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(Mark One)

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

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012

OR

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

For the transition period from

to

Commission File Number: 0-19989

Stratus Properties Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

72-1211572

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

212 Lavaca St., Suite 300

Austin, Texas

78701

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(512) 478-5788

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

Title of each class

Name of each exchange on which registered

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

NASDAQ

Preferred Stock Purchase Rights

NASDAQ

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

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. ☐ Yes ☒ No

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

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

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or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. ☒

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. ☐ Large accelerated filer ☐ Accelerated filer ☐ Non-accelerated filer ☒ Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). ☐ Yes ☒ No

The aggregate market value of common stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant was approximately \$67.3 million on March 15, 2013, and approximately \$44.4 million on June 29, 2012.

Common stock issued and outstanding was 8,112,906 shares on March 15, 2013, and 8,095,042 shares on June 29, 2012.

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## PART I

## Items 1. and 2. Business and Properties

Except as otherwise described herein or the context otherwise requires, all references to “Stratus,” “we,” “us,” and “our” in this Form 10-K refer to Stratus Properties Inc. and all entities owned or controlled by Stratus Properties Inc. All of our periodic report filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, are available, free of charge, through our website, [www.stratusproperties.com](http://www.stratusproperties.com), including our annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and any amendments to those reports. These reports and amendments are available through our website as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file or furnish such material to the SEC. All references to “Notes” in this report refer to the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements located in Item 8. of this Form 10-K.

## Overview

We are engaged in the acquisition, development, management, operation and sale of commercial, hotel, entertainment, and multi- and single-family residential real estate properties located primarily in the Austin, Texas area. We generate revenues from sales of developed properties, from our hotel and entertainment venue operations and from rental income from our commercial properties. Developed property sales can include condominium units at our W Austin Hotel & Residences project, an individual tract of land that has been developed and permitted for residential use or a developed lot with a home already built on it. We may, on occasion, sell properties under development, undeveloped properties or commercial properties, if opportunities arise that we believe will maximize overall asset values.

**Real Estate Operations.** Our principal real estate holdings are in southwest Austin, Texas. The number of developed lots/units and under development or undeveloped acreage as of December 31, 2012, that comprise our principal real estate development properties are presented in the table below. A developed lot is an individual tract of land that has been developed and permitted for residential use. Developed acreage or acreage under development includes real estate for which infrastructure work over the entire property has been completed, is currently being completed or is able to be completed and necessary permits have been obtained. The undeveloped acreage shown in the table below is presented according to anticipated uses for single-family lots and commercial development based upon our understanding of the properties’ existing entitlements. However, there is no assurance that the undeveloped acreage will be developed because of the nature and cost of the approval and development process and market demand for a particular use. Undeveloped acreage includes real estate that can be sold “as is” (i.e., no infrastructure or development work has begun on such property).

|                        | Developed<br>Lots/Units | Acreage<br>Under Development |     | Total | Undeveloped<br>Single<br>Family | Multi-<br>family | Commercial | Total | Total<br>Acreage |
|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-----|-------|---------------------------------|------------------|------------|-------|------------------|
| Austin:                |                         |                              |     |       |                                 |                  |            |       |                  |
| Barton Creek           | 90                      | 249                          | 368 | 617   | 676                             | 78               | 50         | 804   | 1,421            |
| Lantana                | —                       | —                            | —   | —     | —                               | —                | 72         | 72    | 72               |
| Circle C               | —                       | —                            | 23  | 23    | 132                             | —                | 335        | 467   | 490              |
| W Austin<br>Residences | 41                      | —                            | —   | —     | —                               | —                | —          | —     | —                |
| San Antonio:           |                         |                              |     |       |                                 |                  |            |       |                  |
| Camino Real            | —                       | —                            | —   | —     | —                               | —                | 2          | 2     | 2                |
| Total                  | 131                     | 249                          | 391 | 640   | 808                             | 78               | 459        | 1,345 | 1,985            |



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The following table summarizes the estimated development potential of our Austin-area acreage as of December 31, 2012:

|                  | Single<br>Family<br>(lots) | Multi-family<br>(units) | Commercial<br>Office<br>(gross square feet) | Retail  |
|------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------|
| Barton Creek     | 218                        | 2,081                   | 1,590,000                                   | 21,000  |
| Lantana          | —                          | —                       | 555,000                                     | —       |
| Circle C         | 57                         | —                       | 685,000                                     | 120,000 |
| Austin 290 Tract | —                          | —                       | —                                           | 20,000  |
| Total            | 275                        | 2,081                   | 2,830,000                                   | 161,000 |

**Hotel.** We have an agreement with Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide Inc. for the management of hotel operations at our W Austin Hotel & Residences project. The W Austin Hotel includes 251 luxury rooms and suites, a full service spa, gym, rooftop pool and 9,750 square feet of meeting space. Revenue per available room for the W Austin Hotel averaged \$232 during 2012 and \$184 during 2011.

**Entertainment Venue.** The entertainment space at the W Austin Hotel & Residences project is occupied by Austin City Limits Live at the Moody Theater (ACL Live) and includes a live music and entertainment venue and production studio with a maximum capacity of approximately 3,000 people. In addition to hosting concerts and private events, this venue is the home of Austin City Limits, a television program showcasing popular music legends. ACL Live opened in February 2011 and hosted 193 events in 2012 with an estimated attendance of 219,800, and 151 events in 2011 with an estimated attendance of 187,500. As of March 15, 2013, ACL Live has events booked through November 2013.

**Commercial Leasing.** Our principal commercial holdings at December 31, 2012, consisted of 39,328 square feet of office space and 18,362 square feet of retail space at the W Austin Hotel & Residences project, a 22,366-square-foot retail complex and a 3,085-square-foot bank building representing phase one of Barton Creek Village, two retail buildings totaling 21,248 square feet and a 4,450-square-foot bank building on an existing ground lease at the 5700 Slaughter retail complex in the Circle C Ranch (Circle C) community and 89,641 square feet at Parkside Village, a retail project in the Circle C community.

For 2012, no single commercial leasing property exceeded ten percent or more of our total assets or represented ten percent or more of our aggregate gross revenue. Our largest commercial leasing property, Parkside Village, provided 37 percent of our 2012 commercial leasing revenues and one percent of our 2012 total revenues.

A summary of the average occupancy rates and average rentals per square foot for our total portfolio of commercial leasing properties, excluding 7500 Rialto which was sold in February 2012, for each of the last two years follows:

|                                              | 2012    | 2011    |
|----------------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Average occupancy                            | 80      | % 70    |
| Average rentals per square foot <sup>a</sup> | \$33.45 | \$35.51 |

a. Based on revenue for contractual rentals plus expense reimbursements for leased space.

Our scheduled expirations of leased square footage as of December 31, 2012, as a percentage of total leased space follows:

|                 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | Thereafter |
|-----------------|------|------|------|------|------|------------|
| Total portfolio | 2    | % 5  | % 2  | % 6  | % 11 | % 74       |

For information about our operating segments see “Results of Operations” in Item 7. and Note 11.

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Business Strategy and Related Risks

Stratus Properties Inc. was formed as a Delaware corporation in March 1992 to hold, operate and develop the domestic real estate and oil and gas properties of our former parent company. We sold all of our oil and gas properties during the 1990's and have since focused solely on our real estate operations. Our overall strategy is to enhance the value of our properties by securing and maintaining development entitlements and developing and building real estate projects on these properties for sale or investment. We also continue to review and pursue opportunities for new projects that offer the possibility of acceptable returns and risks.

Our business strategy is to plan long-term land development that maximizes the value of our Austin area assets through the appropriate balance of high-quality residential and commercial development projects. We believe that Austin, Texas continues to be a desirable market and many of our developments are in unique locations where approvals and entitlements, which we have already obtained, are difficult to secure. Real estate development in southwest Austin historically has been constrained as a result of various restrictions imposed by the City and several special interest groups have also traditionally opposed development in the area where most of our properties are located. We believe that many of our developments have inherent value given their unique nature and location and that this value should be realizable in the future. Our current focus is to proceed with the development of our properties, funded by our operating cash flows and joint venture cash contributions, supplemented by near-term financing, which we expect to convert to long-term financing following project completion.

Recent years' economic conditions, including the constrained capital and credit markets, have negatively affected the execution of our business plan, primarily by decreasing the pace of development to match economic and market conditions. We have responded to these conditions by successfully completing a process to restructure our existing debt, including reducing interest rates and extending maturities, in a manner that fits our current activities and gives us additional financial flexibility (see "Capital Resources and Liquidity" and Note 7 for further discussion). As of December 31, 2012, we had \$8.4 million of availability under our credit facility with Comerica and \$4.0 million in cash and cash equivalents available for use in our real estate operations, excluding \$1.3 million of cash associated with the Parkside Village project and \$7.5 million of cash associated with the W Austin Hotel & Residences project. The W Austin Hotel & Residences project paid \$9.9 million in total distributions to us in 2012 and \$9.9 million is payable to Canyon-Johnson. After determining the appropriate amount of cash to maintain as an operating reserve, the W Austin Hotel & Residences project may make additional distributions of any excess cash to us and Canyon-Johnson.

As of December 31, 2012, we had total debt of \$137.0 million (\$10.4 million of which matures in 2013). In addition, our loan agreements contain a covenant that we maintain a minimum stockholders' equity balance of \$120.0 million. In March 2013, we obtained a modification to the Beal Bank guaranty to reduce the minimum stockholders' equity balance to \$110.0 million (see Note 13). We are also seeking a similar reduction in the minimum stockholders' equity covenant contained in our other debt agreements. As of December 31, 2012, our total stockholders' equity balance was \$121.7 million. We also have significant recurring costs, including property taxes, maintenance and marketing, that do not vary significantly with our level of property sales. Although we did not comply with the minimum stockholders' equity balance requirement at December 31, 2011, we were able to complete certain transactions during 2012 that allowed us to exceed the minimum stockholders' equity balance for all quarterly periods during 2012. It is reasonably possible that we will again be out of compliance with the minimum stockholders' equity covenant in the near-term unless we are able to accomplish mitigating measures. To further address our liquidity needs, we expect to seek to extend near-term maturities and may also pursue additional financing to fund our development projects and ongoing operations. There can be no assurance we will be successful in these efforts. Our inability to succeed in these efforts would have a detrimental effect on our ability to continue to operate. See Part 1, Item 1A. "Risk Factors" for further discussion.

Properties

Our properties include the following:

The W Austin Hotel & Residences

In December 2006, we acquired a two-acre city block in downtown Austin for \$15.1 million to develop a multi-use project. In 2008, we entered into a joint venture with Canyon-Johnson Urban Fund II, L.P., (Canyon-Johnson) for the

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development of the W Austin Hotel & Residences project (see Note 2). Construction of the \$300 million project commenced in second-quarter 2008 and is complete.

In December 2010, the hotel at our W Austin Hotel & Residences project opened, and in January 2011, we began closing on sales of condominium units at the project. The W Austin Hotel & Residences project is located on a two-acre city block in downtown Austin and contains a 251-room luxury hotel, 159 residential condominium units, 39,328 square feet of office space, 18,362 square feet of retail space and entertainment space.

**Barton Creek**

Calera. Calera is a residential subdivision with plat approval for 155 lots. During 2004, we began construction of 16 courtyard homes at Calera Court, the 16-acre initial phase of the Calera subdivision. The second phase of Calera, Calera Drive, consisting of 53 single-family lots, many of which adjoin the Fazio Canyons Golf Course, received final plat and construction permit approval in 2005. Construction of the final phase, known as Verano Drive, was completed in July 2008 and includes 71 single-family lots. We sold the final Calera Court courtyard home for \$0.5 million during 2011. During 2012, we sold 17 Verano Drive lots for \$5.5 million and two Calera Drive lots for \$0.5 million. As of December 31, 2012, 48 lots at Verano Drive and six lots at Calera Drive remained unsold. As of March 15, 2013, we sold five lots at Verano Drive in 2013 and we had nine lots at Verano Drive and four lots at Calera Drive under contract.

Amarra Drive. Amarra Drive Phase I, which is the initial phase of the Amarra Drive subdivision, was completed in 2007 and includes six lots with sizes ranging from approximately one to four acres, some of which are course-side lots on the Fazio Canyons Golf Course while others are secluded lots adjacent to the Nature Conservancy of Texas. In 2008, we commenced development of Amarra Drive Phase II, which consists of 35 lots on 51 acres. Development was substantially completed in October 2008, and during 2012 we sold two Phase I lots for \$0.7 million and two Phase II lots for \$1.0 million. As of December 31, 2012, two Phase I lots and 33 Phase II lots remain unsold. As of March 15, 2013, one Phase II lot was under contract.

Mirador Estate. The Mirador subdivision consists of 34 estate lots, with each lot averaging approximately 3.5 acres in size. During 2012 we sold one Mirador lot for \$0.4 million, and the final lot was sold in February 2013.

Barton Creek Village. The first phase of Barton Creek Village includes a 22,366-square-foot retail complex and a 3,085-square-foot bank building within this retail complex. As of December 31, 2012, occupancy was 100 percent for the retail complex and the bank building is leased through January 2023.

At December 31, 2012, we had approximately \$2.7 million of previously incurred costs recorded as a component of real estate on our balance sheet for which we expect future reimbursement. The remaining potential future reimbursements are not recorded on our balance sheet because they relate to costs incurred prior to the 1995 formation of the Barton Creek Municipal Utility District (MUD). Since these costs pre-date the formation of the MUDs, there is less certainty in their potential reimbursement. Costs incurred after the 1995 formation of the MUDs were capitalized into property costs and subsequently expensed through cost of sales as properties sold. A significant portion of the additional costs, which we will incur in the future as our development activities at Barton Creek continue, is expected to be eligible for reimbursement. We received total MUD reimbursements of \$1.4 million during 2012 and did not receive any MUD reimbursements in 2011. As discussed in “Results of Operations” in Item 7. and Note 1, we account for MUD reimbursements as reductions to cost of sales, reductions in capital expenditures and interest income.

**Lantana**

Lantana is a partially developed, mixed-use real-estate development project. In August 2012, we completed the sale of eight of the remaining eleven undeveloped commercial tracts of land for \$15.8 million. The tracts of land sold, which totaled approximately 154 acres, have entitlements for approximately 1,131,200 square feet of office space. As of December 31, 2012, we had remaining entitlements for approximately 555,000 square feet of office and retail use on 72 acres. Regional utility and road infrastructure is in place with capacity to serve Lantana at full build-out permitted under our existing entitlements. During March 2013, we sold an additional 16 acre tract for \$2.1 million, which had entitlements for approximately 70,000 square feet of office space.

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### Circle C Community

Effective August 2002, the City granted final approval of a development agreement (the Circle C settlement), which firmly established all essential municipal development regulations applicable to our Circle C properties for 30 years. The City also provided us \$15 million of cash incentives in connection with the future development of our Circle C and other Austin-area properties. These incentives, which are in the form of Credit Bank capacity, can be used for City fees and for reimbursement of certain infrastructure costs. Annually, we may elect to sell up to \$1.5 million of the incentives to other developers for their use in paying City fees related to their projects. As of December 31, 2012, we have permanently used \$11.1 million of our City-based incentives, including cumulative sales of \$5.0 million to other developers. We also have \$1.4 million in Credit Bank capacity in use as temporary fiscal deposits. At December 31, 2012, available Credit Bank capacity was \$2.5 million.

We are developing the Circle C community based on the entitlements secured in our Circle C settlement with the City. Our Circle C settlement, as amended in 2004, permits development of 1.16 million square feet of commercial space, 504 multi-family units and 830 single-family residential lots.

Meridian is an 800-lot residential development at the Circle C community. Development of Meridian included our contracts with three national homebuilders to complete the construction and sales of 494 lots. We sold the final 13 lots in 2010.

In 2006, we signed another contract with a national homebuilder for 42 additional lots. Development of those lots was substantially completed in April 2008. During 2011 we sold the final 21 lots for \$2.3 million. The final phase of Meridian is expected to consist of 57 one-acre lots.

In addition, several retail sites at the Circle C community received final City approvals and are being developed. In 2008, we completed the construction of two retail buildings totaling 21,248 square feet in the aggregate at 5700 Slaughter. This retail project also includes a 4,450-square-foot bank building on an existing ground lease, which expires in 2025. As of December 31, 2012, occupancy was approximately 91 percent for the two retail buildings.

The Circle C community also includes Parkside Village, a 89,641-square-foot retail project. The project consists of a 33,650-square-foot full-service movie theater and restaurant, a 13,890-square-foot medical clinic and five other retail buildings, including a 14,926-square-foot building, a 10,175-square-foot building, a 7,500-square-foot building, a 4,500-square-foot building and a stand-alone 5,000-square-foot building. In February 2011, we entered into a joint venture with Moffett Holdings, LLC (Moffett) to develop Parkside Village (see Note 3 for further discussion). Construction of the last two buildings is expected to be completed in late 2013 and as of December 31, 2012, occupancy of the completed 77,641 square feet was 89 percent. Of the two buildings under development, the 7,500-square-foot building is fully pre-leased, and leasing activities are ongoing for the 4,500-square-foot building.

### Crestview Station

In 2005, we formed a joint venture with Trammell Crow Central Texas Development, Inc. (Trammell Crow) to acquire an approximate 74-acre tract at the intersection of Airport Boulevard and Lamar Boulevard in Austin, Texas, for \$7.7 million. The property, known as Crestview Station, is a single-family, multi-family, retail and office development, which is located on the site of a commuter rail line. The joint venture completed environmental remediation, which the State of Texas certified as complete in 2007, and permitting of the property. The joint venture obtained permits to develop Crestview Station as a 450-unit transit-oriented neighborhood. Crestview Station sold substantially all of its multi-family and commercial properties in 2007 and one commercial site in 2008, while retaining the single-family component. Crestview Station has entered into an agreement to sell its remaining

residential land to DR Horton. The contract provides for the sale of 304 lots over four years for a total contract price of \$15.8 million. The first closing of 73 lots for \$3.8 million occurred in April 2012, and Crestview Station recognized gross profit on the sale of \$0.4 million. At December 31, 2012, our investment in the Crestview Station project totaled \$3.4 million and the joint venture partnership had \$4.2 million of outstanding debt, for which each partner has executed a joint and several guaranty of \$1.1 million or 25 percent of the outstanding balance. If the third closing of 59 lots contemplated by the purchase and sale agreement does not occur by April 2014, our guaranty increases to 100 percent of the then outstanding loan balance. We anticipate the second closing of 59 lots to occur in April 2013. We account for our 50 percent interest in the Crestview Station joint venture under the equity method. See Note 6 for further discussion of Crestview Station.

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### Discontinued Operations

On February 27, 2012, we sold 7500 Rialto to Lincoln Properties and Greenfield Partners (Lincoln Properties) for \$27.0 million. See "Discontinued Operations" in Item 7. and Note 12 for further discussion.

### Competition

The real estate development business is highly competitive and fragmented. We compete against numerous public and private developers of varying sizes, ranging from local to national in scope. As a result, we may be competing for investment opportunities, financing, and potential buyers with entities that may possess greater financial, marketing, or other resources than we have. Competition for potential buyers has been intensified by an increase in the number of available residential properties resulting from recent weak conditions in the real estate market. Our prospective customers generally have a variety of choices of new and existing homes and homesites when considering a purchase. We attempt to differentiate our properties primarily on the basis of community design, quality, uniqueness, amenities, location and developer reputation.

The hotel industry is highly competitive. Competition is generally based on quality and consistency of room, restaurant and meeting facilities and services, attractiveness of location, price, and other factors. Management believes that we compete favorably in these areas. Our property competes with other hotels and resorts in our geographic market, including facilities owned by local interests and facilities owned by national and international chains.

The entertainment venue operations industry is also highly competitive. We compete with other venues in Austin, Texas and venues in other markets for artists likely to perform in the Austin, Texas region. Consequently, touring artists have several alternatives to our venue in scheduling tours. Some of our competitors in venue management have a greater number of venues in certain markets and may have greater financial resources in those markets. We differentiate our entertainment venue by providing a quality live music experience and promoting our entertainment space through KLRU's broadcast of Austin City Limits.

The real estate investment industry is highly fragmented among individuals, partnerships and public and private entities, with no dominant single entity or person. Although we may compete against large sophisticated owners and operators, owners and operators of any size can provide effective competition for prospective tenants. We compete for tenants primarily on the basis of property location, rent charged, and the design and condition of improvements.

### Credit Facility and Other Financing Arrangements

Acquiring and maintaining adequate financing is a critical component of our business. For information about our credit facility and other financing arrangements, see "Credit Facility and Other Financing Arrangements" in Item 7. and Note 7.

### Regulation and Environmental Matters

Our real estate investments are subject to extensive local, city, county and state rules and regulations regarding permitting, zoning, subdivision, utilities and water quality as well as federal rules and regulations regarding air and water quality and protection of endangered species and their habitats. Such regulation has delayed and may continue to delay development of our properties and result in higher developmental and administrative costs.

We have made, and will continue to make, expenditures for the protection of the environment with respect to our real estate development activities. Emphasis on environmental matters will result in additional costs in the future. Based

on an analysis of our operations in relation to current and presently anticipated environmental requirements, we currently do not anticipate that these costs will have a material adverse effect on our future operations or financial condition.

#### Employees

At December 31, 2012, we had a total of 37 full-time employees and 65 part-time employees located at our Austin, Texas headquarters. We do not have any union employees. We believe we have a good relationship with our employees. Since January 1, 1996, certain services necessary for our business and operations, including certain administrative, financial reporting and other services, have been performed by FM Services Company (FM

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Services) pursuant to a services agreement. FM Services is a wholly owned subsidiary of Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. Either party may terminate the services agreement at any time upon 60 days notice or earlier upon mutual written agreement.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations include, without limitation, the following:

We need significant amounts of cash to service our debt. If we are unable to generate sufficient cash to service our debt, our financial condition and results of operations could be negatively affected.

As of December 31, 2012, our outstanding debt totaled \$137.0 million. Our level of indebtedness could have significant consequences. For example, it could:

- increase our vulnerability to adverse changes in economic and industry conditions;

- require us to dedicate a substantial portion of our cash flow from operations and proceeds from asset sales to pay or provide for our indebtedness, thus reducing the availability of cash flows to fund working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions, investments and other general corporate purposes;

- limit our flexibility to plan for, or react to, changes in our business and the market in which we operate;

- place us at a competitive disadvantage to our competitors that have less debt; and

- limit our ability to borrow money to fund our working capital, capital expenditures, debt service requirements and other financing needs.

