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

**FORM 10-Q**

(Mark One)

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

**For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2015**

**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: 001-32269**

**EXTRA SPACE STORAGE INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Maryland** **20-1076777**  
**(State or other jurisdiction of** **(I.R.S. Employer**  
**incorporation or organization)** **Identification No.)**  
**2795 East Cottonwood Parkway, Suite 400**  
**Salt Lake City, Utah 84121**  
**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (801) 365-4600**

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

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

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

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer

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

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

The number of shares outstanding of the registrant's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, as of October 30, 2015, was 123,456,914.

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**STATEMENT ON FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION**

Certain information presented in this report contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. Forward-looking statements include statements concerning our plans, objectives, goals, strategies, future events, future revenues or performance, capital expenditures, financing needs, plans or intentions relating to acquisitions and other information that is not historical information. In some cases, forward-looking statements can be identified by terminology such as believes, expects, estimates, may, will, should, anticipates or intends, of such terms or other comparable terminology, or by discussions of strategy. We may also make additional forward-looking statements from time to time. All such subsequent forward-looking statements, whether written or oral, by us or on our behalf, are also expressly qualified by these cautionary statements.

All forward-looking statements, including without limitation, management's examination of historical operating trends and estimates of future earnings, are based upon our current expectations and various assumptions. Our expectations, beliefs and projections are expressed in good faith and we believe there is a reasonable basis for them, but there can be no assurance that management's expectations, beliefs and projections will result or be achieved. All forward-looking statements apply only as of the date made. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise forward-looking statements which may be made to reflect events or circumstances after the date made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

There are a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause our actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements contained in or contemplated by this report. Any forward-looking statements should be considered in light of the risks referenced in Part II. Item 1A. Risk Factors below and in Part I. Item 1A. Risk Factors included in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K. Such factors include, but are not limited to:

adverse changes in general economic conditions, the real estate industry and the markets in which we operate;

failure to close pending acquisitions on expected terms, or at all;

the effect of competition from new and existing stores or other storage alternatives, which could cause rents and occupancy rates to decline;

difficulties in our ability to evaluate, finance, complete and integrate acquisitions and developments successfully and to lease up those stores, which could adversely affect our profitability;

potential liability for uninsured losses and environmental contamination;

the impact of the regulatory environment as well as national, state and local laws and regulations including, without limitation, those governing real estate investment trusts ( REITs ), tenant reinsurance and other aspects of our business, which could adversely affect our results;

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disruptions in credit and financial markets and resulting difficulties in raising capital or obtaining credit at reasonable rates or at all, which could impede our ability to grow;

increased interest rates and operating costs;

reductions in asset valuations and related impairment charges;

the failure of our joint venture partners to fulfill their obligations to us or their pursuit of actions that are inconsistent with our objectives;

the failure to maintain our REIT status for federal income tax purposes;

economic uncertainty due to the impact of war or terrorism, which could adversely affect our business plan;  
and

difficulties in our ability to attract and retain qualified personnel and management members.

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(amounts in thousands, except share data)

	<b>September 30, 2015</b> (Unaudited)	<b>December 31, 2014</b>
<b>Assets:</b>		
Real estate assets, net	\$ 4,452,251	\$ 4,139,626
Investments in unconsolidated real estate ventures	84,671	85,711
Cash and cash equivalents	1,115,532	47,663
Restricted cash	228,629	25,245
Receivables from related parties and affiliated real estate joint ventures	3,016	11,778
Other assets, net	118,737	92,084
Total assets	\$ 6,002,836	\$ 4,402,107
<b>Liabilities, Noncontrolling Interests and Equity:</b>		
Notes payable	\$ 2,527,756	\$ 1,872,067
Premium on notes payable	1,235	3,281
Exchangeable senior notes	660,364	250,000
Discount on exchangeable senior notes	(26,146)	(13,054)
Notes payable to trusts	119,590	119,590
Lines of credit	185,000	138,000
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	76,303	65,521
Other liabilities	71,394	54,719
Total liabilities	3,615,496	2,490,124
<b>Commitments and contingencies</b>		
<b>Noncontrolling Interests and Equity:</b>		
Extra Space Storage Inc. stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value, 50,000,000 shares authorized, no shares issued or outstanding		
Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 500,000,000 shares authorized, 123,332,292 and 116,360,239 shares issued and outstanding at	1,233	1,163

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September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively			
Additional paid-in capital		2,401,886	1,995,484
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(20,812)	(1,484)
Accumulated deficit		(273,015)	(257,738)
<b>Total Extra Space Storage Inc. stockholders' equity</b>		<b>2,109,292</b>	<b>1,737,425</b>
Noncontrolling interest represented by Preferred Operating Partnership units, net of \$120,230 notes receivable		80,869	81,152
Noncontrolling interests in Operating Partnership		197,017	92,422
Other noncontrolling interests		162	984
<b>Total noncontrolling interests and equity</b>		<b>2,387,340</b>	<b>1,911,983</b>
<b>Total liabilities, noncontrolling interests and equity</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,002,836</b>	<b>\$ 4,402,107</b>

See accompanying notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

**Table of Contents****Extra Space Storage Inc.****Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations**

(amounts in thousands, except share data)

(unaudited)

**For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, and for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015 and 2014**

	2015	2014	2015	2014
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Property rental	\$ 170,548	\$ 144,669	\$ 480,466	\$ 415,448
Tenant reinsurance	18,226	15,385	52,076	43,356
Management fees and other income	8,723	9,013	23,969	23,167
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>197,497</b>	<b>169,067</b>	<b>556,511</b>	<b>481,971</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>				
Property operations	48,878	43,294	144,331	129,070
Tenant reinsurance	3,608	2,930	9,819	8,133
Acquisition related costs	280	436	5,703	3,885
General and administrative	16,716	15,665	49,620	46,436
Depreciation and amortization	30,711	29,249	92,691	85,895
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>100,193</b>	<b>91,574</b>	<b>302,164</b>	<b>273,419</b>
<b>Income from operations</b>	<b>97,304</b>	<b>77,493</b>	<b>254,347</b>	<b>208,552</b>
Gain (loss) on real estate transactions and earnout from prior acquisitions	1,101	(2,500)	1,501	(10,285)
Interest expense	(20,811)	(20,681)	(65,053)	(60,937)
Non-cash interest expense related to amortization of discount on equity component of exchangeable senior notes	(805)	(679)	(2,198)	(2,004)
Interest income	356	186	1,640	1,167
Interest income on note receivable from Preferred Operating Partnership unit holder	1,213	1,213	3,638	3,638
<b>Income before equity in earnings of unconsolidated real estate ventures and income tax expense</b>	<b>78,358</b>	<b>55,032</b>	<b>193,875</b>	<b>140,131</b>
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated real estate ventures	3,403	2,777	9,054	7,800



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Equity in earnings of unconsolidated real estate ventures - gain on sale of real estate assets and purchase of joint venture partners' interests		378		2,857		3,816
Income tax (expense) benefit	(3,561)	1,006		(7,994)		(5,337)
<b>Net income</b>	<b>78,200</b>	<b>59,193</b>		<b>197,792</b>		<b>146,410</b>
Net income allocated to Preferred Operating Partnership noncontrolling interests	(3,112)	(2,977)		(9,045)		(8,281)
Net income allocated to Operating Partnership and other noncontrolling interests	(3,370)	(1,988)		(7,948)		(4,896)
<b>Net income attributable to common stockholders</b>	<b>\$ 71,718</b>	<b>\$ 54,228</b>		<b>\$ 180,799</b>		<b>\$ 133,233</b>
Earnings per common share						
Basic	\$ 0.58	\$ 0.47		\$ 1.52		\$ 1.15
Diluted	\$ 0.58	\$ 0.47		\$ 1.51		\$ 1.15
Weighted average number of shares						
Basic	122,644,837	115,726,911		118,564,872		115,606,845
Diluted	130,398,111	121,617,554		125,406,313		121,551,889
Cash dividends paid per common share	\$ 0.59	\$ 0.47		\$ 1.65		\$ 1.34

See accompanying notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents**Extra Space Storage Inc.****Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income**

(amounts in thousands)

(unaudited)

**For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, and for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015 and 2014**

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Net income</b>	\$ 78,200	\$ 59,193	\$ 197,792	\$ 146,410
<b>Other comprehensive income (loss):</b>				
Change in fair value of interest rate swaps	(20,019)	1,834	(20,307)	(6,614)
Total comprehensive income	58,181	61,027	177,485	139,796
Less: comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests	5,456	5,137	16,014	12,984
<b>Comprehensive income attributable to common stockholders</b>	<b>\$ 52,725</b>	<b>\$ 55,890</b>	<b>\$ 161,471</b>	<b>\$ 126,812</b>

See accompanying notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.





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(amounts in thousands)

(unaudited)

	<b>For the Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Net income	\$ 197,792	\$ 146,410
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	92,691	85,895
Amortization of deferred financing costs	4,876	4,955
Loss (gain) on real estate transactions and earnout from prior acquisitions	(1,501)	2,500
Non-cash interest expense related to amortization of discount on equity component of exchangeable senior notes	2,198	2,004
Non-cash interest expense related to amortization of premium on notes payable	(2,046)	(2,350)
Compensation expense related to stock-based awards	4,385	3,855
Gain on sale of real estate assets and purchase of joint venture partners interests	(2,857)	(3,438)
Distributions from unconsolidated real estate ventures in excess of earnings	4,020	3,989
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Receivables from related parties and affiliated real estate joint ventures	(2,247)	(434)
Other assets	(20,022)	467
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	10,782	12,927
Other liabilities	(1,790)	(216)
Net cash provided by operating activities	286,281	256,564
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Acquisition of real estate assets	(263,404)	(328,235)
Development and redevelopment of real estate assets	(15,137)	(11,288)
Proceeds from sale of real estate assets	800	
Change in restricted cash	(203,384)	(4,754)
Investment in unconsolidated real estate ventures	(549)	
Return of investment in unconsolidated real estate ventures	61	
Purchase/issuance of notes receivable		(9,028)
Purchase of equipment and fixtures	(4,821)	(3,636)
Net cash used in investing activities	(486,434)	(356,941)

**Cash flows from financing activities:**

Proceeds from the sale of common stock, net of offering costs	446,909	
Net proceeds from the issuance of 2015 exchangeable senior notes	563,500	
Proceeds from notes payable and lines of credit	1,718,753	505,957
Principal payments on notes payable and lines of credit	(1,016,064)	(312,287)
Repurchase of 2013 exchangeable senior notes	(227,212)	
Deferred financing costs	(5,138)	(3,851)
Net proceeds from exercise of stock options	1,424	2,717
Dividends paid on common stock	(196,076)	(155,410)
Distributions to noncontrolling interests	(18,074)	(14,256)
Net cash provided by financing activities	1,268,022	22,870
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	1,067,869	(77,507)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the period	47,663	126,723
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the period	\$ 1,115,532	\$ 49,216

See accompanying notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

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	<b>For the Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Supplemental schedule of cash flow information</b>		
Interest paid	\$ 60,040	\$ 53,345
Income taxes paid	1,555	3,237
<b>Supplemental schedule of noncash investing and financing activities:</b>		
Redemption of Operating Partnership units held by noncontrolling interests for common stock:		
Noncontrolling interests in Operating Partnership	\$ (150)	\$
Common stock and paid-in capital	150	
Tax effect from vesting of restricted stock grants and option exercises		
Other assets	\$ 1,563	\$ 2,883
Paid-in capital	(1,563)	(2,883)
Acquisitions of real estate assets		
Real estate assets, net	\$ 122,132	\$ 60,465
Notes payable assumed		(38,347)
Operating Partnership units issued	(106,522)	(22,118)
Receivables from related parties and affiliated real estate joint ventures	(15,610)	
See accompanying notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.		

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**EXTRA SPACE STORAGE INC.**

**NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited)**

**Amounts in thousands, except store and share data, unless otherwise stated**

**1. ORGANIZATION**

Extra Space Storage Inc. (the Company) is a fully-integrated, self-administered and self-managed real estate investment trust (REIT), formed as a Maryland corporation on April 30, 2004, to own, operate, manage, acquire, develop and redevelop professionally managed self-storage properties (stores) located throughout the United States. The Company continues the business of Extra Space Storage LLC and its subsidiaries, which had engaged in the self-storage business since 1977. The Company's interests in its stores is held through its operating partnership, Extra Space Storage LP (the Operating Partnership), which was formed on May 5, 2004. The Company's primary assets are general partner and limited partner interests in the Operating Partnership. This structure is commonly referred to as an umbrella partnership REIT (UPREIT). The Company has elected to be taxed as a REIT under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. To the extent the Company continues to qualify as a REIT, it will not be subject to tax, with certain limited exceptions, on the taxable income that is distributed to its stockholders.

The Company invests in stores by acquiring wholly-owned stores or by acquiring an equity interest in real estate entities. At September 30, 2015, the Company had direct and indirect equity interests in 868 stores. In addition, the Company managed 302 stores for third parties, bringing the total number of stores which it owns and/or manages to 1,170. These stores are located in 36 states, Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico.

The Company operates in three distinct segments: (1) rental operations; (2) tenant reinsurance; and (3) property management, acquisition and development. The rental operations activities include rental operations of stores in which we have an ownership interest. No single tenant accounts for more than 5.0% of rental income. Tenant reinsurance activities include the reinsurance of risks relating to the loss of goods stored by tenants in the Company's stores. The Company's property management, acquisition and development activities include managing, acquiring, developing and selling stores.

**2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of the Company are presented on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) for interim financial information, and in accordance with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they may not include all of the information and footnotes required by GAAP for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (including normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Operating results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, are not necessarily indicative of results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2015. The condensed consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2014 has been derived from the Company's audited financial statements as of that date, but does not include all of the information and footnotes required by GAAP for complete financial statements. For further information refer to the consolidated financial statements and footnotes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.



*Reclassifications*

Certain amounts in the Company's 2014 consolidated financial statements and supporting note disclosures have been reclassified to conform to the current period presentation. Such reclassifications did not impact previously reported net income or accumulated deficit.

