action, suit, or proceeding if he or she acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the

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corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful, except that, in the case of an action or suit by or in the right of the corporation, no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his or her duty to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the court in which the action or suit was brought determines upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability and in view of all the circumstances of the case, the person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the court shall deem proper.

Section 351.355(3) provides that except as otherwise provided in the articles of incorporation or the bylaws, to the extent that a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit, or proceeding, he or she shall be indemnified against expenses, including attorneys' fees, actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with the action, suit, or proceeding.

Section 351.355(4) provides that any indemnification described above, unless ordered by a court, shall be made by the corporation only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the director, officer, employee or agent is proper in the circumstances because he or she has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in this section. The determination shall be made by the board of directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of directors who were not parties to the action, suit, or proceeding, or if such a quorum is not obtainable, or even if obtainable a quorum of disinterested directors so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion, or by the shareholders.

Section 351.355(5) provides that the board of directors may authorize that expenses incurred in defending an action, suit or proceeding may be paid by the corporation in advance of the final disposition of the action, suit, or proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the director, officer, employee or agent to repay such amount.

The Bylaws of each Missouri Corporation generally provide (i) that directors and officers who are made, or are threatened to be made, parties to, or are involved in any action, suit or proceeding will be indemnified by such corporation to the fullest extent authorized by the MGBC against all expenses and liabilities, including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines, and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such director or officer in connection with any proceeding, and (ii) each Missouri Corporation is required to advance expenses to its directors and officers, provided that, if the MGBC so requires, they undertake to repay the amount advanced if it is ultimately determined by a court that they are not entitled to indemnification.

**(f) 30 West Pershing, LLC (a Missouri limited liability company, the Missouri LLC )**

The Missouri Limited Liability Company Act is silent as to indemnification. The operating agreement of the Missouri LLC provides that to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law:

(i) no member or manager shall be liable to the Missouri LLC or its member for any loss, damage, liability or expense suffered by the Missouri LLC or its member on account of any action taken or omitted to be taken by such person as a member or manager of the Missouri

LLC, and

(ii) the Missouri LLC shall indemnify each person who has been or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, investigative or appellate (regardless of whether such action, suit or proceeding is by or in the right of the Missouri LLC or by third parties) by reason of the fact that such person is or was a member or manager of the Missouri LLC, or is or was serving at the request of the Missouri LLC as a director, officer or in any other comparable position of any other specified enterprise against all liabilities and expenses, including, without limitation, judgments, amounts paid in settlement, attorneys' fees, excise taxes or penalties, fines and other expenses, actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding (including, without limitation, the investigation, defense, settlement or appeal of such action, suit or proceeding), in either case, only if such person discharged such person's duties in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Missouri LLC and, with respect to any

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criminal action or proceeding, if such person had no reasonable cause to believe that such person's conduct was unlawful. The Missouri LLC shall not be required to indemnify or advance expenses to any person from or on account of such person's conduct that is finally adjudged to have been knowingly fraudulent, deliberately dishonest or willful misconduct, and the Missouri LLC shall not be required to indemnify or advance expenses to any person in connection with an action, suit or proceeding initiated by such person unless the initiation of such action, suit or proceeding was authorized in advance by the member of the Missouri LLC.

**(g) New Roc Associates, L.P. (a New York limited partnership, the New York LP )**

The partnership agreement of the New York LP provides that the general partner shall not be liable to the New York LP or its partners for any act or failure to act by the general partner, the effect of which may cause or result in loss or damage to the New York LP or its partners, if done in good faith to promote the best interests of the New York LP, except in the case of fraud, willful misconduct or gross negligence. The partnership agreement of the New York LP provides that the liability of the limited partner shall be limited to the limited partner's capital contribution and that the limited partner shall have no further personal liability except as required by law.

Section 121-1004 of the New York Revised Limited Partnership Act provides that a limited partnership may indemnify, and may advance expenses to, any general partner (including a general partner made a party to an action in a derivative action), provided that no indemnification may be made to or on behalf of any general partner if a judgment or other final adjudication adverse to the general partner establishes that the general partner's acts were committed in bad faith or were the result of active and deliberate dishonesty and were material to the cause of action so adjudicated, or that the general partner personally gained in fact a financial profit or other advantage to which the general partner was not legally entitled.