Although we plan to repay a portion of our debt with proceeds from the sales of the remaining condominium units at our W Austin Hotel & Residences project, those sales may not occur as anticipated. In addition, the terms of the agreements governing our indebtedness include restrictive covenants and require that certain financial ratios be maintained. For example, the minimum stockholders' equity covenant contained in most of our debt agreements requires us to maintain total stockholders' equity of no less than \$120.0 million. In March 2013, we obtained a modification to the Beal Bank guaranty to reduce the minimum stockholders' equity balance to \$110.0 million (see Note 13). We are also seeking a similar reduction in the minimum stockholders' equity covenant contained in our other debt agreements. At December 31, 2012, our total stockholders' equity was \$121.7 million and was in compliance with this covenant. In order to maintain compliance with the covenants in our loan agreements and carry out our business plan, we may raise additional capital through equity transactions or obtain waivers or modifications of the covenants from our lenders. We may also need to incur additional indebtedness in the future in the ordinary course of business to fund our development projects and our operations. If new debt is added to current debt levels, the risks described above could intensify.

The deterioration of the credit and capital markets may adversely impact our ability to obtain financing on acceptable terms, which may hinder or prevent us from meeting our future operational and capital needs and could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

Disruption in the credit markets can reduce the availability and significantly increase the cost of most sources of funding. This uncertainty may lead market participants to continue to act more conservatively. Because of these factors and the continued uncertainties that exist in the economy and for real estate developers in general, we cannot

be certain that funding will be available if needed and, to the extent required, on acceptable terms. If funding is not available when needed, or is available only on unfavorable terms, we may be unable to meet our obligations as they come due or be required to post collateral to support our obligations, or we may be unable to implement our development plan, enhance our existing projects, complete projects or otherwise take advantage of business opportunities or respond to competitive pressures, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

The success of our business is significantly related to general economic conditions and, accordingly, our business could be harmed by an extended economic slowdown and downturn in real estate asset values, property sales and leasing activities.

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Periods of economic weakness or recession, significantly rising interest rates, declining employment levels, declining demand for real estate, declining real estate values, or the public perception that any of these events may occur, may negatively affect our business. These economic conditions can result in a general decline in acquisition, disposition and leasing activity, as well as a general decline in the value of real estate and in rents, which in turn reduces revenue derived from property sales and leases as well as revenues associated with development activities. In addition, these conditions can lead to a decline in property sales prices as well as a decline in funds invested in existing commercial real estate and related assets and properties planned for development.

During an economic downturn, investment capital is usually constrained and it may take longer for us to dispose of real estate investments. As a result, the value of our real estate investments may be reduced and we could realize losses or diminished profitability.

Beginning in 2008, credit became severely constrained and prohibitively expensive and real estate market activity contracted sharply in most markets as a result of the global financial crisis and the economic recession. These adverse macroeconomic conditions impacted real estate services companies like ours by significantly hampering transaction activity and lowering real estate valuations.

If economic and market conditions decline, our business performance and profitability could deteriorate. If this were to occur, we could fail to comply with certain financial covenants in our credit agreements, which would force us to seek amendments with our lenders. No assurance can be given that we would be able to obtain any necessary waivers or amendments on satisfactory terms, if at all.

We are vulnerable to concentration risks because our operations are almost exclusive to the Austin, Texas market.

Our real estate activities are almost entirely located in Austin, Texas. Because of our geographic concentration and limited number of projects, our operations are more vulnerable to local economic downturns and adverse project-specific risks than those of larger, more diversified companies. The performance of the Austin economy greatly affects our sales and consequently the underlying values of our properties. Our geographic concentration may create increased vulnerability during regional economic downturns, which can significantly affect our financial condition and results of operations.

We currently participate in three joint ventures and may participate in other joint ventures in the future. We could be adversely impacted if any of our joint venture partners would fail to fulfill their obligations or if we had disagreements with any of our joint venture partners that were not satisfactorily resolved.

We currently have investments in and commitments to three joint ventures and we may participate in other joint ventures in the future. Under existing joint venture agreements, we and our joint venture partners could be required to, among other things, provide guarantees of obligations or contribute additional capital until specified capital contribution requirements are met and we may have little or no control over the amount or timing of these obligations. In some circumstances, decisions of the joint venture are made by unanimous vote of the partners. If there is another economic downturn, our existing joint ventures or the joint venture partners may become unable or unwilling to fulfill their economic or other obligations. If our joint venture partners are unable or unwilling to fulfill their obligations or if we have any unresolved disagreements with our joint venture partners, we may be required to fulfill those obligations alone, expend additional resources to continue development of projects or delay further construction of projects, or we may be required to write down our investments at amounts that could be significant.

We may participate in other joint ventures in the future, which could subject us to certain risks, which may not otherwise be present, including:

the potential that our joint venture partner may not perform;

the joint venture partner may have economic, business or legal interests or goals that are inconsistent with or adverse to our interests or goals or the goals of the joint venture;

the joint venture partner may take actions contrary to our requests or instructions or contrary to our objectives or policies;

the joint venture partner might become bankrupt or fail to fund its share of required capital contributions;

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we and the joint venture partner may not be able to agree on matters relating to the property; and

we may become liable for the actions of our third-party joint venture partners. Any unresolved disputes that may arise between joint venture partners and us may result in litigation or arbitration that would increase our expenses and prevent us from focusing our time and effort on the business of the joint ventures or our other businesses.

Our results of operations, cash flows and financial condition are greatly affected by the performance of the real estate industry.

The U.S. real estate industry is highly cyclical and is affected by changes in global, national and local economic conditions, which began to significantly deteriorate in 2008, and events, such as general employment and income levels, availability of financing, interest rates, consumer confidence and overbuilding or decrease in demand for residential and commercial real estate. Our real estate activities are subject to numerous factors beyond our control, including local real estate market conditions (both where our properties are located and in areas where our potential customers reside), substantial existing and potential competition, general national, regional and local economic conditions, fluctuations in interest rates and mortgage availability, changes in demographic conditions and changes in government regulations or requirements. The occurrence of any of the foregoing could result in a reduction or cancellation of sales and/or lower gross margins for sales. Lower than expected sales as a result of these occurrences could have a material adverse effect on the level of our profits and the timing and amounts of our cash flows.

Real estate investments often cannot easily be converted into cash and market values may be adversely affected by these economic circumstances, market fundamentals, competition and demographic conditions. Because of the effect these factors have on real estate values, it is difficult to predict the level of future sales or sales prices that will be realized for individual assets.

Mortgage financing issues, including lack of supply of mortgage loans and tightened lending requirements, could reduce demand for our properties.

Our real estate operations are dependent upon the availability and cost of mortgage financing for potential customers, to the extent they finance their purchases, and for buyers of the potential customers' existing residences. Many mortgage lenders and investors in mortgage loans experienced severe financial difficulties arising from losses incurred on sub-prime and other loans originated before the downturn in the real estate market. These factors led to a decrease in the availability of financing and an increase in the cost of financing. Weakness in the mortgage lending industry could adversely affect potential purchasers of our properties, negatively affecting demand for our properties.

Declines in the market value of our land and developments could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

The market value of our land and our developments depend on market conditions. If real estate demand decreases below what we anticipated when we acquired our properties, we may not be able to recover our investment in such property through sales or leasing, and our profitability may be adversely affected. If there is another economic downturn, we may have write-downs to the carrying values of our properties and/or be required to sell properties at a loss.

Unfavorable changes in market and economic conditions could negatively impact occupancy or rental rates, which could negatively affect our financial condition and results of operations.

Another decline in the real estate market and economic conditions could significantly affect rental rates. Occupancy and rental rates in our market, in turn, could significantly affect our profitability and our ability to satisfy our financial obligations. The risks that could affect conditions in our market include the following:

- deterioration in economic conditions;

- local conditions, such as oversupply of office space, a decline in the demand for office space or increased competition from other available office buildings;

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the inability or unwillingness of tenants to pay their current rent or rent increases; and

declines in market rental rates.

We cannot predict with certainty whether any of these conditions will occur or whether, and to what extent, they will have an adverse effect on our operations.

Our operations are subject to an intensive regulatory approval process and opposition from environmental groups that could cause delays and increase the costs of our development efforts or preclude such developments entirely.

Before we can develop a property, we must obtain a variety of approvals from local and state governments with respect to such matters as zoning, and other land use issues, subdivision, site planning and environmental issues under applicable regulations. Some of these approvals are discretionary. Because government agencies and special interest groups have in the past expressed concerns about our development plans in or near Austin, our ability to develop these properties and realize future income from our properties could be delayed, reduced, prevented or made more expensive.

Several special interest groups have in the past opposed our plans in the Austin area and have taken various actions to partially or completely restrict development in some areas, including areas where some of our most valuable properties are located. We have actively opposed these actions. However, because of the regulatory environment that has existed in the Austin area and the opposition of these special interest groups, there can be no assurance that an unfavorable ruling would not have a significant long-term adverse effect on the overall value of our property holdings.

Our operations are subject to governmental environmental regulation, which can change at any time and generally would result in an increase to our costs.

Real estate development is subject to state and federal regulations and to possible interruption or termination because of environmental considerations, including, without limitation, air and water quality and protection of endangered species and their habitats. Certain of the Barton Creek properties include nesting territories for the Golden-cheeked Warbler, a federally listed endangered species. In 1995, we received a permit from the U.S. Wildlife Service pursuant to the Endangered Species Act, which to date has allowed the development of the Barton Creek and Lantana properties free of restrictions under the Endangered Species Act related to the maintenance of habitat for the Golden-cheeked Warbler.

Additionally, in April 1997, the U.S. Department of Interior listed the Barton Springs Salamander as an endangered species after a federal court overturned a March 1997 decision by the Department of Interior not to list the Barton Springs Salamander based on a conservation agreement between the State of Texas and federal agencies. The listing of the Barton Springs Salamander has not affected, nor do we anticipate it will affect, our Barton Creek and Lantana properties for several reasons, including the results of technical studies and our U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 10(a) permit obtained in 1995. The development permitted by our 2002 Circle C settlement with the City has been reviewed and approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and, as a result, we do not anticipate that the 1997 listing of the Barton Springs Salamander will impact our Circle C properties.

In January 2013, the U.S. Department of the Interior announced that it had conducted an economic assessment of the potential designation of critical habitat for four species of Central Texas salamanders. The potential designation of habitat has not affected, nor do we anticipate that it will affect, our Barton Creek, Lantana or Circle C properties for several reasons, including prior studies and approvals, and our existing U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 10(a) permit

obtained in 1995.

We are making, and will continue to make, expenditures with respect to our real estate development for the protection of the environment. Emphasis on environmental matters will result in additional costs in the future. New environmental regulations or changes in existing regulations or their enforcement may be enacted and such new regulations or changes may require significant expenditures by us. The recent trend toward stricter standards in environmental legislation and regulations is likely to continue and could have an additional impact on our operating costs.

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The real estate business is very competitive and many of our competitors are larger and financially stronger than we are.

The real estate business is highly competitive. We compete with a large number of companies and individuals that have significantly greater financial, sales, marketing and other resources than we have. Our competitors include local developers who are committed primarily to particular markets and also national developers who acquire properties throughout the U.S. A downturn in the real estate industry could significantly increase competition among developers. Increased competition could cause us to increase our selling incentives and/or reduce our prices. An oversupply of real estate properties available for sale or lease, as well as the potential significant discounting of prices by some of our competitors, may adversely affect the results of our operations.

Changes in weather conditions or natural disasters could adversely impact and materially affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our performance may be adversely affected by weather conditions that delay development or damage property, resulting in substantial repair or replacement costs to the extent not covered by insurance, a reduction in property values, or a loss of revenue, each of which could have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Our competitors may be affected differently by such changes in weather conditions or natural disasters depending on the location of their supplies or operations.

Our common stock is thinly traded; therefore, our stock price may fluctuate more than the stock market as a whole.

As a result of the thin trading market for our stock, our stock price may fluctuate significantly more than the stock market as a whole or the stock prices of similar companies. Without a larger float, our common stock will be less liquid than the stock of companies with broader public ownership, and as a result, the trading prices for our shares of common stock may be more volatile. Among other things, trading of a relatively small volume of our common stock may have a greater impact on the trading price than would be the case if our public float were larger.

### Item 3. Legal Proceedings

We are from time to time involved in various legal proceedings of a character normally incident to the ordinary course of our business. We believe that potential liability from any of these pending or threatened proceedings will not have a material adverse effect on our financial condition or results of operations. We maintain liability insurance to cover some, but not all, potential liabilities normally incident to the ordinary course of our business as well as other insurance coverage customary in our business, with such coverage limits as management deems prudent.

### Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

### Executive Officers of the Registrant

Certain information, as of March 15, 2013, regarding our executive officers is set forth in the following table and accompanying text. Each of our executive officers serve at the discretion of our board of directors.

| Name                     | Age | Position or Office                                           |
|--------------------------|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| William H. Armstrong III | 48  | Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer |
| Erin D. Pickens          | 51  | Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer            |

Mr. Armstrong has been employed by us since our inception in 1992. Mr. Armstrong has served as President since August 1996, Chief Executive Officer since May 1998 and Chairman of the Board since August 1998.

Ms. Pickens has served as our Senior Vice President since May 2009 and as our Chief Financial Officer since June 2009. Ms. Pickens previously served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Tarragon Corporation from November 1998 until April 2009, and as Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer from September 1996 until November 1998 and Accounting Manager from June 1995 until August 1996 for Tarragon and its predecessors. Tarragon Corporation filed for voluntary reorganization under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code on January 12, 2009, and emerged from bankruptcy on July 6, 2010.

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## PART II

## Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

Our common stock trades on the The Nasdaq Stock Market (NASDAQ) under the symbol "STRS". The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the range of high and low sales prices of our common stock, as reported by NASDAQ.

|                | 2012    |        | 2011    |        |
|----------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
|                | High    | Low    | High    | Low    |
| First Quarter  | \$10.38 | \$7.86 | \$14.10 | \$9.07 |
| Second Quarter | 9.85    | 8.29   | 14.95   | 11.75  |
| Third Quarter  | 9.70    | 6.75   | 14.79   | 7.31   |
| Fourth Quarter | 9.96    | 7.58   | 8.26    | 5.90   |

As of March 15, 2013, there were 487 holders of record of our common stock. We have not in the past paid, and do not anticipate in the future paying, cash dividends on our common stock. The declaration of dividends is at the discretion of our Board of Directors. Our current ability to pay dividends is restricted by terms of our credit facility.

The following table sets forth information with respect to shares of our common stock that we repurchased during the three-month period ended December 31, 2012.

| Period                 | Total Number of Shares Purchased | Average Price Paid Per Share | Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs <sup>a</sup> | Maximum Number of Shares That May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs <sup>a</sup> |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| October 1 to 31, 2012  | —                                | \$—                          | —                                                                                             | 113,645                                                                                     |
| November 1 to 30, 2012 | —                                | —                            | —                                                                                             | 113,645                                                                                     |
| December 1 to 31, 2012 | —                                | —                            | —                                                                                             | 113,645                                                                                     |
| Total                  | —                                | \$—                          | —                                                                                             |                                                                                             |

In February 2001, our Board of Directors approved an open market share purchase program for up to 0.7 million a. shares of our common stock. The program does not have an expiration date. Our modified unsecured term loans prohibit common stock purchases while any of the loans are outstanding.

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## Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

## OVERVIEW

In management's discussion and analysis "we," "us," and "our" refer to Stratus Properties Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries and joint ventures. You should read the following discussion in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and the related discussion of "Business and Properties" and "Risk Factors" included elsewhere in this Form 10-K. The results of operations reported and summarized below are not necessarily indicative of our future operating results. All references to "Notes" refer to Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements located in Item 8. "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data."

We are engaged in the acquisition, development, management, operation and sale of commercial, hotel, entertainment, multi-and single-family residential real estate properties located primarily in the Austin, Texas area. We generate revenues from sales of developed properties, from our hotel and entertainment venue operations and from rental income from our commercial properties. Developed property sales can include condominium units at our W Austin Hotel & Residences project, an individual tract of land that has been developed and permitted for residential use or a developed lot with a home already built on it. We may, on occasion, sell properties under development, undeveloped properties or commercial properties, if opportunities arise that we believe will maximize overall asset values.

Our principal real estate holdings are in southwest Austin, Texas. The number of developed lots/units and under development or undeveloped acreage as of December 31, 2012, that comprise our principal real estate development projects are presented in the following table.

|                        | Developed<br>Lots/Units | Acreage<br>Under Development |            | Total | Undeveloped      |                  |            | Total | Total<br>Acreage |
|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------|-------|------------------|------------------|------------|-------|------------------|
|                        |                         | Multi-<br>family             | Commercial |       | Single<br>Family | Multi-<br>family | Commercial |       |                  |
| Austin:                |                         |                              |            |       |                  |                  |            |       |                  |
| Barton Creek           | 90                      | 249                          | 368        | 617   | 676              | 78               | 50         | 804   | 1,421            |
| Lantana                | —                       | —                            | —          | —     | —                | —                | 72         | 72    | 72               |
| Circle C               | —                       | —                            | 23         | 23    | 132              | —                | 335        | 467   | 490              |
| W Austin<br>Residences | 41                      | —                            | —          | —     | —                | —                | —          | —     | —                |
| San Antonio:           |                         |                              |            |       |                  |                  |            |       |                  |
| Camino Real            | —                       | —                            | —          | —     | —                | —                | 2          | 2     | 2                |
| Total                  | 131                     | 249                          | 391        | 640   | 808              | 78               | 459        | 1,345 | 1,985            |

Our principal residential holdings at December 31, 2012, included developed lots at Barton Creek and condominium units at the W Austin Hotel & Residences. See "Development Activities - Residential" for further discussion. Our principal commercial holdings at December 31, 2012, in addition to the W Austin Hotel & Residences, consisted of the first phase of Barton Creek Village, and the 5700 Slaughter retail complex and Parkside Village in the Circle C community. See "Development Activities - Commercial" for further discussion.

In December 2010, the hotel at our W Austin Hotel & Residences project opened, and in January 2011, we began closing on sales of condominium units at the project. The W Austin Hotel & Residences project is located on a two-acre city block in downtown Austin and contains a 251-room luxury hotel, 159 residential condominium units, and office, retail and entertainment space. The hotel is managed by Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide Inc. The office space totals 39,328 square feet and the retail space totals 18,362 square feet. The entertainment space, occupied by Austin City Limits Live at the Moody Theater (ACL Live) includes a live music and entertainment venue and

production studio, which opened in February 2011.

In 2012, our revenues totaled \$115.7 million and our net loss attributable to common stock totaled \$1.6 million, compared with revenues of \$137.0 million and a net loss attributable to common stock of \$10.4 million for 2011. The decrease in revenues primarily relates to fewer sales of condominium units at the W Austin Hotel & Residences project because the sales for 2011 included presales from prior years that closed and were delivered as the units were completed during 2011. Revenues from sales of condominium units will continue to decline as our inventory of units is sold. The results for 2012 also include a gain of \$4.3 million associated with the sale of eight undeveloped

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tracts at Lantana and a gain of \$5.1 million associated with the sale of the two office buildings at 7500 Rialto Boulevard (7500 Rialto) in February 2012 (see Note 12 for further discussion).

**Real Estate Market Conditions**

Our financial condition and results of operations are highly dependent upon market conditions for real estate activity in Austin, Texas. Our future operating cash flows and, ultimately, our ability to develop our properties and expand our business will be largely dependent on the level of our real estate sales. In turn, these sales will be significantly affected by future real estate market conditions in Austin, Texas, including development costs, interest rate levels, the availability of credit to finance real estate transactions, demand for residential and commercial real estate, and regulatory factors including our use and development entitlements. These market conditions historically move in periodic cycles, and can be volatile in specific regions. Because of the concentration of our assets primarily in the Austin, Texas area, market conditions in this region significantly affect our business.

In addition to the traditional influence of state and federal government employment levels on the local economy, the Austin area has been influenced by growth in the technology sector. The Austin-area population increased approximately 46 percent between 1999 and 2012, largely because of an influx of technology companies and related businesses. Median family income levels in Austin also increased during the period from 1999 through 2011, rising 22 percent. The expanding economy resulted in rising demands for residential housing, commercial office space and retail services. Between 1999 and 2011, sales tax receipts in Austin rose by approximately 41 percent, an indication of the dramatic increase in business activity during the period. The increases in population, income levels and sales tax revenues have been less dramatic over the last few years.

The following chart compares Austin's five-county metro area population and median family income for 1989, 1999 and the most current information available for 2011 and 2012, based on U.S. Census Bureau data and City of Austin (the City) data.

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Based on the City's fiscal year of October 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>, the chart below compares Austin's sales tax revenues for 1989, 1999 and 2011 (the latest period for which data is available).

Real estate development in southwest Austin historically has been constrained as a result of various restrictions imposed by the City. Several special interest groups have also traditionally opposed development in that area, where most of our property is located. From 2001 through 2004, a downturn in the technology sector negatively affected the Austin real estate market, especially high-end residential and commercial leasing markets; however, beginning in 2005 through mid-2007, market conditions improved. During 2008 and 2009, economic conditions resulted in a general decline in leasing activity across the U.S. and caused vacancy rates to increase in most markets, including Austin, Texas. Vacancy rates in Austin improved in 2012, compared with 2011. The December 31, 2012 and 2011, vacancy percentages for various types of developed properties in Austin are noted below.

| Building Type              | December 31,   |                   |                |
|----------------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|
|                            | 2012           | 2011              |                |
|                            | Vacancy Factor |                   |                |
| Industrial Buildings       | 13             | % <sup>a</sup> 17 | % <sup>a</sup> |
| Office Buildings (Class A) | 14             | % <sup>a</sup> 17 | % <sup>a</sup> |
| Multi-Family Buildings     | 4              | % <sup>b</sup> 5  | % <sup>b</sup> |
| Retail Buildings           | 8              | % <sup>b</sup> 9  | % <sup>b</sup> |

a. CB Richard Ellis: Austin MarketView

b. Marcus & Millichap Research Services, CoStar Group, Inc.

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**BUSINESS STRATEGY AND RELATED RISKS**

Our business strategy is to plan long-term land development that maximizes the value of our Austin area assets through the appropriate balance of high-quality residential and commercial development projects. We believe that Austin, Texas continues to be a desirable market and many of our developments are in unique locations where approvals and entitlements, which we have already obtained, are difficult to secure. Real estate development in southwest Austin historically has been constrained as a result of various restrictions imposed by the City and several special interest groups have also traditionally opposed development in the area where most of our properties are located. We believe that many of our developments have inherent value given their unique nature and location and that this value should be realizable in the future. Our current focus is to proceed with the development of our properties, funded by our operating cash flows and joint venture cash contributions, supplemented by near-term financing, which we expect to convert to long-term financing following project completion.