*Recently Issued Accounting Standards*

In April 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) issued Accounting Standards Update ( ASU ) 2014-08, *Presentation of Financial Statements (Topic 205) and Property, Plant and Equipment (Topic 360): Reporting Discontinued Operations and Disclosures of Disposals of Components of an Entity*. Under this guidance, only disposals representing a strategic shift in operations should be presented as discontinued operations. The guidance also requires new disclosures of both discontinued operations and certain other disposals that do not meet the definition of a discontinued operation. The Company adopted this guidance effective January 1, 2015. The Company has not previously had discontinued operations and as such, does not expect this guidance to have a significant impact on its consolidated financial statements.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*, which amends the guidance for revenue recognition to replace numerous, industry-specific requirements and converges areas under this topic with those of the International Financial Reporting Standards. ASU 2014-09 outlines a five-step process for customer contract revenue recognition that focuses on

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transfer of control, as opposed to transfer of risk and rewards. The amendment also requires enhanced disclosures regarding the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenues and cash flows from contracts with customers. ASU 2014-09 was originally effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016. Entities can transition to the standard either retrospectively or as a cumulative-effect adjustment as of the date of adoption. In July 2015, the FASB approved a one-year deferral of the effective date of the standard. The new standard will now become effective for annual and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2017 with early adoption on the original effective date permitted. The Company has not yet selected a transition method. Management is currently assessing the impact of the adoption of ASU 2014-09 on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In February 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-02, *Consolidation (Topic 810): Amendments to the Consolidation Analysis*. This guidance is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2015, including interim periods within that reporting period. ASU 2015-02 amends the criteria for determining if a service provider possesses a variable interest in a variable interest entity (VIE), and eliminates the presumption that a general partner should consolidate a limited partnership. The Company does not expect the adoption of this standard to materially impact its consolidated financial statements.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-03, *Interest - Imputation of Interest: Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs*, which requires debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability to be presented as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of that debt liability. The new guidance will only impact financial statement presentation. The guidance is effective in the first quarter of 2016 and allows for early adoption. The Company plans to adopt this guidance January 1, 2016, and does not expect the adoption of this standard to materially impact its consolidated financial statements.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-05, *Intangibles - Goodwill and Other - Internal-Use Software (Subtopic 350-40) - Customers Accounting for Fees Paid in a Cloud Computing Arrangement*, which provides guidance regarding the accounting for fees paid by a customer in cloud computing arrangements. If a cloud computing arrangement includes a software license, the payment of fees should be accounted for in the same manner as the acquisition of other software licenses. If there is no software license, the fees should be accounted for as a service contract. The guidance is effective in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015 and early adoption is permitted. An entity can elect to adopt the amendments either (1) prospectively to all arrangements entered into or materially modified after the effective date or (2) retrospectively. The Company is still evaluating the impact of adopting this guidance.

### **3. FAIR VALUE DISCLOSURES**

#### *Derivative Financial Instruments*

Currently, the Company uses interest rate swaps to manage its interest rate risk. The valuation of these instruments is determined using widely accepted valuation techniques, including discounted cash flow analysis on the expected cash flows of each derivative. This analysis reflects the contractual terms of the derivatives, including the period to maturity, and uses observable market-based inputs, including interest rate curves. The fair values of interest rate swaps are determined using the market standard methodology of netting the discounted future fixed cash payments and the discounted expected variable cash receipts. The variable cash receipts are based on an expectation of future interest rates (forward curves) derived from observable market interest rate forward curves.

The Company incorporates credit valuation adjustments to appropriately reflect both its own nonperformance risk and the respective counterparty's nonperformance risk in the fair value measurements. In adjusting the fair value of its

derivative contracts for the effect of nonperformance risk, the Company has considered the impact of netting and any applicable credit enhancements, such as collateral postings, thresholds, mutual puts and guarantees. In conjunction with the Financial Accounting Standards Board's fair value measurement guidance, the Company made an accounting policy election to measure the credit risk of its derivative financial instruments that are subject to master netting agreements on a net basis by counterparty portfolio.

Although the Company has determined that the majority of the inputs used to value its derivatives fall within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy, the credit valuation adjustments associated with its derivatives utilize Level 3 inputs, such as estimates of current credit spreads to evaluate the likelihood of default by the Company and its counterparties. However, as of September 30, 2015, the Company had assessed the significance of the impact of the credit valuation adjustments on the overall valuation of its derivative positions and determined that the credit valuation adjustments were not significant to the overall valuation of its derivatives. As a result, the Company determined that its derivative valuations in their entirety were classified in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

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The table below presents the Company's assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of September 30, 2015, aggregated by the level in the fair value hierarchy within which those measurements fall.

Description	Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets			
	September 30, 2015	Significant Observable Inputs (Level 1)	Other Significant Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Other assets - Cash Flow Hedge Swap Agreements	\$ 142	\$	\$ 142	\$
Other liabilities - Cash Flow Hedge Swap Agreements	\$ (20,403)	\$	\$ (20,403)	\$

The Company did not have any significant assets or liabilities that are re-measured on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs as of September 30, 2015 or December 31, 2014.

*Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Nonrecurring Basis*

Long-lived assets held for use are evaluated for impairment when events or circumstances indicate there may be impairment. The Company reviews each store at least annually to determine if any such events or circumstances have occurred or exist. The Company focuses on stores where occupancy and/or rental income have decreased by a significant amount. For these stores, the Company determines whether the decrease is temporary or permanent, and whether the store will likely recover the lost occupancy and/or revenue in the short term. In addition, the Company carefully reviews stores in the lease-up stage and compares actual operating results to original projections.

When the Company determines that an event that may indicate impairment has occurred, the Company compares the carrying value of the related long-lived assets to the undiscounted future net operating cash flows attributable to the assets. An impairment loss is recorded if the net carrying value of the assets exceeds the undiscounted future net operating cash flows attributable to the assets. The impairment loss recognized equals the excess of net carrying value over the related fair value of the assets.

When real estate assets are identified by management as held for sale, the Company discontinues depreciating the assets and estimates the fair value of the assets, net of selling costs. If the estimated fair value, net of selling costs, of the assets that have been identified as held for sale is less than the net carrying value of the assets, a valuation allowance is established. The operations of assets held for sale or sold during the period are presented as part of normal operations for all periods presented.

The Company assesses whether there are any indicators that the value of the Company's investments in unconsolidated real estate ventures may be impaired annually and when events or circumstances indicate that there may be impairment. An investment is impaired if management's estimate of the fair value of the investment is less than its carrying value. To the extent impairment has occurred, and is considered to be other than temporary, the loss is measured as the excess of the carrying amount of the investment over the fair value of the investment.

In connection with the Company's acquisition of stores, the purchase price is allocated to the tangible and intangible assets and liabilities acquired based on their fair values, which are estimated using significant unobservable inputs. The value of the tangible assets, consisting of land and buildings, is determined as if vacant. Intangible assets, which

represent the value of existing tenant relationships, are recorded at their fair values based on the avoided cost to replace the current leases. The Company measures the value of tenant relationships based on the rent lost due to the amount of time required to replace existing customers, which is based on the Company's historical experience with turnover in its stores. Debt assumed as part of an acquisition is recorded at fair value based on current interest rates compared to contractual rates. Acquisition-related transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

*Fair Value of Financial Instruments*

The carrying values of cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash, receivables, other financial instruments included in other assets, accounts payable and accrued expenses, variable-rate notes payable, lines of credit and other liabilities reflected in the condensed consolidated balance sheets at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 approximate fair value.

The fair values of the Company's notes receivable from Preferred Operating Partnership unit holders were based on the discounted estimated future cash flows of the notes (categorized within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy); the discount rate used approximated the current market rate for loans with similar maturities and credit quality. The fair values of the Company's fixed-rate notes payable and notes payable to trusts were estimated using the discounted estimated future cash payments to be made on such debt (categorized within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy); the discount rates used approximated current market rates for loans, or groups of loans, with similar maturities and credit quality. The fair value of the Company's exchangeable senior notes was estimated using an average market price for similar securities obtained from a third party.

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The fair values of the Company's fixed-rate assets and liabilities were as follows for the periods indicated:

	<b>September 30, 2015</b>		<b>December 31, 2014</b>	
	Fair Value	Carrying Value	Fair Value	Carrying Value
Notes receivable from Preferred Operating Partnership unit holders	\$ 130,402	\$ 120,230	\$ 126,380	\$ 120,230
Fixed rate notes payable and notes payable to trusts	\$ 1,963,291	\$ 1,834,199	\$ 1,320,370	\$ 1,283,893
Exchangeable senior notes	\$ 695,047	\$ 660,364	\$ 276,095	\$ 250,000

**4. EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE**

Basic earnings per common share is computed using the two-class method by dividing net income attributable to common stockholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. All outstanding unvested restricted stock awards contain rights to non-forfeitable dividends and participate in undistributed earnings with common stockholders; accordingly, they are considered participating securities that are included in the two-class method. Diluted earnings per common share measures the performance of the Company over the reporting period while giving effect to all potential common shares that were dilutive and outstanding during the period. The denominator includes the weighted average number of basic shares and the number of additional common shares that would have been outstanding if the potential common shares that were dilutive had been issued, and is calculated using either the two-class, treasury stock or as if-converted method, whichever is most dilutive. Potential common shares are securities (such as options, convertible debt, Series A Participating Redeemable Preferred Units ( Series A Units ), Series B Redeemable Preferred Units ( Series B Units ), Series C Convertible Redeemable Preferred Units ( Series C Units ), Series D Redeemable Preferred Units ( Series D Units ) and common Operating Partnership units ( OP Units )) that do not have a current right to participate in earnings of the Company but could do so in the future by virtue of their option, redemption or conversion right.

In computing the dilutive effect of convertible securities, net income is adjusted to add back any changes in earnings in the period associated with the convertible security. The numerator also is adjusted for the effects of any other non-discretionary changes in income or loss that would result from the assumed conversion of those potential common shares. In computing diluted earnings per common share, only potential common shares that are dilutive (those that reduce earnings per common share) are included. For the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, options to purchase approximately 82,571 and 29,547 shares of common stock, respectively, and for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, options to purchase 50,144 and 27,045 shares of common stock, respectively, were excluded from the computation of earnings per share as their effect would have been anti-dilutive.

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The following table presents the number of Preferred Operating Partnership units, and the potential common shares, that were excluded from the computation of earnings per share as their effect would have been anti-dilutive, assuming full conversion.

	<b>For the Three Months Ended</b>			
	<b>September 30, 2015</b>		<b>September 30, 2014</b>	
	<b>Number of Units</b>	<b>Equivalent Shares (if converted)</b>	<b>Number of Units</b>	<b>Equivalent Shares (if converted)</b>
Series B Units	1,676,087	572,121	1,676,087	793,602
Series C Units	704,016	404,684	704,016	561,346
Series D Units	548,390	187,189		
	2,928,493	1,163,994	2,380,103	1,354,948

	<b>For the Nine Months Ended</b>			
	<b>September 30, 2015</b>		<b>September 30, 2014</b>	
	<b>Number of Units</b>	<b>Equivalent Shares (if converted)</b>	<b>Number of Units</b>	<b>Equivalent Shares (if converted)</b>
Series B Units	1,676,087	607,806	1,563,746	777,364
Series C Units	704,016	429,926	571,973	478,824
Series D Units	548,390	198,865		
	2,928,493	1,236,597	2,135,719	1,256,188

The Operating Partnership had \$85,364 of its 2.375% Exchangeable Senior Notes due 2033 (the 2013 Notes) issued and outstanding as of September 30, 2015. The 2013 Notes could potentially have a dilutive impact on the Company's earnings per share calculations. The 2013 Notes are exchangeable by holders into shares of the Company's common stock under certain circumstances per the terms of the indenture governing the 2013 Notes. The exchange price of the 2013 Notes was \$55.12 per share as of September 30, 2015, and could change over time as described in the indenture. The Company has irrevocably agreed to pay only cash for the accreted principal amount of the 2013 Notes relative to its exchange obligations, but retained the right to satisfy the exchange obligation in excess of the accreted principal amount in cash and/or common stock.

The Operating Partnership had \$575,000 of its 3.125% Exchangeable Senior Notes due 2035 (the 2015 Notes) issued and outstanding as of September 30, 2015 (see footnote 8). The 2015 Notes could potentially have a dilutive impact on the Company's earnings per share calculations. The 2015 Notes are exchangeable by holders into shares of the Company's common stock under certain circumstances per the terms of the indenture governing the 2015 Notes. The exchange price of the 2015 Notes was \$95.40 per share as of September 30, 2015, and could change over time as described in the indenture. The Company has irrevocably agreed to pay only cash for the accreted principal amount of the 2015 Notes relative to its exchange obligations, but retained the right to satisfy the exchange obligation in excess of the accreted principal amount in cash and/or common stock.

Though the Company has retained that right, Accounting Standards Codification ( ASC ) 260, *Earnings per Share*, requires an assumption that shares would be used to pay the exchange obligation in excess of the accreted principal amount, and requires that those shares be included in the Company's calculation of weighted average common shares outstanding for the diluted earnings per share computation. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, 383,279 shares related to the 2013 Notes were included in the computation for diluted earnings per share. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, no shares related to the 2013 Notes were included in the computation for diluted earnings per share as the exchange price exceeded the per share price of the Company's common stock during this period. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, no shares related to the 2015 Notes were included in the computation for diluted earnings per share as the exchange price exceeded the per share price of the Company's common stock during this period. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, no shares related to the 2015 Notes were included in the computation for diluted earnings per share as the 2015 Notes were not outstanding at this time.

For the purposes of computing the diluted impact on earnings per share of the potential exchange of Series A Units for common shares upon redemption, where the Company has the option to redeem in cash or shares and where the Company has stated the positive intent and ability to settle at least \$115,000 of the instrument in cash (or net settle a portion of the Series A Units against the related outstanding note receivable), only the amount of the instrument in excess of \$115,000 is considered in the calculation of shares contingently issuable for the purposes of computing diluted earnings per share as allowed by ASC 260-10-45-46.



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For the purposes of computing the diluted impact on earnings per share of the potential exchange of Series B Units for common shares upon redemption, where the Company has the option to redeem in cash or shares and where the Company has stated the intent and ability to settle the redemption in shares, the Company divided the total value of the Series B Units outstanding as of September 30, 2015 of \$41,903 by the closing price of the Company's common stock as of September 30, 2015 of \$77.16 per share.

For the purposes of computing the diluted impact on earnings per share of the potential exchange of Series C Units for common shares upon redemption, where the Company has the option to redeem in cash or shares and where the Company has stated the intent and ability to settle the redemption in shares, the Company divided the total value of the Series C Units outstanding as of September 30, 2015 of \$29,639 by the closing price of the Company's common stock as of September 30, 2015 of \$77.16 per share.

For the purposes of computing the diluted impact on earnings per share of the potential exchange of Series D Units for common shares upon redemption, where the Company has the option to redeem in cash or shares and where the Company has stated the intent and ability to settle the redemption in shares, the Company divided the total value of the Series D Units outstanding as of September 30, 2015 of \$13,710 by the closing price of the Company's common stock as of September 30, 2015 of \$77.16 per share.