The partnership agreement of the New York LP provides that the New York LP shall indemnify and hold harmless its general partner, directors and officers of its general partner and EPT and each employee or agent of the New York LP against any and all claims, actions, demands, losses, costs, expenses (including attorneys' fees), damages and threat of loss, as a result of any claim or legal proceeding relating to the performance or non-performance of any act concerning the activities of the New York LP, or in furtherance of the New York LP's interests, provided that the indemnifiable party must not have been found guilty of fraud, gross negligence or willful misconduct. The New York LP may only satisfy any indemnity out of and to the extent of the New York LP's assets.

**Item 16. Exhibits.**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
1.1	Form of Underwriting Agreement (for Debt Securities)*
1.2	Form of Underwriting Agreement (for Preferred Shares)*

- 1.3 Form of Underwriting Agreement (for Common Shares)\*
- 1.4 Form of Underwriting Agreement (for Depository Shares)\*
- 1.5 Form of Underwriting Agreement (for Warrants)\*
- 1.6 Form of Underwriting Agreement (for Units)\*
- 4.1 Composite of Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust of the Company, as amended (inclusive of all amendments through November 12, 2012), which is attached as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K (Commission File No. 001-13561) filed February 27, 2013, is hereby incorporated by reference as Exhibit 4.1
- 4.2 Articles of Amendment of Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust of the Company, which is attached as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (Commission File No. 001-13561) filed May 12, 2016, is hereby incorporated by reference as Exhibit 4.2

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<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
4.3	Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company (inclusive of all amendments through December 5, 2014), which is attached as Exhibit 3.8 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K (Commission File No. 001-13561) filed February 25, 2015, is hereby incorporated by reference as Exhibit 4.3
4.4	Form of Senior Indenture, which is attached as Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-140978) filed February 28, 2007, is hereby incorporated by reference as Exhibit 4.4
4.5	Form of Subordinated Indenture, which is attached as Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-140978) filed February 28, 2007, is hereby incorporated by reference as Exhibit 4.5
4.6	Form of Senior Debt Security*
4.7	Form of Subordinated Debt Security*
4.8	Form of Articles Supplementary for Preferred Shares*
4.9	Form of Deposit Agreement, including form of Depositary Receipt for Depositary Shares*
4.10	Form of Preferred Shares Certificate*
4.11	Form of Common Shares Certificate, which is attached as Exhibit 4.10 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3ASR (Registration No. 333-189023) filed June 3, 2013, is hereby incorporated by reference as Exhibit 4.11
4.12	Form of Warrant Agreement, including form of Warrant*
4.13	Form of Unit Agreement, including form of Unit*
4.14	Form of Senior Unsecured Notes Indenture, which is attached as Exhibit 4.11 to the Company's Post-Effective Amendment to Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-165523) filed August 1, 2012, is hereby incorporated by reference as Exhibit 4.14
4.15	Form of Senior Unsecured Note, which is attached as Exhibit A to Exhibit 4.13 is hereby incorporated by reference as Exhibit 4.15
5.1	Opinion of Stinson Leonard Street LLP regarding legality
8.1	Opinion of Stinson Leonard Street LLP regarding tax matters
12.1	Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges, which is attached as Exhibit 12.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (Commission File No. 001-13561) filed April 28, 2016, is hereby incorporated by reference as Exhibit 12.1
12.2	Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Combined Fixed Charges and Preferred Dividends, which is attached as Exhibit 12.2 to the Company's

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Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (Commission File No. 001-13561) filed April 28, 2016, is hereby incorporated by reference as Exhibit 12.2

- 23.1 Consent of KPMG LLP
- 23.2 Consent of Stinson Leonard Street LLP (included in Exhibits 5.1 and 8.1)
- 24.1 Powers of Attorney of certain officers and trustees (included on signature pages)
- 25.1 Statement of Eligibility of Trustee on Form T-1 under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, of the trustee under the Senior Indenture\*\*
- 25.2 Statement of Eligibility of Trustee on Form T-1 under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, of the trustee under the Subordinated Indenture\*\*
- 25.3 Statement of Eligibility of Trustee on Form T-1 under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, of the trustee under the Senior Unsecured Notes Indenture\*\*