Recent years' economic conditions, including the constrained capital and credit markets, have negatively affected the execution of our business plan, primarily by decreasing the pace of development to match economic and market conditions. We have responded to these conditions by successfully completing a process to restructure our existing debt, including reducing interest rates and extending maturities, in a manner that fits our current activities and gives us additional financial flexibility (see "Capital Resources and Liquidity" and Note 7 for further discussion). As of December 31, 2012, we had \$8.4 million of availability under our credit facility with Comerica and \$4.0 million in cash and cash equivalents available for use in our real estate operations, excluding \$1.3 million of cash associated with the Parkside Village project and \$7.5 million of cash associated with the W Austin Hotel & Residences project. The W Austin Hotel & Residences project paid \$9.9 million in total distributions to us in 2012 and \$9.9 million is payable to Canyon-Johnson. After determining the appropriate amount of cash to maintain as an operating reserve, the W Austin Hotel & Residences project may make additional distributions of any excess cash to us and Canyon-Johnson.

As of December 31, 2012, we had total debt of \$137.0 million (\$10.4 million of which matures in 2013). In addition, our loan agreements contain a covenant that we maintain a minimum stockholders' equity balance of \$120.0 million. In March 2013, we obtained a modification to the Beal Bank guaranty to reduce the minimum stockholders' equity balance to \$110.0 million (see Note 13). We are also seeking a similar reduction in the minimum stockholders' equity covenant contained in our other debt agreements. As of December 31, 2012, our total stockholders' equity balance was \$121.7 million. We also have significant recurring costs, including property taxes, maintenance and marketing, that do not vary significantly with our level of property sales. Although we did not comply with the minimum stockholders' equity balance requirement at December 31, 2011, we were able to complete certain transactions during 2012 that allowed us to exceed the minimum stockholders' equity balance at the end of all quarterly periods during 2012. It is reasonably possible that we will again be out of compliance with the minimum stockholders' equity covenant in the near-term unless we are able to accomplish mitigating measures. To further address our liquidity needs, we expect to seek to extend near-term maturities and may also pursue additional financing to fund our development projects and ongoing operations. There can be no assurance we will be successful in these efforts. Our inability to succeed in these efforts would have a detrimental effect on our ability to continue to operate. See Part 1, Item 1A. "Risk Factors" for further discussion.

**CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Management's discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations are based on our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The preparation of these financial statements requires that we make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. We base these estimates on historical experience and on assumptions that we consider reasonable under the circumstances; however, reported results could differ from those based on the current estimates under different assumptions and/or conditions. The areas requiring the use of management's estimates are discussed in Note 1 under the heading "Use of Estimates." We

believe that our most critical accounting policies relate to our real estate and commercial leasing assets, revenue recognition, deferred tax assets and our allocation of overhead costs.

Management has reviewed the following discussion of its development and selection of critical accounting estimates with the Audit Committee of our Board of Directors.

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Real Estate, Hotel, Entertainment Venue and Commercial Leasing Assets. Real estate held for sale is stated at the lower of cost or fair value less costs to sell. The cost of real estate sold includes acquisition, development, construction and carrying costs and other related costs through the development stage. Real estate under development and land available for development are stated at cost. Real estate held for investment, which includes the hotel and entertainment venue at the W Austin Hotel & Residences project and our commercial leasing assets, is also stated at cost. When events or circumstances indicate that an asset's carrying amount may not be recoverable, an impairment test is performed. For real estate held for sale, if estimated fair value less costs to sell is less than the related carrying amount, then a reduction of the asset's carrying value to fair value less costs to sell is required. For real estate under development, land available for development and real estate held for investment, if the projected undiscounted cash flow from the asset is less than the related carrying amount, then a reduction of the carrying amount of the asset to fair value is required. Measurement of the impairment loss is based on the fair value of the asset. Generally, we determine fair value using valuation techniques such as discounted expected future cash flows.

In developing estimated future cash flows for impairment testing for our real estate assets, we have incorporated our own market assumptions including those regarding real estate prices, sales pace, sales and marketing costs, infrastructure costs and financing costs regarding real estate assets. Our assumptions are based, in part, on general economic conditions, the current state of the real estate industry, expectations about the short- and long-term outlook for the real estate market, and competition from other developers in the area in which we develop our properties. These assumptions can significantly affect our estimates of future cash flows. For those properties held for sale and deemed to be impaired, we determine fair value based on appraised values, adjusted for estimated development costs and costs to sell, as we believe this is the value for which the property could be sold. We recorded no impairment losses during 2012 or 2011 (see Note 1).

The estimate of our future revenues is also important because it is the basis of our development plans and also a factor in our ability to obtain the financing necessary to complete our development plans. If our estimates of future cash flows from our properties differ from expectations, then our financial position and liquidity may be impacted, which could result in our default under certain debt instruments or result in our suspending some or all of our development activities.

Revenue Recognition. The judgments involved in revenue recognition include understanding the complex terms of agreements and determining the appropriate time to recognize revenue for each transaction based on such terms. Each transaction is evaluated to determine: (1) at what point in time revenue is earned, (2) whether contingencies exist that impact the timing of recognition of revenue and (3) how and when such contingencies will be resolved. The timing of revenue recognition could vary if different judgments were made. Our revenues subject to the most judgment are property sales revenues. Revenues from property sales are recognized when the risks and rewards of ownership are transferred to the buyer, when the consideration received can be reasonably determined and when we have completed our obligations to perform certain supplementary development activities, if any exist, at the time of the sale. Consideration is reasonably determined and considered likely of collection when we have signed sales agreements and have determined that the buyer has demonstrated a commitment to pay. The buyer's commitment to pay is supported by the level of their initial investment, our assessment of the buyer's credit standing and our assessment of whether the buyer's stake in the property is sufficient to motivate the buyer to honor their obligation to it.

Deferred Tax Assets. The carrying amounts of deferred tax assets are required to be reduced by a valuation allowance if, based on the available evidence, it is more likely than not that such assets will not be realized. Accordingly, we assess the need to establish valuation allowances for deferred tax assets periodically based on the more-likely-than-not realization threshold criterion. In the assessment for a valuation allowance, appropriate consideration is given to all positive and negative evidence related to the realization of the deferred tax assets. This assessment considers, among other matters, the nature, frequency and severity of current and cumulative losses,

forecasts of future profitability, the duration of statutory carryforward periods, our experience with operating loss and tax credit carryforwards not expiring unused, and tax planning alternatives. This process involves significant management judgment about assumptions that are subject to change based on variances between projected and actual operating performance and changes in our business environment or operating or financing plans.

Our deferred tax assets (net of deferred tax liabilities) before any valuation allowances totaled \$13.8 million at December 31, 2012, and \$13.1 million at December 31, 2011. In evaluating the recoverability of these deferred tax assets, we considered available positive and negative evidence, giving greater weight to the recent current losses, the absence of taxable income in the carry back period and uncertainty regarding projected future financial results.

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As a result, we concluded that there was not sufficient positive evidence supporting the realizability of our deferred tax assets beyond an amount totaling \$0.3 million at December 31, 2012, and \$0.2 million at December 31, 2011 (see Note 8), and therefore, we had deferred tax asset valuation allowances of \$13.5 million at December 31, 2012, and \$13.0 million at December 31, 2011.

Our future results of operations may be negatively impacted by our inability to realize a tax benefit for future tax losses or for items that will generate additional deferred tax assets. Our future results of operations may be favorably impacted by reversals of valuation allowances if we are able to demonstrate sufficient positive evidence that our deferred tax assets will be realized.

**Allocation of Overhead Costs.** We capitalize a portion of our direct overhead costs and also allocate a portion of these overhead costs to cost of sales based on the activities of our employees that are directly engaged in development activities. In connection with this procedure, we periodically evaluate our “corporate” personnel activities to quantify the amount of time, if any, associated with activities that would normally be capitalized or considered part of cost of sales. After determining the appropriate aggregate allocation rates, we apply these factors to our overhead costs to determine the appropriate allocations. This is a critical accounting policy because it affects our net results of operations for that portion which is capitalized. We capitalize only direct and indirect project costs associated with the acquisition, development and construction of a real estate project. Indirect costs include allocated costs associated with certain pooled resources (such as office supplies, telephone and postage) which are used to support our development projects, as well as general and administrative functions. Allocations of pooled resources are based only on those employees directly responsible for development (i.e., project managers and subordinates). We charge to expense indirect costs that do not clearly relate to a real estate project such as salaries and allocated expenses related to our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer.

**DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES**

**Residential.** As of December 31, 2012, the number of our residential developed lots and development potential by area are shown below (excluding lots associated with our Crestview Station joint venture):

|                                      | Residential Lots |                                    |       |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|-------|
|                                      | Developed        | Potential Development <sup>a</sup> | Total |
| W Austin Hotel & Residences project: |                  |                                    |       |
| Condominium units <sup>b</sup>       | 41               | —                                  | 41    |
| Barton Creek:                        |                  |                                    |       |
| Calera:                              |                  |                                    |       |
| Calera Drive                         | 6                | —                                  | 6     |
| Verano Drive                         | 48               | —                                  | 48    |
| Amarra Drive:                        |                  |                                    |       |
| Phase I Lots                         | 2                | —                                  | 2     |
| Phase II Lots                        | 33               | —                                  | 33    |
| Townhomes                            | —                | 221                                | 221   |
| Phase III                            | —                | 64                                 | 64    |
| Mirador Estate                       | 1                | —                                  | 1     |
| Section N Multi-family               | —                | 1,860                              | 1,860 |
| Other Barton Creek Sections          | —                | 154                                | 154   |
| Circle C:                            |                  |                                    |       |
| Meridian                             | —                | 57                                 | 57    |

|                        |     |       |       |
|------------------------|-----|-------|-------|
| Total Residential Lots | 131 | 2,356 | 2,487 |
|------------------------|-----|-------|-------|

Our development of the properties identified under the heading “Potential Development” is dependent upon the approval of our development plans and permits by governmental agencies, including the City. Those governmental agencies may either not approve one or more development plans and permit applications related to such properties or require us to modify our development plans. Accordingly, our development strategy with respect to those

a. properties may change in the future. While we may be proceeding with approved infrastructure projects on some of these properties, they are not considered to be “under development” for disclosure in this table unless other development activities necessary to fully realize the properties’ intended final use are in progress or scheduled to commence in the near term.

b. Owned through a joint venture.

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W Austin Hotel & Residences. Delivery of the first condominium units began in January 2011. Condominium units were completed on a floor-by-floor basis with delivery of pre-sold units as they were completed. As of March 15, 2013, sales of 127 of the 159 condominium units had closed for \$137.7 million (including 40 condominium units for \$37.7 million in 2012) and seven of the remaining 32 condominium units were under contract.

Calera. Calera is a residential subdivision with plat approval for 155 lots. During 2004, we began construction of 16 courtyard homes at Calera Court, the 16-acre initial phase of the Calera subdivision. The second phase of Calera, Calera Drive, consisting of 53 single-family lots, many of which adjoin the Fazio Canyons Golf Course, received final plat and construction permit approval in 2005. Construction of the final phase, known as Verano Drive, was completed in July 2008 and includes 71 single-family lots. We sold the final Calera Court courtyard home for \$0.5 million during 2011. During 2012, we sold 17 Verano Drive lots for \$5.5 million and two Calera Drive lots for \$0.5 million. As of December 31, 2012, 48 lots at Verano Drive and six lots at Calera Drive remained unsold. As of March 15, 2013, we sold five lots at Verano Drive in 2013 and we had nine lots at Verano Drive and four lots at Calera Drive under contract.

Amarra Drive. Amarra Drive Phase I, which is the initial phase of the Amarra Drive subdivision, was completed in 2007 and includes six lots with sizes ranging from approximately one to four acres, some of which are course-side lots on the Fazio Canyons Golf Course while others are secluded lots adjacent to the Nature Conservancy of Texas. In 2008, we commenced development of Amarra Drive Phase II, which consists of 35 lots on 51 acres. Development was substantially completed in October 2008, and during 2012 we sold two Phase I lots for \$0.7 million and two Phase II lots for \$1.0 million. As of December 31, 2012, two Phase I lots and 33 Phase II lots remain unsold. As of March 15, 2013, one Phase II lot was under contract.

Mirador Estate. The Mirador subdivision consists of 34 estate lots, with each lot averaging approximately 3.5 acres in size. During 2012 we sold one Mirador lot for \$0.4 million, and the final lot was sold in February 2013.

Circle C. We are developing the Circle C community based on the entitlements secured in our Circle C settlement with the City. Our Circle C settlement, as amended in 2004, permits development of 1.16 million square feet of commercial space, 504 multi-family units and 830 single-family residential lots. Meridian is an 800-lot residential development at the Circle C community. Development of Meridian included our contracts with three national homebuilders to complete the construction and sales of 494 lots. We sold the final 13 lots in 2010.

In 2006, we signed another contract with a national homebuilder for 42 additional lots. Development of those lots was substantially completed in April 2008. During 2011, we sold the final 21 lots for \$2.3 million. The final phase of Meridian is expected to consist of 57 one-acre lots.

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Commercial. As of December 31, 2012, the number of square feet of our commercial property developed, under development and our remaining entitlements are shown below (excluding property associated with our Crestview Station joint ventures):

|                                      | Commercial Property |                   |                                    |           |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|-----------|
|                                      | Developed           | Under Development | Potential Development <sup>a</sup> | Total     |
| W Austin Hotel & Residences project: |                     |                   |                                    |           |
| Office <sup>b</sup>                  | 39,328              | —                 | —                                  | 39,328    |
| Retail <sup>b</sup>                  | 18,362              | —                 | —                                  | 18,362    |
| Barton Creek:                        |                     |                   |                                    |           |
| Treaty Oak Bank                      | 3,085               | —                 | —                                  | 3,085     |
| Barton Creek Village Phase I         | 22,366              | —                 | —                                  | 22,366    |
| Barton Creek Village Phase II        | —                   | —                 | 16,000                             | 16,000    |
| Entry Corner                         | —                   | —                 | 5,000                              | 5,000     |
| Amarra Retail/Office                 | —                   | —                 | 90,000                             | 90,000    |
| Section N                            | —                   | —                 | 1,500,000                          | 1,500,000 |
| Circle C:                            |                     |                   |                                    |           |
| Chase Bank Ground Lease              | 4,450               | —                 | —                                  | 4,450     |
| 5700 Slaughter                       | 21,248              | —                 | —                                  | 21,248    |
| Parkside Village <sup>b</sup>        | 77,641              | 12,000            | —                                  | 89,641    |
| Tract 110                            | —                   | —                 | 685,000                            | 685,000   |
| Tract 101                            | —                   | —                 | 90,000                             | 90,000    |
| Tract 102                            | —                   | —                 | 25,000                             | 25,000    |
| Tract 114                            | —                   | —                 | 5,000                              | 5,000     |
| Lantana:                             |                     |                   |                                    |           |
| Tract GR1                            | —                   | —                 | 325,000                            | 325,000   |
| Tract G07                            | —                   | —                 | 160,000                            | 160,000   |
| Tract L04                            | —                   | —                 | 70,000                             | 70,000    |
| Austin 290 Tract                     | —                   | —                 | 20,000                             | 20,000    |
| Total Square Feet                    | 186,480             | 12,000            | 2,991,000                          | 3,189,480 |

Our development of the properties identified under the heading “Potential Development” is dependent upon the approval of our development plans and permits by governmental agencies, including the City. Those governmental agencies may either not approve one or more development plans and permit applications related to such properties or require us to modify our development plans. Accordingly, our development strategy with respect to those properties may change in the future. While we may be proceeding with approved infrastructure projects on some of these properties, they are not considered to be “under development” for disclosure in this table unless other development activities necessary to fully realize the properties’ intended final use are in progress or scheduled to commence in the near term.

a. Owned though a joint venture.

W Austin Hotel and Residences. The project has 39,328 square feet of leasable office space, of which 17,500 square feet opened in March 2011, including 9,000 square feet for our corporate office. The project also has 18,362 square feet of leasable retail space, of which 14,500 square feet opened in August 2011. As of December 31, 2012, occupancy was 64 percent for the office space and 82 percent for the retail space. Leasing activities for the remaining office and retail space are ongoing.

Barton Creek. The first phase of Barton Creek Village includes a 22,366-square-foot retail complex and a 3,085-square-foot bank building within this retail complex. As of December 31, 2012, the retail complex was 100 percent leased and the bank building is leased through January 2023.

Circle C. In 2008, we completed the construction of two retail buildings totaling 21,248 square feet in the aggregate at 5700 Slaughter. This retail project also includes a 4,450-square-foot bank building on an existing ground lease, which expires in 2025. As of December 31, 2012, occupancy was approximately 91 percent for the two retail buildings.

The Circle C community also includes Parkside Village, a 89,641-square-foot retail project. The project consists of a 33,650-square-foot full-service movie theater and restaurant, a 13,890-square-foot medical clinic and five other retail buildings, including a 14,926-square-foot building, a 10,175-square-foot building, a 7,500-square-foot building, a 4,500-square-foot building and a stand-alone 5,000-square-foot building. In February 2011, we entered into a joint

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venture with Moffett Holdings, LLC (Moffett) to develop Parkside Village (see Note 3). Construction of the final two buildings is expected to be completed in late 2013 and as of December 31, 2012, occupancy of the completed 77,641 square feet was 89 percent. Of the two remaining buildings under development, the 7,500-square-foot building is fully pre-leased, and leasing activities are ongoing for the 4,500-square-foot building.

**Lantana.** Lantana is a partially developed, mixed-use real-estate development project. In August 2012, we completed the sale of eight of the remaining eleven undeveloped commercial tracts of land for \$15.8 million. The tracts of land sold, which totaled approximately 154 acres, have entitlements for approximately 1,131,200 square feet of office space. As of December 31, 2012, we had remaining entitlements for approximately 555,000 square feet of office and retail use on 72 acres. Regional utility and road infrastructure is in place with capacity to serve Lantana at full build-out permitted under our existing entitlements. During March 2013, we sold an additional 16 acre tract for \$2.1 million, which had entitlements for approximately 70,000 square feet of office space.

**Crestview Station.** Crestview Station, is a single-family, multi-family, retail and office development, which is located on the site of a commuter rail line. Crestview Station sold substantially all of its multi-family and commercial properties in 2007 and one commercial site in 2008, while retaining the single-family component. Crestview Station has entered into an agreement to sell its remaining residential land to DR Horton. The contract provides for the sale of 304 lots over four years for a total contract price of \$15.8 million. The first closing of 73 lots for \$3.8 million occurred in April 2012, and Crestview Station recognized gross profit on the sale of \$0.4 million. We account for our 50 percent interest in the Crestview Station joint venture under the equity method. See Note 6 for further discussion of Crestview Station.

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

We are continually evaluating the development potential of our properties and will continue to consider opportunities to enter into transactions involving our properties. As a result, and because of numerous other factors affecting our business activities as described herein, our past operating results are not necessarily indicative of our future results.

The following table summarizes our operating results (in thousands):

|                                                                            | Years ended December 31, |            |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|
|                                                                            | 2012                     | 2011       |
| Operating income (loss):                                                   |                          |            |
| Real estate operations                                                     | \$385                    | \$5,258    |
| Hotel                                                                      | 2,204                    | (1,791)    |
| Entertainment venue                                                        | 261                      | (1,121)    |
| Commercial leasing                                                         | (190)                    | (748)      |
| Eliminations and other                                                     | 121                      | 83         |
| Operating income                                                           | \$2,781                  | \$1,681    |
| Interest expense, net                                                      | \$(11,839)               | \$(6,667)  |
| Net loss (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests in subsidiaries | \$2,727                  | \$(5,155)  |
| Net loss attributable to Stratus common stock                              | \$(1,586)                | \$(10,388) |

We have four operating segments: "Real Estate Operations," "Hotel," "Entertainment Venue" and "Commercial Leasing" (see Note 11). The following is a discussion of our operating results by segment.

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## Real Estate Operations

The following table summarizes our real estate operating results (in thousands):

|                                       | 2012     | 2011     |
|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Revenues:                             |          |          |
| Developed property sales              | \$45,716 | \$92,790 |
| Undeveloped property sales            | 15,837   | 4,235    |
| Commissions and other                 | 612      | 626      |
| Total revenues                        | 62,165   | 97,651   |
| Cost of sales, including depreciation | 56,534   | 86,493   |
| General and administrative expenses   | 5,246    | 5,900    |
| Operating income                      | \$385    | \$5,258  |

Developed Property Sales. Sales for 2012 and 2011 included the following (dollars in thousands):

|                                               | 2012       |          |                           | 2011       |          |                           |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------|----------|---------------------------|------------|----------|---------------------------|
|                                               | Lots/Units | Revenues | Average Cost per Lot/Unit | Lots/Units | Revenues | Average Cost per Lot/Unit |
| W Austin Hotel & Residences Condominium Units | 40         | \$37,709 | \$843                     | 78         | \$89,009 | \$952                     |
| Barton Creek Calera:                          |            |          |                           |            |          |                           |
| Verano Drive                                  | 17         | 5,479    | 183                       | 2          | 400      | 98                        |
| Calera Drive                                  | 2          | 455      | 139                       | —          | —        | —                         |
| Calera Court Courtyard Homes                  | —          | —        | —                         | 1          | 490      | 501                       |
| Amarra:                                       |            |          |                           |            |          |                           |
| Phase I Lots                                  | 2          | 745      | 313                       | 1          | 550      | 198                       |
| Phase II Lots                                 | 2          | 953      | 201                       | —          | —        | —                         |
| Mirador Estate                                | 1          | 375      | 228                       | —          | —        | —                         |
| Circle C                                      |            |          |                           |            |          |                           |
| Meridian                                      | —          | —        | —                         | 21         | 2,341    | 108                       |
| Total Residential                             | 64         | \$45,716 |                           | 103        | \$92,790 |                           |

The decrease in developed property sales revenues in 2012 primarily resulted from fewer sales of condominium units at the W Austin Hotel & Residences project because the sales for 2011 included presales from prior years that closed and were delivered as the units were completed during 2011. In addition, the inventory of condominium units has declined because of sales, leaving a remaining inventory of 32 units at March 15, 2013, from the original inventory of 159 units. The decrease in condominium unit sales in 2012 was partly offset by an increase in lot sales at Barton Creek.

As of March 15, 2013, we sold nine condominium units in 2013 and had seven condominium units under contract at the W Austin Hotel & Residences project.