The computation of earnings per common share was as follows for the periods presented:

	<b>For the Three Months Ended September 30,</b>		<b>For the Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
Net income attributable to common stockholders	\$ 71,718	\$ 54,228	\$ 180,799	\$ 133,233
Earnings and dividends allocated to participating securities	(173)	(125)	(432)	(366)
Earnings for basic computations	71,545	54,103	180,367	132,867
Earnings and dividends allocated to participating securities	173	125		366
Income allocated to noncontrolling interest - Preferred Operating Partnership (Series A Units) and Operating Partnership	5,151	3,875	13,062	10,318
Fixed component of income allocated to noncontrolling interest - Preferred Operating Partnership (Series A Units)	(1,272)	(1,438)	(3,817)	(4,313)
Net income for diluted computations	\$ 75,597	\$ 56,665	\$ 189,612	\$ 139,238
Weighted average common shares outstanding:				
	122,644,837	115,726,911	118,564,872	115,606,845

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Average number of common shares outstanding - basic				
Series A Units	875,480	989,980	875,480	989,980
OP Units	5,934,539	4,334,118	5,320,130	4,334,118
Unvested restricted stock awards included for treasury stock method				
	304,610	294,616		321,346
Shares related to 2013 exchangeable senior notes and dilutive stock options				
	638,645	271,929	645,831	299,600
Average number of common shares outstanding - diluted				
	130,398,111	121,617,554	125,406,313	121,551,889
Earnings per common share				
Basic	\$ 0.58	\$ 0.47	\$ 1.52	\$ 1.15
Diluted	\$ 0.58	\$ 0.47	\$ 1.51	\$ 1.15

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The following table summarizes the Company's acquisitions of operating stores for the nine months ended September 30, 2015, and does not include purchases of raw land or improvements made to existing assets:

Number of Stores	Date of Acquisition	Consideration Paid						Value of OP Units Issued	Number of OP Units Issued	Acquisition Date	
		Total	Cash Paid	Non-cash gain	Notes Receivable	Previous equity interest	Net Liabilities/ (Assets) Assumed			Land	Building
1	9/10/2015	\$ 6,165	\$ 6,183	\$	\$	\$	\$ (18)	\$		\$ 794	\$ 5,178
1	6/19/2015	6,987	6,926				61			1,408	5,461
1	6/18/2015	17,657	12,677				207	4,773	71,054		17,220
1	6/17/2015	6,076	412	1,100	4,601		(37)			534	5,364
1	6/8/2015	10,046	9,970				76			964	9,085
1	5/13/2015	12,512	12,515				(3)			1,625	10,875
1	5/7/2015	6,498	6,458				40			2,087	4,295
1	5/5/2015	11,007	10,976				31			4,050	6,867
1	4/24/2015	6,500	6,451				49			370	6,014
22	4/15/2015	178,252	75,681				822	101,749	1,504,277	24,087	151,465
1	4/14/2015	8,650	8,580				70			619	7,861
1	3/30/2015	12,699	1,700	1,629	11,009	(1,264)	(375)			1,025	11,479
2	3/30/2015	13,165	13,143				22			1,763	11,229
1	3/17/2015	5,073	5,065				8			118	4,797
1	2/24/2015	13,570	13,519				51			1,511	11,861
3	1/13/2015	41,904	41,806				98			12,080	29,489
<b>40</b>		<b>\$ 356,761</b>	<b>\$ 232,062</b>	<b>\$ 2,729</b>	<b>\$ 15,610</b>	<b>\$ (1,264)</b>	<b>\$ 1,102</b>	<b>\$ 106,522</b>	<b>1,575,331</b>	<b>\$ 53,035</b>	<b>\$ 298,540</b>

- (1) This column represents costs paid at closing. The amounts shown exclude other acquisition costs paid before or after the closing date.
- (2) This represents the acquisition of a joint venture partner's interest in Extra Space of Sacramento One LLC (Sacramento One), an existing joint venture, for \$1,700 in cash. The result of the acquisition is that the Company owns 100% of Sacramento One, which owned one store located in California. Prior to the acquisition date, the Company accounted for its interest in Sacramento One as an equity-method investment, and the Company also held mortgage notes receivable from Sacramento One totalling \$11,009, including related interest. The total acquisition date fair value of the Company's previous equity interest was approximately \$365 and is included in consideration transferred. The Company recognized a non-cash gain of \$1,629 as a result of remeasuring the fair value of its equity interest held prior to the acquisition. The store is consolidated subsequent to the acquisition as the Company owns 100% of the store.
- (3) The Company determined the consideration paid for this store was below its market value, and recognized a \$1,100 gain, representing the difference between the fair value of the store and the consideration paid.

**6. VARIABLE INTERESTS**

The Operating Partnership has three wholly-owned unconsolidated subsidiaries ( Trust, Trust II and Trust III, together, the Trusts ) that have issued trust preferred securities to third parties and common securities to the Operating Partnership. The proceeds from the sale of the preferred and common securities were loaned in the form of notes to the Operating Partnership. The Trusts are VIEs because the holders of the equity investment at risk (the trust preferred securities) do not have the power to direct the activities of the entities that most significantly affect the entities economic performance because of their lack of voting or similar rights. Because the Operating Partnership s investment in the Trusts common securities was financed directly by the Trusts as a result of its loan of the proceeds to the Operating Partnership, that investment is not considered an equity investment at risk. The Operating Partnership s investment in the Trusts is not a variable interest because equity interests are variable interests only to the extent that the investment is considered to be at risk, and therefore the Operating Partnership cannot be the primary beneficiary of the Trusts. Since the Company is not the primary beneficiary of the Trusts, they have not been consolidated. A debt obligation has been recorded in the form of notes for the proceeds as discussed above, which are owed to the Trusts. The Company has also included its investment in the Trusts common securities in other assets on the condensed consolidated balance sheets.

The Company has not provided financing or other support during the periods presented to the Trusts that it was not previously contractually obligated to provide. The Company s maximum exposure to loss as a result of its involvement with the Trusts is equal to the total amount of the notes discussed above less the amounts of the Company s investments in the Trusts common securities. The net amount is the notes payable that the Trusts owe to third parties for their investments in the Trusts preferred securities.

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Following is a tabular comparison of the liabilities the Company has recorded as a result of its involvement with the Trusts to the maximum exposure to loss the Company is subject to as a result of such involvement as of September 30, 2015:

	<b>Notes payable to Trusts</b>	<b>Investment Balance</b>	<b>Maximum exposure to loss</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Trust	\$ 36,083	\$ 1,083	\$ 35,000	\$
Trust II	42,269	1,269	41,000	
Trust III	41,238	1,238	40,000	
	\$ 119,590	\$ 3,590	\$ 116,000	\$

The Company had no consolidated VIEs during the nine months ended September 30, 2015.

**7. DERIVATIVES**

The Company is exposed to certain risks arising from both its business operations and economic conditions. The Company principally manages its exposures to a wide variety of business and operational risks through management of its core business activities. The Company manages economic risks, including interest rate, liquidity and credit risk, primarily by managing the amount, sources and duration of its debt funding and by using derivative financial instruments. Specifically, the Company enters into derivative financial instruments to manage exposure that arises from business activities that result in the receipt or payment of future known and uncertain cash amounts, the value of which are determined by interest rates. The Company's derivative financial instruments are used to manage differences in the amount, timing and duration of the Company's known or expected cash receipts and its known or expected cash payments principally related to the Company's investments and borrowings.

**Cash Flow Hedges of Interest Rate Risk**

The Company's objectives in using interest rate derivatives are to add stability to interest expense and to manage its exposure to interest rate movements. To accomplish these objectives, the Company primarily uses interest rate swaps as part of its interest rate risk management strategy. Interest rate swaps designated as cash flow hedges involve the receipt of variable amounts from a counterparty in exchange for the Company making fixed-rate payments over the life of the agreements without exchange of the underlying notional amount.

The effective portion of changes in the fair value of derivatives designated and that qualify as cash flow hedges is recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income (OCI) and is subsequently reclassified into earnings in the period that the hedged forecasted transaction affects earnings. A portion of these changes is excluded from accumulated other comprehensive income as it is allocated to noncontrolling interests. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, such derivatives were used to hedge the variable cash flows associated with existing variable-rate debt.

The Company held 28 derivative financial instruments which had a total combined notional amount of \$1,110,145 as of September 30, 2015.

**Fair Values of Derivative Instruments**

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The table below presents the fair value of the Company's derivative financial instruments as well as their classification on the condensed consolidated balance sheets:

	<b>Asset (Liability)</b>	
	<b>Derivatives</b>	
	<b>September 30, 2014</b>	<b>December 31, 2014</b>
<b>Derivatives designated as hedging instruments:</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>	
Other assets	\$ 142	\$ 3,583
Other liabilities	\$ (20,403)	\$ (3,533)

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The tables below present the effect of the Company's derivative financial instruments on the condensed consolidated statements of operations for the periods presented. No tax effect has been presented as the derivative instruments are held by the Company:

Type	Classification of the Three Months Ended September 30,		
	Income (Expense)	2015	2014
Swap Agreements	Interest expense	\$ (3,084)	\$ (2,172)

Type	Classification of Income (Expense) For the Nine Months Ended September 30,		
	Income (Expense)	2015	2014
Swap Agreements	Interest expense	\$ (8,017)	\$ (6,782)

Type	Gain (loss) recognized in OCI For the Three Months Ended September 30,		Location of amounts reclassified from OCI into income	Gain (loss) reclassified from OCI For the Three Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014		2015	2014
Swap Agreements	\$ (23,073)	\$ 1,824	Interest expense	\$ (3,084)	\$ (2,172)

Type	Gain (loss) recognized in OCI For the Nine Months Ended September 30,		Location of amounts reclassified from OCI into income	Gain (loss) reclassified from OCI For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014		2015	2014
Swap Agreements	\$ (28,531)	\$ (11,099)	Interest expense	\$ (8,017)	\$ (6,782)

**Credit-risk-related Contingent Features**

The Company has agreements with some of its derivative counterparties that contain provisions pursuant to which the Company could be declared in default of its derivative obligations if the Company defaults on any of its indebtedness, including default where repayment of the indebtedness has not been accelerated by the lender.

The Company also has an agreement with some of its derivative counterparties that incorporates the loan covenant provisions of the Company's indebtedness with a lender affiliate of the derivative counterparty. Failure to comply with the loan covenant provisions would result in the Company being in default on any derivative instrument obligations covered by the agreement.

As of September 30, 2015, the Company had not posted any collateral related to these agreements. If the Company had breached any of these provisions as of September 30, 2015, it could have been required to settle its obligations under the agreements at their termination value of \$20,800 including accrued interest.

#### **8. EXCHANGEABLE SENIOR NOTES**

In September 2015, the Operating Partnership issued \$575,000 of its 3.125% Exchangeable Senior Notes due 2035. Costs incurred to issue the 2015 Notes were approximately \$11,500, consisting primarily of a 2% underwriting fee. These costs are being amortized as an adjustment to interest expense over five years, which represents the estimated term based on the first available redemption date, and are included in other assets in the condensed consolidated balance sheets. The 2015 Notes are general unsecured senior obligations of the Operating Partnership and are fully guaranteed by the Company. Interest is payable on April 1 and October 1 of each year beginning April 1, 2016, until the maturity date of October 1, 2035. The Notes bear interest at 3.125% per annum and contain an exchange settlement feature, which provides that the 2015 Notes may, under certain circumstances, be exchangeable for cash (for the principal amount of the 2015 Notes) and, with respect to any excess exchange value, for cash, shares of the Company's common stock, or a combination of cash and shares of the Company's common stock, at the Company's option. The exchange rate of the 2015 Notes as of September 30, 2015 was approximately 10.48 shares of the Company's common stock per \$1,000 principal amount of the 2015 Notes.



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The Operating Partnership may redeem the 2015 Notes at any time to preserve the Company's status as a REIT. In addition, on or after October 5, 2020, the Operating Partnership may redeem the 2015 Notes for cash, in whole or in part, at 100% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest, upon at least 30 days but not more than 60 days prior written notice to the holders of the 2015 Notes. The holders of the 2015 Notes have the right to require the Operating Partnership to repurchase the 2015 Notes for cash, in whole or in part, on October 1 of the years 2020, 2025 and 2030, (unless the Operating Partnership has called the 2015 Notes for redemption), and upon the occurrence of certain designated events, in each case for a repurchase price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the 2015 Notes plus accrued and unpaid interest. Certain events are considered Events of Default, as defined in the indenture governing the 2015 Notes, which may result in the accelerated maturity of the 2015 Notes.

On June 21, 2013, the Operating Partnership issued \$250,000 of its 2.375% Exchangeable Senior Notes due 2033 at a 1.5% discount, or \$3,750. Costs incurred to issue the 2013 Notes were approximately \$1,672. These costs are being amortized as an adjustment to interest expense over five years, which represents the estimated term based on the first available redemption date, and are included in other assets in the condensed consolidated balance sheets. The 2013 Notes are general unsecured senior obligations of the Operating Partnership and are fully guaranteed by the Company. Interest is payable on January 1 and July 1 of each year beginning January 1, 2014, until the maturity date of July 1, 2033. The 2013 Notes bear interest at 2.375% per annum and contain an exchange settlement feature, which provides that the 2013 Notes may, under certain circumstances, be exchangeable for cash (for the principal amount of the 2013 Notes) and, with respect to any excess exchange value, for cash, shares of the Company's common stock, or a combination of cash and shares of the Company's common stock, at the Company's option. The exchange rate of the 2013 Notes as of September 30, 2015 was approximately 18.14 shares of the Company's common stock per \$1,000 principal amount of the 2013 Notes.

The Operating Partnership may redeem the 2013 Notes at any time to preserve the Company's status as a REIT. In addition, on or after July 5, 2018, the Operating Partnership may redeem the 2013 Notes for cash, in whole or in part, at 100% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest, upon at least 30 days but not more than 60 days prior written notice to the holders of the 2013 Notes. The holders of the 2013 Notes have the right to require the Operating Partnership to repurchase the 2013 Notes for cash, in whole or in part, on July 1 of the years 2018, 2023 and 2028, and upon the occurrence of certain designated events, in each case for a repurchase price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the 2013 Notes plus accrued and unpaid interest. Certain events are considered Events of Default, as defined in the indenture governing the 2013 Notes, which may result in the accelerated maturity of the 2013 Notes.

Additionally, the 2013 Notes can be exchanged during any calendar quarter, if the last reported sale price of the common stock of the Company is greater than or equal to 130% of the exchange price for at least 20 trading days during a period of 30 consecutive trading days ending on the last trading day of the immediately preceding calendar quarter. The price of the Company's common stock exceeded 130% of the exchange price for the required time period for the 2013 Notes during the quarter ended September 30, 2015. Therefore, holders of the 2013 Notes may elect to exchange such notes during the quarter ended December 31, 2015.

GAAP requires entities with convertible debt instruments that may be settled entirely or partially in cash upon conversion to separately account for the liability and equity components of the instrument in a manner that reflects the issuer's economic interest cost. The Company therefore accounts for the liability and equity components of the 2013 Notes and 2015 Notes separately. The equity components are included in paid-in capital in stockholders' equity in the condensed consolidated balance sheets, and the value of the equity components are treated as original issue discount for purposes of accounting for the debt components. The discounts are being amortized as interest expense over the remaining period of the debt through its first redemption date, July 1, 2018 for the 2013 Notes and October 1, 2020 for the 2015 Notes. The effective interest rate on the liability components of both the 2013 Notes and the 2015 Notes is

4.0%, which approximates the market rate of interest of similar debt without exchange features (i.e. nonconvertible debt) at the time of issuance.