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- \* To be filed by amendment or incorporated by reference in connection with the offering of any securities, as appropriate.
- \*\* To be filed pursuant to Section 305(b)(2) of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended. In reviewing the agreements included as exhibits to this registration statement, please remember they are included to provide you with information regarding their terms and are not intended to provide any other factual or disclosure information about the registrants or the other parties to the agreements.

Agreements may contain representations and warranties by each of the parties to the applicable agreement. These representations and warranties have been made solely for the benefit of the other parties to the applicable agreement and:

should not in any instances be treated as categorical statements of fact, but rather as a way of allocating the risk to one of the parties if those statements prove to be inaccurate;

have been qualified by disclosures that were made to the other party in connection with the negotiation of the applicable agreement, which disclosures are not necessarily reflected in the agreement;

may apply standards of materiality in a way that is different from what may be viewed as material to you or other investors; and

were made only as of the date of the applicable agreement or such other date or dates as may be specified in the agreement and are subject to more recent developments. Accordingly, these representations and warranties may not describe the actual state of affairs as of the date they were made or at any other time. Additional information about the registrants may be found elsewhere in this registration statement and the registrants' other public filings, which are available without charge through the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

**Item 17. Undertakings.**

(a) Each of the undersigned registrants hereby undertakes:

- (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement;

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective registration statement; and

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i), (a)(1)(ii) and (a)(1)(iii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are

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incorporated by reference in the registration statement or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the registration statement.

- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
- (4) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser:
  - (i) Each prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and
  - (ii) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5), or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii) or (x), for the purpose of providing the information required by Section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date it is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or the prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date.

- (5) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrant under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities, each of the undersigned registrants undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrants pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrants will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer to sell such securities to such purchaser:
- (i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of such undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424:
  - (ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of such undersigned registrant or used or referred to by such undersigned registrant;
  - (iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about such undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of such undersigned registrant; and
  - (iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by such undersigned registrant to the purchaser.
- (b) The undersigned registrants hereby undertake that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an



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employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

- (c) The undersigned registrants hereby undertake to supplement the prospectus, after the expiration of any warrant or right subscription period, to set forth the results of any warrant or right subscription offer, the transactions by the underwriters during the subscription period, the amount of unsubscribed securities to be purchased by the underwriters, and the terms of any subsequent reoffering thereof. If any public offering by the underwriters is to be made on terms differing from those set forth on the cover page of the prospectus, a post-effective amendment will be filed to set forth the terms of such offering.
  
- (d) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrants pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, each registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of any registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, such registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question of whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.
  
- (e) Each of the undersigned registrants hereby undertakes to file an application for the purpose of determining the eligibility of the trustee to act under subsection (a) of Section 310 of the Trust Indenture Act in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the Commission under Section 305(b)(2) of the Trust Indenture Act.

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EPR Properties,

a Maryland real estate investment trust

By: /s/ Craig L. Evans  
Name: **Craig L. Evans**  
Title: **Senior Vice President,  
General Counsel and  
Secretary**

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Gregory K. Silvers, Mark A. Peterson and Craig L. Evans, and each of them, his or her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments, including post-effective amendments, to this registration statement, to any related Rule 462(b) registration statement and to any other documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and to file the same, with all exhibits to the registration statement and other documents in connection with the registration statement, with the Securities and Exchange Commission or any other regulatory authority, grants to the attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, and ratifies and confirms all that the attorneys-in-fact and agents or any of them, or their substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