Undeveloped Property Sales. During 2012, we sold eight undeveloped commercial tracts of land at Lantana for \$15.8 million in cash. During 2011, we sold a 12-acre tract of undeveloped land at Barton Creek for \$2.2 million and a 28-acre tract of undeveloped land at Circle C for \$2.0 million.

Commissions and Other. Commissions and other revenues included sales of our development fee credits to third parties totaling \$0.2 million in 2012 and 2011. We received these development fee credits as part of the Circle C settlement (see Note 10).

Cost of Sales. Cost of sales includes the cost of property sold, project operating and marketing expenses and allocated overhead costs, partly offset by reductions for certain municipal utility district reimbursements. Cost of sales totaled \$56.5 million in 2012 and \$86.5 million in 2011. The decrease in cost of sales in 2012, compared with 2011, primarily resulted from fewer sales of condominium units at the W Austin Hotel & Residences project. Cost of sales also included charges to reflect revised estimates of projected aggregate profit margin on the condominium

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units totaling \$1.5 million in 2012 and \$5.8 million in 2011. When estimates of sales value or project costs are revised, gross profit is adjusted in the period of change so that cumulative project earnings reflect the revised profit estimate. Cost of sales for our real estate operations also include significant, recurring costs (including property taxes, maintenance and marketing), which totaled \$6.5 million in 2012 and \$5.9 million in 2011 and do not vary significantly with the number of property sales. These recurring costs were partly offset by Barton Creek Municipal Utility District (MUD) reimbursements totaling \$0.7 million in 2012. We received no MUD reimbursements in 2011.

**General and Administrative Expenses.** Consolidated general and administrative expenses totaled \$6.5 million in 2012 and \$6.7 million in 2011. General and administrative expenses allocated to real estate operations totaled \$5.2 million in 2012 and \$5.9 million in 2011. For information about the allocation of general and administrative expenses to our operating segments, see Note 11.

### Hotel

The following table summarizes our hotel operating results (in thousands):

|                                             | 2012     | 2011      |
|---------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Hotel revenue                               | \$35,644 | \$28,372  |
| Hotel cost of sales, excluding depreciation | 26,883   | 24,552    |
| Depreciation                                | 6,222    | 5,565     |
| General and administrative expenses         | 335      | 46        |
| Operating income (loss)                     | \$2,204  | \$(1,791) |

**Hotel Revenue.** Hotel revenue reflects the results of operations for the W Austin Hotel, and primarily includes revenue from room reservations and food and beverage sales. "Revenue per Available Room" (REVPAR), which is calculated by dividing total room revenue by total rooms available, averaged \$232 for 2012, compared with \$184 for 2011. Hotel revenues increased in 2012, compared with 2011, primarily reflecting higher average occupancy and higher room rates.

**Hotel Operating Costs.** Hotel operating costs totaled \$26.9 million in 2012 and \$24.6 million in 2011 primarily reflecting increased variable costs from higher occupancy rates, including food and beverage expenses.

### Entertainment Venue

The following table summarizes our entertainment venue operating results (in thousands):

|                                                            | 2012     | 2011      |
|------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Entertainment venue revenue                                | \$13,864 | \$9,070   |
| Entertainment venue costs of sales, excluding depreciation | 12,205   | 9,118     |
| Depreciation                                               | 1,268    | 1,058     |
| General and administrative expenses                        | 130      | 15        |
| Operating income (loss)                                    | \$261    | \$(1,121) |

**Entertainment Venue Revenue.** Entertainment venue revenue primarily reflects the results of operations for ACL Live, which opened in February 2011, and primarily includes ticket sales; sponsorships, personal seat license sales and suite sales; and sales of concessions and merchandise. Entertainment revenue also reflects revenues associated with outside events hosted at other venues and production of recorded content for artists performing at ACL Live. Certain key operating statistics specific to the concert and event hosting industry are included below to provide additional information regarding our ACL Live operating performance.

|         | 2012 | 2011 |
|---------|------|------|
| Events: |      |      |

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|                                                 |         |         |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Events hosted                                   | 193     | 151     |
| Estimated attendance                            | 219,800 | 187,500 |
| Ancillary net revenue per attendee <sup>a</sup> | \$36.08 | \$15.59 |
| Ticketing:                                      |         |         |
| Number of tickets sold                          | 147,800 | 128,800 |
| Gross value of tickets sold (in thousands)      | \$8,325 | \$6,435 |

a. Primarily includes sales of concessions and merchandise.

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Entertainment venue revenues increased in 2012, compared with 2011, primarily reflecting an increased number of events hosted, sponsorship, personal seat license and suite revenue, and ancillary revenue per attendee.

Entertainment Venue Operating Costs. Entertainment venue operating costs totaled \$12.2 million in 2012, compared with \$9.1 million in 2011, primarily reflecting artist performance fees, which vary with the number of events hosted, and an increase in retail merchandise sold.

#### Commercial Leasing

The following table summarizes our commercial leasing operating results (in thousands):

|                                              | 2012    | 2011      |
|----------------------------------------------|---------|-----------|
| Rental revenue                               | \$4,885 | \$2,677   |
| Rental cost of sales, excluding depreciation | 2,231   | 1,506     |
| Depreciation                                 | 1,531   | 824       |
| General and administrative expenses          | 1,313   | 1,095     |
| Operating loss                               | \$(190) | ) \$(748) |

Rental Revenue. Rental revenue primarily reflects revenue from the office and retail space at Parkside Village, the W Austin Hotel & Residences project, 5700 Slaughter and Barton Creek Village. The increase in rental revenue in 2012, compared with 2011, primarily reflects increased occupancy at W Austin Hotel & Residences and Parkside Village, both of which opened during 2011.

Rental Operating Costs. Rental operating costs increased to \$2.2 million in 2012, compared with \$1.5 million in 2011, primarily reflecting higher operating costs from the increased occupancy of office and retail space at the W Austin Hotel & Residences project and Parkside Village.

Depreciation. Depreciation expense increased to \$1.5 million in 2012, compared with \$0.8 million in 2011, primarily reflecting higher depreciation on the office and retail space at the W Austin Hotel & Residences project and Parkside Village.

#### Non-Operating Results

Interest Expense, Net. Interest expense (before capitalized interest) totaled \$15.3 million in 2012 and \$17.8 million in 2011. Lower interest expense in 2012 primarily reflects debt repayments on the Ford loan during 2011 and 2012. The decrease in 2012 is partly offset by a charge to interest expense associated with the Ford profits interest totaling \$1.2 million in first-quarter 2012. Capitalized interest is primarily related to the W Austin Hotel & Residences project and the Parkside Village project and totaled \$3.5 million for 2012 and \$11.1 million in 2011.

Other Income, Net. We recorded other income of \$0.6 million in 2012 and 2011, which primarily reflects MUD reimbursements at Barton Creek and forfeited deposits associated with terminated sales contracts for condominium units at the W Austin Hotel & Residences project.

Equity in Unconsolidated Affiliate's Loss. We account for our 50 percent interest in our unconsolidated affiliate, Crestview Station, using the equity method. Our equity in Crestview Station's losses totaled less than \$0.1 million in 2012, compared with \$0.3 million in 2011, as a result of Crestview Station's sale of 73 lots for \$3.8 million in 2012.

Provision for Income Taxes. We recorded a provision for income taxes of \$0.6 million in 2012 and \$0.7 million in 2011. Our tax provision for 2012 and 2011 includes the Texas state margin tax. The difference between our consolidated effective income tax rates for 2012 and 2011, and the U.S. federal statutory rate of 35 percent was primarily attributable to additional valuation allowances recorded against deferred tax assets (see Note 8).

Net Loss (Income) Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests in Subsidiaries. Net losses (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests in subsidiaries primarily relates to the W Austin Hotel & Residences project (see Note 2) and totaled \$2.7 million in 2012 and \$(5.2) million in 2011. The W Austin Hotel & Residences project incurred net losses in 2012, compared with net income in 2011, primarily because of fewer condominium sales and higher net interest expense in 2012.

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DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

On February 27, 2012, we sold 7500 Rialto to Lincoln Properties and Greenfield Partners (Lincoln Properties) for \$27.0 million. See Note 12 for further discussion.

CAPITAL RESOURCES AND LIQUIDITY

Volatility in the real estate market, including the markets in which we operate, can impact sales of our properties. However, we believe that the unique nature and location of our assets will provide positive cash flows when market conditions improve. See "Business Strategy and Related Risks" for further discussion of our liquidity.

Comparison of Year-to-Year Cash Flows

Cash provided by operating activities totaled \$21.3 million in 2012, compared with \$35.9 million in 2011. The decrease is primarily related to a \$35.5 million reduction in property sales principally resulting from fewer sales of condominium units at the W Austin Hotel & Residences project because 2011 sales included presales from prior years that closed and were delivered as the units were completed in 2011, and we have fewer units left in inventory. The continued weakness in the U.S. and Austin, Texas area real estate market has negatively affected sales of lots; however, we experienced an increase in lot sales activity in 2012, compared with 2011. Expenditures for purchases and development of real estate properties for 2012 and 2011 included development costs for our real estate operations properties, and primarily related to the residential portion of the W Austin Hotel & Residences project (\$4.9 million during 2012, compared with \$45.3 million during 2011).

Cash provided by investing activities totaled \$0.5 million in 2012, compared with cash used in investing activities of \$18.2 million in 2011. Capital expenditures for 2012 primarily included costs for Parkside Village totaling \$4.2 million. Capital expenditures for 2011 included costs for the hotel, office, retail and entertainment venue portions of the W Austin Hotel & Residences project totaling \$15.4 million. Proceeds from the sale of 7500 Rialto totaled \$5.7 million in 2012 (see Note 12). We also made capital contributions to Crestview Station totaling \$0.2 million in 2012 and \$0.5 million in 2011.

Cash used in financing activities totaled \$17.1 million in 2012, compared with \$21.4 million in 2011. In 2012, net payments on our credit facility totaled \$11.7 million, while borrowings from the Beal Bank loan for the W Austin Hotel & Residences project totaled \$4.7 million and borrowings from the Parkside Village loan totaled \$6.1 million. Debt repayments on the Beal Bank loan, Ford loan and other project and term loans totaled \$20.6 million in 2012. Financing costs in 2012 totaled \$0.7 million primarily for the amended Comerica credit facility. During 2012 we generated net proceeds of \$4.8 million from the sale of common stock. Noncontrolling interests contributions for the W Austin Hotel & Residences project and Parkside Village project totaled \$0.3 million in 2012, compared with \$10.1 million in 2011. In 2011, net borrowings from our credit facility totaled \$13.5 million (including \$12.2 million under the Comerica term loans), borrowings from the Beal Bank loan totaled \$26.2 million, borrowings from the Parkside Village loan totaled \$4.0 million and borrowings on the 5700 Slaughter loan totaled \$0.9 million, partly offset by financing costs of \$0.3 million. Debt repayments on project and term loans totaled \$75.4 million in 2011. See "Credit Facility and Other Financing Arrangements" for a discussion of our outstanding debt at December 31, 2012.

In 2001, our Board of Directors authorized an open market share purchase program for up to 0.7 million shares of our common stock. During 2011, we purchased 47,500 shares in private transactions for \$0.3 million, or \$6.46 per share. As of December 31, 2012, a total of 113,645 shares remain available under this program. From January 1, 2013, through March 15, 2013, we purchased 36,884 shares of common stock for \$0.4 million or \$10.06 per share. Our modified unsecured term loans prohibit common stock purchases while any of the loans are outstanding; however, approval was obtained from the lender for purchases made in 2011 and 2013.



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### Credit Facility and Other Financing Arrangements

At December 31, 2012, we had total debt of \$137.0 million, compared with \$158.5 million at December 31, 2011. Our debt outstanding at December 31, 2012, consisted of the following:

\$67.7 million outstanding under the Beal Bank loan agreement, which is secured by the assets in the W Austin Hotel & Residences project. Net operating income of the W Austin Hotel & Residences project, including proceeds from the sales of the condominium units, has been and must continue to be offered to repay debt incurred in connection with the project.

\$26.6 million outstanding, under the revised \$48.0 million credit facility is comprised of a \$35.0 million revolving line of credit, \$8.4 million of which is available, a \$3.0 million tranche for letters of credit, with no amounts outstanding (\$2.9 million of letters of credit committed), and a \$10.0 million construction loan, with no amounts outstanding (see Note 7 for further discussion). We will use the proceeds from the revolver to fund our working capital needs, including land acquisitions, the proceeds from the letter of credit tranche to fund additional working capital needs and proceeds from the construction loan to develop the regional road and infrastructure for Section N of Barton Creek. The credit facility is secured by substantially all of our assets except for properties that are encumbered by separate non-recourse permanent loan financing.

\$23.0 million outstanding under five unsecured term loans with American Strategic Income Portfolio (ASIP), which include an \$8.0 million loan, a \$5.0 million loan, two \$3.5 million loans and a \$3.0 million loan. In September 2012, we entered into modification agreements for our ASIP unsecured term loans whereby we paid off two loans totaling \$9 million and extended the maturity dates of the remaining five loans; four of which totaling \$15 million mature in 2015 and one totaling \$8.0 million matures in 2016 (see Note 7 for further discussion).

\$10.2 million outstanding under a \$13.7 million construction loan, which is secured by the assets at the Parkside Village project (see Note 3 for further discussion).

\$5.2 million outstanding under a term loan, which is secured by 5700 Slaughter.

\$4.4 million outstanding under a term loan, which is secured by Barton Creek Village.

The Beal Bank loan agreement, our Comerica credit facility and our American Strategic Income Portfolio Inc. (ASIP) unsecured term loans contain customary financial covenants, including a requirement that we maintain a minimum total stockholders' equity balance of \$120.0 million. In March 2013, we obtained a modification to the Beal Bank guaranty to reduce the minimum stockholders' equity balance to \$110.0 million (see Note 13). We are also seeking a similar reduction in the minimum stockholders' equity covenant contained in our other debt agreements. As of December 31, 2012, our total stockholders' equity was \$121.7 million. A prolonged weakness in the real estate market in Austin, Texas, including any impacts on our sales of condominium units at the W Austin Hotel & Residences project, could have a material adverse effect on our business, which may adversely affect our cash flows and profitability and reduce our stockholders' equity. For additional information, see Part 1, Item 1A. "Risk Factors."

### DEBT MATURITIES AND OTHER CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

The following table summarizes our contractual cash obligations as of December 31, 2012 (in thousands):

|                                          | 2013     | 2014                  | 2015     | 2016    | Total     |
|------------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------|----------|---------|-----------|
| Debt <sup>a</sup>                        | \$10,397 | <sup>b</sup> \$98,660 | \$19,978 | \$8,000 | \$137,035 |
| Scheduled interest payments <sup>c</sup> | 11,141   | 8,796                 | 1,275    | 608     | 21,820    |
| Construction contracts                   | 1,251    | —                     | —        | —       | 1,251     |

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|                 |          |           |          |         |           |
|-----------------|----------|-----------|----------|---------|-----------|
| Operating lease | 59       | 3         | 1        | —       | 63        |
| Total           | \$22,848 | \$107,459 | \$21,254 | \$8,608 | \$160,169 |

Debt maturities represent scheduled maturities based on outstanding debt balances at December 31, 2012; however, a. all proceeds from sales of condominium units and net operating income at the W Austin Hotel & Residences project must be offered to Beal Bank to pay down debt incurred in connection with the project.

b. Parkside Village project loan totaling \$10.2 million may be extended for an additional one-year term upon its maturity in May 2013.

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c. Scheduled interest payments were calculated using stated coupon rates for fixed-rate debt and interest rates applicable at December 31, 2012, for variable-rate debt.

We had commitments under noncancelable contracts totaling \$1.3 million at December 31, 2012. These commitments primarily included contracts totaling approximately \$1.0 million for infrastructure work in connection with Section N at Barton Creek.

At December 31, 2012, we guaranteed \$1.1 million, or 25 percent of the outstanding balances, of the \$4.2 million of outstanding debt at Crestview Station. If the third scheduled closing of 59 lots contemplated by the purchase and sale agreement with DR Horton does not occur by April 2014, our guaranty increases to 100 percent of the then outstanding loan balance (see Note 6).

At December 31, 2012, we also have guarantees related to the W Austin Hotel & Residences project (see Note 2).

## NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

We do not expect the impact of recently issued accounting standards to have a significant impact on our future financial statements and disclosures.

## OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

Refer to Note 10 for discussion of off-balance sheet arrangements.

## CAUTIONARY STATEMENT

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations contain forward-looking statements in which we discuss certain of our expectations regarding future operational and financial performance. Forward-looking statements are all statements other than statements of historical facts, such as those statements regarding future reimbursements for infrastructure costs, future events related to financing and regulatory matters, anticipated development plans and sales of land, units and lots, projected timeframes for development, construction and completion of our projects, projected capital expenditures, liquidity and capital resources, anticipated results of our business strategy, and other plans and objectives of management for future operations and activities. The words "anticipates," "may," "can," "plans," "believes," "estimates," "expects," "projects," "intends," "likely," "will," "should," "to be," and other similar expressions and/or statements that are not historical facts are intended to identify those assertions as forward-looking statements.

We caution readers that forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance, and our actual results may differ materially from those anticipated, projected or assumed in the forward-looking statements. Important factors that can cause our actual results to differ materially from those anticipated in the forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, changes in economic and business conditions, business opportunities that may be presented to and/or pursued by us, the availability of financing, increases in foreclosures and interest rates, the termination of sales contracts or letters of intent due to, among other factors, the failure of one or more closing conditions or market changes, the failure to attract homebuilding customers for our developments or their failure to satisfy their purchase commitments, the failure to complete agreements with strategic partners and/or appropriately manage relationships with strategic partners, a decrease in the demand for real estate in the Austin, Texas market, competition from other real estate developers, increases in operating costs, including real estate taxes and the cost of construction materials, changes in laws, regulations or the regulatory environment affecting the development of real estate and other factors described in more detail under "Risk Factors" in Item 1A. of this Form 10-K.

Investors are cautioned that many of the assumptions on which our forward-looking statements are based are subject to change after our forward-looking statements are made. Further, we may make changes to our business plans that could or will affect our results. We caution investors that we do not intend to update our forward-looking statements more frequently than quarterly, notwithstanding any changes in our assumptions, changes in our business plans, our actual experience, or other changes, and we undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statements.

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Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data

MANAGEMENT'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

Stratus Properties Inc.'s (the Company's) management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. Internal control over financial reporting is defined in Rule 13a-15(f) or 15d-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as a process designed by, or under the supervision of, the Company's principal executive and principal financial officers and effected by the Company's Board of Directors, management and other personnel, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and includes those policies and procedures that:

- Pertain to the maintenance of records that in reasonable detail accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the Company's assets;
- Provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the Company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the Company; and
- Provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the Company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

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

The Company's management, including its principal executive officer and principal financial officer, assessed the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting as of the end of the fiscal year covered by this annual report on Form 10-K. In making this assessment, its management used the criteria set forth in Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). Based on its management's assessment, management concluded that, as of December 31, 2012, the Company's internal control over financial reporting is effective based on the COSO criteria.

/s/ William H. Armstrong III  
William H. Armstrong III  
Chairman of the Board, President  
and Chief Executive Officer

/s/ Erin D. Pickens  
Erin D. Pickens  
Senior Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer



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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Board of Directors and Shareholders  
Stratus Properties Inc.

We have audited Stratus Properties Inc.'s (the Company) internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2012, based on criteria established in Internal Control - Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). Stratus Properties Inc.'s management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

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

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

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

In our opinion, Stratus Properties Inc. maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2012, based on the criteria established in Internal Control - Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheets of Stratus Properties Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, and the related consolidated statements of comprehensive loss, equity and cash flows for each of the years in the two-year period ended December 31, 2012, and our report dated March 28, 2013, expressed an unqualified opinion on these consolidated financial statements.

/s/ BKM Sowan Horan, LLP

Addison, Texas  
March 28, 2013

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Board of Directors and Shareholders  
Stratus Properties Inc.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Stratus Properties Inc. and subsidiaries (the Company) as of December 31, 2012, and 2011 and the related consolidated statements of comprehensive income, equity and cash flows for each of the years in the two-year period ended December 31, 2012. We have also audited the schedule listed in the accompanying index. These consolidated financial statements and schedule are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements and schedule based on our audits.

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

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Stratus Properties Inc. as of December 31, 2012 and 2011 and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the years in the two-year period ended December 31, 2012 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also in our opinion, the related financial statement schedule, when considered in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole, presents fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), Stratus Properties Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2012, based on criteria established in Internal Control - Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO), and our report dated March 28, 2013 expressed an unqualified opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ BKM Sowen Horan, LLP

Addison, Texas  
March 28, 2013

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STRATUS PROPERTIES INC.  
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
(In Thousands, Except Par Value)

|                                                                                                                                                                       | December 31,<br>2012 | 2011        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                                                                                                                                                         |                      |             |
| Cash and cash equivalents                                                                                                                                             | \$12,784             | \$7,695     |
| Restricted cash                                                                                                                                                       | 17,657               | 6,810       |
| Real estate held for sale                                                                                                                                             | 60,244               | 74,003      |
| Real estate under development                                                                                                                                         | 31,596               | 54,956      |
| Land available for development                                                                                                                                        | 49,569               | 60,936      |
| Real estate held for investment, net                                                                                                                                  | 189,331              | 185,221     |
| Investment in unconsolidated affiliate                                                                                                                                | 3,402                | 3,246       |
| Other assets                                                                                                                                                          | 14,545               | 11,809      |
| Discontinued operations (Note 12)                                                                                                                                     | —                    | 16,929      |
| Total assets                                                                                                                                                          | \$379,128            | \$421,605   |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>                                                                                                                                         |                      |             |
| Accounts payable                                                                                                                                                      | \$13,845             | \$8,760     |
| Accrued liabilities                                                                                                                                                   | 8,605                | 10,217      |
| Deposits                                                                                                                                                              | 2,073                | 1,848       |
| Debt (Note 7)                                                                                                                                                         | 137,035              | 158,451     |
| Other liabilities and deferred gain                                                                                                                                   | 8,675                | 3,064       |
| Discontinued operations (Note 12)                                                                                                                                     | —                    | 21,583      |
| Total liabilities                                                                                                                                                     | 170,233              | 203,923     |
| Commitments and contingencies (Notes 7,10 and 12)                                                                                                                     |                      |             |
| Equity:                                                                                                                                                               |                      |             |
| Stratus stockholders' equity:                                                                                                                                         |                      |             |
| Preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share, 50,000 shares authorized and unissued                                                                                    | —                    | —           |
| Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, 150,000 shares authorized, 9,037 and 8,387 shares issued, respectively and 8,097 and 7,452 shares outstanding, respectively | 90                   | 84          |
| Capital in excess of par value of common stock                                                                                                                        | 203,298              | 198,175     |
| Accumulated deficit                                                                                                                                                   | (63,309)             | ) (61,723 ) |
| Common stock held in treasury, 940 shares and 935 shares, at cost, respectively                                                                                       | (18,392)             | ) (18,347 ) |
| Total Stratus stockholders' equity                                                                                                                                    | 121,687              | 118,189     |
| Noncontrolling interests in subsidiaries                                                                                                                              | 87,208               | 99,493      |
| Total equity                                                                                                                                                          | 208,895              | 217,682     |
| Total liabilities and equity                                                                                                                                          | \$379,128            | \$421,605   |

The accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.