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Information about the Company's 2013 Notes and 2015 Notes, including the total carrying amounts of the equity components, the principal amounts of the liability components, the unamortized discounts and the net carrying amounts was as follows for the periods indicated:

	<b>September 30, 2015</b>		<b>December 31, 2014</b>	
Carrying amount of equity component - 2013 Notes	\$		\$	14,496
Carrying amount of equity component - 2015 Notes		22,597		
<b>Carrying amount of equity components</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>22,597</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>14,496</b>
Principal amount of liability component 2013 Notes	\$	85,364	\$	250,000
Principal amount of liability component 2015 Notes		575,000		
Unamortized discount - equity component - 2013 Notes		(2,851)		(10,448)
Unamortized discount - equity component - 2015 Notes		(22,597)		
Unamortized cash discount - 2013 Notes		(698)		(2,606)
<b>Net carrying amount of liability components</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>634,218</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>236,946</b>

The amount of interest cost recognized relating to the contractual interest rates and the amortization of the discounts on the liability components of the Notes were as follows for the periods indicated:

	<b>For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2015</b>		<b>For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2014</b>	
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
Contractual interest	\$ 1,972	\$ 1,484	\$ 4,940	\$ 4,452
Amortization of discount	805	679	2,198	2,004
<b>Total interest expense recognized</b>	<b>\$ 2,777</b>	<b>\$ 2,163</b>	<b>\$ 7,138</b>	<b>\$ 6,456</b>

*Repurchase of 2013 Notes*

As part of the 2015 Notes offering, the Company repurchased \$164,636 of the 2013 Notes for \$227,212 on September 15, 2015. The Company allocated the value of the consideration paid to repurchase the 2013 Notes (1) to the extinguishment of the liability component and (2) to the reacquisition of the equity component. The amount allocated to the extinguishment of the liability component is equal to the fair value of that component immediately prior to extinguishment. The difference between the consideration attributed to the extinguishment of the liability component and the sum of (a) the net carrying amount of the repurchased liability component, and (b) the related unamortized debt issuance costs, is recognized as a gain on debt extinguishment. The remaining settlement

consideration is allocated to the reacquisition of the equity component of the repurchased 2013 Notes and recognized as a reduction of stockholders' equity.

Information about the repurchase is as follows:

	<b>September 15, 2015</b>
Principal amount repurchased	\$ 164,636
Amount allocated to:	
Extinguishment of liability component	\$ 157,100
Reacquisition of equity component	70,112
<b>Total cash paid for repurchase</b>	<b>\$ 227,212</b>
Exchangeable senior notes repurchased	\$ 164,636
Extinguishment of liability component	(157,100)
Discount on exchangeable senior notes	(6,931)
Related debt issuance costs	(605)
Gain/(Loss) on repurchase	\$

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**9. STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY**

On June 22, 2015, the Company issued and sold 6,325,000 shares of its common stock in a public offering at a price of \$68.15 per share. The Company received gross proceeds of \$431,049. The underwriting discount and transaction costs were \$14,406, resulting in net proceeds of \$416,643.

On August 28, 2015, the Company filed a \$400,000 at the market equity program with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and entered into separate equity distribution agreements with five sales agents. Under the terms of the equity distribution agreements, the Company may from time to time offer and sell shares of common stock, up to the aggregate offering price of \$400,000, through its sales agents. During the three months ended September 30, 2015, the Company sold 410,000 shares of common stock at an average sales price of \$75.17 per share, resulting in net proceeds of \$30,266.

**10. NONCONTROLLING INTEREST REPRESENTED BY PREFERRED OPERATING PARTNERSHIP UNITS**

*Classification of Noncontrolling Interests*

GAAP requires a company to present ownership interests in subsidiaries held by parties other than the company in the consolidated financial statements within the equity section, but separate from the company's equity. It also requires the amount of consolidated net income attributable to the parent and to the noncontrolling interest to be clearly identified and presented on the face of the consolidated statement of operations and requires changes in ownership interest to be accounted for similarly as equity transactions. If noncontrolling interests are determined to be redeemable, they are to be carried at their redemption value as of the balance sheet date and reported as temporary equity.

The Company has evaluated the terms of the Operating Partnership's preferred units and classifies the noncontrolling interest represented by such preferred units as stockholders' equity in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets. The Company will periodically evaluate individual noncontrolling interests for the ability to continue to recognize the noncontrolling interest as permanent equity in the condensed consolidated balance sheets. Any noncontrolling interests that fail to qualify as permanent equity will be reclassified as temporary equity and adjusted to the greater of (1) the carrying amount and (2) the redemption value as of the end of the period in which the determination is made.

*Series A Participating Redeemable Preferred Units*

On June 15, 2007, the Operating Partnership entered into a Contribution Agreement with various limited partnerships affiliated with AAAAA Rent-A-Space to acquire ten stores in exchange for 989,980 Series A Units of the Operating Partnership. The stores are located in California and Hawaii.

On June 25, 2007, the Operating Partnership loaned the holders of the Series A Units \$100,000. The note receivable bears interest at 4.85% per annum. During 2013, a loan amendment was signed extending the maturity date to September 1, 2020. The loan is secured by the borrower's Series A Units. The holders of the Series A Units could redeem up to 114,500 Series A Units prior to the maturity date of the loan. If any redemption in excess of 114,500 Series A Units occurs prior to the maturity date, the holder of the Series A Units is required to repay the loan as of the date of that redemption.

The partnership agreement of the Operating Partnership (as amended, the Partnership Agreement) provides for the designation and issuance of the Series A Units. The Series A Units will have priority over all other partnership

interests of the Operating Partnership with respect to distributions and liquidation.

Under the Partnership Agreement, Series A Units in the amount of \$115,000 bear a fixed priority return of 5% and have a fixed liquidation value of \$115,000. The remaining balance participates in distributions with, and has a liquidation value equal to, that of the OP Units. The Series A Units are redeemable at the option of the holder, which redemption obligation may be satisfied, at the Company's option, in cash or shares of its common stock.

On October 3, 2014, the holders of the Series A Units redeemed 114,500 Series A Units for \$4,794 in cash and 280,331 shares of common stock. No additional redemption of Series A Units can be made without repayment of the loan. Subsequent to this redemption, the fixed priority return is calculated using the current liquidation value of \$101,699. The Series A Units are shown on the balance sheet net of the \$100,000 loan because the borrower under the loan receivable is also the holder of the Series A Units.

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### *Series B Redeemable Preferred Units*

On April 3, 2014, the Operating Partnership completed the purchase of a store located in Georgia. This store was acquired in exchange for \$15,158 of cash and 333,360 Series B Units valued at \$8,334.

On August 29, 2013, the Operating Partnership completed the purchase of 19 out of 20 stores affiliated with All Aboard Mini Storage, all of which are located in California. On September 26, 2013, the Operating Partnership completed the purchase of the remaining store. These stores were acquired in exchange for \$100,876 of cash (including \$98,960 of debt assumed and immediately defeased at closing), 1,342,727 Series B Units valued at \$33,568, and 1,448,108 OP Units valued at \$62,341.

The Partnership Agreement provides for the designation and issuance of the Series B Units. The Series B Units rank junior to the Series A Units, on parity with the Series C Units, and senior to all other partnership interests of the Operating Partnership with respect to distributions and liquidation.

The outstanding Series B Units have a liquidation value of \$25.00 per unit for a fixed liquidation value of \$41,903. Holders of the Series B Units receive distributions at an annual rate of 6%. These distributions are cumulative. The Series B Units will become redeemable at the option of the holder on the first anniversary of the date of issuance, which redemption obligation may be satisfied at the Company's option in cash or shares of its common stock.

### *Series C Convertible Redeemable Preferred Units*

On November 19, 2013, the Company entered into Contribution Agreements with various entities affiliated with Grupe Properties Co. Inc. (Grupe), under which the Company agreed to acquire twelve stores, all of which are located in California. The Company completed the purchase of these stores between December 2013 and May 2014. The Company previously held 35% interests in five of these stores and a 40% interest in one store through six separate joint ventures with Grupe. These stores were acquired in exchange for a total of approximately \$45,722 of cash, the assumption of \$37,532 in existing debt, and the issuance of 704,016 Series C Units valued at \$30,960.

The Partnership Agreement provides for the designation and issuance of the Series C Units. The Series C Units rank junior to the Series A Units, on parity with the Series B Units, and senior to all other partnership interests of the Operating Partnership with respect to distributions and liquidation.

The outstanding Series C Units have a liquidation value of \$42.10 per unit for a fixed liquidation value of \$29,639. From issuance to the fifth anniversary of issuance, each Series C Unit holder will receive quarterly distributions equal to the quarterly distribution per OP Unit plus \$0.18. Beginning on the fifth anniversary of issuance, each Series C Unit holder will receive a fixed quarterly distribution equal to the aggregate quarterly distribution payable in respect of such Series C Unit during the four quarters immediately preceding the fifth anniversary of issuance, divided by four. These distributions are cumulative. The Series C Units will become redeemable at the option of the holder one year from the date of issuance, which redemption obligation may be satisfied at the Company's option in cash or shares of its common stock. The Series C Units will also become convertible into OP Units at the option of the holder one year from the date of issuance, at a rate of 0.9145 OP Units per Series C Unit converted. This conversion option expires upon the fifth anniversary of the date of issuance.

In December 2014, the Operating Partnership loaned certain holders of the Series C Units \$20,230. The notes receivable, which are collateralized by the Series C Units, bear interest at 5.0% per annum and mature on December 15, 2024. The Series C Units are shown on the balance sheet net of the \$20,230 loan because the borrower under the loan receivable is also the holder of the Series C units.

*Series D Redeemable Preferred Units*

In December 2014, the Operating Partnership completed the acquisition of a store located in Florida. This store was acquired in exchange for \$5,621 in cash and 548,390 Series D Units valued at \$13,710.

The Partnership Agreement provides for the designation and issuance of the Series D Units. The Series D Units rank junior to the Series A Units, on parity with the Series B Units and Series C Units, and senior to all other partnership interests of the Operating Partnership with respect to distributions and liquidation.

The Series D Units have a liquidation value of \$25.00 per unit, for a fixed liquidation value of \$13,710. Holders of the Series D Units receive distributions at an annual rate of 5.0%. These distributions are cumulative. The Series D Units will become redeemable at the option of the holder on the first anniversary of the date of issuance, which redemption obligation may be satisfied at the Company's option in cash or shares of its common stock.



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**Table of Contents****11. NONCONTROLLING INTEREST IN OPERATING PARTNERSHIP**

The Company's interest in its stores is held through the Operating Partnership. ESS Holding Business Trust I, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, is the sole general partner of the Operating Partnership. ESS Holding Business Trust II, also a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, is a limited partner of the Operating Partnership. Between its general partner and limited partner interests, the Company held a 92.7% ownership interest in the Operating Partnership as of September 30, 2015. The remaining ownership interests in the Operating Partnership (including Preferred Operating Partnership units) of 7.3% are held by certain former owners of assets acquired by the Operating Partnership.

The noncontrolling interest in the Operating Partnership represents OP Units that are not owned by the Company. In conjunction with the formation of the Company, and as a result of subsequent acquisitions, certain persons and entities contributing interests in stores to the Operating Partnership received limited partnership interests in the form of OP Units. Limited partners who received OP Units in the formation transactions or in exchange for contributions for interests in stores have the right to require the Operating Partnership to redeem part or all of their OP Units for cash based upon the fair market value of an equivalent number of shares of the Company's common stock (based on the ten-day average trading price) at the time of the redemption. Alternatively, the Company may, in its sole discretion, elect to acquire those OP Units in exchange for shares of its common stock on a one-for-one basis, subject to anti-dilution adjustments provided in the Partnership Agreement. The ten-day average closing stock price at September 30, 2015 was \$76.04 and there were 5,934,360 OP Units outstanding. Assuming that all of the OP Unit holders exercised their right to redeem all of their OP Units on September 30, 2015 and the Company elected to pay the OP Unit holders cash, the Company would have paid \$451,249 in cash consideration to redeem the units.

On June 18, 2015, the Company purchased one store located in Florida. As part of the consideration for this acquisition, 71,054 OP Units were issued with a total value of \$4,773.

On April 15, 2015, the Company purchased 22 stores located in Arizona and Texas. As part of the consideration for this acquisition, 1,504,277 OP Units were issued with a total value of \$101,749.

GAAP requires a company to present ownership interests in subsidiaries held by parties other than the company in the consolidated financial statements within the equity section, but separate from the company's equity. It also requires the amount of consolidated net income attributable to the parent and to the noncontrolling interest to be clearly identified and presented on the face of the consolidated statement of operations, and requires changes in ownership interest to be accounted for similarly as equity transactions. If noncontrolling interests are determined to be redeemable, they are to be carried at their redemption value as of the balance sheet date and reported as temporary equity.

The Company has evaluated the terms of the OP Units and classifies the noncontrolling interest represented by the OP Units as stockholders' equity in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets. The Company will periodically evaluate individual noncontrolling interests for the ability to continue to recognize the noncontrolling amount as permanent equity in the condensed consolidated balance sheets. Any noncontrolling interests that fail to qualify as permanent equity will be reclassified as temporary equity and adjusted to the greater of (1) the carrying amount and (2) the redemption value as of the end of the period in which the determination is made.

**12. OTHER NONCONTROLLING INTERESTS**

Other noncontrolling interests represent the ownership interest of third parties in two consolidated joint ventures as of September 30, 2015. Each of these consolidated joint ventures owns a single operating store, one in California, and one in Texas. The voting interests of the third-party owners range from 17.5% to 20.0%. Other noncontrolling

interests are included in the stockholders' equity section of the Company's condensed consolidated balance sheets. The income or losses attributable to this third-party owner based on its ownership percentage are reflected in net income allocated to Operating Partnership and other noncontrolling interests in the condensed consolidated statements of operations.

On June 11, 2015, the Company purchased its joint venture partner's remaining 1% interest in an existing joint venture for \$1,267. The joint venture owned 19 properties in California, Florida, Nevada, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia, and as a result of this purchase, these properties became wholly-owned by the Company. Prior to this acquisition, the partner's interest was reported in other noncontrolling interests. Since the Company retained its controlling interest in the subsidiary, this transaction was accounted for as an equity transaction. The carrying amount of the noncontrolling interest was reduced to zero to reflect the purchase, and the difference between the price paid by the Company and the carrying value of the noncontrolling interest was recorded as an adjustment to equity attributable to the Company.

**Table of Contents****13. EQUITY IN EARNINGS OF UNCONSOLIDATED REAL ESTATE VENTURES GAIN ON SALE OF REAL ESTATE AND PURCHASE OF JOINT VENTURE PARTNERS INTERESTS**

In March 2015, ESS PRISA II LLC ( PRISA II ), a joint venture in which the Company holds a 2.0% interest, sold one store located in New York for \$90,000. As a result of the sale, PRISA II recognized a gain of \$60,496 and the Company recorded its 2.0% portion of the gain, or \$1,228.

In March 2015, the Company acquired its joint venture partner s 82.4% interest in Sacramento One, an existing joint venture which owned one store located in California, for \$1,700. In addition, the Company held mortgage notes receivable from Sacramento One totaling \$11,009, which were written off as part of the total consideration. Prior to the acquisition, the remaining 17.6% interest was owned by the Company, which accounted for its investment in Sacramento One using the equity method. The Company recorded a non-cash gain of \$1,629 related to this transaction, which represents the increase in fair value of the company s interest in the joint venture from its formation to the acquisition date.