By: /s/ Robert J. Druten Chairman of the Board of Trustees June 3, 2016

Robert J. Druten

By: /s/ Gregory K. Silvers June 3, 2016

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	Gregory K. Silvers	President, Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer) and Trustee	
By:	/s/ Mark A. Peterson	Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer (Principal Financial Officer)	June 3, 2016
	Mark A. Peterson		
By:	/s/ Tonya L. Mater	Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting Officer)	June 3, 2016
	Tonya L. Mater		
By:	/s/ Thomas M. Bloch	Trustee	June 3, 2016
	Thomas M. Bloch		
By:	/s/ Barrett Brady	Trustee	June 3, 2016
	Barrett Brady		

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By: /s/ Peter C. Brown	Trustee	June 3, 2016
Peter C. Brown		
By: /s/ Jack A. Newman, Jr.	Trustee	June 3, 2016
Jack A. Newman, Jr.		
By: /s/ Robin P. Sterneck	Trustee	June 3, 2016
Robin P. Sterneck		

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30 West Pershing, LLC,

a Missouri limited liability company

By: /s/ Craig L. Evans  
Name: **Craig L. Evans**  
Title: **Vice President and Secretary**

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

By: /s/ Gregory K. Silvers President, Chief Executive Officer and Manager June 3, 2016  
(Principal Executive Officer)

**Gregory K. Silvers**

By: /s/ Mark A. Peterson Vice President, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary and June 3, 2016  
Manager (Principal Financial Officer and Principal

**Mark A. Peterson** Accounting Officer)

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Adelaar Developer, LLC,

a Delaware limited liability company

By: /s/ Gregory K. Silvers  
Name: **Gregory K. Silvers**  
Title: **Manager, President, Chief  
Executive  
Officer and Vice President**

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Mark A. Peterson and Craig L. Evans, and each of them, his true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments, including post-effective amendments, to this registration statement, to any related Rule 462(b) registration statement and to any other documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and to file the same, with all exhibits to the registration statement and other documents in connection with the registration statement, with the Securities and Exchange Commission or any other regulatory authority, grants to the attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, and ratifies and confirms all that the attorneys-in-fact and agents or any of them, or their substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed below by the following person in the capacities and on the date indicated.

By: /s/ Gregory K. Silvers Manager, President, Chief Executive Officer and Vice President (Principal Executive Officer, **Gregory K. Silvers** Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer) June 3, 2016

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Burbank Village, L.P.,

a Delaware limited partnership

By: Burbank Village, Inc., its  
General Partner

By: /s/ Craig L. Evans  
Name: **Craig L. Evans**  
Title: **Vice President and  
Secretary**

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

By: /s/ Gregory K. Silvers      President, Chief Executive Officer and Director of Burbank Village, Inc., as the General Partner of Burbank Village, L.P. (Principal Executive Officer)      June 3, 2016  
**Gregory K. Silvers**

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By: /s/ Mark A. Peterson Vice President, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary and June 3, 2016  
Director of Burbank Village, Inc., as the General  
**Mark A. Peterson** Partner of Burbank Village, L.P. (Principal  
Financial Officer and Principal Accounting  
Officer)



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Cantera 30 Theatre, L.P.,

a Delaware limited partnership

By: Cantera 30, Inc., its General Partner

By: /s/ Craig L. Evans  
Name: **Craig L. Evans**  
Title: **Vice President and Secretary**

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

By: /s/ Gregory K. Silvers President, Chief Executive Officer and Director of EPT Cantera 30, Inc., as the General Partner of Cantera 30 Theatre, L.P. (Principal Executive Officer) June 3, 2016  
**Gregory K. Silvers**

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By: /s/ Mark A. Peterson Vice President, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary and June 3, 2016  
Director of EPT Cantera 30, Inc., as the General  
**Mark A. Peterson** Partner of Cantera 30 Theatre, L.P. (Principal  
Financial Officer and Principal Accounting  
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ECE I, LLC,

a Delaware limited liability company

By: /s/ Craig L. Evans  
Name: **Craig L. Evans**  
Title: **Vice President and Secretary**

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

By: /s/ Gregory K. Silvers President, Chief Executive Officer and Manager June 3, 2016  
(Principal Executive Officer)  
**Gregory K. Silvers**

By: /s/ Mark A. Peterson Vice President, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary and June 3, 2016  
Manager (Principal Financial Officer and Principal  
**Mark A. Peterson** Accounting Officer)