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STRATUS PROPERTIES INC.  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE LOSS  
(In Thousands, Except Per Share Amounts)

|                                                                                     | Years Ended December 31, |              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
|                                                                                     | 2012                     | 2011         |
| Revenues:                                                                           |                          |              |
| Real estate                                                                         | \$62,114                 | \$97,651     |
| Hotel                                                                               | 35,402                   | 28,100       |
| Entertainment venue                                                                 | 13,799                   | 9,010        |
| Rental                                                                              | 4,422                    | 2,275        |
| Total revenues                                                                      | 115,737                  | 137,036      |
| Cost of sales:                                                                      |                          |              |
| Real estate                                                                         | 56,125                   | 86,095       |
| Hotel                                                                               | 26,883                   | 24,546       |
| Entertainment venue                                                                 | 12,086                   | 8,982        |
| Rental                                                                              | 2,165                    | 1,506        |
| Depreciation                                                                        | 9,165                    | 7,573        |
| Total cost of sales                                                                 | 106,424                  | 128,702      |
| General and administrative expenses                                                 | 6,532                    | 6,653        |
| Total costs and expenses                                                            | 112,956                  | 135,355      |
| Operating income                                                                    | 2,781                    | 1,681        |
| Interest expense, net                                                               | (11,839)                 | ) (6,667)    |
| Other income, net                                                                   | 605                      | 550          |
| Loss from continuing operations before income taxes                                 |                          |              |
| and equity in unconsolidated affiliate's loss                                       | (8,453)                  | ) (4,436)    |
| Equity in unconsolidated affiliate's loss                                           | (29)                     | ) (337)      |
| Provision for income taxes                                                          | (636)                    | ) (651)      |
| Loss from continuing operations                                                     | (9,118)                  | ) (5,424)    |
| Income from discontinued operations                                                 | 4,805                    | 191          |
| Net loss and total comprehensive loss                                               | (4,313)                  | ) (5,233)    |
| Net loss (income) and total comprehensive loss (income)                             |                          |              |
| attributable to noncontrolling interests in subsidiaries                            | 2,727                    | (5,155)      |
| Net loss and total comprehensive loss attributable to Stratus common stock          | \$(1,586)                | ) \$(10,388) |
| Basic and diluted net (loss) income per share attributable to Stratus common stock: |                          |              |
| Continuing operations                                                               | \$(0.80)                 | ) \$(1.41)   |
| Discontinued operations                                                             | 0.60                     | 0.02         |
| Basic and diluted net loss per share attributable to Stratus common stock           | \$(0.20)                 | ) \$(1.39)   |
| Weighted-average shares of common stock outstanding:                                |                          |              |
| Basic and diluted                                                                   | 7,966                    | 7,482        |

The accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.



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STRATUS PROPERTIES INC.  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
(In Thousands)

|                                                                                 | Years Ended December 31, |            |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|
|                                                                                 | 2012                     | 2011       |
| Cash flow from operating activities:                                            |                          |            |
| Net loss                                                                        | \$(4,313                 | ) \$(5,233 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities: |                          |            |
| Depreciation                                                                    | 9,165                    | 8,426      |
| Cost of real estate sold                                                        | 44,810                   | 70,623     |
| Gain on sale of 7500 Rialto                                                     | (5,146                   | ) —        |
| Deferred income taxes                                                           | (142                     | ) 19       |
| Stock-based compensation                                                        | 269                      | 422        |
| Equity in unconsolidated affiliate's loss                                       | 29                       | 337        |
| Deposits                                                                        | 239                      | (6,529     |
| Development of real estate properties                                           | (8,591                   | ) (58,590  |
| (Increase) decrease in other assets                                             | (12,420                  | ) 2,326    |
| (Decrease) increase in accounts payable, accrued liabilities and other          | (2,608                   | ) 24,101   |
| Net cash provided by operating activities                                       | 21,292                   | 35,902     |
| Cash flow from investing activities:                                            |                          |            |
| Capital expenditures:                                                           |                          |            |
| Commercial leasing properties                                                   | (4,731                   | ) (6,303   |
| Entertainment venue                                                             | (200                     | ) (4,985   |
| Hotel                                                                           | (64                      | ) (6,370   |
| Proceeds from sale of 7500 Rialto                                               | 5,697                    | —          |
| Investment in unconsolidated affiliate                                          | (185                     | ) (500     |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities                             | 517                      | (18,158    |
| Cash flow from financing activities:                                            |                          |            |
| Borrowings from credit facility                                                 | 24,655                   | 22,561     |
| Payments on credit facility                                                     | (36,391                  | ) (9,023   |
| Borrowings from project and term loans                                          | 10,816                   | 31,128     |
| Payments on project and term loans                                              | (20,638                  | ) (75,417  |
| Noncontrolling interests contributions                                          | 341                      | 10,088     |
| Common stock issuance                                                           | 4,817                    | —          |
| Net payments for stock-based awards                                             | (2                       | ) (88      |
| Purchases of Stratus common stock                                               | —                        | (307       |
| Financing costs                                                                 | (708                     | ) (331     |
| Net cash used in financing activities                                           | (17,110                  | ) (21,389  |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents                            | 4,699                    | (3,645     |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year                                  | 8,085                    | 11,730     |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of year                                        | \$12,784                 | \$8,085    |

The accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, which include information regarding noncash transactions, are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.



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STRATUS PROPERTIES INC.  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EQUITY  
(In Thousands)

|                                             | Stratus Stockholders' Equity |              |                                |                     | Common Stock Held in Treasury |            | Total Stratus Stockholders' Equity | Noncontrolling Interests in Subsidiaries | Total Equity |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------|
|                                             | Number of Shares             | At Par Value | Capital in Excess of Par Value | Accumulated Deficit | Number of Shares              | At Cost    |                                    |                                          |              |
| Balance at December 31, 2010                | 8,354                        | \$84         | \$197,773                      | \$(51,335)          | 879                           | \$(17,972) | \$128,550                          | \$84,250                                 | \$212,800    |
| Exercised and issued stock-based awards     | 33                           | —            | (20)                           | ) —                 | —                             | —          | (20)                               | ) —                                      | (20)         |
| Stock-based compensation                    | —                            | —            | 422                            | —                   | —                             | —          | 422                                | —                                        | 422          |
| Treasury stock purchases                    | —                            | —            | —                              | —                   | 47                            | (307)      | (307)                              | ) —                                      | (307)        |
| Tender of shares for stock-based awards     | —                            | —            | —                              | —                   | 9                             | (68)       | (68)                               | ) —                                      | (68)         |
| Noncontrolling interests contributions      | —                            | —            | —                              | —                   | —                             | —          | —                                  | 10,088                                   | 10,088       |
| Total comprehensive (loss) income           | —                            | —            | —                              | (10,388)            | ) —                           | —          | (10,388)                           | ) 5,155                                  | (5,233)      |
| Balance at December 31, 2011                | 8,387                        | 84           | 198,175                        | (61,723)            | ) 935                         | (18,347)   | ) 118,189                          | 99,493                                   | 217,682      |
| Common stock issuance                       | 625                          | 6            | 4,811                          | —                   | —                             | —          | 4,817                              | —                                        | 4,817        |
| Exercised and issued stock-based awards     | 25                           | —            | 43                             | —                   | —                             | —          | 43                                 | —                                        | 43           |
| Stock-based compensation                    | —                            | —            | 269                            | —                   | —                             | —          | 269                                | —                                        | 269          |
| Tender of shares for stock-based awards     | —                            | —            | —                              | —                   | 5                             | (45)       | (45)                               | ) —                                      | (45)         |
| Noncontrolling interests distributions, net | —                            | —            | —                              | —                   | —                             | —          | —                                  | (9,558)                                  | ) (9,558)    |
| Total comprehensive loss                    | —                            | —            | —                              | (1,586)             | ) —                           | —          | (1,586)                            | ) (2,727)                                | (4,313)      |
| Balance at December 31, 2012                | 9,037                        | \$90         | \$203,298                      | \$(63,309)          | 940                           | \$(18,392) | \$121,687                          | \$87,208                                 | \$208,895    |

The accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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STRATUS PROPERTIES INC.  
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

**Business and Principles of Consolidation.** Stratus Properties Inc. (Stratus), a Delaware Corporation, is engaged in the acquisition, development, management, operation and sale of commercial, hotel, entertainment, and multi- and single-family residential real estate properties located primarily in the Austin, Texas area. The real estate development and marketing operations of Stratus are conducted through its wholly owned subsidiaries, two consolidated joint ventures (see Notes 2 and 3) and through an unconsolidated joint venture (see “Investment in Unconsolidated Affiliate” below and Note 6). Stratus consolidates its wholly owned subsidiaries, subsidiaries in which Stratus has a controlling interest and variable interest entities in which Stratus is deemed the primary beneficiary. All significant intercompany transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

On February 27, 2012, Stratus sold its two office buildings at 7500 Rialto Boulevard (7500 Rialto). As a result, 7500 Rialto is reported as discontinued operations and the consolidated financial statements for 2011 have been adjusted to reflect this presentation (see Note 12).

**Concentration of Risks.** Stratus primarily conducts its operations in Austin, Texas. Consequently, any significant economic downturn in the Austin market could potentially have an effect on Stratus’ business, results of operations and financial condition.

**Use of Estimates.** The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S.) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in these financial statements and accompanying notes. The more significant estimates include the (1) estimates of future cash flow from development and sale of real estate properties and sources of financing for development projects used in the assessment of impairments, (2) valuation allowances for deferred tax assets, (3) allocation of certain indirect costs and (4) useful lives for depreciation. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Real Estate and Commercial Leasing Assets.** Real estate held for sale is stated at the lower of cost or fair value less costs to sell. The cost of real estate held for sale includes acquisition, development, construction and carrying costs, and other related costs through the development stage. Real estate under development and land available for development are stated at cost. Real estate held for investment, which includes the hotel and entertainment venue at the W Austin Hotel & Residences project and Stratus’ commercial leasing assets, is stated at cost, less accumulated depreciation. Stratus capitalizes interest on funds used in developing properties from the date of initiation of development activities through the date the property is substantially complete and ready for sale or lease. Common costs are allocated based on the relative fair value of individual land parcels. Certain carrying costs are capitalized on properties currently under active development. Stratus capitalizes improvements that increase the value of commercial leasing properties and have useful lives greater than one year. Costs related to repairs and maintenance are charged to expense as incurred.

Stratus performs an impairment test when events or circumstances indicate that an asset’s carrying amount may not be recoverable. Events or circumstances that Stratus considers indicators of impairment include significant decreases in market values, adverse changes in regulatory requirements (including environmental laws) and current period or projected operating cash flow losses from rental properties. Impairment tests for properties to be held and used, including properties under development, involve the use of estimated future net undiscounted cash flows expected to be generated from the use of the property and its eventual disposition. If projected undiscounted cash flow from properties to be held and used is less than the related carrying amount, then a reduction of the carrying amount of the

long-lived asset to fair value is required. Measurement of the impairment loss is based on the fair value of the asset. Generally, Stratus determines fair value using valuation techniques such as discounted expected future cash flows. Impairment tests for properties held for sale involve management estimates of fair value based on estimated market values for similar properties in similar locations and management estimates of costs to sell. If estimated fair value less costs to sell is less than the related carrying amount, then a reduction of the carrying amount of the asset to fair value less costs to sell is required.

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Stratus recorded no impairment charges for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011. Should market conditions deteriorate in the future or other events occur that indicate the carrying amount of Stratus' real estate assets may not be recoverable, Stratus will reevaluate the expected cash flows from each property to determine whether any impairment exists.

**Depreciation.** Commercial leasing properties are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their estimated life of between 30 and 40 years. The hotel and entertainment venue properties are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their estimated life of 35 years. Furniture, fixtures and equipment are depreciated on a straight-line basis over a three to five-year period. Tenant improvements are depreciated over the related lease terms.

**Investment in Unconsolidated Affiliate.** Stratus has a 50 percent interest in the Crestview Station project (see Note 6), which it accounts for under the equity method. Stratus has determined that consolidation of the Crestview Station project is not required.

**Other Assets.** Other assets primarily consist of restricted cash, deferred financing and leasing costs, prepaid insurance, tenant and other accounts receivable, and notes and interest receivable. Deferred financing costs are amortized using the straight-line method over the term of the related debt, which approximates the effective interest method, to interest expense. Deferred leasing costs are amortized to cost of sales using the straight-line method over the related lease terms.

**Accrued Property Taxes.** Stratus estimates its property taxes based on prior year property tax payments and other current events that may impact the amount. Upon receipt of the property tax bill, Stratus adjusts its accrued property tax balance at year-end to the actual amount of taxes due in January. Accrued property taxes totaled \$5.2 million at December 31, 2012, and \$6.5 million at December 31, 2011.

**Revenue Recognition.** Revenues from property sales are recognized when the risks and rewards of ownership are transferred to the buyer, when the consideration received can be reasonably determined and when Stratus has completed its obligations to perform certain supplementary development activities, if any exist, at the time of the sale. Consideration is reasonably determined and considered likely of collection when Stratus has signed sales agreements and has determined that the buyer has demonstrated a commitment to pay. The buyer's commitment to pay is supported by the level of their initial investment, Stratus' assessment of the buyer's credit standing and Stratus' assessment of whether the buyer's stake in the property is sufficient to motivate the buyer to honor their obligation to pay.

Stratus' revenues from hotel operations are primarily derived from room reservations and food and beverage sales. Revenue is recognized when rooms are occupied and services have been rendered. Taxes collected from customers and submitted to taxing authorities are not recorded in revenue.

Stratus' revenues from entertainment venue operations are primarily derived from ticket sales; sponsorships, personal seat licenses and suite sales; and sales of concessions and merchandise. Revenues from ticket sales are recognized after the corresponding performance occurs. Revenues from sponsorships and other revenue not related to a single event are classified as deferred revenue and generally amortized over the operating season or term of the contract. Revenues from concessions and merchandise sales are recognized at the time of sale.

Stratus recognizes its rental income based on the terms of its signed leases with tenants on a straight-line basis. Recoveries from tenants for taxes, insurance and other commercial property operating expenses are recognized as revenues in the period the related costs are incurred. Stratus recognizes sales commissions and management and development fees when earned, as properties are sold or when the services are performed.



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A summary of Stratus' revenues follows (in thousands):

|                            | Years Ended December 31, |           |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|
|                            | 2012                     | 2011      |
| Revenues:                  |                          |           |
| Developed property sales   | \$45,716                 | \$92,790  |
| Undeveloped property sales | 15,837                   | 4,235     |
| Hotel                      | 35,402                   | 28,100    |
| Entertainment venue        | 13,799                   | 9,010     |
| Rental                     | 4,422                    | 2,275     |
| Commissions and other      | 561                      | 626       |
| Total revenues             | \$115,737                | \$137,036 |

Cost of Sales. Cost of sales includes the cost of real estate sold as well as costs directly attributable to the properties sold such as marketing and depreciation. Cost of sales also includes operating costs for properties held for investment and municipal utility district reimbursements. A summary of Stratus' cost of sales follows (in thousands):

|                                                               | Years Ended December 31, |           |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|
|                                                               | 2012                     | 2011      |
| Cost of developed property sales                              | \$38,364                 | \$77,415  |
| Cost of undeveloped property sales                            | 11,539                   | 2,240     |
| Hotel operating costs                                         | 26,883                   | 24,546    |
| Entertainment venue operating costs                           | 12,086                   | 8,982     |
| Rental operating costs                                        | 2,165                    | 1,506     |
| Project expenses and allocation of overhead costs (see below) | 6,477                    | 5,892     |
| Municipal utility district reimbursements (see below)         | (688)                    | —         |
| Depreciation                                                  | 9,165                    | 7,573     |
| Other, net                                                    | 433                      | 548       |
| Total cost of sales                                           | \$106,424                | \$128,702 |

Gross profit on condominium sales from the W Austin Hotel & Residences project is based on estimates of total project sales value and total project costs for the condominiums. When estimates of sales value or project costs are revised, gross profit is adjusted in the period of change so that cumulative project earnings reflect the revised profit estimate. Stratus revised estimates of projected aggregate profit margins on condominium units at the W Austin Hotel & Residences project, resulting in a charge to cost of sales totaling \$1.5 million in 2012 and \$5.8 million in 2011.

Allocation of Overhead Costs. Stratus has historically allocated a portion of its overhead costs to both capitalized real estate costs and cost of sales based on the percentage of time certain of its employees, comprising its indirect overhead pool, worked in the related areas (i.e. construction and development for capital assets and sales and marketing for cost of sales). Stratus capitalizes only direct and certain indirect project costs associated with the acquisition, development and construction of a real estate project. Indirect costs include allocated costs associated with certain pooled resources (such as office supplies, telephone and postage) which are used to support Stratus' development projects, as well as general and administrative functions. Allocations of pooled resources are based only on those employees directly responsible for development (i.e., project managers and subordinates). Stratus charges to expense indirect costs that do not clearly relate to a real estate project, such as salaries and allocated expenses related to the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer.

Municipal Utility District Reimbursements. Stratus receives Barton Creek Municipal Utility District (MUD) reimbursements for certain infrastructure costs incurred in the Barton Creek area. Prior to 1996, Stratus capitalized infrastructure costs to the costs of its properties as those costs were incurred. Subsequently, those costs were expensed

through cost of sales as properties sold. In 1996, following the 1995 creation of MUDs, Stratus began capitalizing the infrastructure costs to a separate MUD property category. MUD reimbursements received for infrastructure costs incurred prior to 1996 are reflected as a reduction of cost of sales, while other MUD reimbursements represent a reimbursement of the cost of MUD properties and are recorded as a reduction of the related asset's carrying amount or cost of sales if the property has been sold. Stratus has long-term agreements with seven independent MUDs in Barton Creek to build the MUDs' utility systems and to be eligible for future reimbursements for the related costs. The amount and timing of MUD reimbursements depends upon the

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respective MUD having a sufficient tax base within its district to issue bonds and being able to obtain the necessary state approval for the sale of the bonds. Because the timing of the issuance and approval of the bonds is subject to considerable uncertainty, coupled with the fact that interest rates on such bonds cannot be fixed until they are approved, the amounts associated with MUD reimbursements are not known until approximately one month before the MUD reimbursements are received. To the extent the reimbursements are less than the costs capitalized, Stratus records a loss when that determination is made. MUD reimbursements represent the actual amounts received.

**Advertising Costs.** Advertising costs are expensed as incurred and are included as a component of cost of sales. Advertising costs totaled \$0.6 million in 2012 and 2011.

**Income Taxes.** Stratus accounts for deferred income taxes utilizing an asset and liability method, whereby deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized based on the tax effects of temporary differences between the financial statements and the tax basis of assets and liabilities, as measured by current enacted tax rates. The effect on deferred income tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates or laws is recognized in income in the period in which such changes are enacted. Stratus periodically evaluates the need for a valuation allowance to reduce deferred tax assets to estimated recoverable amounts. Stratus establishes a valuation allowance to reduce its deferred tax assets and records a corresponding charge to earnings if it is determined, based on available evidence at the time, that it is more likely than not that any portion of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. In evaluating the need for a valuation allowance, Stratus estimates future taxable income based on projections and ongoing tax strategies. This process involves significant management judgment about assumptions that are subject to change based on variances between projected and actual operating performance and changes in Stratus' business environment or operating or financial plans. See Note 8 for further discussion.

**Earnings Per Share.** Stratus' basic and diluted net loss per share of common stock were calculated by dividing the net loss attributable to Stratus common stock by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the year. Stock options and restricted stock units representing approximately 134,300 shares for 2012 and 120,800 shares for 2011 were excluded from weighted average common shares outstanding for purposes of calculating diluted net loss per share because they were anti-dilutive, either because inclusion of the options would result in a decrease of Stratus' net loss per share, or the stock options had exercise prices greater than the average market price of Stratus' common stock.

**Stock-Based Compensation.** Compensation costs for share-based payments to employees, including stock options, are measured at fair value and charged to expense over the requisite service period for awards that are expected to vest. The fair value of stock options is determined using the Black-Scholes option valuation model. In addition, for other stock-based awards under the plans, compensation costs are recognized based on the fair value on the date of grant for restricted stock units. Stratus estimates forfeitures at the time of grant and revises those estimates in subsequent periods if actual forfeitures differ from those estimates through the final vesting date of the awards. See Note 9 for further discussion.

**New Accounting Standards.** In May 2011 the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued an Accounting Standards Update (ASU) in connection with guidance for fair value measurements and disclosures. This ASU clarifies the FASB's intent on current guidance, modifies and changes certain guidance and principles, and expands disclosures concerning Level 3 fair value measurements in the fair value hierarchy (including quantitative information about significant unobservable inputs within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy). In addition, this ASU requires disclosure of the fair value hierarchy for assets and liabilities not measured at fair value in the statement of financial position, but whose fair value is required to be disclosed. This ASU is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2011. Stratus adopted this ASU effective January 1, 2012.

In June 2011, the FASB issued an ASU in connection with accounting guidance on the presentation of comprehensive income. The objective of this ASU is to improve the comparability, consistency, and transparency of financial reporting and to increase the prominence of items reported in other comprehensive income. This ASU requires an entity to present the components of net income, other comprehensive income and total comprehensive income (i.e. including net income) either in a single continuous statement of comprehensive income or in two separate but consecutive statements. This ASU eliminates the option to present the components of other comprehensive income as part of the statement of equity, but does not change the items that must be reported in other comprehensive income. This ASU is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2011. Stratus adopted this ASU effective January 1, 2012.

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## 2. Joint Venture with Canyon-Johnson Urban Fund II, L.P.