**14. SEGMENT INFORMATION**

The Company operates in three distinct segments: (1) rental operations; (2) tenant reinsurance; and (3) property management, acquisition and development. Management fees collected for wholly-owned stores are eliminated in consolidation. Financial information for the Company s business segments is presented below:

	<b>September 30, 2015</b>		<b>December 31, 2014</b>	
<b>Balance Sheet</b>				
Investment in unconsolidated real estate ventures				
Rental operations	\$	84,671	\$	85,711
Total assets				
Rental operations	\$	4,459,668	\$	4,109,673
Tenant reinsurance		36,023		39,383
Property management, acquisition and development		1,507,145		253,051
	\$	6,002,836	\$	4,402,107

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	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
<b>Statement of Operations</b>				
Total revenues				
Rental operations	\$ 170,548	\$ 144,669	\$ 480,466	\$ 415,448
Tenant reinsurance	18,226	15,385	52,076	43,356
Property management, acquisition and development	8,723	9,013	23,969	23,167
	197,497	169,067	556,511	481,971
Operating expenses, including depreciation and amortization				
Rental operations	77,436	70,520	230,271	209,082
Tenant reinsurance	3,608	2,930	9,819	8,133
Property management, acquisition and development	19,149	18,124	62,074	56,204
	100,193	91,574	302,164	273,419
Income (loss) from operations				
Rental operations	93,112	74,149	250,195	206,366
Tenant reinsurance	14,618	12,455	42,257	35,223
Property management, acquisition and development	(10,426)	(9,111)	(38,105)	(33,037)
	97,304	77,493	254,347	208,552
Gain (loss) on real estate transactions and earnout from prior acquisitions				
Property management, acquisition and development	1,101	(2,500)	1,501	(10,285)
Interest expense				
Rental operations	(20,034)	(20,416)	(63,894)	(60,074)
Property management, acquisition and development	(777)	(265)	(1,159)	(863)
	(20,811)	(20,681)	(65,053)	(60,937)
Non-cash interest expense related to the amortization of discount on equity component of exchangeable senior notes				
Property management, acquisition and development	(805)	(679)	(2,198)	(2,004)
Interest income				
Tenant reinsurance	3	5	11	13
Property management, acquisition and development	353	181	1,629	1,154

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	356	186	1,640	1,167
<b>Interest income on note receivable from Preferred Operating Partnership unit holder</b>				
Property management, acquisition and development	1,213	1,213	3,638	3,638
<b>Equity in earnings of unconsolidated real estate ventures</b>				
Rental operations	3,403	2,777	9,054	7,800
<b>Equity in earnings of unconsolidated real estate ventures - gain on sale of real estate assets and purchase of partners' interests</b>				
Rental operations		378	2,857	3,816
<b>Income tax (expense) benefit</b>				
Rental operations	(325)	(222)	(1,404)	(914)
Tenant reinsurance	(2,624)	2,011	(6,927)	(5,660)
Property management, acquisition and development	(612)	(783)	337	1,237
	(3,561)	1,006	(7,994)	(5,337)
<b>Net income (loss)</b>				
Rental operations	76,156	56,666	196,808	156,994
Tenant reinsurance	11,997	14,471	35,341	29,576
Property management, acquisition and development	(9,953)	(11,944)	(34,357)	(40,160)
	\$ 78,200	\$ 59,193	\$ 197,792	\$ 146,410
<b>Depreciation and amortization expense</b>				
Rental operations	\$ 28,558	\$ 27,226	\$ 85,940	\$ 80,012
Property management, acquisition and development	2,153	2,023	6,751	5,883
	\$ 30,711	\$ 29,249	\$ 92,691	\$ 85,895
<b>Statement of Cash Flows</b>				
<b>Acquisition of real estate assets</b>				
Property management, acquisition and development			\$ (263,404)	\$ (328,235)
<b>Development and redevelopment of real estate assets</b>				
Property management, acquisition and development			\$ (15,137)	\$ (11,288)

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**15. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

As of September 30, 2015, the Company is involved in various legal proceedings and is subject to various claims and complaints arising in the ordinary course of business. Because litigation is inherently unpredictable, the outcome of these matters cannot presently be determined with any degree of certainty. In accordance with applicable accounting guidance, management establishes an accrued liability for litigation when those matters present loss contingencies that are both probable and reasonably estimable. In such cases, there may be an exposure to loss in excess of any amounts accrued. The estimated loss, if any, is based upon currently available information and is subject to significant judgment, a variety of assumptions, and known and unknown uncertainties. Therefore, any estimate(s) of loss disclosed below represents what management believes to be an estimate of loss only for certain matters meeting these criteria and does not represent the Company's maximum loss exposure. The Company could in the future incur judgments or enter into settlements of claims that could have a material adverse effect on its results of operations in any particular period, notwithstanding the fact that the Company is currently vigorously defending any legal proceedings against it.

The Company currently has several legal proceedings pending against it that include causes of action alleging wrongful foreclosure, violations of various state specific self-storage statutes, violations of various consumer fraud acts. As a result of these litigation matters, the Company recorded a liability of \$850,000 during the year ended December 31, 2014, which is included in other liabilities on the condensed consolidated balance sheets.

As of September 30, 2015, the Company was under contract to acquire seven operating stores and 14 stores to be acquired upon the completion of construction, for a total purchase price of \$203,033. Of these stores, six are scheduled to close in 2015. The remaining stores will close upon completion of construction, expected to occur on various dates in 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Although there can be no assurance, the Company is not aware of any material environmental liability, for which it believes it will be ultimately responsible, that could have a material adverse effect on its financial condition or results of operations. However, changes in applicable environmental laws and regulations, the uses and conditions of properties in the vicinity of the Company's properties, the activities of its tenants and other environmental conditions of which the Company is unaware with respect to its properties could result in future material environmental liabilities.

**16. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

On October 1, 2015, the Company completed its previously announced acquisition of SmartStop Self Storage, Inc. ( SmartStop ), a public, non-traded REIT ( the Transaction ). The Company completed the Transaction as part of its strategy to acquire stores and portfolios of stores that can increase stockholder value. SmartStop stockholders received \$13.75 per share in cash, which represents a total purchase price of approximately \$1,400,000. The Company paid approximately \$1,310,000, and the remaining \$90,000 came from the sale of certain assets by SmartStop prior to the closing. In connection with the Transaction, the Company acquired 122 SmartStop stores and assumed the management of 43 third-party stores.

Other disclosures relating to the Transaction, including pro forma financial information, are not practicable to include as the Company has not yet completed its initial accounting for the Transaction, and the information necessary for these disclosures is not yet available.

On October 1, 2015, the Company closed on a \$300,000 loan with a single lender that is secured by 47 stores. The loan bears interest at one month LIBOR plus 1.60% and matures September 30, 2022. An interest rate cap on 90% of

the loan balance was executed on October 2, 2015, under which LIBOR is capped at a maximum of 3.9%.

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### **ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

**Amounts in thousands, except store and share data**

#### **CAUTIONARY LANGUAGE**

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with our unaudited *Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements* and the *Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited)* appearing elsewhere in this report and the *Consolidated Financial Statements*, *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements* and *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations* contained in our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014. We make statements in this section that are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. For a complete discussion of forward-looking statements, see the section in this Form 10-Q entitled *Statement on Forward-Looking Information*.

#### **CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Our discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations are based on our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report, which have been prepared in accordance with GAAP. Our notes to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report and the audited financial statements contained in our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 describe the significant accounting policies essential to our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements. Preparation of our financial statements requires estimates, judgments and assumptions. We believe that the estimates, judgments and assumptions that we have used are appropriate and correct based on information available at the time they were made. These estimates, judgments and assumptions can affect our reported assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements, as well as the reported revenues and expenses during the period presented. If there are material differences between these estimates, judgments and assumptions and actual facts, our financial statements may be affected.

In many cases, the accounting treatment of a particular transaction is specifically dictated by GAAP and does not require our judgment in its application. There are areas in which our judgment in selecting among available alternatives would not produce a materially different result, but there are some areas in which our judgment in selecting among available alternatives would produce a materially different result. See the notes to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements that contain additional information regarding our accounting policies and other disclosures.

#### **OVERVIEW**

We are a fully integrated, self-administered and self-managed REIT, formed to continue the business commenced in 1977 by Extra Space Storage LLC and its subsidiaries to own, operate, manage, acquire, develop and redevelop professionally managed self-storage stores.

We derive substantially all of our revenues from rents received from tenants under leases at each of our wholly-owned stores; from management fees on the stores we manage for joint venture partners and unaffiliated third parties; and from our tenant reinsurance program. Our management fee is equal to approximately 6% of cash collected from the managed stores. We also receive an asset management fee of 0.5% of the total asset value from one of our joint ventures.

We operate in competitive markets, often where consumers have multiple stores from which to choose. Competition has impacted, and will continue to impact, our store results. We experience seasonal fluctuations in occupancy levels,



with occupancy levels generally higher in the summer months due to increased moving activity. Our operating results depend materially on our ability to lease available self-storage units and actively manage rental rates, and on the ability of our tenants to make required rental payments. We believe that we are able to respond quickly and effectively to changes in local, regional and national economic conditions by centrally adjusting rental rates through the combination of our revenue management team and our industry-leading technology systems.

We continue to evaluate a range of new initiatives and opportunities in order to enable us to maximize stockholder value. Our strategies to maximize stockholder value include the following:

*Maximize the performance of our stores through strategic, efficient and proactive management.* We pursue revenue-generating and expense-minimizing opportunities in our operations. Our revenue management team seeks to maximize revenue by responding to changing market conditions through our advanced technology system's ability to provide real-time, interactive rental rate and discount management. Our size allows us greater ability than the majority of our competitors to implement more effective online marketing programs, which we believe will attract more customers to our stores at a lower net cost.

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*Acquire self-storage stores.* Our acquisitions team continues to pursue the acquisition of multi-store portfolios and single stores that we believe can provide stockholder value. We have established a reputation as a reliable, ethical buyer, which we believe enhances our ability to negotiate and close acquisitions. In addition, we believe our status as an UPREIT enables flexibility when structuring deals. We continue to see available acquisitions on which to bid and are seeing increasing prices. However, we remain a disciplined buyer and look for acquisitions that will strengthen our portfolio and increase stockholder value.

*Expand our management business.* Our management business enables us to generate increased revenues through management fees and to expand our geographic footprint. We believe this expanded footprint enables us to reduce our operating costs through economies of scale. In addition, we see our management business as a future acquisition pipeline. We pursue strategic relationships with owners whose stores would enhance our portfolio in the event an opportunity arises to acquire such stores.

### *Acquisition of SmartStop*

On October 1, 2015, the Company completed its previously announced acquisition of SmartStop. SmartStop stockholders approved the transaction at a special meeting of stockholders held on September 29, 2015. SmartStop stockholders received \$13.75 per share in cash, which represents a total purchase price of approximately \$1,400,000. The Company paid approximately \$1,310,000, and the remaining \$90,000 came from the sale of certain assets by SmartStop immediately prior to the closing.

As a result of the acquisition, the Company acquired 122 stores and assumed the management of 43 stores previously managed by SmartStop.

## **PROPERTIES**

As of September 30, 2015, we owned, had ownership interests in, or managed 1,170 stores in 36 states, Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico. Of these 1,170 stores, we owned 617 stores, we held joint venture interests in 251 stores, and our taxable REIT subsidiary, Extra Space Management, Inc., operated an additional 302 stores that are owned by third parties. These operating stores contain approximately 87.1 million square feet of rentable space in approximately 787,000 units.

Our stores are generally situated in convenient, highly visible locations clustered around large population centers such as Atlanta, Baltimore/Washington, D.C., Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Miami, New York City, Orlando, Philadelphia, Phoenix, St. Petersburg/Tampa and San Francisco/Oakland. These areas all enjoy above-average population growth and income levels. The clustering of assets around these population centers enables us to reduce our operating costs through economies of scale. Our acquisitions and management business have given us an increased scale in many core markets as well as a foothold in many markets where we had no previous presence.

We consider a store to be in the lease-up stage after it has been issued a certificate of occupancy, but before it has achieved stabilization. We consider a store to be stabilized once it has achieved either an 80% average occupancy rate for a full year measured as of January 1, or has been open for three years.

As of September 30, 2015, in excess of 700,000 tenants were leasing storage units at the 1,170 operating stores that we own and/or manage, primarily on a month-to-month basis, providing the flexibility to increase rental rates over time as market conditions permit. Existing tenants generally receive rate increases at least annually, for which no direct correlation has been drawn to our vacancy trends. Although leases are short-term in duration, the typical tenant tends to remain at our stores for an extended period of time. For stores that were stabilized as of September 30, 2015,

the average length of stay was approximately 13.9 months for tenants that vacated during the preceding twelve month period.

The average annual rent per square foot for our existing customers at stabilized stores, net of discounts and bad debt, was \$15.17 for the three months ended September 30, 2015, compared to \$14.23 for the same period ended September 30, 2014. Average annual rent per square foot for new leases was \$15.64 for the three months ended September 30, 2015, compared to \$14.39 for the same period ended September 30, 2014. The average discounts, as a percentage of rental revenues, during these periods were 2.7% and 3.3%, respectively.

Our store portfolio is made up of different types of construction and building configurations depending on the site and the municipality where it is located. Most often sites are what we consider hybrid stores, a mix of drive-up and multi-floor buildings. We have a number of multi-floor buildings with elevator access only, and a number of stores featuring ground-floor access only.

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The following table presents additional information regarding the occupancy of our stabilized stores by state as of September 30, 2015 and 2014. The information as of September 30, 2014 is on a pro forma basis as though all the stores owned and/or managed at September 30, 2015 were under our control as of September 30, 2014.

**Stabilized Store Data Based on Location**

Location	Company Number of Stores	Pro forma Number of Units as of September 30, 2015 (1)	Company Number of Units as of September 30, 2014	Pro forma Net Rentable Square Feet as of September 30, 2015 (2)	Company Net Rentable Square Feet as of September 30, 2014	Pro	form
						Square Foot	Occupancy %
<b>Wholly-Owned Stores</b>							
Alabama	5	2,978	2,896	343,571	342,962	92.4%	83.3%
Arizona	12	7,693	7,557	887,899	885,743	92.8%	90.8%
California	126	94,845	94,353	9,802,748	9,799,919	95.1%	92.1%
Colorado	12	5,945	5,888	738,544	740,829	93.1%	89.6%
Connecticut	5	3,144	3,122	299,176	299,579	92.4%	89.7%
Florida	62	43,510	43,072	4,644,364	4,633,474	93.9%	92.0%
Georgia	24	14,336	14,213	1,844,201	1,843,179	93.3%	89.4%
Hawaii	5	5,817	5,614	343,091	335,409	94.4%	91.2%
Illinois	18	12,758	12,529	1,310,133	1,304,941	88.5%	89.3%
Indiana	9	4,807	4,734	555,743	555,308	90.8%	90.5%
Kansas	1	535	507	49,991	50,361	92.3%	92.5%
Kentucky	4	2,187	2,169	253,741	254,241	93.7%	91.9%
Louisiana	2	1,406	1,408	150,090	149,990	93.2%	90.9%
Maryland	24	18,098	17,856	1,876,159	1,875,122	92.1%	92.0%
Massachusetts	37	23,099	22,825	2,315,334	2,314,141	93.7%	91.7%
Michigan	3	1,825	1,808	260,579	257,554	90.4%	91.1%
Missouri	6	3,246	3,224	387,401	386,361	94.2%	91.1%
Nevada	6	3,916	3,930	623,930	623,284	91.6%	86.5%
New Hampshire	2	1,017	1,009	126,048	125,748	93.4%	91.3%
New Jersey	49	38,070	37,896	3,685,674	3,681,965	93.9%	93.1%
New Mexico	3	1,611	1,572	221,042	217,814	91.4%	87.9%
New York	20	17,665	17,629	1,461,749	1,460,670	93.0%	90.4%
North Carolina	8	5,262	5,167	557,743	554,282	92.4%	90.2%
Ohio	21	11,370	11,244	1,483,234	1,481,351	91.8%	90.0%
Oregon	3	2,158	2,150	250,450	250,450	94.5%	94.7%
Pennsylvania	10	7,417	7,381	762,649	757,359	92.5%	91.5%
Rhode Island	2	1,235	1,193	131,381	131,291	94.8%	91.2%
South Carolina	6	3,427	3,339	421,515	418,355	89.2%	92.2%
Tennessee	13	7,700	7,613	1,041,661	1,038,502	92.1%	92.8%
Texas	57	36,144	36,027	4,356,805	4,340,726	91.6%	89.8%

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Utah	8	4,232	4,246	522,856	523,056	94.8%	90.5%
Virginia	30	23,315	23,050	2,478,315	2,462,157	90.9%	86.4%
Washington	6	3,597	3,573	428,878	427,483	94.4%	90.0%
<b>Total Wholly-Owned Stabilized</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>414,365</b>	<b>410,794</b>	<b>44,616,695</b>	<b>44,523,606</b>	<b>93.1%</b>	<b>90.9%</b>

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Location	Company	Pro forma	Company	Pro forma	Company	Pro forma	
	Number of	Number of	Net Rentable	Net Rentable	Occupancy	Occupancy	
	Units as of	Units as of	Square Feet as of	Square Feet as of	%	%	
Number of	September 30,	September 30,	September 30,	September 30,	September 30,	September 30,	
Stores	2015 (1)	2014	2015 (2)	2014	2015	2014	
<b>Joint-Venture Stores</b>							
Alabama	2	1,175	1,152	145,056	145,196	94.6%	89.0%
Arizona	7	4,298	4,250	491,938	492,508	91.2%	89.5%
California	66	47,479	47,151	4,832,118	4,830,777	95.4%	93.0%
Colorado	2	1,313	1,323	158,429	159,803	93.8%	90.7%
Connecticut	7	5,319	5,298	610,580	611,490	93.7%	92.7%
Delaware	1	598	591	71,610	71,705	83.5%	92.8%
Florida	16	13,250	13,080	1,294,416	1,295,116	92.9%	91.4%
Georgia	2	1,084	1,067	151,234	152,684	95.2%	91.0%
Illinois	5	3,494	3,467	366,155	365,758	91.3%	93.7%
Indiana	5	2,243	2,205	288,590	287,328	92.5%	90.9%
Kansas	2	845	844	109,155	109,375	90.3%	91.5%
Kentucky	4	2,286	2,267	257,489	257,199	88.2%	88.1%
Maryland	12	9,896	9,772	957,325	955,370	92.2%	91.3%
Massachusetts	13	6,991	6,931	774,767	784,185	92.9%	91.0%
Michigan	8	4,858	4,808	614,318	612,833	92.9%	92.9%
Missouri	1	536	534	61,075	61,225	89.8%	89.9%
Nevada	4	2,310	2,296	253,032	252,693	94.9%	90.6%
New Hampshire	2	801	791	85,111	84,591	94.4%	92.8%
New Jersey	16	13,011	12,969	1,357,232	1,357,294	91.7%	90.6%
New Mexico	7	3,649	3,603	396,525	398,194	91.9%	89.8%
New York	12	11,929	11,937	970,197	977,741	93.8%	91.9%
Ohio	6	3,160	3,124	414,964	415,129	91.6%	88.7%
Oregon	1	655	653	64,970	64,970	95.0%	94.1%
Pennsylvania	9	6,354	6,338	698,254	697,303	91.7%	92.7%
Tennessee	14	7,410	7,348	956,828	956,468	90.6%	91.1%
Texas	13	8,502	8,437	1,131,766	1,127,425	93.8%	93.4%
Virginia	12	8,674	8,630	917,962	917,914	91.6%	90.5%
Washington, DC	1	1,547	1,530	102,492	102,017	90.2%	93.5%
<b>Total Joint-Venture Stabilized</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>173,667</b>	<b>172,396</b>	<b>18,533,588</b>	<b>18,544,291</b>	<b>93.1%</b>	<b>91.8%</b>
<b>Managed Stores</b>							
Alabama	8	3,487	3,455	514,825	522,685	90.1%	87.0%
Arizona	3	1,230	1,210	230,045	226,459	91.5%	85.9%
California	65	43,928	44,216	5,752,455	5,785,816	91.8%	85.7%
Colorado	16	8,403	8,336	1,068,941	1,070,047	92.4%	93.1%
Connecticut	1	458	464	61,240	61,625	93.6%	91.0%

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Florida	38	25,194	25,135	3,100,504	3,097,393	92.2%	89.1%
Georgia	8	3,944	3,940	588,142	593,561	92.8%	89.4%
Hawaii	6	4,803	5,053	349,264	350,365	92.4%	88.4%
Illinois	6	3,609	3,591	393,935	393,264	89.9%	91.8%
Indiana	14	7,749	7,741	950,611	959,036	88.7%	88.5%
Kentucky	2	1,332	1,326	219,777	219,777	93.3%	93.0%
Louisiana	1	990	999	132,745	133,485	91.5%	88.1%
Maryland	16	11,398	11,157	1,079,844	1,082,478	90.5%	89.6%
Mississippi	2	1,885	1,889	281,328	281,508	92.0%	87.1%
Missouri	3	1,592	1,540	182,771	191,943	87.4%	92.6%
Nevada	4	2,995	3,033	315,885	315,885	89.1%	75.4%
New Jersey	3	1,639	1,644	181,313	181,688	92.2%	90.5%
New Mexico	2	1,138	1,121	130,492	131,112	92.8%	89.7%
North Carolina	2	1,211	1,205	167,540	167,338	90.1%	91.3%
Ohio	8	2,886	2,955	394,706	429,089	90.9%	90.5%
Oklahoma	3	1,946	1,946	343,481	343,481	82.5%	82.5%
Pennsylvania	15	6,956	6,946	856,557	861,847	92.1%	88.7%
South Carolina	2	1,187	1,188	154,486	157,565	87.9%	85.8%
Tennessee	3	1,341	1,339	197,021	196,846	93.4%	90.7%
Texas	27	14,122	14,070	1,940,503	1,937,800	88.5%	83.3%
Utah	4	2,018	2,061	314,040	314,195	93.9%	85.9%
Virginia	4	2,434	2,403	248,949	249,639	92.1%	89.3%
Washington, DC	2	1,267	1,267	112,334	112,334	92.2%	91.6%
Puerto Rico	5	3,476	3,467	375,130	374,311	87.2%	85.7%
<b>Total Managed Stabilized</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>164,618</b>	<b>164,697</b>	<b>20,638,864</b>	<b>20,742,572</b>	<b>91.1%</b>	<b>87.4%</b>
<b>Total Stabilized Stores</b>	<b>1,122</b>	<b>752,650</b>	<b>747,887</b>	<b>83,789,147</b>	<b>83,810,469</b>	<b>92.6%</b>	<b>90.3%</b>

- (1) Represents unit count as of September 30, 2015, which may differ from unit count as of September 30, 2014 due to unit conversions or expansions.
- (2) Represents net rentable square feet as of September 30, 2015, which may differ from rentable square feet as of September 30, 2014 due to unit conversions or expansions.

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The following table presents additional information regarding the occupancy of our lease-up stores by state as of September 30, 2015 and 2014. The information as of September 30, 2014 is on a pro forma basis as though all the stores owned and/or managed at September 30, 2015 were under our control as of September 30, 2014.

**Lease-up Store Data Based on Location**

Location	Number of Stores	Company	Pro forma	Company	Pro forma	Company	Pro forma
		Number of Units as of September 30, 2015 (1)	Number of Units as of September 30, 2014	Net Rentable Square Feet as of September 30, 2015 (2)	Net Rentable Square Feet as of September 30, 2014	Occupancy %	Occupancy %
<b>Wholly-Owned Stores</b>							
Arizona	1	894	894	122,092	122,092	64.6%	32.3%
California (3)	1		591		58,116	0.0%	90.9%
Connecticut	1	1,107	1,121	89,820	90,515	90.4%	40.4%
Florida	1	543	534	78,055	75,641	90.8%	71.8%
Georgia	1	620	598	52,606	52,365	96.0%	89.1%
Illinois	1	862	584	54,897	47,087	62.6%	75.8%
Maryland	1	988	988	103,171	103,171	89.9%	66.8%
North Carolina	1	978	394	85,250	37,780	69.5%	73.7%
South Carolina	2	1,223	1,010	131,944	104,745	83.6%	39.7%
Texas	6	3,948	3,295	449,538	367,551	71.0%	43.7%
Virginia	1	514	514	56,855	56,855	82.0%	65.3%
<b>Total Wholly-Owned in Lease-up</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>11,677</b>	<b>10,523</b>	<b>1,224,228</b>	<b>1,115,918</b>	<b>77.1%</b>	<b>53.9%</b>
<b>Joint-Venture Stores</b>							
Arizona	1	606		62,200		21.9%	0.0%
California	1	643		59,209		64.6%	0.0%
<b>Total Joint-Venture in Lease-up</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1,249</b>		<b>121,409</b>		<b>42.7%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Managed Stores</b>							
California	4	1,612	1,555	208,330	302,525	47.8%	63.4%
Colorado	2	1,594	1,594	148,177	148,177	70.3%	35.2%
Georgia	1	553	553	69,367	69,367	46.5%	23.2%
Illinois	1	673	673	46,417	46,417	85.9%	57.7%
Maryland	2	1,312	944	114,710	85,699	70.7%	61.6%
Massachusetts	1	902	902	70,076	70,076	46.4%	23.2%
Nevada	1	1,469	1,469	196,181	196,181	60.4%	30.2%



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New Jersey	1	874		74,587		28.1%	0.0%
New York	3	3,693	2,582	229,810	162,525	15.4%	77.3%
North Carolina	2	763	763	68,281	68,281	80.2%	40.1%
Oregon	2	891	599	103,847	76,347	54.2%	35.0%
South Carolina	4	2,962	1,002	314,479	97,735	43.6%	5.4%
Texas	1	613	604	68,845	68,534	84.3%	69.1%
Utah	1	520	526	67,157	67,237	90.9%	62.6%
Virginia	2	1,051	1,059	105,614	106,411	87.8%	48.7%
Washington	1	710	710	80,730	80,730	64.5%	32.3%
<b>Total Managed in Lease-up</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>20,192</b>	<b>15,535</b>	<b>1,966,608</b>	<b>1,646,242</b>	<b>54.7%</b>	<b>46.6%</b>
<b>Total Lease-up Stores</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>33,118</b>	<b>26,058</b>	<b>3,312,245</b>	<b>2,762,160</b>	<b>62.6%</b>	<b>49.6%</b>

- (1) Represents unit count as of September 30, 2015, which may differ from unit count as of September 30, 2014 due to unit conversions or expansions.
- (2) Represents net rentable square feet as of September 30, 2015, which may differ from rentable square feet as of September 30, 2014 due to unit conversions or expansions.
- (3) In October 2014, a store located in Venice, California was damaged by fire. During the re-construction period all units are unavailable.

Table of Contents**RESULTS OF OPERATIONS****Comparison of the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014**Overview

Results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 included the operations of 868 stores (616 wholly-owned, one in a consolidated joint venture, and 251 in joint ventures accounted for using the equity method) compared to the results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, which included the operations of 810 stores (557 of which were consolidated and 253 of which were in joint ventures accounted for using the equity method).

Revenues

The following table presents information on revenues earned for the periods indicated:

	For the Three Months Ended				For the Nine Months Ended			
	September 30,		\$ Change	% Change	September 30,		\$ Change	% Change
	2015	2014			2015	2014		
<b>Revenues:</b>								
Property rental	\$ 170,548	\$ 144,669	\$ 25,879	17.9%	\$ 480,466	\$ 415,448	\$ 65,018	15.7%
Tenant reinsurance	18,226	15,385	2,841	18.5%	52,076	43,356	8,720	20.1%
Management fees	8,723	9,013	(290)	(3.2%)	23,969	23,167	802	3.5%
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>\$ 197,497</b>	<b>\$ 169,067</b>	<b>\$ 28,430</b>	<b>16.8%</b>	<b>\$ 556,511</b>	<b>\$ 481,971</b>	<b>\$ 74,540</b>	<b>15.5%</b>

**Property Rental** The increase in property rental revenues for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 was the result of an increase of \$13,012 and \$31,484, respectively, associated with acquisitions completed in 2015 and 2014, and an increase of \$13,170 and \$34,633, respectively, as a result of increases in occupancy and rental rates to new and existing customers at our stabilized stores. Revenues at our lease-up stores increased by \$234 and \$493, respectively, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 when compared to the same periods in the prior year. These increases were offset by a decrease in revenues for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 of \$537 and \$1,592, respectively, relating to the temporary closure of a store in California as a result of a fire in October 2014. We acquired 40 operating stores during the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 51 operating stores during 2014. Occupancy at our wholly-owned stabilized stores increased to 93.1% at September 30, 2015, as compared to 90.9% at September 30, 2014. The achieved rental rate to new tenants for the three months ended September 30, 2015 increased an average of approximately 7% over the same period in the prior year.

**Tenant Reinsurance** The increase in our tenant reinsurance revenues was due to the increase in the number of stores operated. We operated 1,170 stores at September 30, 2015 compared to 1,081 stores at September 30, 2014.

**Management Fees and Other Income** Our taxable REIT subsidiary ( TRS ), Extra Space Management, Inc., manages stores owned by our joint ventures and third parties. Management fees represent approximately 6% of cash collected from these stores. We also earn an asset management fee from one of our joint ventures, equal to 0.5% of the total asset value, provided certain conditions are met. The increase in management fee revenues was due to an increase in revenues at the managed stores as a result of increases in occupancy and rental rates, and to an increase in the number

of properties managed.