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ECE II, LLC,

a Delaware limited liability company

By: /s/ Craig L. Evans  
Name: **Craig L. Evans**  
Title: **Vice President and Secretary**

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

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By: /s/ Gregory K. Silvers President, Chief Executive Officer and Manager June 3, 2016  
(Principal Executive Officer)

**Gregory K. Silvers**

By: /s/ Mark A. Peterson Vice President, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary and June 3, 2016  
Manager (Principal Financial Officer and Principal  
**Mark A. Peterson** Accounting Officer)

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ECS Douglas I, LLC,

a Delaware limited liability company

By: /s/ Craig L. Evans  
Name: **Craig L. Evans**  
Title: **Vice President and Secretary**

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

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By: /s/ Gregory K. Silvers President, Chief Executive Officer and Manager June 3, 2016  
(Principal Executive Officer)

**Gregory K. Silvers**

By: /s/ Mark A. Peterson Vice President, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary and June 3, 2016  
Manager (Principal Financial Officer and Principal

**Mark A. Peterson** Accounting Officer)

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Education Capital Solutions, LLC,  
a Delaware limited liability company

By: /s/ Craig L. Evans  
Name: **Craig L. Evans**  
Title: **Vice President and Secretary**

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

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By: /s/ Gregory K. Silvers President, Chief Executive Officer and Manager June 3, 2016  
(Principal Executive Officer)

**Gregory K. Silvers**

By: /s/ Mark A. Peterson Vice President, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary June 3, 2016  
(Principal Financial Officer and Principal

**Mark A. Peterson** Accounting Officer)

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EPR Hialeah, Inc.,

a Missouri corporation

By: /s/ Craig L. Evans  
Name: **Craig L. Evans**  
Title: **Vice President and Secretary**

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

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By: /s/ Gregory K. Silvers President, Chief Executive Officer and Director June 3, 2016  
(Principal Executive Officer)

**Gregory K. Silvers**

By: /s/ Mark A. Peterson Vice President, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary and June 3, 2016  
Director (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)  
**Mark A. Peterson**

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EPR Karting, LLC,

a Delaware limited liability company

By: /s/ Craig L. Evans  
Name: **Craig L. Evans**  
Title: **Vice President and Secretary**

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

By: /s/ Gregory K. Silvers President, Chief Executive Officer and Manager (Principal Executive Officer) June 3, 2016

**Gregory K. Silvers**

By: /s/ Mark A. Peterson Vice President, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary and Manager (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer) June 3, 2016  
**Mark A. Peterson**



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EPR North US LP,

a Delaware limited partnership

By: EPR North US GP Trust, its  
General Partner

By: /s/ Gregory K. Silvers  
Name: **Gregory K. Silvers**  
Title: **Signatory Trustee**

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Mark A. Peterson and Craig L. Evans, and each of them, his true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments, including post-effective amendments, to this registration statement, to any related Rule 462(b) registration statement and to any other documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and to file the same, with all exhibits to the registration statement and other documents in connection with the registration statement, with the Securities and Exchange Commission or any other regulatory authority, grants to the attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, and ratifies and confirms all that the attorneys-in-fact and agents or any of them, or their substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed below by the following person in the capacities and on the date indicated.

By: /s/ Gregory K. Silvers	Signatory Trustee of EPR North US GP Trust, as	June 3, 2016
<b>Gregory K. Silvers</b>	the General Partner of EPR North US LP (Principal Executive Officer, Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)	

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EPR Tuscaloosa, LLC,

a Delaware limited liability company

By: /s/ Craig L. Evans  
Name: **Craig L. Evans**  
Title: **Vice President and Secretary**

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

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By: /s/ Gregory K. Silvers President, Chief Executive Officer and Manager June 3, 2016  
(Principal Executive Officer)

**Gregory K. Silvers**

By: /s/ Mark A. Peterson Vice President, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary and June 3, 2016  
Manager (Principal Financial Officer and Principal