Stratus and Canyon-Johnson Urban Fund II, L.P. (Canyon-Johnson) are participants in a joint-venture for a 36-story mixed-use development in downtown Austin, Texas, anchored by a W Hotel & Residences (the W Austin Hotel & Residences project). Stratus is the manager of, and has an approximate 40 percent interest in, the joint venture, and Canyon-Johnson has an approximate 60 percent interest in the joint venture. As of December 31, 2012, capital contributions totaled \$71.9 million for Stratus and \$94.0 million for Canyon-Johnson. Distributions of \$9.9 million were made to Stratus in 2012 and \$9.9 million was payable to Canyon-Johnson at December 31, 2012. The joint venture has a construction loan with Beal Bank Nevada that funded project costs (see Note 7 for further discussion).

Upon formation of the joint venture, Stratus performed an initial evaluation and concluded that the joint venture was a variable interest entity (VIE) and that Stratus was the primary beneficiary. Stratus reevaluated the primary beneficiary of the joint venture upon adoption of new consolidation guidance, effective January 1, 2010, and concluded that Stratus is still the primary beneficiary, as Stratus has the power to direct the activities that most significantly impact the joint venture's financial performance. Stratus also reevaluated and reaffirmed its previous conclusion as to the VIE status and primary beneficiary of the joint venture as of the dates of the amendments to the operating agreement (March 31, 2010, and June 24, 2010). Accordingly, the W Austin Hotel & Residences project has been consolidated in Stratus' financial statements. Stratus will continue to evaluate the primary beneficiary of this joint venture in accordance with applicable accounting guidance.

Stratus' consolidated balance sheets include the following assets and liabilities of the joint venture (in thousands):

|                                      | December 31,<br>2012 | December 31,<br>2011 |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Assets:                              |                      |                      |
| Cash and cash equivalents            | \$7,461              | \$4,955              |
| Restricted cash                      | 17,657               | 6,810                |
| Real estate held for sale            | 45,320               | 54,783               |
| Real estate under development        | —                    | 18,432               |
| Real estate held for investment, net | 163,666              | 170,788              |
| Other assets                         | 8,398                | 7,174                |
| Total assets                         | 242,502              | 262,942              |
| Liabilities:                         |                      |                      |
| Accounts payable                     | 13,592               | 6,526                |
| Accrued liabilities                  | 6,322                | 7,360                |
| Deposits                             | 1,714                | 1,618                |
| Debt <sup>a</sup>                    | 67,670               | 70,349               |
| Other liabilities                    | 2,386                | 1,510                |
| Total liabilities                    | 91,684               | 87,363               |
| Net assets                           | \$150,818            | \$175,579            |

a. Stratus guarantees the debt associated with the W Austin Hotel & Residences project.

Profits and losses between partners in a real estate venture should be allocated based on how changes in net assets of the venture would affect cash payments to the investors over the life of the venture and on its liquidation. The amount of the ultimate profits earned by the W Austin Hotel & Residences project will affect the ultimate profit sharing ratios because of provisions in the joint venture agreement which would require Stratus to return certain previously received distributions to Canyon-Johnson under certain circumstances. Because of the uncertainty of the ultimate profits and, therefore, profit-sharing ratios, the W Austin Hotel & Residences project's cumulative profits or losses are allocated based on a hypothetical liquidation of the venture's net assets as of each balance sheet date. At December 31, 2012, the

cumulative losses for the W Austin Hotel & Residences project were allocated based on 43 percent for Stratus and 57 percent for Canyon-Johnson.

On October 3, 2012, the joint venture and Pedernales Entertainment LLC (Pedernales) formed Stageside Productions (Stageside) to promote, market and commercialize the production, sale, distribution and general oversight of audio and video recordings of events or performances occurring at Austin City Limits Live at the Moody Theater (ACL Live). The joint venture's initial capital contributions to Stageside totaled \$0.3 million, and the joint

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venture will contribute additional capital as necessary to fund the working capital needs of Stageside. The joint venture has a 100 percent capital funding interest and has a 40 percent residual and voting interest in Stageside. The joint venture performed an evaluation and concluded Stageside is a VIE and that the joint venture is the primary beneficiary. Accordingly, the results of Stageside are consolidated in the joint venture's financial statements.

### 3. Joint Venture with Moffett Holdings, LLC

On February 28, 2011, Stratus entered into a joint venture with Moffett Holdings, LLC (Moffett Holdings) for the development of Parkside Village, a retail project in the Circle C community.

Stratus' capital contributions to the joint venture totaled \$3.1 million, which consisted of a 23.03 acre tract of land located in Austin, Texas, the related property and development agreements for the land and other project costs incurred by Stratus before February 28, 2011. Moffett Holdings made cash capital contributions to the joint venture totaling \$3.8 million to fund the development of the project. The joint venture also has a construction loan with Comerica Bank to finance the development of Parkside Village (see Note 7 for further discussion). The Parkside Village loan had an outstanding balance of \$10.2 million and availability of \$3.5 million at December 31, 2012.

Stratus is the manager of the joint venture, and after the partners are repaid their original capital contributions and a preferred return on those contributions, Stratus will receive 80 percent of any distributions and Moffett will receive 20 percent. As the manager of the joint venture with a majority of the voting and profit interest (80 percent), Stratus consolidates this joint venture in its financial statements.

### 4. Real Estate, net

|                                            | December 31,<br>2012 | 2011                  |              |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
|                                            | (In Thousands)       |                       |              |
| Real estate held for sale:                 |                      |                       |              |
| Developed lots and condominium units       | \$60,244             | <sup>a</sup> \$74,003 |              |
| Real estate under development:             |                      |                       |              |
| W Austin Hotel & Residences                | —                    | 18,432                | <sup>a</sup> |
| Acreage and lots                           | 31,596               | 36,524                |              |
|                                            | 31,596               | 54,956                |              |
| Land available for development:            |                      |                       |              |
| Undeveloped acreage                        | 49,569               | 60,936                |              |
| Real estate held for investment:           |                      |                       |              |
| W Austin Hotel & Residences                |                      |                       |              |
| Hotel                                      | 122,169              | 121,888               |              |
| Entertainment venue                        | 40,762               | 40,612                |              |
| Office and Retail                          | 15,798               | 15,400                |              |
| Barton Creek Village                       | 6,433                | 6,476                 |              |
| 5700 Slaughter                             | 5,866                | 5,866                 |              |
| Parkside Village                           | 15,067               | 2,686                 |              |
| Furniture, fixtures and equipment          | 1,616                | 1,787                 |              |
| Total                                      | 207,711              | 194,715               |              |
| Accumulated depreciation                   | (18,380)             | (9,494)               | )            |
| Total real estate held for investment, net | 189,331              | 185,221               | <sup>b</sup> |

|                        |           |           |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Total real estate, net | \$330,740 | \$375,116 |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|

a. Includes \$9.5 million of condominium unit assets reclassified from real estate under development related to the W Austin Hotel & Residences project in 2012.

b. Excludes real estate held for investment, net of accumulated depreciation, totaling \$15.2 million in 2011 associated with 7500 Rialto, which was reclassified as discontinued operations in 2012 (see Note 12).

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Real estate held for sale. Developed properties include condominium units at the W Austin Hotel & Residences project, an individual tract of land that has been developed and permitted for residential use, or a developed lot with a home already built on it. As of December 31, 2012, Stratus owned 90 developed lots and 41 completed condominium units at the W Austin Hotel & Residences project.

Real estate under development. Acreage under development includes real estate for which infrastructure for the entire property is currently under construction and/or is expected to be completed, and necessary permits have been received, or on which commercial properties are under development. Acreage under development at December 31, 2012, totaled 640 acres.

Land available for development. Undeveloped acreage includes real estate that can be sold “as is” (i.e., no infrastructure or development work has begun on such property). Stratus’ undeveloped acreage as of December 31, 2012, included approximately 1,345 acres of land in Austin, Texas, permitted for residential and commercial development.

Real estate held for investment. The W Austin Hotel & Residences project includes a 251-room hotel, which opened in December 2010. The W Austin Hotel & Residences project also includes ACL Live, an entertainment venue and production studio, with a maximum capacity of 3,000 people, 39,328 square feet of office space and 18,362 square feet of retail space. As of December 31, 2012, occupancy was 64 percent for the office space and 82 percent for the retail space. The Barton Creek Village property includes a 22,366-square-foot retail complex, which was 100 percent leased at December 31, 2012, and a 3,085-square-foot bank building, which is leased through January 2023. The 5700 Slaughter property includes two retail buildings totaling in the aggregate 21,248 square feet, which was 91 percent leased at December 31, 2012. The Parkside Village property consists of a 89,641-square-foot retail complex in the Circle C community. Construction of the final two buildings is expected to be completed in late 2013 and as of December 31, 2012, occupancy of the completed 77,641 square feet was 89 percent. Of the two buildings under development, the 7,500-square-foot building is fully pre-leased, and leasing activities are ongoing for the 4,500-square-foot building.

Stratus also owns two acres of undeveloped commercial property in San Antonio, Texas.

Capitalized interest. Stratus recorded capitalized interest of \$3.5 million in 2012 and \$11.1 million in 2011.

### 5. Fair Value Measurements

Fair value accounting guidance includes a hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 inputs) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 inputs).

The carrying value for certain Stratus financial instruments (i.e., cash, accounts and notes receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities) approximate fair value because of their short-term nature and generally negligible credit losses. A summary of the carrying amount and fair value of Stratus' other financial instrument follows (in thousands):

|      | December 31, 2012 |            | December 31, 2011 |            |
|------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
|      | Carrying Value    | Fair Value | Carrying Value    | Fair Value |
| Debt | \$137,035         | \$136,774  | \$158,451         | \$157,529  |

Stratus' debt is recorded at cost and is not actively traded. Fair value is estimated based on discounted future expected cash flows at estimated current market interest rates. Accordingly, Stratus' debt is classified within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy. The fair value of debt does not represent the amounts that will ultimately be paid upon the maturities of the loans.

6. Investment in Unconsolidated Affiliate

In 2005, Stratus formed a joint venture with Trammell Crow Central Texas Development, Inc. (Trammell Crow) to acquire an approximate 74-acre tract at the intersection of Airport Boulevard and Lamar Boulevard in Austin, Texas, for \$7.7 million. The property, known as Crestview Station, is a single-family, multi-family, retail and office development, which is located on the commuter rail line. With Trammell Crow, Stratus completed environmental remediation, which the State of Texas certified as complete in September 2007, and permitting of the property.

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Crestview Station sold substantially all of its multi-family and commercial properties in 2007 and one commercial site in 2008.

During 2012, Crestview Station entered into an agreement to sell the remaining residential land to DR Horton. The contract provides for the sale of 304 lots over four years for a total contract price of \$15.8 million. The first closing of 73 lots for \$3.8 million occurred in April 2012, and Crestview Station recognized gross profit on the sale of \$0.4 million. At December 31, 2012, Stratus' investment in Crestview Station totaled \$3.4 million and Crestview Station had \$4.2 million of outstanding debt, for which Stratus and Tramell Crow have executed a joint and several guaranty of \$1.1 million, or 25 percent of the outstanding balance. If the third closing of 59 lots contemplated by the purchase and sale agreement does not occur by April 2014, Stratus' guaranty increases to 100 percent of the then outstanding loan balance.

Stratus' equity in Crestview Station's losses totaled less than \$0.1 million in 2012 and \$0.3 million in 2011. Summarized, unaudited financial information for Crestview Station follows (in thousands):

|                          | 2012     | 2011     |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|
| Years Ended December 31: |          |          |
| Gross profit             | \$365    | \$—      |
| Net loss                 | (58)     | (674)    |
| At December 31:          |          |          |
| Total assets             | \$11,144 | \$14,393 |
| Total liabilities        | 4,339    | 7,900    |
| Total equity             | 6,805    | 6,493    |

## 7. Debt

|                                                                                    | December 31,<br>2012<br>(In Thousands) | 2011      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------|
| Beal Bank loan,<br>average interest rate 10.0% in 2012 and 2011                    | \$67,670                               | \$67,872  |
| Comerica credit facility,<br>average interest rate 6.26% in 2012 and 6.12% in 2011 | 26,612                                 | 38,348    |
| Unsecured term loans,<br>average interest rate 8.29% in 2012 and 8.75% in 2011     | 23,000                                 | 36,000    |
| Parkside Village loan,<br>average interest rate 5.0% in 2012 and 2011              | 10,207                                 | 4,034     |
| Slaughter term loan,<br>average interest rate 6.95% in 2012 and 2011               | 5,162                                  | 5,243     |
| Barton Creek Village term loan,<br>average interest rate 6.25% in 2012 and 2011    | 4,384                                  | 4,477     |
| Ford loan,<br>average interest rate 17.5% in 2012 and 2011                         | —                                      | 2,477     |
| Total debt                                                                         | \$137,035                              | \$158,451 |

**Beal Bank Loan.** On October 21, 2009, the joint venture with Canyon-Johnson obtained construction financing from Beal Bank Nevada (Beal Bank) for up to an aggregate of \$120.0 million to fund the construction, development and marketing costs of the W Austin Hotel & Residences project. The Beal Bank loan is secured by the W Austin Hotel & Residences project assets, which had a net book value of \$163.7 million at December 31, 2012.

The annual interest rate applicable to amounts borrowed under the Beal Bank loan agreement is The Wall Street Journal Prime Rate, as it changes from time to time, plus 6.75 percent. The outstanding principal is due at maturity on October 21, 2014.

Borrowed amounts may not be prepaid, in whole or in part, prior to July 2, 2013. Borrowed amounts may be prepaid in whole or in part after July 2, 2013, and on or prior to July 2, 2014, subject to a prepayment fee equal to one percent of the amount of principal being prepaid. Optional prepayments made after July 2, 2014, are not subject to prepayment premiums or fees. In addition, as and when residential condominium units at the W Austin Hotel & Residences project are sold, all net sales proceeds from the sale of the residential units and all net operating

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income (each as defined under the Beal Bank loan agreement) must be offered to Beal Bank as a principal prepayment under the loan agreement. Beal Bank, in its sole discretion, may at any time elect to accept or reject any offered prepayments.

The Beal Bank loan agreement, which was modified in March 2013 (See Note 13) contains customary financial covenants, including a requirement that Stratus maintain a minimum total stockholders' equity balance of \$120.0 million, and other restrictions Stratus' total stockholders equity balance was \$121.7 million at December 31, 2012. The full payment and performance obligations under the loan have been guaranteed by each of Stratus and Canyon-Johnson.

Comerica Credit Facility. Effective December 31, 2012, Stratus amended its credit facility, such that the existing \$45.0 million facility was replaced with a \$48.0 million credit facility, divided into three tranches as follows: (1) a \$35.0 million revolving line of credit, (2) \$3.0 million for letters of credit and (3) a \$10.0 million construction loan. The interest rate applicable to amounts borrowed under each loan is an annual rate of London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) plus 4.0 percent, with a minimum interest rate of 6.0 percent. The credit facility will mature on November 30, 2014. Stratus' obligations under the credit facility are secured by substantially all of Stratus' assets, except for properties that are encumbered by separate non-recourse permanent loan financing, and sets limitations on liens and transactions with affiliates and requires that certain financial ratios be maintained, including a requirement that Stratus maintain a minimum total stockholders' equity balance of \$120.0 million.

Under the terms of the credit facility, (1) any distributions received by Stratus from its investment in the W Austin Hotel & Residences Project shall be paid to Comerica and applied against the \$35.0 million revolving loan to the extent of any outstanding debt and (2) municipal utility district reimbursements and land sales proceeds directly related to Section N of Barton Creek shall be used to first repay the \$10.0 million construction loan, with any excess used to pay down the \$35.0 million revolving loan. Any amounts borrowed and repaid under the \$10.0 million construction loan will not be available for future advance to Stratus. At December 31, 2012, the aggregate principal balance outstanding under the revolving loan was \$26.6 million and no amounts were outstanding under the letter of credit tranche or the construction loan.

Unsecured Term Loans. Stratus has \$23.0 million of borrowings outstanding under five unsecured term loans with American Strategic Income Portfolio Inc. (ASIP, formerly First American Asset Management or FAAM), including two \$3.5 million loans, an \$8.0 million loan, a \$5.0 million loan and a \$3.0 million loan.

On September 10, 2012, Stratus extended and modified the ASIP loans effective as of September 1, 2012. On September 10, 2012, Stratus also paid in full the \$2.0 million unsecured term loan that was scheduled to mature on December 31, 2012, and the \$7.0 million unsecured term loan that was scheduled to mature on June 30, 2013. The Loan Modification Agreements reduced the interest rate, from 8.75 percent to 7.25 percent, and extended the maturity dates as follows:

| Lender                                      | Principal Balance | Former Maturity Date | Modified Maturity Date |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| American Strategic Income Portfolio Inc.-II | \$ 3,000,000      | 12/31/2012           | 12/31/2015             |
| American Select Portfolio Inc.              | 3,500,000         | 12/31/2012           | 12/31/2015             |
| American Strategic Income Portfolio Inc.-II | 8,000,000         | 6/30/2013            | 12/31/2016             |
| American Select Portfolio Inc.              | 5,000,000         | 12/31/2014           | 3/31/2015              |

|                                          |           |            |           |
|------------------------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| American Strategic Income Portfolio Inc. | 3,500,000 | 12/31/2014 | 3/31/2015 |
|------------------------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|

All other terms and conditions under each of the the loans remain unchanged, including the debt service coverage ratio covenant and the alternative covenant that requires Stratus to maintain total stockholders' equity of no less than \$120.0 million.

Parkside Village Loan. On May 17, 2011, the joint venture entered into a construction loan agreement and promissory note with Comerica Bank to finance the development of Parkside Village. Pursuant to the loan agreement, the joint venture may borrow up to an aggregate of \$13.7 million to fund the construction and development costs of Parkside Village. At Stratus' option, amounts borrowed will bear interest at a per annum rate equal to the base rate as defined in the loan agreement plus one percent or the LIBOR plus three percent. The loan agreement contains customary financial covenants and other restrictions.

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The outstanding principal balance of the note, together with all accrued and unpaid interest is due and payable on May 31, 2013. The loan may be prepaid in whole or in part at any time prior to maturity without penalty or premium. The loan may be extended for an additional one-year term upon its maturity. The loan is secured by a lien on the assets of the Parkside Village project, which had a net book value of \$15.0 million at December 31, 2012. The full payment and performance of the loan agreement is guaranteed by Stratus.

**Slaughter Term Loan.** Stratus has \$5.2 million of borrowings outstanding under a \$5.4 million term loan, which will mature in January 31, 2015. The Slaughter term loan is secured by 5700 Slaughter, which had a net book value of \$4.9 million at December 31, 2012. The applicable interest rate is 6.95 percent, and payments of principal and interest are due monthly.

**Barton Creek Village Term Loan.** Stratus has \$4.4 million of borrowings outstanding under a term loan, which will mature in April 1, 2014. The Barton Creek Village term loan is secured by Barton Creek Village, which had a net book value of \$5.2 million at December 31, 2012. The applicable interest rate is 6.25 percent, and payments of interest and principal are due monthly.

**Ford Loan.** On April 6, 2010, Stratus and Canyon-Johnson entered into a \$30.0 million loan with Hunter's Glen/Ford Investments I LLC (the Ford loan). In first-quarter 2012, Stratus fully repaid the Ford loan and generated operating cash flow, as defined in the profits interest agreement, which entitled Ford to a net profits interest of \$1.2 million, resulting in a charge to interest expense (before capitalized interest) of approximately \$1.2 million in first-quarter 2012. Stratus has no further obligation under the profits interest agreement.

**Maturities.** The following table summarizes our debt maturities as of December 31, 2012 (in thousands):

|                           | 2013     | 2014           | 2015     | 2016    | Total     |
|---------------------------|----------|----------------|----------|---------|-----------|
| Beal Bank Loan            | \$—      | \$67,670       | \$—      | \$—     | \$67,670  |
| Comerica Credit Facility  | —        | 26,612         | —        | —       | 26,612    |
| Unsecured Term Loans      | —        | —              | 15,000   | 8,000   | 23,000    |
| Parkside Village Loan     | 10,207   | <sup>a</sup> — | —        | —       | 10,207    |
| Slaughter Term Loan       | 89       | 95             | 4,978    | —       | 5,162     |
| Barton Creek Village Loan | 101      | 4,283          | —        | —       | 4,384     |
| Total                     | \$10,397 | \$98,660       | \$19,978 | \$8,000 | \$137,035 |

a. Loan may be extended for an additional one-year term upon its maturity in May 2013.

## 8. Income Taxes

The components of deferred income taxes follow (in thousands):

|                                                       | December 31,<br>2012 | 2011     |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------|
| Deferred tax assets and liabilities:                  |                      |          |
| Real estate, commercial leasing assets and facilities | \$4,442              | \$3,931  |
| Alternative minimum tax credits (no expiration)       | 820                  | 820      |
| Employee benefit accruals                             | 551                  | 523      |
| Accrued liabilities                                   | 75                   | 63       |
| Other assets                                          | 5,744                | 3,433    |
| Net operating loss credit carryforwards               | 2,201                | 4,734    |
| Other liabilities                                     | (48)                 | (373)    |
| Valuation allowance                                   | (13,491)             | (12,978) |
| Deferred tax assets, net                              | \$294                | \$153    |

Stratus' deferred tax assets (net of deferred tax liabilities) before any valuation allowances totaled \$13.8 million at December 31, 2012, and \$13.1 million at December 31, 2011. In evaluating the recoverability of these deferred tax assets, Stratus considered available positive and negative evidence, giving greater weight to the recent losses, the absence of taxable income in the carry back period and uncertainty regarding projected future financial results. As a result, Stratus concluded that there was not sufficient positive evidence supporting the realizability of its deferred tax assets beyond an amount totaling \$0.3 million at December 31, 2012, and \$0.2 million at December 31, 2011, and Stratus recorded charges totaling \$0.5 million in 2012 and \$2.5 million in 2011 to the provision for income taxes to provide additional valuation allowances.

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Stratus' future results of operations may be negatively impacted by its inability to realize a tax benefit for future tax losses or for items that will generate additional deferred tax assets. Stratus' future results of operations may be favorably impacted by reversals of valuation allowances if Stratus is able to demonstrate sufficient positive evidence that its deferred tax assets will be realized.

Stratus' income tax provision consists of the following (in thousands):

|                            | Years Ended December 31, |           |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|
|                            | 2012                     | 2011      |
| Current                    | \$ (778                  | ) \$ (632 |
| Deferred                   | 142                      | (19       |
| Provision for income taxes | \$ (636                  | ) \$ (651 |

Excess tax benefits related to option exercises and vesting of restricted stock units cannot be recognized until realized through a reduction of current taxes payable. Stratus' deferred tax asset related to the U.S. net operating loss carry forwards at December 31, 2012, did not include an additional \$5.0 million of net operating losses in relation to excess tax benefits on stock option exercises and restricted stock units vested beginning in 2007 because these benefits have not yet been realized. At December 31, 2012, excluding these losses, Stratus had net operating loss carryforwards of approximately \$6.3 million that expire between 2028 and 2031.

Stratus adopted the provisions of FASB ASC 740-10-25 (formerly FASB Interpretations No. 48, "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes") on January 1, 2007. During 2012, Stratus recorded an unrecognized tax benefit of \$0.6 million related to state income tax filing positions. A summary of unrecognized tax benefits as of December 31, 2012, and changes during the year ended December 31, 2012, follows:

|                                                         | 2012   |
|---------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Balance at January 1                                    | \$ —   |
| Additions for tax positions related to the current year | 252    |
| Additions for tax positions related to prior years      | 310    |
| Balance at December 31                                  | \$ 562 |

As of December 31, 2012, there was \$0.6 million of unrecognized tax benefits that if recognized would affect Stratus' annual effective tax rate. Stratus does not expect its unrecognized tax benefits to change significantly over the next 12 months.

Stratus adopted the policy to include interest and penalty expense related to income taxes as interest and other expense, respectively. As of December 31, 2012, less than \$0.1 million of interest expenses have been accrued.

Stratus records liabilities offsetting the tax provision benefits of uncertain tax positions to the extent it estimates that a tax position is not more likely than not to be sustained upon examination by the taxing authorities. Stratus had no unrecognized tax benefits relating to uncertain tax positions as of December 31, 2012. Stratus has elected to classify any interest expense and penalties related to income taxes within income tax expense in its consolidated statements of operations.

Stratus files income tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction and state jurisdictions. With few exceptions, Stratus is no longer subject to U.S. federal income tax examinations by tax authorities for the years prior to 2008, and state income tax examinations for the years prior to 2007.



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Reconciliations of the income tax benefit computed at the federal statutory tax rate and the recorded income tax provision follow (dollars in thousands):

|                                                                      | Years Ended December 31, |         | 2011      |         |    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------|-----------|---------|----|
|                                                                      | 2012                     |         | 2011      |         |    |
|                                                                      | Amount                   | Percent | Amount    | Percent |    |
| Income tax benefit computed at the federal statutory income tax rate | \$1,256                  | 35      | % \$1,474 | 35      | %  |
| Adjustments attributable to:                                         |                          |         |           |         |    |
| Change in valuation allowance                                        | (513                     | ) (14   | )% (2,468 | ) (59   | )% |
| Noncontrolling interests                                             | (954                     | ) (27   | )% 1,804  | 43      | %  |
| Equity in unconsolidated affiliate's loss                            | 10                       | —       | % 118     | 3       | %  |
| State taxes and other, net                                           | (435                     | ) (12   | )% (1,579 | ) (37   | )% |
| Income tax provision                                                 | \$(636                   | ) (18   | )% \$(651 | ) (15   | )% |

Stratus paid federal and state income taxes totaling \$0.1 million in 2012 and 2011. Stratus did not receive refunds of federal or state income taxes in 2012 and 2011.

### 9. Stock-Based Compensation, Equity Transactions and Employee Benefits

**Stock-Based Compensation Plans.** Stratus currently has three stock-based compensation plans. Two of these plans have awards available for grant. In August 2010, Stratus' shareholders approved the 2010 Stock Incentive Plan, which provides for the issuance of stock-based compensation awards, including stock options and restricted stock units, relating to 140,000 shares of Stratus common stock, that are issuable to Stratus employees and non-employee directors. Stratus' 1996 Stock Option Plan for Non-Employee Directors provides for the issuance of stock options only. Stratus common stock issued upon option exercises or restricted stock unit vestings represent newly issued shares of stock. Awards with respect to 56,875 shares under the 2010 Stock Incentive Plan and 2,500 shares under the 1996 Stock Option Plan for Non-Employee Directors were available for new grants as of December 31, 2012.

**Stock-Based Compensation Costs.** Compensation costs charged against earnings for stock-based awards are shown below (in thousands). Stock-based compensation costs are capitalized when appropriate. Stratus' estimated forfeiture rate used in estimating stock-based compensation costs for stock options was 2.8 percent and for restricted stock units was zero percent for the years presented below.

|                                                          | Years Ended December 31, |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------|
|                                                          | 2012                     | 2011  |
| Stock options awarded to employees (including directors) | \$28                     | \$57  |
| Restricted stock units awarded to employees              | 241                      | 365   |
| Impact on net loss before income taxes                   | \$269                    | \$422 |

**Options.** Stock options granted under the plans generally expire 10 years after the date of grant and vest in 25 percent annual increments beginning one year from the date of grant. The plans and award agreements provide that participants will receive the following year's vesting after retirement and provide for accelerated vesting if there is a change of control (as defined in the plans). A summary of stock options outstanding as of December 31, 2012, and changes during the year ended December 31, 2012, follows:

|                      | Number of Options | Weighted Average Option Price | Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term (years) | Aggregate Intrinsic Value (\$000) |
|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Balance at January 1 | 101,000           | \$16.65                       |                                                     |                                   |

|                                       |        |        |     |        |
|---------------------------------------|--------|--------|-----|--------|
| Granted                               | —      | —      |     |        |
| Exercised                             | (5,250 | ) 8.26 |     |        |
| Forfeited                             | (3,750 | ) 9.00 |     |        |
| Balance at December 31                | 92,000 | 17.45  | 3.6 | \$12.8 |
| Vested and exercisable at December 31 | 84,500 | 18.19  | 3.2 | \$10.0 |

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A summary of stock options outstanding and changes during the year ended December 31, 2011, follows:

|                        | 2011                    |                                        |
|------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------------|
|                        | Number<br>of<br>Options | Weighted<br>Average<br>Option<br>Price |
| Balance at January 1   | 93,500                  | \$ 17.19                               |
| Granted                | 7,500                   | 9.99                                   |
| Exercised              | —                       | —                                      |
| Expired                | —                       | —                                      |
| Balance at December 31 | 101,000                 | 16.65                                  |

The fair value of each option award is estimated on the date of grant using a Black-Scholes option valuation model. Expected volatility is based on the historical volatility of Stratus' stock. Stratus estimates its expected life of options using historical data to estimate option exercises and forfeitures. When appropriate, employees who have similar historical exercise behavior are grouped for valuation purposes. The risk-free interest rate is based on Federal Reserve rates in effect for bonds with maturity dates equal to the expected term of the option at the date of grant. Stratus has not paid, and has no current plan to pay, cash dividends on its common stock. The following table summarizes the number of stock options granted, the calculated fair value and assumptions used to determine the fair value of Stratus' stock option awards during 2011. There were no stock options granted during 2012.

|                                          | 2011   |   |
|------------------------------------------|--------|---|
| Options granted                          | 7,500  |   |
| Grant-date fair value per stock option   | \$6.91 |   |
| Expected and weighted average volatility | 76.2   | % |
| Expected life of options (in years)      | 6.7    |   |
| Risk-free interest rate                  | 1.5    | % |

The intrinsic value of options exercised during 2012 was less than \$0.1 million. There were zero stock option exercises during 2011. Vested stock options totaled 7,500 during 2012 and 2011 with weighted-average grant-date fair values of \$8.30 per option and \$10.65 per option, respectively. As of December 31, 2012, there were 7,500 stock options unvested with a weighted-average grant-date fair value of \$6.31 per option. As of December 31, 2012, Stratus had less than \$0.1 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested stock options expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 1.1 years.

The following table includes amounts related to exercises of stock options and vesting of restricted stock units for the years ended December 31, 2012, and 2011 (in thousands, except Stratus shares tendered):

|                                                                                                  | 2012  | 2011  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Stratus shares tendered to pay the exercise price and/or the minimum required taxes <sup>a</sup> | 4,883 | 8,531 |
| Cash received from stock option exercises                                                        | \$43  | \$—   |
| Amounts Stratus paid for employee taxes                                                          | \$2   | \$88  |

<sup>a</sup> Under terms of the related plans, upon exercise of stock options and vesting of restricted stock units, employees may tender shares of Stratus common stock to Stratus to pay the exercise price and/or the minimum required taxes.

**Restricted Stock Units.** Restricted stock units granted under the plans provide for the issuance of common stock to certain officers of Stratus at no cost to the officers. The restricted stock units are converted into shares of Stratus common stock ratably and generally vest in one-quarter increments over the four years following the grant date. The awards fully vest upon retirement and upon a change of control.



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A summary of outstanding unvested restricted stock units as of December 31, 2012, and activity during the year ended December 31, 2012, is presented below:

|                        | Number of<br>Restricted<br>Stock Units | Aggregate<br>Intrinsic<br>Value<br>(\$000) |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Balance at January 1   | 62,500                                 |                                            |
| Granted                | 40,500                                 |                                            |
| Vested                 | (20,000)                               | )                                          |
| Balance at December 31 | 83,000                                 | \$ 706                                     |

The total grant date fair value of restricted stock units granted during the year ended December 31, 2012, was \$0.4 million. The total intrinsic value of restricted stock units vesting during the year ended December 31, 2012, was \$0.2 million. As of December 31, 2012, Stratus had \$0.5 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested restricted stock units expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.8 years.

**Share Purchase Program.** In 2001, Stratus' Board of Directors authorized an open market stock purchase program for up to 0.7 million shares of Stratus' common stock. The purchases may occur over time depending on many factors, including the market price of Stratus stock; Stratus' operating results, cash flow and financial position; and general economic and market conditions. Purchases under this program include 47,500 shares for \$0.3 million (an average of \$6.46 per share) in 2011, which Stratus purchased in private transactions. As of December 31, 2012, 113,645 shares remain available under this program. Stratus' modified unsecured term loans prohibit common stock purchases while any of the loans are outstanding (see Note 7 for further discussion); however, Stratus obtained approval from the lender for the purchases in 2011. Stratus' \$48.0 million amended credit facility allows Stratus to purchase up to \$1.0 million of its outstanding common stock (\$1.0 million available at December 31, 2012). See Note 13 for purchases made subsequent to December 31, 2012.

**Employee Benefits.** Stratus maintains 401(k) defined contribution plans subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The 401(k) plans provide for an employer matching contribution equal to 100 percent of the participant's contribution, subject to a limit of 5 percent of the participant's annual salary. Stratus' policy is to make an additional safe harbor contribution equal to 3 percent of each participant's total compensation for corporate employees and 4 percent for ACL Live employees. The 401(k) plans also provide for discretionary contributions. Stratus' contributions to the 401(k) plans totaled \$0.3 million in 2012 and \$0.4 million in 2011.

#### 10. Commitments and Contingencies

**Construction Contracts.** Stratus had commitments under noncancelable construction contracts totaling \$1.3 million at December 31, 2012. These commitments primarily included contracts totaling approximately \$1.0 million for infrastructure work in connection with Section N at Barton Creek.

**Guarantees.** At December 31, 2012, Stratus guarantees \$1.1 million of the \$4.2 million of outstanding debt at Crestview Station (see Note 6). Stratus also had guarantees related to the W Austin Hotel & Residences project (see Note 2).

**Letters of Credit.** As of December 31, 2012, Stratus had letters of credit committed totaling \$2.9 million under its credit facility with Comerica.

**Rental Income.** As of December 31, 2012, Stratus' minimum rental income, which includes scheduled rent increases under noncancelable long-term leases which extend through 2025, totaled \$3.6 million in 2013, \$3.8 million in 2014, \$3.7 million in 2015, \$3.5 million in 2016, \$3.3 million in 2017 and \$17.6 million thereafter.

**Operating Lease.** As of December 31, 2012, Stratus' minimum annual contractual payments under its noncancelable long-term operating leases total \$0.1 million in 2013 and less than \$0.1 million in 2014 and 2015. Total expense under Stratus' operating leases amounted to \$0.1 million in 2012 and 2011.

**Circle C Settlement.** On August 1, 2002, the City of Austin (the City) granted final approval of a development agreement (the Circle C settlement) and permanent zoning for Stratus' real estate located within the Circle C

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community in southwest Austin. The Circle C settlement firmly established all essential municipal development regulations applicable to Stratus' Circle C properties for thirty years. The City also provided Stratus \$15 million of development fee credits, which are in the form of Credit Bank capacity, in connection with its future development of its Circle C and other Austin-area properties for waivers of fees and reimbursement for certain infrastructure costs. In addition, Stratus can elect to sell up to \$1.5 million of the incentives per year to other developers for their use in paying City fees related to their projects as long as the projects are within the desired development zone, as defined within the Circle C settlement. To the extent Stratus sells the incentives to other developers, Stratus recognizes the income from the sale when title is transferred and compensation is received. As of December 31, 2012, Stratus has permanently used \$11.1 million of its City-based development fee credits, including cumulative amounts sold to third parties totaling \$5.0 million. Fee credits used for the development of Stratus' properties effectively reduce the basis of the related properties and defer recognition of any gain associated with the use of the fees until the affected properties are sold. Stratus also has \$1.4 million in Credit Bank capacity in use as temporary fiscal deposits as of December 31, 2012. Available Credit Bank capacity was \$2.5 million at December 31, 2012.

**Environmental Regulations.** Stratus has made, and will continue to make, expenditures for protection of the environment. Increasing emphasis on environmental matters can be expected to result in additional costs, which will be charged against Stratus' operations in future periods. Present and future environmental laws and regulations applicable to Stratus' operations may require substantial capital expenditures that could adversely affect the development of its real estate interests or may affect its operations in other ways that cannot be accurately predicted at this time.

**Litigation.** Stratus may from time to time be involved in various legal proceedings of a character normally incident to the ordinary course of its business. Stratus believes that potential liability from any of these pending or threatened proceedings will not have a material adverse effect on Stratus' financial condition or results of operations.

### 11. Business Segments

Stratus currently has four operating segments: Real Estate Operations, Hotel, Entertainment Venue and Commercial Leasing.

The Real Estate Operations segment is comprised of Stratus' real estate assets (developed, under development and undeveloped), which consists of its properties in the Barton Creek community, the Circle C community and Lantana, and the condominium units at the W Austin Hotel & Residences project.

The Hotel segment includes the W Austin Hotel located at the W Austin Hotel & Residences project.

The Entertainment Venue segment includes ACL Live, a live music and entertainment venue and production studio at the W Austin Hotel & Residences project. In addition to hosting concerts and private events, this venue is the new home of Austin City Limits, a television program showcasing popular music legends. The entertainment venue segment also includes revenues and costs associated with events hosted at other venues, and the results of the Stageside Productions joint venture (see Note 2 for further discussion).

The Commercial Leasing segment includes the office and retail space at the W Austin Hotel & Residences project, a retail building and a bank building in Barton Creek Village and 5700 Slaughter and the Parkside Village project in the Circle C community. In February 2012, Stratus sold the two office buildings at 7500 Rialto Boulevard (7500 Rialto). Accordingly, the operating results for 7500 Rialto are reported as discontinued operations in the table below (see Note 12).

Stratus uses operating income or loss to measure the performance of each segment. Stratus allocates parent company general and administrative expenses that do not directly relate to an operating segment between the Real Estate Operations and Commercial Leasing segments based on projected annual revenues for each segment. General and administrative expenses related to the W Austin Hotel & Residences project are allocated to the real estate operations, hotel, entertainment venue and commercial leasing segments based on projected annual revenues for the W Austin Hotel & Residences project. Prior year general and administrative expense allocations have been revised to exclude the results of 7500 Rialto. Additionally, prior year amounts for individual segments have been revised to reflect intersegment transactions. The following segment information reflects management's determinations that may not be indicative of what actual financial performance of each segment would be if it were an independent entity.

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Segment data presented below were prepared on the same basis as Stratus' consolidated financial statements (in thousands).

|                                       | Real Estate<br>Operations <sup>a</sup> | Hotel     | Entertainment<br>Venue | Commercial<br>Leasing | Eliminations<br>and Other <sup>b</sup> | Total       |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------|
| Year Ended December 31, 2012:         |                                        |           |                        |                       |                                        |             |
| Revenues:                             |                                        |           |                        |                       |                                        |             |
| Unaffiliated customers                | \$62,114                               | \$35,402  | \$13,799               | \$4,422               | \$—                                    | \$115,737   |
| Intersegment                          | 51                                     | 242       | 65                     | 463                   | (821)                                  | ) —         |
| Cost of sales, excluding depreciation | 56,245                                 | 26,883    | 12,205                 | 2,231                 | (305)                                  | ) 97,259    |
| Depreciation                          | 289                                    | 6,222     | 1,268                  | 1,531                 | (145)                                  | ) 9,165     |
| General and administrative expenses   | 5,246                                  | 335       | 130                    | 1,313                 | (492)                                  | ) 6,532     |
| Operating income (loss)               | \$385                                  | \$2,204   | \$261                  | \$(190)               | ) \$121                                | \$2,781     |
| Income from discontinued operations   | \$—                                    | \$—       | \$—                    | \$4,805               | \$—                                    | \$4,805     |
| Capital expenditures                  | \$8,591                                | \$64      | \$200                  | \$4,731               | \$—                                    | \$13,586    |
| Total assets at December 31, 2012     | \$175,250                              | \$119,052 | \$43,572               | \$48,516              | \$(7,262)                              | ) \$379,128 |
| Year Ended December 31, 2011:         |                                        |           |                        |                       |                                        |             |
| Revenues:                             |                                        |           |                        |                       |                                        |             |
| Unaffiliated customers                | \$97,651                               | \$28,100  | \$9,010                | \$2,275               | \$—                                    | \$137,036   |
| Intersegment                          | —                                      | 272       | 60                     | 402                   | (734)                                  | ) —         |
| Cost of sales, excluding depreciation | 86,245                                 | 24,552    | 9,118                  | 1,506                 | (292)                                  | ) 121,129   |
| Depreciation                          | 248                                    | 5,565     | 1,058                  | 824                   | (122)                                  | ) 7,573     |
| General and administrative expenses   | 5,900                                  | 46        | 15                     | 1,095                 | (403)                                  | ) 6,653     |
| Operating income (loss)               | \$5,258                                | \$(1,791) | ) \$(1,121)            | ) \$(748)             | ) \$83                                 | \$1,681     |
| Income from discontinued operations   | \$—                                    | \$—       | \$—                    | \$191                 | \$—                                    | \$191       |
| Capital expenditures                  | \$58,590                               | \$6,370   | \$4,985                | \$6,303               | \$—                                    | \$76,248    |
| Total assets at December 31, 2011     | \$209,956                              | \$123,718 | \$42,080               | \$52,647              | <sup>c</sup> \$(6,796)                 | ) \$421,605 |

a. Includes sales commissions and other revenues together with related expenses.

b. Includes eliminations of intersegment amounts, including the deferred development fee income between Stratus and the joint venture with Canyon-Johnson (see Note 2).

c. Includes assets from discontinued operations of 7500 Rialto, which Stratus sold on February 27, 2012, totaling \$16.9 million.

## 12. Discontinued Operations

On February 27, 2012, Stratus sold 7500 Rialto to Lincoln Properties and Greenfield Partners (Lincoln Properties) for \$27.0 million. Lincoln Properties paid Stratus \$6.7 million (\$5.7 million net to Stratus after closing and other costs) in cash and assumed Stratus' outstanding nonrecourse debt (the Lantana Promissory Note) of \$20.3 million secured by the property. Stratus is providing a limited guaranty of debt service and other obligations on the Lantana Promissory Note up to \$5.0 million, which will be reduced by \$2.5 million on May 1, 2016, until January 1, 2018 (the maturity date for the Lantana Promissory Note). Stratus recognized \$5.1 million of its \$10.1 million gain on the sale in first-quarter 2012 and expects the balance to be recorded as its obligations under the limited guaranty are relieved.

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The operating results and assets and liabilities for 7500 Rialto are presented in the financial statements as discontinued operations. The operations of 7500 Rialto previously represented a component of the Commercial Leasing segment (see Note 11). The following table presents the results of operations for 7500 Rialto up to and including the sale in February 2012 (in thousands):

|                                                                  | Years Ended December 31, |         |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------|
|                                                                  | 2012                     | 2011    |
| Revenues                                                         | \$287                    | \$3,400 |
| Rental property costs                                            | (370)                    | (1,850) |
| Depreciation                                                     | —                        | (853)   |
| Interest expense <sup>a</sup>                                    | (198)                    | (1,260) |
| Gain on sale                                                     | 5,146                    | —       |
| Provision for income taxes                                       | (60)                     | (33)    |
| Income (loss) from 7500 Rialto                                   | 4,805                    | (596)   |
| Interest capitalized by Stratus to other properties <sup>b</sup> | —                        | 787     |
| Income from discontinued operations                              | \$4,805                  | \$191   |

a. Relates to interest on the Lantana Promissory Note and does not include any additional allocations of interest.

b. Stratus capitalized interest cost on the Lantana Promissory Note to other development projects.

The assets and liabilities for 7500 Rialto are shown below (in thousands):

|                                 | December 31, 2011 |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Assets:                         |                   |
| Cash and cash equivalents       | \$390             |
| Real estate held for investment | 15,193            |
| Other assets                    | 1,346             |
| Total assets                    | 16,929            |
| Liabilities:                    |                   |
| Accounts payable                | 64                |
| Accrued liabilities             | 947               |
| Deposits                        | 205               |
| Debt                            | 20,367            |
| Total liabilities               | 21,583            |
| Net liabilities                 | \$(4,654)         |

### 13. Subsequent Events

Stratus' modified unsecured term loans prohibit common stock purchases while any of the loans are outstanding; however, approval was obtained from the lender for purchases made in 2013. From January 1, 2013, through March 15, 2013, Stratus purchased 36,884 shares of common stock for \$0.4 million or \$10.06 per share.

Effective March 21, 2013, Stratus entered into a modification agreement of the Amended and Restated Guaranty Agreement (the Guaranty), by and among (1) the CJUF II Stratus Block 21 LLC, a joint venture between Stratus and Canyon-Johnson, (2) Stratus and Canyon-Johnson and (3) Beal Bank. The agreement reduces the amount of the total stockholders' equity required to be maintained by Stratus as required under the Guaranty from \$120.0 million to \$110.0 million. All other terms and conditions remain the same.

Stratus evaluated events after December 31, 2012, and through the date the financial statements were issued, and determined any events or transactions occurring during this period that would require recognition or disclosure are

appropriately addressed in these financial statements.

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Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure  
Not applicable.