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The following table presents information on expenses for the periods indicated:

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,				For the Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	2015	2014	\$ Change	% Change	2015	2014	\$ Change	% Change
<b>Expenses:</b>								
Property operations	\$ 48,878	\$ 43,294	\$ 5,584	12.9%	\$ 144,331	\$ 129,070	\$ 15,261	11.8%
Tenant reinsurance	3,608	2,930	678	23.1%	9,819	8,133	1,686	20.7%
Acquisition related costs	280	436	(156)	(35.8%)	5,703	3,885	1,818	46.8%
General and administrative	16,716	15,665	1,051	6.7%	49,620	46,436	3,184	6.9%
Depreciation and amortization	30,711	29,249	1,462	5.0%	92,691	85,895	6,796	7.9%
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 100,193</b>	<b>\$ 91,574</b>	<b>\$ 8,619</b>	<b>9.4%</b>	<b>\$ 302,164</b>	<b>\$ 273,419</b>	<b>\$ 28,745</b>	<b>10.5%</b>

**Property Operations** The increase in property operations expense during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 was the result of increases of \$4,402 and \$12,099, respectively associated with acquisitions completed in 2015 and 2014 and increases of \$829 and \$2,636, respectively, associated with increases in expenses at our stabilized properties. The increases in expenses at our stabilized properties consisted primarily of increases in advertising, credit card merchant fees, property taxes and repairs and maintenance. We acquired 40 operating stores during the nine months ended September 30, 2015, and 51 operating stores during the year ended December 31, 2014.

**Tenant Reinsurance** Tenant reinsurance expense represents the costs that are incurred to provide tenant reinsurance. The increase was primarily due to the increase in the number of stores we owned and/or managed. At September 30, 2015, we owned and/or managed 1,170 stores compared to 1,081 stores at September 30, 2014.

**Acquisition Related Costs** These costs relate to acquisition activities during the periods indicated. The increase in these expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 compared to the same period in the prior year was due to an increase in the number of acquisitions completed during these periods. We completed the acquisition of 40 stores during the nine months ended September 30, 2015 compared to 32 stores during the same period in the prior year. In addition, during the nine months ended September 30, 2015, we wrote off a nonrefundable deposit of \$2,440 related to a property that we had under contract but did not purchase as a result of environmental issues. The decrease in acquisition related costs for the three months ended September 30, 2015 when compared to the same period in the prior year is due to the fact that we acquired only one property during the three months ended September 30, 2015, compared to three properties during the same period in 2014.

**General and Administrative** General and administrative expenses primarily include all expenses not directly related to our stores, including corporate payroll, travel and professional fees. These expenses are recognized as incurred. General and administrative expenses for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 increased when compared to the same period in the prior year primarily due to the overall cost associated with the management of additional stores. At September 30, 2015, we owned and/or managed 1,170 stores compared to 1,081 stores at September 30, 2014. We did not observe any material trends in specific payroll, travel or other expenses that

contributed significantly to the increase in general and administrative expenses apart from the increase due to the management of additional stores.

**Depreciation and Amortization** Depreciation and amortization expense increased as a result of the acquisition of new stores. We acquired 40 stores during the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 51 stores during 2014.

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The following table presents information about other revenues and expenses for the periods indicated:

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,				For the Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	2015	2014	\$ Change	% Change	2015	2014	\$ Change	% Change
<b>Other income and expenses:</b>								
Gain (loss) on real estate transactions and earnout from prior acquisitions	\$ 1,101	\$ (2,500)	\$ 3,601	(144.0%)	\$ 1,501	\$ (10,285)	\$ 11,786	(114.6%)
Interest expense	(20,811)	(20,681)	(130)	0.6%	(65,053)	(60,937)	(4,116)	6.8%
Non-cash interest expense related to amortization of discount on equity component of exchangeable senior notes	(805)	(679)	(126)	18.6%	(2,198)	(2,004)	(194)	9.7%
Interest income	356	186	170	91.4%	1,640	1,167	473	40.5%
Interest income on note receivable from Preferred Operating Partnership unit holder	1,213	1,213			3,638	3,638		
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated real estate ventures	3,403	2,777	626	22.5%	9,054	7,800	1,254	16.1%
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated real estate ventures - gain on sale of real estate assets and purchase of joint venture partners interests		378	(378)	(100.0%)	2,857	3,816	(959)	(25.1%)
Income tax (expense) benefit	(3,561)	1,006	(4,567)	(454.0%)	(7,994)	(5,337)	(2,657)	(49.8%)
Total other expense, net	\$ (19,104)	\$ (18,300)	\$ (804)	(4.4%)	\$ (56,555)	\$ (62,142)	\$ 5,587	(9.0%)

**Gain (Loss) on Real Estate Transactions and Earnout from Prior Acquisitions** In 2011, we acquired a single store in Florida. As part of the acquisition, we agreed to make an additional cash payment to the sellers if the acquired store exceeded a specified amount of net rental income for the period of 12 consecutive months ending June 30, 2015.

During 2014 we recorded a liability of \$2,500 as an estimate of the payment that would become due. The \$400 gain recorded during the nine months ended September 30, 2015 represents the adjustment needed to true up the existing liability to the amount owed to the sellers as of June 30, 2015.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2015, we determined that one of our acquisitions was purchased at below its market value, and we therefore recorded a \$1,101 gain, which represents the excess of the fair value of the store acquired over the consideration paid.

During 2012, we acquired a portfolio of ten self-storage properties. As part of this acquisition, we agreed to make an additional cash payment to the sellers if the acquired stores exceeded a specified amount of net rental income two years after the acquisition date. At the acquisition date, we believed that it was unlikely that any significant payment would be made as a result of this earnout provision. The rental income of the stores during the earnout period was significantly higher than expected, resulting in a payment to the sellers of \$7,785, which was recorded as a loss during the nine months ended September 30, 2014.

**Interest Expense** The increase in interest expense during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 was the result of increases in debt over the same periods in the prior year. The total face value of our debt, including our lines of credit, was \$3,492,710 at September 30, 2015 compared to \$2,188,791 at September 30, 2014.

**Non-cash Interest Expense Related to Amortization of Discount on Equity Component of Exchangeable Senior Notes** Represents the amortization of the discounts related to the equity components of the exchangeable senior notes issued by our Operating Partnership. The 2013 Notes and 2015 Notes both have an effective interest rate of 4.0% relative to the carrying amount of the liability.

**Interest Income** Interest income represents amounts earned on cash and cash equivalents deposited with financial institutions and interest earned on notes receivable. The increase for the three ended September 30, 2015 relate primarily to the increase in cash during the three months ended September 30, 2015. Cash and cash equivalents at September 30, 2015 were \$1,115,532 compared to \$49,216 at September 30, 2014. The increase in cash was the result of the Company preparing to close the SmartStop acquisition on October 1, 2015.

**Interest Income on Note Receivable from Preferred Operating Partnership Unit Holders** Represents interest on a \$100,000 loan to the holders of the Series A Participating Redeemable Preferred Units of our Operating Partnership ( Series A Units ).

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**Equity in Earnings of Unconsolidated Real Estate Ventures** Equity in earnings of unconsolidated real estate ventures represents the income earned through our ownership interests in unconsolidated joint ventures. The increases for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 compared to the same periods in the prior year was primarily the result of increases in revenue at the stores owned by the joint ventures.

**Equity in Earnings of Unconsolidated Real Estate Ventures Gain on Sale of Real Estate Assets and Purchase of Joint Venture Partners Interests** During March 2015, one of our joint ventures sold a store located in New York to a third party and recognized a gain of \$60,496. We recognized our 2.0% share of this gain, or \$1,228. Additionally, in March 2015 we acquired a joint venture partner's 82.4% equity interest in an existing joint venture. We previously held the remaining 17.6% equity interest in this joint venture. Prior to the acquisition, we accounted for our equity interest in this joint venture as an equity-method investment. We recognized a non-cash gain of \$1,629 during the three months ended March 31, 2015 as a result of re-measuring the fair value of our equity interest in this joint venture held before the acquisition.

**Income Tax (Expense) Benefit** For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, the increase in income tax expense is the result of an increase in income earned by our TRS when compared to the same periods in the prior year. Additionally, during the three months ended September 30, 2014, we recorded the initial tax benefit related to a royalty fee that we charge quarterly to our captive insurance subsidiary.

**Net Income Allocated to Noncontrolling Interests**

The following table presents information on net income allocated to noncontrolling interests for the periods indicated:

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,				For the Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	2015	2014	\$ Change	% Change	2015	2014	\$ Change	% Change
<b>Net income allocated to noncontrolling interests:</b>								
Net income allocated to Preferred Operating Partnership noncontrolling interests	\$ (3,112)	\$ (2,977)	\$ (135)	4.5%	\$ (9,045)	\$ (8,281)	\$ (764)	9.2%
Net income allocated to Operating Partnership and other noncontrolling interests	(3,370)	(1,988)	(1,382)	69.5%	(7,948)	(4,896)	(3,052)	62.3%
Total income allocated to noncontrolling interests:	\$ (6,482)	\$ (4,965)	\$ (1,517)	30.6%	\$ (16,993)	\$ (13,177)	\$ (3,816)	29.0%

**Net Income Allocated to Preferred Operating Partnership Noncontrolling Interests** In December 2014, as part of the acquisition of a single store, our Operating Partnership issued 548,390 Series D Units. The Series D Units have a liquidation value of \$25.00 per unit, and receive distributions at an annual rate of 5.0%.

Between December 2013 and May 2014, as part of the Grupe acquisition, our Operating Partnership issued 704,016 Series C Units. The Series C Units have a liquidation value of \$42.10 per unit. From issuance until the fifth



anniversary of issuance, the Series C Units receive distributions at an annual rate of \$0.18 plus the then-payable quarterly distribution per OP Unit.

In April 2014, as part of a single store acquisition, our Operating Partnership issued 333,360 Series B Units. In August and September 2013, as part of a portfolio acquisition, our Operating Partnership issued an additional 1,342,727 Series B Units. The Series B Units have a liquidation value of \$25.00 per unit and receive distributions at an annual rate of 6%.

Income allocated to the Preferred Operating Partnership noncontrolling interests for the three months ended September 30, 2015 represents the fixed distributions paid to holders of the Series A Units, Series B Units, Series C Units and Series D Units, plus approximately 0.7% of the remaining net income allocated to holders of the Series A Units.

**Net Income Allocated to Operating Partnership and Other Noncontrolling Interests** Income allocated to the Operating Partnership represents approximately 4.5% and 3.5% of net income after the allocation of the fixed distribution paid to the Preferred Operating Partnership unit holders for the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

## **FUNDS FROM OPERATIONS**

Funds from Operations ( FFO ) provides relevant and meaningful information about our operating performance that is necessary, along with net income and cash flows, for an understanding of our operating results. We believe FFO is a meaningful disclosure as a supplement to net earnings. Net earnings assume that the values of real estate assets diminish predictably over time as reflected through depreciation and amortization expenses. The values of real estate assets fluctuate due to market conditions and we believe

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FFO more accurately reflects the value of our real estate assets. FFO is defined by the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts, Inc. ( NAREIT ) as net income computed in accordance with GAAP, excluding gains or losses on sales of operating stores and impairment write downs of depreciable real estate assets, plus depreciation and amortization and after adjustments to record unconsolidated partnerships and joint ventures on the same basis. We believe that to further understand our performance, FFO should be considered along with the reported net income and cash flows in accordance with GAAP, as presented in our condensed consolidated financial statements.

The computation of FFO may not be comparable to FFO reported by other REITs or real estate companies that do not define the term in accordance with the current NAREIT definition or that interpret the current NAREIT definition differently. FFO does not represent cash generated from operating activities determined in accordance with GAAP, and should not be considered as an alternative to net income as an indication of our performance, as an alternative to net cash flow from operating activities, as a measure of liquidity, or an indicator of our ability to make cash distributions.

The following table presents the calculation of FFO for the periods indicated:

	<b>For the Three Months Ended September 30,</b>		<b>For the Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Net income attributable to common stockholders</b>	\$ 71,718	\$ 54,228	\$ 180,799	\$ 133,233
Adjustments:				
Real estate depreciation	27,792	25,005	81,221	71,967
Amortization of intangibles	1,445	2,759	6,686	9,594
(Gain) loss on sale of real estate and earnout from prior acquisitions	(1,101)	2,500	(1,501)	10,285
Unconsolidated joint venture real estate depreciation and amortization	1,052	1,131	3,167	3,304
Unconsolidated joint venture gain on sale of real estate and purchase of partners' interests		(378)	(2,857)	(3,816)
Distributions paid on Series A Preferred Operating Partnership units	(1,272)	(1,438)	(3,817)	(4,313)
Income allocated to Operating Partnership noncontrolling interests	6,493	4,962	16,994	13,170
<b>Funds from operations attributable to common stockholders</b>	\$ 106,127	\$ 88,769	\$ 280,692	\$ 233,424

**SAME-STORE RESULTS**

We consider our same-store stabilized portfolio to consist of only those stores that were wholly-owned at the beginning and at the end of the applicable periods presented that have achieved stabilization as of the first day of such period. The following table presents operating data for our same-store portfolio. We consider the following same-store presentation to be meaningful in regards to the stores shown below because these results provide information relating to store-level operating changes without the effects of acquisitions or completed developments.

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		Percent Change	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,		Percent Change
	2015	2014		2015	2014	
Same-store rental and tenant reinsurance revenues	\$ 152,979	\$ 139,258	9.9%	\$ 439,218	\$ 402,193	9.2%
Same-store operating and tenant reinsurance expenses	41,144	39,931	3.0%	124,467	121,336	2.6%
Same-store net operating income	\$ 111,835	\$ 99,327	12.6%	\$ 314,751	\$ 280,857	12.1%
Non same-store rental and tenant reinsurance revenues	\$ 35,795	\$ 20,796	72.1%	\$ 93,324	\$ 56,611	64.9%
Non same-store operating and tenant reinsurance expenses	\$ 11,342	\$ 6,293	80.2%	\$ 29,683	\$ 15,867	87.1%
Total rental and tenant reinsurance revenues	\$ 188,774	\$ 160,054	17.9%	\$ 532,542	\$ 458,804	16.1%
Total operating and tenant reinsurance expenses	\$ 52,486	\$ 46,224	13.5%	\$ 154,150	\$ 137,203	12.4%
Same-store square foot occupancy as of quarter end	93.6%	91.6%	2.2%	93.6%	91.6%	2.2%
Properties included in same-store	503	503		503	503	

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Same-store revenues for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 increased due to gains in occupancy, higher rental rates for both new and existing customers and reduced customer discounts. Expenses were higher for the three months ended September 30, 2015 due to increases in advertising, tenant reinsurance expense, credit card merchant fees and property taxes. Increases in expenses were partially offset by decreases in utility expenses during the three months ended September 30, 2015.

**CASH FLOWS**

Cash flows provided by operating activities were \$286,281 and \$256,564, respectively, for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014. The increase primarily related to an increase in net income of \$51,382. The remaining portion of the change related to a decrease in (gain) loss on real estate transactions and earnout from prior acquisitions of \$4,001, an increase in other assets of \$20,489, and an increase in depreciation and amortization expense of \$6,796.

Cash used in investing activities was \$486,434 and \$356,941, respectively, for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014. The increase was primarily due to an increase in restricted cash of \$198,630. This is the result of deposits totaling \$204,258 relating to the SmartStop acquisition which closed on October 1, 2015. This increase was offset by a decrease of \$64,831 in cash paid for acquisitions during the nine months ended September 30, 2015 when compared to the same period in the prior year. We acquired 40 stores during the nine months ended September 30, 2015 compared to 32 stores acquired during the same period of the prior year. However, more cash was used for acquisitions during 2014 as the consideration paid for the acquisitions in the first nine months of 2015 included an increased number of OP units instead of cash.

Cash provided by financing activities was \$1,268,022 and \$22,870, respectively, for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014. The change related primarily to net proceeds from the sale of common stock of \$446,909 and net proceeds from the issuance of exchangeable senior notes of \$563,500. There was also an increase in proceeds from notes payable and lines of credit of \$1,212,796. These increases were offset by an increase in the cash paid for principal payments on notes payable and lines of credit of \$703,777, and an increase in cash paid to repurchase exchangeable senior notes of \$227,212.

**LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES**

As of September 30, 2015, we had \$1,115,532 available in cash and cash equivalents. We intend to use this cash to pay for future acquisitions, to repay debt and for general corporate purposes. We are required to distribute at least 90% of our net taxable income, excluding net capital gains, to our stockholders on an annual basis to maintain our qualification as a REIT.

Our cash and cash equivalents are held in accounts managed by third-party financial institutions and consist of invested cash and cash in our operating accounts. During 2014 and the first nine months of 2015, we experienced no loss or lack of access to our cash or cash equivalents; however, there can be no assurance that access to our cash and cash equivalents will not be impacted by adverse conditions in the financial markets.

The following table presents information on our lines of credit for the periods indicated. All of our lines of credit are guaranteed by us and secured by mortgages on certain real estate assets.

	<b>As of September 30, 2015</b>			
<b>Line of Credit</b>	<b>Capacity</b>	<b>Maturity</b>	<b>Basis Rate (2)</b>	<b>Notes</b>

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	<b>Amount Drawn</b>		<b>Interest Rate</b>	<b>Origination Date</b>				
Credit Line 1	\$ 85,000	\$ 180,000	1.8%	6/4/2010	6/30/2018	LIBOR plus 1.7%	(3)	
Credit Line 2		50,000	1.9%	11/16/2010	2/13/2017	LIBOR plus 1.8%	(4)	
Credit Line 3	60,000	80,000	1.9%	4/29/2011	11/18/2016	LIBOR plus 1.7%	(4)	
Credit Line 4	40,000	50,000	1.9%	9/29/2014	9/29/2017	LIBOR plus 1.7%	(4)	
	\$ 185,000	\$ 360,000						

- (1) Amounts in thousands
- (2) 30-day USD LIBOR
- (3) One two-year extension available
- (4) Two one-year extensions available

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As of September 30, 2015, we had \$3,492,710 face value of debt, resulting in a debt to total enterprise value ratio of 28.6%. As of September 30, 2015, the ratio of total fixed-rate debt and other instruments to total debt was 71.4% (including \$1,553,056 on which we have interest rate swaps that have been included as fixed-rate debt). The weighted average interest rate of the total of fixed- and variable-rate debt at September 30, 2015 was 3.1%. Certain of our real estate assets are pledged as collateral for our debt. We are subject to certain restrictive covenants relating to our outstanding debt. We were in compliance with all financial covenants at September 30, 2015.

We expect to fund our short-term liquidity requirements, including operating expenses, recurring capital expenditures, dividends to stockholders, distributions to holders of Operating Partnership units and interest on our outstanding indebtedness, out of our operating cash flow, cash on hand and borrowings under our lines of credit. In addition, we are pursuing additional term loans secured by unencumbered stores.

Our liquidity needs consist primarily of cash distributions to stockholders, store acquisitions, principal payments under our borrowings and non-recurring capital expenditures. We may from time to time seek to repurchase our outstanding debt, shares of common stock or other securities in open market purchases, privately negotiated transactions or otherwise. Such repurchases, if any, will depend on prevailing market conditions, our liquidity requirements, contractual restrictions and other factors. In addition, we evaluate, on an ongoing basis, the merits of strategic acquisitions and other relationships, which may require us to raise additional funds. We do not expect that our operating cash flow or cash balances will be sufficient to fund our liquidity needs and instead expect to fund such needs out of additional borrowings of secured or unsecured indebtedness, joint ventures with third parties, and from the proceeds of public and private offerings of equity and debt. Additional capital may not be available on terms favorable to us or at all. Any additional issuance of equity or equity-linked securities may result in dilution to our stockholders. In addition, any new securities we issue could have rights, preferences and privileges senior to holders of our common stock. We may also use Operating Partnership units as currency to fund acquisitions from self-storage owners who desire tax-deferral in their exiting transactions.

**OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

Except as disclosed in the notes to our consolidated financial statements of our most recently filed Annual Report on Form 10-K, we do not currently have any relationships with unconsolidated entities or financial partnerships, such as entities often referred to as structured finance or special purposes entities, which typically are established for the purpose of facilitating off-balance sheet arrangements or other contractually narrow or limited purposes. Further, except as disclosed in the notes to our condensed consolidated financial statements, we have not guaranteed any obligations of unconsolidated entities, nor do we have any commitments or intent to provide funding to any such entities. Accordingly, we are not materially exposed to any financing, liquidity, market or credit risk that could arise if we had engaged in these relationships.

**CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS**

The following table presents information on future payments due by period as of September 30, 2015:

	Total	Payments due by Period:			
		Less Than 1 Year	1-3 Years	3-5 Years	After 5 Years
Operating leases	\$ 78,464	\$ 5,498	\$ 8,079	\$ 5,531	\$ 59,356

Notes payable, notes payable to trusts and lines of credit

Interest	510,636	106,151	173,851	120,069	110,565
Principal	3,492,710	196,342	1,112,894	1,514,462	669,012
<b>Total contractual obligations</b>	<b>\$ 4,081,810</b>	<b>\$ 307,991</b>	<b>\$ 1,294,824</b>	<b>\$ 1,640,062</b>	<b>\$ 838,933</b>

The operating leases above include minimum future lease payments on leases for 18 of our operating stores as well as leases of our corporate offices. Two ground leases include additional contingent rental payments based on the level of revenue achieved at the store.

As of September 30, 2015, the weighted average interest rate for all fixed-rate loans was 3.6%, and the weighted-average interest rate for all variable-rate loans was 1.9%.

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**FINANCING STRATEGY**

We will continue to employ leverage in our capital structure in amounts reviewed from time to time by our board of directors. Although our board of directors has not adopted a policy that limits the total amount of indebtedness that we may incur, we will consider a number of factors in evaluating our level of indebtedness from time to time, as well as the amount of such indebtedness that will be either fixed- or variable-rate. In making financing decisions, we will consider factors including but not limited to:

the interest rate of the proposed financing;

the extent to which the financing impacts flexibility in managing our stores;

prepayment penalties and restrictions on refinancing;

the purchase price of stores acquired with debt financing;

long-term objectives with respect to the financing;

target investment returns;

the ability of particular stores, and our company as a whole, to generate cash flow sufficient to cover expected debt service payments;

overall level of consolidated indebtedness;

timing of debt and lease maturities;

provisions that require recourse and cross-collateralization;

corporate credit ratios including debt service coverage, debt to total capitalization and debt to undepreciated assets; and

the overall ratio of fixed- and variable-rate debt.

Our indebtedness may be recourse, non-recourse or cross-collateralized. If the indebtedness is non-recourse, the collateral will be limited to the particular stores to which the indebtedness relates. In addition, we may invest in stores



subject to existing loans collateralized by mortgages or similar liens on our stores, or we may refinance stores acquired on a leveraged basis. We may use the proceeds from any borrowings to refinance existing indebtedness, to refinance investments, including the redevelopment of existing stores, for general working capital or to purchase additional interests in partnerships or joint ventures or for other purposes when we believe it is advisable.

Typically, we invest in or form special purpose entities to assist us in obtaining secured permanent financing at attractive terms. Permanent financing may be structured as a mortgage loan on a single property, or on a group of properties, and generally requires us to provide a mortgage lien on the property or properties in favor of an institutional third party, as a joint venture with a third party, or as a securitized financing. For securitized financings, we create special purpose entities to own the properties. These special purpose entities, which are common in the real estate industry, are structured so that they would not be consolidated in a bankruptcy proceeding involving a parent company. We decide upon the structure of the financing based upon the best terms then available to us and whether the proposed financing is consistent with our other business objectives. For accounting purposes, we include the outstanding securitized debt of special purpose entities owning consolidated properties as part of our consolidated indebtedness.

### **SEASONALITY**

The self-storage business is subject to seasonal fluctuations. A greater portion of revenues and profits are realized from May through September. Historically, our highest level of occupancy has been at the end of July, while our lowest level of occupancy has been in late February and early March. Results for any quarter may not be indicative of the results that may be achieved for the full fiscal year.

### **ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK**

**Amounts in thousands, except store and share data, unless otherwise stated**

#### **Market Risk**

Market risk refers to the risk of loss from adverse changes in market prices and interest rates. Our future income, cash flows and fair values of financial instruments are dependent upon prevailing market interest rates.

#### **Interest Rate Risk**

Interest rate risk is highly sensitive to many factors, including governmental monetary and tax policies, domestic and international economic and political considerations and other factors beyond our control.

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As of September 30, 2015, we had \$3,492,710 in total face value of debt, of which \$969,978 was subject to variable interest rates without floors (excluding debt with interest rate swaps). If LIBOR were to increase or decrease by 100 basis points, the increase or decrease in interest expense on the variable-rate debt (excluding variable-rate debt with interest rate floors) would increase or decrease future earnings and cash flows by \$9,700 annually.

Interest rate risk amounts were determined by considering the impact of hypothetical interest rates on our financial instruments. These analyses do not consider the effect of any change in overall economic activity that could occur. Further, in the event of a change of that magnitude, we may take actions to further mitigate our exposure to the change. However, due to the uncertainty of the specific actions that would be taken and their possible effects, these analyses assume no changes in our financial structure.

The fair values of our fixed-rate assets and liabilities were as follows for the periods indicated:

	<b>September 30, 2015</b>		<b>December 31, 2014</b>	
	Fair Value	Carrying Value	Fair Value	Carrying Value
Notes receivable from Preferred Operating Partnership unit holders	\$ 130,402	\$ 120,230	\$ 126,380	\$ 120,230
Fixed rate notes payable and notes payable to trusts	\$ 1,963,291	\$ 1,834,199	\$ 1,320,370	\$ 1,283,893
Exchangeable senior notes	\$ 695,047	\$ 660,364	\$ 276,095	\$ 250,000

The fair value of our note receivable from Preferred Operating Partnership unit holders was based on the discounted estimated future cash flows of the note (categorized within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy); the discount rate used approximated the current market rate for loans with similar maturities and credit quality. The fair values of our fixed-rate notes payable and notes payable to trusts were estimated using the discounted estimated future cash payments to be made on such debt (categorized within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy); the discount rates used approximated current market rates for loans, or groups of loans, with similar maturities and credit quality. The fair value of our exchangeable senior notes was estimated using an average market price for similar securities obtained from a third party.

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**ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

**(1) Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports we file pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, are recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure based on the definition of disclosure controls and procedures in Rule 13a-15(e) of the Exchange Act. In designing and evaluating the disclosure controls and procedures, management recognized that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can only provide a reasonable assurance of achieving the desired control objectives, and in reaching a reasonable level of assurance, management necessarily was required to apply its judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible controls and procedures.

We have a disclosure committee that is responsible for considering the materiality of information and determining our disclosure obligations a timely basis. The disclosure committee meets quarterly and reports directly to our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer.

We carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of management, including our Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based upon that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective at the reasonable assurance level as of the end of the period covered by this report.

**(2) Changes in internal control over financial reporting**

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(f)) that occurred during our most recent quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

**PART II. OTHER INFORMATION**

**ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

We are involved in various legal proceedings and are subject to various claims and complaints arising in the ordinary course of business. Because litigation is inherently unpredictable, the outcome of these matters cannot presently be determined with any degree of certainty. In accordance with applicable accounting guidance, management establishes an accrued liability for litigation when those matters present loss contingencies that are both probable and reasonably estimable. In such cases, there may be an exposure to loss in excess of any amounts accrued. The estimated loss, if any, is based upon currently available information and is subject to significant judgment, a variety of assumptions, and known and unknown uncertainties. Therefore, any estimate(s) of loss disclosed below represents what management believes to be an estimate of loss only for certain matters meeting these criteria and does not represent our maximum loss exposure. We could in the future incur judgments or enter into settlements of claims that could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations in any particular period, notwithstanding the fact that we are currently vigorously defending any legal proceedings against us.

We currently have several legal proceedings pending against us that include causes of action alleging wrongful foreclosure, violations of various state specific self-storage statutes, violations of various consumer fraud acts. As a result of these litigation matters, we recorded a liability of \$850,000 during the year ended December 31, 2014, which is included in other liabilities on the consolidated balance sheets.

**ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS**

There have been no material changes in our risk factors from those disclosed in our 2014 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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**ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS**

None.

**ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES**

None.

**ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES**

Not Applicable.

**ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION**

None.

**ITEM 6. EXHIBITS**

- 2.1 Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of June 15, 2015, among Extra Space Storage Inc., Extra Space Storage LP, Edgewater REIT Acquisition (MD) LLC, Edgewater Partnership Acquisition (DE) LLC, SmartStop Self Storage, Inc. and SmartStop Self Storage Operating Partnership, L.P. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 of Form 8-K filed on June 15, 2015).
- 2.2 Amendment No. 1 to Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of July 16, 2015, among Extra Space Storage Inc., Extra Space Storage LP, Edgewater REIT Acquisition (MD) LLC, Edgewater Partnership Acquisition (DE) LLC, SmartStop Self Storage, Inc. and SmartStop Self Storage Operating Partnership, L.P. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 of Form 8-K filed on July 16, 2015).
- 4.1 Indenture, dated September 21, 2015, among Extra Space Storage LP, as issuer, Extra Space Storage Inc., as guarantor, and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee, including the form of 3.125% Exchangeable Senior Notes due 2035 and the form of guarantee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of Form 8-K filed on September 21, 2015).
- 10.1 Registration Rights Agreement, dated September 21, 2015, among Extra Space Storage LP, Extra Space Storage Inc., Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, as representatives of the initial purchasers (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of Form 8-K filed on September 21, 2015).
- 31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 31.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 32.1 Certifications of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 101 The following materials from Extra Space Storage Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2015 are formatted in XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language): (1) the

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Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets, (2) the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations, (3) the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (4) the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Noncontrolling Interests and Equity, (5) the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows and (6) notes to these financial statements.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

EXTRA SPACE STORAGE INC.  
*Registrant*

Date: November 6, 2015

/s/ Spencer F. Kirk  
Spencer F. Kirk  
*Chief Executive Officer*

*(Principal Executive Officer)*

Date: November 6, 2015

/s/ P. Scott Stubbs  
P. Scott Stubbs  
*Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*  
*(Principal Financial Officer)*