**Mark A. Peterson** Accounting Officer)

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EPT 909, Inc.,

a Delaware corporation

By: /s/ Craig L. Evans  
Name: **Craig L. Evans**  
Title: **Vice President and Secretary**

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

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By: /s/ Gregory K. Silvers President, Chief Executive Officer and Director June 3, 2016  
(Principal Executive Officer)

**Gregory K. Silvers**

By: /s/ Mark A. Peterson Vice President, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary and June 3, 2016  
Director (Principal Financial Officer and Principal

**Mark A. Peterson** (Accounting Officer)

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EPT Aliso Viejo, Inc.,

a Delaware corporation

By: /s/ Craig L. Evans  
Name: **Craig L. Evans**  
Title: **Vice President and Secretary**

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

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EPT Boise, Inc.,

a Delaware corporation

By: /s/ Craig L. Evans  
Name: **Craig L. Evans**  
Title: **Vice President and Secretary**

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EPT Charlotte, LLC,

a Delaware limited liability company

By: /s/ Craig L. Evans  
Name: **Craig L. Evans**  
Title: **Vice President and Secretary**

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

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EPT Dallas, LLC,

a Delaware limited liability company

By: /s/ Craig L. Evans  
Name: **Craig L. Evans**  
Title: **Vice President and Secretary**

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

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EPT Davie, Inc.,

a Delaware corporation

By: /s/ Craig L. Evans  
Name: **Craig L. Evans**  
Title: **Vice President and Secretary**

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

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EPT Deer Valley, Inc.,

a Delaware corporation

By: /s/ Craig L. Evans  
Name: **Craig L. Evans**  
Title: **Vice President and Secretary**

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

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EPT DownREIT II, INC.,

a Missouri corporation

By: /s/ Craig L. Evans  
Name: **Craig L. Evans**  
Title: **Vice President and Secretary**

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EPT Fontana, LLC,

a Delaware limited liability company

By: /s/ Craig L. Evans  
Name: **Craig L. Evans**  
Title: **Vice President and Secretary**

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EPT Gulf Pointe, Inc.,

a Delaware corporation

By: /s/ Craig L. Evans  
Name: **Craig L. Evans**  
Title: **Vice President and Secretary**

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EPT Hamilton, Inc.,

a Delaware corporation

By: /s/ Craig L. Evans  
Name: **Craig L. Evans**  
Title: **Vice President and Secretary**

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EPT Huntsville, Inc.,

a Delaware corporation

By: /s/ Craig L. Evans  
Name: **Craig L. Evans**  
Title: **Vice President and Secretary**

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EPT Hurst, Inc.,

a Delaware corporation

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Name: **Craig L. Evans**  
Title: **Vice President and Secretary**

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EPT Kalamazoo, Inc.,

a Missouri corporation

By: /s/ Craig L. Evans  
Name: **Craig L. Evans**  
Title: **Vice President and Secretary**

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EPT Little Rock, Inc.,

a Delaware corporation

By: /s/ Craig L. Evans  
Name: **Craig L. Evans**  
Title: **Vice President and Secretary**

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EPT Mad River, Inc.,

a Missouri corporation

By: /s/ Craig L. Evans  
Name: **Craig L. Evans**  
Title: **Vice President and Secretary**

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EPT Melbourne, Inc.,

a Missouri corporation

By: /s/ Craig L. Evans  
Name: **Craig L. Evans**  
Title: **Vice President and Secretary**

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EPT Mesa, Inc.,

a Delaware corporation

By: /s/ Craig L. Evans  
Name: **Craig L. Evans**  
Title: **Vice President and Secretary**

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EPT Mesquite, Inc.,

a Delaware corporation

By: /s/ Craig L. Evans  
Name: **Craig L. Evans**  
Title: **Vice President and Secretary**

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EPT Mount Snow, Inc.,

a Delaware corporation

By: /s/ Craig L. Evans  
Name: **Craig L. Evans**  
Title: **Vice President and Secretary**

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EPT Nineteen, Inc.,

a Delaware corporation

By: /s/ Craig L. Evans  
Name: **Craig L. Evans**  
Title: **Vice President and Secretary**