Item 9A. Controls and Procedures

(a) Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures. Our chief executive officer and chief financial officer, with the participation of management, have evaluated the effectiveness of our “disclosure controls and procedures” (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) or 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) as of the end of the period covered by this annual report on Form 10-K. Based on their evaluation, they have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective as of the end of the period covered by this report.

(b) Changes in internal controls. There has been no change in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the quarter ended December 31, 2012, that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect our internal control over financial reporting.

(c) Management's annual report on internal control over financial reporting is included in Item 8. “Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.”

Item 9B. Other Information

Not applicable.

PART III

Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance

Information required by this item will be contained in our definitive proxy statement to be filed with the SEC pursuant to Regulation 14A relating to our 2013 annual meeting of stockholders and is incorporated herein by reference. The information required by Item 10. regarding our executive officers appears in a separately captioned heading after Item 4. in Part I of this report on Form 10-K.

Item 11. Executive Compensation

Information required by this item will be contained in our definitive proxy statement to be filed with the SEC pursuant to Regulation 14A relating to our 2013 annual meeting of stockholders and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters

Information required by this item will be contained in our definitive proxy statement to be filed with the SEC pursuant to Regulation 14A relating to our 2013 annual meeting of stockholders and is incorporated herein by reference.

Equity Compensation Plan Information as of December 31, 2012

We have equity compensation plans pursuant to which our common stock may be issued to employees and non-employees as compensation. All of our outstanding equity compensation plans were previously approved by our stockholders, and only two of these plans had shares available for grant as of December 31, 2012: the 2010 Stock Incentive Plan and the 1996 Stock Option Plan for Non-Employee Directors. The following table presents information regarding these equity compensation plans as of December 31, 2012:

| Number of Securities<br>To be Issued Upon<br>Exercise of | Weighted-Average<br>Exercise Price of | Number of Securities<br>Remaining Available for<br>Future Issuance Under |
|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|

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|                                                               | Outstanding Options,<br>Warrants and Rights<br>(a) | Outstanding<br>Options,<br>Warrants and<br>Rights<br>(b) | Equity Compensation Plans<br>(Excluding Securities<br>Reflected in Column (a))<br>(c) |              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Equity compensation plans<br>approved by security holders     | 175,000                                            | <sup>a</sup> \$ 17.45                                    | 59,375                                                                                | <sup>b</sup> |
| Equity compensation plans not<br>approved by security holders | N/A                                                | N/A                                                      | N/A                                                                                   |              |
| Total                                                         | 175,000                                            | <sup>a</sup> 17.45                                       | 59,375                                                                                | <sup>b</sup> |

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The number of securities to be issued upon the exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights includes shares (1) issuable upon the vesting of 83,000 restricted stock units. These awards are not reflected in column (b) as they do not have an exercise price.

As of December 31, 2012, there were 56,875 shares remaining available for future issuance to Stratus employees and non-employee directors under the 2010 Stock Incentive Plan, all of which could be issued pursuant to awards (2) of stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, restricted stock units or "other stock-based awards."

There were 2,500 shares remaining available for future issuance of stock options to our non-employee directors under the 1996 Stock Option Plan for Non-Employee Directors.

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Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence

Information required by this item will be contained in our definitive proxy statement to be filed with the SEC pursuant to Regulation 14A relating to our 2013 annual meeting of stockholders and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 14. Principal Accounting Fees and Services

Information required by this item will be contained in our definitive proxy statement to be filed with the SEC pursuant to Regulation 14A relating to our 2013 annual meeting of stockholders and is incorporated herein by reference.

PART IV

Item 15. Exhibits, Financial Statement Schedules

(a)(1). Financial Statements.

Consolidated Balance Sheets, page 31.

Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Loss, page 32.

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, page 33.

Consolidated Statements of Equity, page 34.

(a)(2). Financial Statement Schedule.

Schedule III-Real Estate, Commercial Leasing Assets and Facilities and Accumulated Depreciation, page F-2.

(a)(3). Exhibits.

Reference is made to the Exhibit Index beginning on page E-1 hereof.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

STRATUS PROPERTIES INC.

By: /s/ William H. Armstrong III  
William H. Armstrong III  
Chairman of the Board, President  
and Chief Executive Officer

Date: March 28, 2013

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

|                              |                                                                                                  |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| /s/ William H. Armstrong III | Chairman of the Board, President<br>and Chief Executive Officer<br>(Principal Executive Officer) |
| William H. Armstrong III     |                                                                                                  |

|                 |                                                                                       |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| *               | Senior Vice President<br>and Chief Financial Officer<br>(Principal Financial Officer) |
| Erin D. Pickens |                                                                                       |

|                         |                                                                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| *                       | Vice President and Controller<br>(Principal Accounting Officer) |
| C. Donald Whitmire, Jr. |                                                                 |

|                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|
| *               | Director |
| James C. Leslie |          |

|                   |          |
|-------------------|----------|
| *                 | Director |
| Michael D. Madden |          |

|                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| *                     | Director |
| William H. Lenehan IV |          |

|                   |          |
|-------------------|----------|
| *                 | Director |
| Charles W. Porter |          |

\*By: /s/ William H. Armstrong III  
William H. Armstrong III  
Attorney-in-Fact

Date: March 28, 2013

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The schedule listed below should be read in conjunction with the financial statements of Stratus contained elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| Schedule III-Real Estate, Commercial Leasing Assets<br>and Facilities and Accumulated Depreciation | F-2  |

Schedules other than the one listed above have been omitted since they are either not required, not applicable or the required information is included in the financial statements or notes thereto.

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## STRATUS PROPERTIES INC.

## REAL ESTATE, COMMERCIAL LEASING ASSETS AND FACILITIES AND ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION

December 31, 2012

(In Thousands, except Number of Lots and Acres)

## SCHEDULE III

|                                                            | Initial Cost |                           | Cost                             | Gross Amounts at |                           |          | Number of      |       | Accumulated | Year |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|----------|----------------|-------|-------------|------|
|                                                            | Land         | Bldg. and<br>Improvements | Subsequent<br>to<br>Acquisitions | Land             | Bldg. and<br>Improvements | Total    | Lots/<br>Units | Acres |             |      |
| Real Estate Held<br>for Sale <sup>a</sup>                  |              |                           |                                  |                  |                           |          |                |       |             |      |
| Barton Creek,<br>Austin, TX                                | \$453        | \$—                       | \$14,476                         | \$14,929         | \$—                       | \$14,929 | 90             | —     | \$—         | 1988 |
| W Austin Hotel &<br>Residences,<br>Austin, TX              | 2,257        | —                         | 43,058                           | 45,315           | —                         | 45,315   | 41             | —     | —           | 2006 |
| Real Estate Under<br>Development <sup>b,c</sup>            |              |                           |                                  |                  |                           |          |                |       |             |      |
| Barton Creek,<br>Austin, TX                                | 5,281        | —                         | 24,903                           | 30,184           | —                         | 30,184   | —              | 617   | —           | 1988 |
| Circle C, Austin,<br>TX                                    | 93           | —                         | 1,318                            | 1,411            | —                         | 1,411    | —              | 23    | —           | 1992 |
| Land Available<br>for<br>Development <sup>c,d</sup>        |              |                           |                                  |                  |                           |          |                |       |             |      |
| Camino Real, San<br>Antonio, TX                            | 16           | —                         | (16 )                            | —                | —                         | —        | —              | 2     | —           | 1990 |
| Barton Creek,<br>Austin, TX                                | 7,321        | —                         | 25,549                           | 32,870           | —                         | 32,870   | —              | 804   | —           | 1988 |
| Circle C, Austin,<br>TX                                    | 4,414        | —                         | 8,065                            | 12,479           | —                         | 12,479   | —              | 467   | —           | 1992 |
| Lantana, Austin,<br>TX                                     | 413          | —                         | 3,807                            | 4,220            | —                         | 4,220    | —              | 72    | —           | 1994 |
| Real Estate Held<br>for Investment <sup>b,c</sup>          |              |                           |                                  |                  |                           |          |                |       |             |      |
| W Austin Hotel &<br>Residences,<br>Austin, TX <sup>e</sup> | 8,075        | 170,723                   | —                                | 8,075            | 170,723                   | 178,798  | —              | —     | 15,131      | 2006 |
| Barton Creek<br>Village, Austin,<br>TX <sup>f</sup>        | 55           | 6,378                     | —                                | 55               | 6,378                     | 6,433    | —              | —     | 1,256       | 2007 |
| 5700 Slaughter,<br>Austin, TX <sup>g</sup>                 | 969          | 4,897                     | —                                | 969              | 4,897                     | 5,866    | —              | —     | 921         | 2008 |
|                                                            | 572          | 14,494                    | —                                | 572              | 14,494                    | 15,066   | —              | —     | 469         | 1992 |

Parkside Village,  
Austin, TX<sup>h</sup>

|                      |          |           |           |           |           |           |     |       |          |
|----------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----|-------|----------|
| Corporate offices, — | 1,549    | —         | —         | 1,549     | 1,549     | —         | —   | 603   | N/A      |
| Austin, TX           |          |           |           |           |           |           |     |       |          |
| Total                | \$29,919 | \$198,041 | \$121,160 | \$151,079 | \$198,041 | \$349,120 | 131 | 1,985 | \$18,380 |

a. Includes individual tracts of land that have been developed and permitted for residential use, condominium units at our W Austin Hotel & Residences project or developed lots with homes already built on them.

b. Includes real estate that is currently being developed or has received the necessary permits to be developed.

c. See Note 7 included in Item 8. of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for description of assets securing debt.

d. Undeveloped real estate that can be sold “as is” or will be developed in the future as additional permitting is obtained.

e. Consists of a 251-room hotel, entertainment venue, and office and retail space at the W Austin Hotel & Residences project.

f. Consists of a 22,366-square-foot retail complex representing phase one of Barton Creek Village and a 3,085-square-foot bank building.

g. Consists of a 89,641-square-foot retail complex under development in the Circle C community.

h. Consists of two retail buildings totaling 21,248 square feet and a 4,450-square-foot bank building at the 5700 Slaughter retail complex in Circle C.

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Notes to Schedule III

## (1) Reconciliation of Real Estate, Commercial Leasing Assets and Facilities:

The changes in real estate, commercial leasing assets and facilities for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 are as follows (in thousands):

|                            | 2012      | 2011      |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Balance, beginning of year | \$384,610 | \$403,197 |
| Improvements and other     | 9,320     | 52,036    |
| Cost of real estate sold   | (44,810)  | (70,623)  |
| Balance, end of year       | \$349,120 | \$384,610 |

The aggregate net book value for federal income tax purposes as of December 31, 2012 was \$363.0 million.

## (2) Reconciliation of Accumulated Depreciation:

The changes in accumulated depreciation for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 are as follows (in thousands):

|                            | 2012     | 2011    |
|----------------------------|----------|---------|
| Balance, beginning of year | \$9,494  | \$1,997 |
| Retirement of assets       | (279)    | (76)    |
| Depreciation expense       | 9,165    | 7,573   |
| Balance, end of year       | \$18,380 | \$9,494 |

Depreciation of buildings and improvements is calculated over estimated lives of 30 to 40 years.

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| Exhibit Number | Exhibit Title                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Filed with this Form 10-K | Incorporated by Reference |           |            |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|------------|
|                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                           | Form                      | File No.  | Date Filed |
| 3.1            | Composite Certificate of Incorporation of Stratus.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                           | 8-A                       | 000-19989 | 8/26/2010  |
| 3.2            | By-laws of Stratus, as amended as of November 6, 2007.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                           | 10-Q                      | 000-19989 | 8/11/2008  |
| 4.1            | Amended and Restated Rights Agreement dated as of April 13, 2012, between Stratus and Computershare Shareowner Services, LLC, as Rights Agent, which includes the Form of Certificate of Designations of Series C Participating Cumulative Preferred Stock, the Form of Right Certificate, and the Summary of Rights. |                           | 8-K                       | 000-19989 | 4/18/2012  |
| 4.2            | Investor Rights Agreement by and between Stratus Properties Inc. and Moffett Holdings, LLC. dated as of March 15, 2012.                                                                                                                                                                                               |                           | 8-K                       | 000-19989 | 3/20/2012  |
| 10.1           | Loan Agreement by and among Stratus Properties Inc., Stratus Properties Operating Co., L.P., Circle C Land, L.P., Austin 290 Properties, Inc., and Comerica Bank dated as of December 31, 2012.                                                                                                                       |                           | 8-K                       | 000-19989 | 1/7/2013   |
| <u>10.2</u>    | Promissory Note by and between Stratus Properties Inc., Stratus Properties Operating Co., L.P., Circle C Land, L.P., Austin 290 Properties, Inc., and Comerica Bank dated as of December 31, 2012 (\$35.0 million revolving line of credit).                                                                          | X                         |                           |           |            |
| <u>10.3</u>    | Promissory Note by and between Stratus Properties Inc., Stratus Properties Operating Co., L.P., Circle C Land, L.P., Austin 290 Properties, Inc., and Comerica Bank dated as of December 31 2012 (\$3.0 million letters of credit).                                                                                   | X                         |                           |           |            |
| <u>10.4</u>    | Promissory Note by and between Stratus Properties Inc., Stratus Properties Operating Co., L.P., Circle C Land, L.P., Austin 290 Properties, Inc., and Comerica Bank dated as of December 31 2012 (\$10.0 million construction loan).                                                                                  | X                         |                           |           |            |

|       |                                                                                                                                                                            |      |           |           |
|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-----------|-----------|
| 10.5  | Note Modification Agreement by and among CJUF II Stratus Properties Inc., Stratus, Canyon-Johnson Urban Fund II LP and Beal Bank Nevada effective as of June 30, 2010.     | 10-Q | 000-19989 | 8/16/2010 |
| 10.6  | Amended and Restated Construction Loan Agreement dated October 21, 2009, by and between CJUF II Stratus Block 21 LLC and Beal Bank Nevada.                                 | 10-Q | 000-19989 | 11/6/2009 |
| 10.7  | Amended and Restated Promissory Note dated October 21, 2009, by and between CJUF II Stratus Block 21 LLC and Beal Bank Nevada.                                             | 10-Q | 000-19989 | 11/6/2009 |
| 10.8  | Loan Modification Agreement by and between Stratus Properties Inc. and American Select Portfolio Inc. effective as of September 1, 2012 (\$5.0 million loan).              | 8-K  | 000-19989 | 9/12/2012 |
| 10.9  | Amended and Restated Loan Agreement between Stratus Properties Inc. and American Strategic Income Portfolio Inc.-II dated as of December 12, 2006 (\$5.0 million loan).    | 10-K | 000-19989 | 3/16/2007 |
| 10.10 | Loan Modification Agreement by and between Stratus Properties Inc. and American Strategic Income Portfolio Inc.-II effective as of September 1, 2012 (\$3.0 million loan). | 8-K  | 000-19989 | 9/12/2012 |

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|                |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                           | Form                      | File No.  | Date Filed |
| 10.11          | Amended and Restated Loan Agreement between Stratus Properties Inc. and American Select Portfolio Inc. dated as of December 12, 2006 (\$3.0 million loan).                                                  |                           | 10-K                      | 000-19989 | 3/16/2007  |
| 10.12          | Loan Modification Agreement by and between Stratus Properties Inc. and American Strategic Income Portfolio Inc.-II effective as of September 1, 2012 (modifying 2006 \$8.0 million loan).                   |                           | 8-K                       | 000-19989 | 9/12/2012  |
| 10.13          | Loan Agreement between Stratus Properties Inc. and Holliday Fenoglio Fowler, L.P. dated as of December 12, 2006, subsequently assigned to American Strategic Income Portfolio Inc.-II (\$8.0 million loan). |                           | 10-K                      | 000-19989 | 3/16/2007  |
| 10.14          | Loan Modification Agreement by and between Stratus Properties Inc. and American Select Portfolio Inc. effective as of September 1, 2012 (\$3.5 million loan).                                               |                           | 8-K                       | 000-19989 | 9/12/2012  |
| 10.15          | Loan Agreement between Stratus Properties Inc. and Holliday Fenoglio Fowler, L.P. dated as of June 1, 2007, subsequently assigned to American Select Portfolio Inc. (\$3.5 million loan).                   |                           | 10-Q                      | 000-19989 | 8/9/2007   |
| 10.16          | Loan Modification Agreement by and between Stratus Properties Inc. and American Strategic Income Portfolio Inc. effective as of September 1, 2012 (\$3.5 million loan).                                     |                           | 8-K                       | 000-19989 | 9/12/2012  |
| 10.17          | Loan Agreement between Stratus Properties Inc. and Holliday Fenoglio Fowler, L.P. dated as of June 1, 2007, subsequently assigned to American Strategic Income Portfolio Inc. (\$3.5 million loan).         |                           | 10-Q                      | 000-19989 | 8/9/2007   |
| 10.18          | Construction Loan Agreement by and between Tract 107, LLC and Comerica Bank dated as of May 17, 2011.                                                                                                       |                           | 10-Q                      | 000-19989 | 8/15/2011  |
| 10.19          | Promissory Note by and between Tract 107, LLC and Comerica Bank dated as of May 17, 2011.                                                                                                                   |                           | 10-Q                      | 000-19989 | 8/15/2011  |

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|       |                                                                                                                                                                                            |      |           |            |
|-------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-----------|------------|
| 10.20 | Stock Purchase Agreement by and between Stratus Properties Inc. and Moffett Holdings, LLC dated as of March 15, 2012.                                                                      | 8-K  | 000-19989 | 3/20/2012  |
| 10.21 | Development Agreement dated August 15, 2002, between Circle C Land Corp. and City of Austin.                                                                                               | 10-Q | 000-19989 | 11/14/2002 |
| 10.22 | Loan Agreement by and between CJUF II Stratus Block 21 LLC and Hunter's Glen/Ford Investments I LLC effective as of March 31, 2010.                                                        | 10-Q | 000-19989 | 5/17/2010  |
| 10.23 | Promissory Note by and between CJUF II Stratus Block 21 LLC and Hunter's Glen/Ford Investments I LLC effective as of March 31, 2010.                                                       | 10-Q | 000-19989 | 5/17/2010  |
| 10.24 | Profits Interest Agreement by and between CJUF II Stratus Block 21 LLC and Hunter's Glen/Ford Investments I LLC effective as of March 31, 2010.                                            | 10-Q | 000-19989 | 5/17/2010  |
| 10.25 | Loan Modification Agreement by and between Stratus Properties Inc. and American Strategic Income Portfolio Inc.-III, effective as of November 1, 2011 (modifying 2006 \$7.0 million loan). | 8-K  | 000-19989 | 3/20/2012  |

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|                |                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                           | Form                      | File No.  | Date Filed |
| 10.26          | Loan Agreement between Stratus Properties Inc. and Holliday Fenoglio Fowler, L.P. dated as of December 12, 2006, subsequently assigned to American Strategic Income Portfolio Inc.-III (\$7.0 million loan). |                           | 10-K                      | 000-19989 | 3/16/2007  |
| 10.27          | Loan Modification Agreement by and between Stratus Properties Inc. and American Strategic Income Portfolio Inc.-III, effective as of November 1, 2011 (modifying 2007 \$8.0 million loan).                   |                           | 8-K                       | 000-19989 | 3/20/2012  |
| 10.28          | Loan Agreement between Stratus Properties Inc. and Holliday Fenoglio Fowler, L.P. dated as of June 1, 2007, subsequently assigned to American Strategic Income Portfolio Inc.-III (\$8.0 million loan).      |                           | 10-Q                      | 000-19989 | 8/9/2007   |
| 10.29*         | Stratus 2010 Stock Incentive Plan                                                                                                                                                                            |                           | 8-K                       | 000-19989 | 8/12/2010  |
| 10.30*         | Form of Notice of Grant of Nonqualified Stock Options under the 2002 and 2010 Stock Incentive Plans (adopted January 2011).                                                                                  |                           | 10-K                      | 000-19989 | 3/31/2011  |
| 10.31*         | Form of Notice of Grant of Restricted Stock Units under the 2002 and 2010 Stock Incentive Plans (adopted January 2011).                                                                                      |                           | 10-K                      | 000-19989 | 3/31/2011  |
| <u>10.32*</u>  | Form of Notice of Grant of Restricted Stock Units under the 2010 Stock Incentive Plan for Non-Employee Director Grants (adopted August 2012).                                                                | X                         |                           |           |            |
| 10.33*         | Stratus' Performance Incentive Awards Program, as amended, effective December 30, 2008.                                                                                                                      |                           | 10-Q                      | 000-19989 | 5/5/2009   |
| 10.34*         | Stratus Properties Inc. 1996 Stock Option Plan for Non-Employee Directors, as amended and restated.                                                                                                          |                           | 10-Q                      | 000-19989 | 5/10/2007  |
| 10.35*         | Stratus Properties Inc. 2002 Stock Incentive Plan, as amended and restated.                                                                                                                                  |                           | 10-Q                      | 000-19989 | 5/10/2007  |
| 10.36*         |                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                           | 10-Q                      | 000-19989 | 8/12/2005  |

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Form of Notice of Grant of Nonqualified Stock  
Options under the 2002 Stock Incentive Plan.

|             |                                                                                                                                                                      |      |           |           |
|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-----------|-----------|
| 10.37*      | Form of Restricted Stock Unit Agreement under the 2002 Stock Incentive Plan.                                                                                         | 10-Q | 000-19989 | 5/10/2007 |
| 10.38*      | Stratus Director Compensation.                                                                                                                                       | 10-K | 000-19989 | 3/30/2012 |
| 10.39*      | Change of Control Agreement between Stratus Properties Inc. and William H. Armstrong III, effective as of March 9, 2010.                                             | 8-K  | 000-19989 | 3/12/2010 |
| 10.40*      | Change of Control Agreement between Stratus Properties Inc. and Erin D. Pickens, effective as of March 9, 2010.                                                      | 8-K  | 000-19989 | 3/12/2010 |
| 14.1        | Ethics and Business Conduct Policy.                                                                                                                                  | 10-K | 000-19989 | 3/30/2004 |
| <u>21.1</u> | List of subsidiaries.                                                                                                                                                |      |           | X         |
| <u>23.1</u> | Consent of BKM Sowen Horan, LLP.                                                                                                                                     |      |           | X         |
| <u>24.1</u> | Certified resolution of the Board of Directors of Stratus authorizing this report to be signed on behalf of any officer or director pursuant to a Power of Attorney. |      |           | X         |
| <u>24.2</u> | Power of attorney pursuant to which a report has been signed on behalf of certain officers and directors of Stratus.                                                 |      |           | X         |

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\* Indicates management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.