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EPT Oakview, Inc.,

a Delaware corporation

By: /s/ Craig L. Evans  
Name: **Craig L. Evans**  
Title: **Vice President and Secretary**

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EPT Pensacola, Inc.,

a Missouri corporation

By: /s/ Craig L. Evans  
Name: **Craig L. Evans**  
Title: **Vice President and Secretary**

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EPT Pompano, Inc.,

a Delaware corporation

By: /s/ Craig L. Evans  
Name: **Craig L. Evans**  
Title: **Vice President and Secretary**

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EPT Raleigh Theatres, Inc.,

a Delaware corporation

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Name: **Craig L. Evans**  
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EPT Ski Properties, Inc.,

a Delaware corporation

By: /s/ Craig L. Evans  
Name: **Craig L. Evans**  
Title: **Vice President and Secretary**

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EPT South Barrington, Inc.,

a Delaware corporation

By: /s/ Craig L. Evans  
Name: **Craig L. Evans**  
Title: **Vice President and Secretary**

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EPT Twin Falls, LLC,

a Delaware limited liability company

By: /s/ Craig L. Evans  
Name: **Craig L. Evans**  
Title: **Vice President and Secretary**

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**Gregory K. Silvers**

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EPT Waterparks, Inc.,

a Delaware corporation

By: /s/ Craig L. Evans  
Name: **Craig L. Evans**  
Title: **Vice President and Secretary**

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Flik, Inc.,

a Delaware corporation

By: /s/ Craig L. Evans  
Name: **Craig L. Evans**  
Title: **Vice President and Secretary**

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Megaplex Four, Inc.,

a Missouri corporation

By: /s/ Craig L. Evans  
Name: **Craig L. Evans**  
Title: **Vice President and Secretary**

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Title: **Vice President and Secretary**

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Gregory K. Silvers, Mark A. Peterson, and Craig L. Evans, and each of them, his true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments, including post-effective amendments, to this registration statement, to any related Rule 462(b) registration statement and to any other documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and to file the same, with all exhibits to the registration statement and other documents in connection with the registration statement, with the Securities and Exchange Commission or any other regulatory authority, grants to the attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, and ratifies and confirms all that the attorneys-in-fact and agents or any of them, or their substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

By: /s/ Gregory K. Silvers President, Chief Executive Officer and Director June 3, 2016  
(Principal Executive Officer)

**Gregory K. Silvers**

By: /s/ Mark A. Peterson Vice President, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary and June 3, 2016

**Mark A. Peterson**

Director (Principal Financial Officer and Principal  
Accounting Officer)

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Kansas City, State of Missouri, on this 3rd day of June, 2016.

New Roc Associates, L.P.,

a New York limited partnership

By: EPT New Roc GP, Inc., its  
General Partner

By: /s/ Craig L. Evans  
Name: **Craig L. Evans**  
Title: **Vice President and  
Secretary**

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

By: /s/ Gregory K. Silvers President, Chief Executive Officer and Director of EPT New Roc GP, Inc., as the General Partner of June 3, 2016

**Gregory K. Silvers** New Roc Associates, L.P. (Principal Executive Officer)

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By: /s/ Mark A. Peterson Vice President, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary and June 3, 2016  
Director of EPT New Roc GP, Inc., as the General  
**Mark A. Peterson** Partner of New Roc Associates, L.P. (Principal  
Financial Officer and Principal Accounting  
Officer)

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Tampa Veterans 24, L.P.,

a Delaware limited partnership

By: Tampa Veterans 24, Inc.,  
its General Partner

By: /s/ Craig L. Evans  
Name: **Craig L. Evans**  
Title: **Vice President and  
Secretary**

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

By: /s/ Gregory K. Silvers President, Chief Executive Officer and Director of Tampa Veterans 24, Inc., as the General Partner of  
**Gregory K. Silvers** Tampa Veterans 24, L.P. (Principal Executive  
June 3, 2016

Officer)

By: /s/ Mark A. Peterson Vice President, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary and Director of Tampa Veterans 24, Inc., as the General Partner of Tampa Veterans 24, L.P. June 3, 2016  
**Mark A. Peterson** (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)

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WestCol Center, LLC,

a Delaware limited liability company

By: /s/ Craig L. Evans  
Name: **Craig L. Evans**  
Title: **Vice President and Secretary**

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

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By: /s/ Gregory K. Silvers President, Chief Executive Officer and Manager June 3, 2016  
(Principal Executive Officer)

**Gregory K. Silvers**

By: /s/ Mark A. Peterson Vice President, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary and June 3, 2016  
Manager (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)  
**Mark A. Peterson**

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1.1	Form of Underwriting Agreement (for Debt Securities)*
1.2	Form of Underwriting Agreement (for Preferred Shares)*
1.3	Form of Underwriting Agreement (for Common Shares)*
1.4	Form of Underwriting Agreement (for Depository Shares)*
1.5	Form of Underwriting Agreement (for Warrants)*
1.6	Form of Underwriting Agreement (for Units)*
4.1	Composite of Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust of the Company, as amended (inclusive of all amendments through November 12, 2012), which is attached as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K (Commission File No. 001-13561) filed February 27, 2013, is hereby incorporated by reference as Exhibit 4.1
4.2	Articles of Amendment of Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust of the Company, which is attached as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (Commission File No. 001-13561) filed May 12, 2016, is hereby incorporated by reference as Exhibit 4.2
4.3	Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company (inclusive of all amendments through December 5, 2014), which is attached as Exhibit 3.8 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K (Commission File No. 001-13561) filed February 25, 2015, is hereby incorporated by reference as Exhibit 4.3
4.4	Form of Senior Indenture, which is attached as Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-140978) filed February 28, 2007, is hereby incorporated by reference as Exhibit 4.4
4.5	Form of Subordinated Indenture, which is attached as Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-140978) filed February 28, 2007, is hereby incorporated by reference as Exhibit 4.5
4.6	Form of Senior Debt Security*
4.7	Form of Subordinated Debt Security*
4.8	Form of Articles Supplementary for Preferred Shares*
4.9	Form of Deposit Agreement, including form of Depository Receipt for Depository Shares*
4.10	Form of Preferred Shares Certificate*
4.11	Form of Common Shares Certificate, which is attached as Exhibit 4.10 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3ASR (Registration No. 333-189023) filed June 3, 2013, is hereby incorporated by reference as Exhibit 4.11



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- 4.12 Form of Warrant Agreement, including form of Warrant\*
- 4.13 Form of Unit Agreement, including form of Unit\*
- 4.14 Form of Senior Unsecured Notes Indenture, which is attached as Exhibit 4.11 to the Company's Post-Effective Amendment to Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-165523) filed August 1, 2012, is hereby incorporated by reference as Exhibit 4.14
- 4.15 Form of Senior Unsecured Note, which is attached as Exhibit A to Exhibit 4.13 is hereby incorporated by reference as Exhibit 4.15
- 5.1 Opinion of Stinson Leonard Street LLP regarding legality
- 8.1 Opinion of Stinson Leonard Street LLP regarding tax matters

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12.1	Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges, which is attached as Exhibit 12.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (Commission File No. 001-13561) filed April 28, 2016, is hereby incorporated by reference as Exhibit 12.1
12.2	Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Combined Fixed Charges and Preferred Dividends, which is attached as Exhibit 12.2 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (Commission File No. 001-13561) filed April 28, 2016, is hereby incorporated by reference as Exhibit 12.2
23.1	Consent of KPMG LLP
23.2	Consent of Stinson Leonard Street LLP (included in Exhibits 5.1 and 8.1)
24.1	Powers of Attorney of certain officers and trustees (included on signature pages)
25.1	Statement of Eligibility of Trustee on Form T-1 under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, of the trustee under the Senior Indenture**
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25.3	Statement of Eligibility of Trustee on Form T-1 under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, of the trustee under the Senior Unsecured Notes Indenture**

\* To be filed by amendment or incorporated by reference in connection with the offering of any securities, as appropriate.

\*\* To be filed pursuant to Section 305(b)(2) of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended.