

CubeSmart
Form 10-Q
October 26, 2018
Table of Contents

sts

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, 2018.

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:
001-32324 (CubeSmart)
000-54462 (CubeSmart, L.P.)

CUBESMART

CUBESMART, L.P.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Maryland (CubeSmart)	20-1024732
Delaware (CubeSmart, L.P.)	34-1837021
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

5 Old Lancaster Road

Edgar Filing: CubeSmart - Form 10-Q

Malvern, Pennsylvania 19355
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(610) 535-5000

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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.

CubeSmart Yes No
CubeSmart, L.P. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files).

CubeSmart Yes No
CubeSmart, L.P. Yes No

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

CubeSmart:

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company Emerging growth company

CubeSmart, L.P.:

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company Emerging growth company

Edgar Filing: CubeSmart - Form 10-Q

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

CubeSmart
CubeSmart, L.P.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

CubeSmart	Yes	No
CubeSmart, L.P.	Yes	No

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date:

Class	Outstanding at October 24, 2018
Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share, of CubeSmart	186,306,533

Table of Contents

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This report combines the quarterly reports on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2018 of CubeSmart (the “Parent Company” or “CubeSmart”) and CubeSmart, L.P. (the “Operating Partnership”). The Parent Company is a Maryland real estate investment trust, or REIT, that owns its assets and conducts its operations through the Operating Partnership, a Delaware limited partnership, and subsidiaries of the Operating Partnership. The Parent Company, the Operating Partnership and their consolidated subsidiaries are collectively referred to in this report as the “Company”. In addition, terms such as “we”, “us”, or “our” used in this report may refer to the Company, the Parent Company or the Operating Partnership.

The Parent Company is the sole general partner of the Operating Partnership and, as of September 30, 2018, owned a 98.9% interest in the Operating Partnership. The remaining 1.1% interest consists of common units of limited partnership interest issued by the Operating Partnership to third parties in exchange for contributions of properties to the Operating Partnership. As the sole general partner of the Operating Partnership, the Parent Company has full and complete authority over the Operating Partnership’s day-to-day operations and management.

Management operates the Parent Company and the Operating Partnership as one enterprise. The management teams of the Parent Company and the Operating Partnership are identical, and their constituents are officers of both the Parent Company and of the Operating Partnership.

There are a few differences between the Parent Company and the Operating Partnership, which are reflected in the note disclosures in this report. The Company believes it is important to understand the differences between the Parent Company and the Operating Partnership in the context of how these entities operate as a consolidated enterprise. The Parent Company is a REIT, whose only material asset is its ownership of the partnership interests of the Operating Partnership. As a result, the Parent Company does not conduct business itself, other than acting as the sole general partner of the Operating Partnership, issuing public equity from time to time and guaranteeing the debt obligations of the Operating Partnership. The Operating Partnership holds substantially all the assets of the Company and, directly or indirectly, holds the ownership interests in the Company’s real estate ventures. The Operating Partnership conducts the operations of the Company’s business and is structured as a partnership with no publicly traded equity. Except for net proceeds from equity issuances by the Parent Company, which are contributed to the Operating Partnership in exchange for partnership units, the Operating Partnership generates the capital required by the Company’s business through the Operating Partnership’s operations, by the Operating Partnership’s direct or indirect incurrence of indebtedness or through the issuance of partnership units of the Operating Partnership or equity interests in subsidiaries of the Operating Partnership.

The substantive difference between the Parent Company’s and the Operating Partnership’s filings is the fact that the Parent Company is a REIT with public equity, while the Operating Partnership is a partnership with no publicly traded equity. In the financial statements, this difference is primarily reflected in the equity (or capital for the Operating Partnership) section of the consolidated balance sheets and in the consolidated statements of equity (or capital). Apart

from the different equity treatment, the consolidated financial statements of the Parent Company and the Operating Partnership are nearly identical.

The Company believes that combining the quarterly reports on Form 10-Q of the Parent Company and the Operating Partnership into a single report will:

- facilitate a better understanding by the investors of the Parent Company and the Operating Partnership by enabling them to view the business as a whole in the same manner as management views and operates the business;
- remove duplicative disclosures and provide a more straightforward presentation in light of the fact that a substantial portion of the disclosure applies to both the Parent Company and the Operating Partnership; and
- create time and cost efficiencies through the preparation of one combined report instead of two separate reports.

Table of Contents

In order to highlight the differences between the Parent Company and the Operating Partnership, the separate sections in this report for the Parent Company and the Operating Partnership specifically refer to the Parent Company and the Operating Partnership. In the sections that combine disclosures of the Parent Company and the Operating Partnership, this report refers to such disclosures as those of the Company. Although the Operating Partnership is generally the entity that directly or indirectly enters into contracts and real estate ventures and holds assets and debt, reference to the Company is appropriate because the business is one enterprise and the Parent Company operates the business through the Operating Partnership.

As general partner with control of the Operating Partnership, the Parent Company consolidates the Operating Partnership for financial reporting purposes, and the Parent Company does not have significant assets other than its investment in the Operating Partnership. Therefore, the assets and liabilities of the Parent Company and the Operating Partnership are the same on their respective financial statements. The separate discussions of the Parent Company and the Operating Partnership in this report should be read in conjunction with each other to understand the results of the Company's operations on a consolidated basis and how management operates the Company.

This report also includes separate Item 4 - Controls and Procedures sections, signature pages and Exhibit 31 and 32 certifications for each of the Parent Company and the Operating Partnership in order to establish that the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer of the Parent Company and the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer of the Operating Partnership have made the requisite certifications and that the Parent Company and the Operating Partnership are compliant with Rule 13a-15 or Rule 15d-15 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and 18 U.S.C. §1350.

Table of Contents

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Part I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

<u>Item 1. Financial Statements</u>	7
<u>Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations</u>	35
<u>Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk</u>	50
<u>Item 4. Controls and Procedures</u>	51

Part II. OTHER INFORMATION

<u>Item 1. Legal Proceedings</u>	52
<u>Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds</u>	53
<u>Item 6. Exhibits</u>	54

Filing Format

This combined Form 10-Q is being filed separately by CubeSmart and CubeSmart, L.P.

Table of Contents

Forward-Looking Statements

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, or “this Report”, together with other statements and information publicly disseminated by the Parent Company and the Operating Partnership, contain certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the “Exchange Act.” Forward-looking statements include statements concerning the Company’s 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” or the negative of such terms or other comparable terminology, or by discussions of strategy. Such statements are based on assumptions and expectations that may not be realized and are inherently subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors, many of which cannot be predicted with accuracy and some of which might not even be anticipated. Although we believe the expectations reflected in these forward-looking statements are based on reasonable assumptions, future events and actual results, performance, transactions or achievements, financial and otherwise, may differ materially from the results, performance, transactions or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. As a result, you should not rely on or construe any forward-looking statements in this Report, or which management may make orally or in writing from time to time, as predictions of future events or as guarantees of future performance. We caution you not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this Report or as of the dates otherwise indicated in the statements. All of our forward-looking statements, including those in this Report, are qualified in their entirety by this statement.

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 and uncertainties referred to in Item 1A. “Risk Factors” in the Parent Company’s and the Operating Partnership’s combined Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 and in our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). These risks include, but are not limited to, the following:

- national and local economic, business, real estate and other market conditions;
- the competitive environment in which we operate, including our ability to maintain or raise occupancy and rental rates;
- the execution of our business plan;
- the availability of external sources of capital;
- financing risks, including the risk of over-leverage and the corresponding risk of default on our mortgage and other debt and potential inability to refinance existing indebtedness;

- increases in interest rates and operating costs;
- counterparty non-performance related to the use of derivative financial instruments;
- our ability to maintain our Parent Company's qualification as a REIT for federal income tax purposes;
- acquisition and development risks;
- increases in taxes, fees, and assessments from state and local jurisdictions;
- the failure of our joint venture partners to fulfill their obligations to us or their pursuit of actions that are inconsistent with our objectives;
- reductions in asset valuations and related impairment charges;
 - security breaches or a failure of our networks, systems or technology, which could adversely impact our business, customer and employee relationships;
- changes in real estate and zoning laws or regulations;
- risks related to natural disasters;
- potential environmental and other liabilities;

Table of Contents

- other factors affecting the real estate industry generally or the self-storage industry in particular; and
- other risks identified in the Parent Company's and the Operating Partnership's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 and, from time to time, in other reports that we file with the SEC or in other documents that we publicly disseminate.

Given these uncertainties and the other risks identified elsewhere in this Report, we caution readers not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise these forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise except as may be required by securities laws. Because of the factors referred to above, the future events discussed in or incorporated by reference in this Report may not occur and actual results, performance or achievement could differ materially from that anticipated or implied in the forward-looking statements.

Table of Contents

PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CUBESMART AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(in thousands, except share data)

	September 30, 2018 (unaudited)	December 31, 2017
ASSETS		
Storage properties	\$ 4,323,372	\$ 4,161,715
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(838,325)	(752,925)
Storage properties, net (including VIE assets of \$312,286 and \$291,496, respectively)	3,485,047	3,408,790
Cash and cash equivalents	3,387	5,268
Restricted cash	3,092	3,890
Loan procurement costs, net of amortization	1,134	1,592
Investment in real estate ventures, at equity	98,156	91,206
Other assets, net	49,234	34,590
Total assets	\$ 3,640,050	\$ 3,545,336
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Unsecured senior notes, net	\$ 1,143,258	\$ 1,142,460
Revolving credit facility	94,250	81,700
Unsecured term loans, net	299,699	299,396
Mortgage loans and notes payable, net	109,058	111,434
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	153,185	143,344
Distributions payable	56,584	55,297
Deferred revenue	23,072	21,529
Security deposits	476	486
Total liabilities	1,879,582	1,855,646
Noncontrolling interests in the Operating Partnership	58,446	54,320
Commitments and contingencies		
Equity		
Common shares \$.01 par value, 400,000,000 shares authorized, 186,304,300 and 182,215,735 shares issued and outstanding at September 30, 2018 and	1,863	1,822

Edgar Filing: CubeSmart - Form 10-Q

December 31, 2017, respectively		
Additional paid-in capital	2,472,839	2,356,620
Accumulated other comprehensive income	—	3
Accumulated deficit	(779,533)	(729,311)
Total CubeSmart shareholders' equity	1,695,169	1,629,134
Noncontrolling interests in subsidiaries	6,853	6,236
Total equity	1,702,022	1,635,370
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 3,640,050	\$ 3,545,336

See accompanying notes to the unaudited consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents

CUBESMART AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(in thousands, except per share data)

(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
REVENUES				
Rental income	\$ 132,476	\$ 125,699	\$ 384,480	\$ 363,980
Other property related income	15,494	14,241	44,788	41,104
Property management fee income	5,400	3,925	14,794	10,377
Total revenues	153,370	143,865	444,062	415,461
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Property operating expenses	48,755	47,152	147,037	136,847
Depreciation and amortization	35,239	35,971	105,251	110,826
General and administrative	9,780	8,228	26,865	26,522
Acquisition related costs	—	235	—	1,062
Total operating expenses	93,774	91,586	279,153	275,257
OPERATING INCOME	59,596	52,279	164,909	140,204
OTHER (EXPENSE) INCOME				
Interest:				
Interest expense on loans	(15,191)	(14,454)	(45,797)	(42,028)
Loan procurement amortization expense	(578)	(577)	(1,735)	(2,059)
Equity in losses of real estate ventures	(292)	(280)	(785)	(1,305)
Other	(233)	741	260	941
Total other expense	(16,294)	(14,570)	(48,057)	(44,451)
NET INCOME	43,302	37,709	116,852	95,753
NET (INCOME) LOSS ATTRIBUTABLE TO NONCONTROLLING INTERESTS				
Noncontrolling interests in the Operating Partnership	(476)	(490)	(1,285)	(1,194)
Noncontrolling interest in subsidiaries	74	78	166	182
NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE COMPANY'S COMMON SHAREHOLDERS	\$ 42,900	\$ 37,297	\$ 115,733	\$ 94,741
Basic earnings per share attributable to common shareholders				
	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.53
Diluted earnings per share attributable to common shareholders				
	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.52
Weighted-average basic shares outstanding				
	186,074	180,304	184,036	180,218
Weighted-average diluted shares outstanding				
	186,916	181,286	184,829	181,225

See accompanying notes to the unaudited consolidated financial statements.

8

Table of Contents

CUBESMART AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

(in thousands)

(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
NET INCOME	\$ 43,302	\$ 37,709	\$ 116,852	\$ 95,753
Other comprehensive (loss) income:				
Unrealized (losses) gains on interest rate swaps	—	(10)	60	127
Reclassification of realized losses (gains) on interest rate swaps	—	317	(60)	1,378
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	—	307	—	1,505
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	43,302	38,016	116,852	97,258
Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests in the Operating Partnership	(476)	(494)	(1,289)	(1,212)
Comprehensive loss attributable to noncontrolling interest in subsidiaries	74	78	166	182
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE COMPANY	\$ 42,900	\$ 37,600	\$ 115,729	\$ 96,228

See accompanying notes to the unaudited consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents

CUBESMART AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EQUITY

(in thousands)

(unaudited)

	Common Shares		Additional	Accumulated Other	Total	Noncon	
	Number	Amount	Paid in Capital	Comprehensive Income (Loss)			Shareholders' Equity
Balance at December 31, 2017	182,216	\$ 1,822	\$ 2,356,620	\$ 3	\$ (729,311)	\$ 1,629,134	\$ 6,2
Contributions from noncontrolling interests in subsidiaries							917
Distributions to noncontrolling interests in subsidiaries							(13
Issuance of common shares	3,554	36	108,299			108,335	
Issuance of restricted shares	85	1				1	
Issuance of OP units							
Conversion from units to shares	44		1,342			1,342	
Exercise of stock options	405	4	3,831			3,835	
Amortization of restricted shares			1,593			1,593	
Share compensation expense			1,154			1,154	
Adjustment for noncontrolling interests in the Operating Partnership					234	234	
Net income (loss)					115,733	115,733	(16
Other comprehensive				(3)	405	402	

Edgar Filing: CubeSmart - Form 10-Q

	Common Shares Number	Amount	Additional Paid in Capital	Accumulated (Loss) Income	Other Accumulated Deficit	Total Shareholders' Equity	Noncon Interes Subsid	
(loss) income, net								
Common share distributions					(166,594)	(166,594)		
Balance at September 30, 2018	186,304	\$ 1,863	\$ 2,472,839	\$ —	\$ (779,533)	\$ 1,695,169	\$ 6,8	
Balance at December 31, 2016	180,083	\$ 1,801	\$ 2,314,014	\$ (1,850)	\$ (658,583)	\$ 1,655,382	\$ 5,8	
Contributions from noncontrolling interests in subsidiaries								717
Acquisition of noncontrolling interest in subsidiary			(8,626)			(8,626)		(40
Issuance of common shares			(219)			(219)		
Issuance of restricted shares	106	1				1		
Issuance of OP units								
Conversion from units to shares	594	6	15,700			15,706		
Exercise of stock options	98	1	864			865		
Amortization of restricted shares			997			997		
Share compensation expense			1,148			1,148		
Adjustment for noncontrolling interest in the Operating Partnership					1,756	1,756		
Net income (loss)					94,741	94,741		(18
Other comprehensive income, net				1,487		1,487		
Common share distributions					(146,318)	(146,318)		
Balance at September 30, 2017	180,881	\$ 1,809	\$ 2,323,878	\$ (363)	\$ (708,404)	\$ 1,616,920	\$ 5,9	

See accompanying notes to the unaudited consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents

CUBESMART AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(in thousands)

(unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2018	2017
Operating Activities		
Net income	\$ 116,852	\$ 95,753
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	106,986	112,885
Equity in losses of real estate ventures	785	1,305
Equity compensation expense	4,196	4,179
Accretion of fair market value adjustment of debt	(553)	(373)
Changes in other operating accounts:		
Other assets	(5,765)	(10,078)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	10,821	18,588
Other liabilities	1,240	1,403
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 234,562	\$ 223,662
Investing Activities		
Acquisitions of storage properties	(83,399)	(13,875)
Additions and improvements to storage properties	(19,174)	(22,485)
Development costs	(69,715)	(53,713)
Investment in real estate ventures	(19,154)	(191)
Cash distributed from real estate ventures	6,419	6,113
Net cash used in investing activities	\$ (185,023)	\$ (84,151)
Financing Activities		
Proceeds from:		
Unsecured senior notes	—	103,192
Revolving credit facility	452,460	449,900
Principal payments on:		
Revolving credit facility	(439,910)	(426,500)
Unsecured term loans	—	(100,000)
Mortgage loans and notes payable	(9,137)	(8,022)
Loan procurement costs	—	(953)
Acquisition of noncontrolling interest in subsidiary	—	(9,033)
Proceeds from issuance of common shares, net	108,336	(218)
Cash paid upon vesting of restricted shares	(1,449)	(2,034)
Exercise of stock options	3,835	865
Contributions from noncontrolling interests in subsidiaries	917	717
Distributions paid to noncontrolling interests in subsidiaries	(134)	—
Distributions paid to common shareholders	(165,357)	(146,107)

Edgar Filing: CubeSmart - Form 10-Q

Distributions paid to noncontrolling interests in Operating Partnership	(1,779)	(1,765)
Net cash used in financing activities	\$ (52,218)	\$ (139,958)
Change in cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash	(2,679)	(447)
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash at beginning of period	9,158	10,866
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash at end of period	\$ 6,479	\$ 10,419
Supplemental Cash Flow and Noncash Information		
Cash paid for interest, net of interest capitalized	\$ 48,794	\$ 46,474
Supplemental disclosure of noncash activities:		
Accretion of put liability	\$ 20,877	\$ 25,595
Derivative valuation adjustment	\$ 406	\$ 1,505
Mortgage loan assumptions	\$ 7,166	\$ 6,201
Issuance of OP units	\$ 6,242	\$ 12,324
Liability for acquisition of storage property	\$ —	\$ 1,470

See accompanying notes to the unaudited consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents

CUBESMART, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(in thousands)

	September 30, 2018 (unaudited)	December 31, 2017
ASSETS		
Storage properties	\$ 4,323,372	\$ 4,161,715
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(838,325)	(752,925)
Storage properties, net (including VIE assets of \$312,286 and \$291,496, respectively)	3,485,047	3,408,790
Cash and cash equivalents	3,387	5,268
Restricted cash	3,092	3,890
Loan procurement costs, net of amortization	1,134	1,592
Investment in real estate ventures, at equity	98,156	91,206
Other assets, net	49,234	34,590
Total assets	\$ 3,640,050	\$ 3,545,336
LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL		
Unsecured senior notes, net	\$ 1,143,258	\$ 1,142,460
Revolving credit facility	94,250	81,700
Unsecured term loans, net	299,699	299,396
Mortgage loans and notes payable, net	109,058	111,434
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	153,185	143,344
Distributions payable	56,584	55,297
Deferred revenue	23,072	21,529
Security deposits	476	486
Total liabilities	1,879,582	1,855,646
Limited Partnership interests of third parties	58,446	54,320
Commitments and contingencies		
Capital		
Operating Partner	1,695,169	1,629,131
Accumulated other comprehensive income	—	3
Total CubeSmart, L.P. capital	1,695,169	1,629,134
Noncontrolling interests in subsidiaries	6,853	6,236
Total capital	1,702,022	1,635,370
Total liabilities and capital	\$ 3,640,050	\$ 3,545,336

See accompanying notes to the unaudited consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents

CUBESMART, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(in thousands, except per common unit data)

(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
REVENUES				
Rental income	\$ 132,476	\$ 125,699	\$ 384,480	\$ 363,980
Other property related income	15,494	14,241	44,788	41,104
Property management fee income	5,400	3,925	14,794	10,377
Total revenues	153,370	143,865	444,062	415,461
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Property operating expenses	48,755	47,152	147,037	136,847
Depreciation and amortization	35,239	35,971	105,251	110,826
General and administrative	9,780	8,228	26,865	26,522
Acquisition related costs	—	235	—	1,062
Total operating expenses	93,774	91,586	279,153	275,257
OPERATING INCOME	59,596	52,279	164,909	140,204
OTHER (EXPENSE) INCOME				
Interest:				
Interest expense on loans	(15,191)	(14,454)	(45,797)	(42,028)
Loan procurement amortization expense	(578)	(577)	(1,735)	(2,059)
Equity in losses of real estate ventures	(292)	(280)	(785)	(1,305)
Other	(233)	741	260	941
Total other expense	(16,294)	(14,570)	(48,057)	(44,451)
NET INCOME	43,302	37,709	116,852	95,753
NET LOSS ATTRIBUTABLE TO NONCONTROLLING INTERESTS				
Noncontrolling interest in subsidiaries	74	78	166	182
NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO CUBESMART L.P.				
Operating Partnership interests of third parties	(476)	(490)	(1,285)	(1,194)
NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO COMMON UNITHOLDERS				
	\$ 42,900	\$ 37,297	\$ 115,733	\$ 94,741
Basic earnings per unit attributable to common unitholders				
	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.53
Diluted earnings per unit attributable to common unitholders				
	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.52

Edgar Filing: CubeSmart - Form 10-Q

Weighted-average basic units outstanding	186,074	180,304	184,036	180,218
Weighted-average diluted units outstanding	186,916	181,286	184,829	181,225

See accompanying notes to the unaudited consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents

CUBESMART, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

(in thousands)

(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
NET INCOME	\$ 43,302	\$ 37,709	\$ 116,852	\$ 95,753
Other comprehensive (loss) income:				
Unrealized (losses) gains on interest rate swaps	—	(10)	60	127
Reclassification of realized losses (gains) on interest rate swaps	—	317	(60)	1,378
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	—	307	—	1,505
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	43,302	38,016	116,852	97,258
Comprehensive income attributable to Operating Partnership interests of third parties	(476)	(494)	(1,289)	(1,212)
Comprehensive loss attributable to noncontrolling interest in subsidiaries	74	78	166	182
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO OPERATING PARTNER	\$ 42,900	\$ 37,600	\$ 115,729	\$ 96,228

See accompanying notes to the unaudited consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents

CUBESMART, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CAPITAL

(in thousands)

(unaudited)

	Number of Common OP Units Outstanding	Operating Partner	Accumulated Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Total Other Smart Le.P. Capital	Noncontrolling Interests in Subsidiaries	Total Capital	Operating Partnership Interest of Third
Balance at December 31, 2017	182,216	\$ 1,629,131	\$ 3	\$ 1,629,134	\$ 6,236	\$ 1,635,370	\$ 54,320
Contributions from noncontrolling interests in subsidiaries					917	917	
Distributions from noncontrolling interests in subsidiaries					(134)	(134)	
Issuance of common OP units	3,554	108,335		108,335		108,335	
Issuance of restricted OP units	85	1		1		1	
Issuance of OP units							6,242
Conversion from OP units to shares	44	1,342		1,342		1,342	(1,342)
Exercise of OP unit options	405	3,835		3,835		3,835	
Amortization of restricted OP units		1,593		1,593		1,593	
OP unit compensation expense		1,154		1,154		1,154	
Adjustment for Limited Partnership interests of third parties		234		234		234	(234)
Net income (loss)		115,733		115,733	(166)	115,567	1,285
Other comprehensive		405	(3)	402		402	4

Edgar Filing: CubeSmart - Form 10-Q

income (loss), net							
Common OP unit							
distributions		(166,594)		(166,594)		(166,594)	(1,829)
Balance at							
September 30, 2018	186,304	\$ 1,695,169	\$ —	\$ 1,695,169	\$ 6,853	\$ 1,702,022	\$ 58,446
	Number of			Total			Operatin
	Common			Other			Partnersh
	OP Units	Operating	Accumulated	Smart	Noncontrolling	Total	Interest
	Outstanding	Partner	(Loss) Income	Le.P.	Interests in	Capital	of Third
				Capital	Subsidiaries		
Balance at							
December 31, 2016	180,083	\$ 1,657,232	\$ (1,850)	\$ 1,655,382	\$ 5,855	\$ 1,661,237	\$ 54,407
Contributions from							
noncontrolling							
interests in							
subsidiaries					717	717	
Acquisition of							
noncontrolling							
interest in subsidiary		(8,626)		(8,626)	(407)	(9,033)	
Issuance of common							
OP units		(219)		(219)		(219)	
Issuance of							
restricted OP units	106	1		1		1	
Issuance of OP units							12,324
Conversion from							
units to shares	594	15,706		15,706		15,706	(15,706)
Exercise of OP unit							
options	98	865		865		865	
Amortization of							
restricted OP units		997		997		997	
OP unit							
compensation							
expense		1,148		1,148		1,148	
Adjustment for							
Operating							
Partnership interests							
of third parties		1,756		1,756		1,756	(1,756)
Net income (loss)		94,741		94,741	(182)	94,559	1,194
Other							
comprehensive							
income, net			1,487	1,487		1,487	18
Common OP unit							
distributions		(146,318)		(146,318)		(146,318)	(1,722)
Balance at							
September 30, 2017	180,881	\$ 1,617,283	\$ (363)	\$ 1,616,920	\$ 5,983	\$ 1,622,903	\$ 48,759

See accompanying notes to the unaudited consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents

CUBESMART, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(in thousands)

(unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2018	2017
Operating Activities		
Net income	\$ 116,852	\$ 95,753
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	106,986	112,885
Equity in losses of real estate ventures	785	1,305
Equity compensation expense	4,196	4,179
Accretion of fair market value adjustment of debt	(553)	(373)
Changes in other operating accounts:		
Other assets	(5,765)	(10,078)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	10,821	18,588
Other liabilities	1,240	1,403
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 234,562	\$ 223,662
Investing Activities		
Acquisitions of storage properties	(83,399)	(13,875)
Additions and improvements to storage properties	(19,174)	(22,485)
Development costs	(69,715)	(53,713)
Investment in real estate ventures	(19,154)	(191)
Cash distributed from real estate ventures	6,419	6,113
Net cash used in investing activities	\$ (185,023)	\$ (84,151)
Financing Activities		
Proceeds from:		
Unsecured senior notes	—	103,192
Revolving credit facility	452,460	449,900
Principal payments on:		
Revolving credit facility	(439,910)	(426,500)
Unsecured term loans	—	(100,000)
Mortgage loans and notes payable	(9,137)	(8,022)
Loan procurement costs	—	(953)
Acquisition of noncontrolling interest in subsidiary	—	(9,033)
Proceeds from issuance of common OP units	108,336	(218)
Cash paid upon vesting of restricted OP units	(1,449)	(2,034)
Exercise of OP unit options	3,835	865
Contributions from noncontrolling interests in subsidiaries	917	717
Distributions paid to noncontrolling interests in subsidiaries	(134)	—
Distributions paid to common OP unitholders	(167,136)	(147,872)

Edgar Filing: CubeSmart - Form 10-Q

Net cash used in financing activities	\$ (52,218)	\$ (139,958)
Change in cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash	(2,679)	(447)
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash at beginning of period	9,158	10,866
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash at end of period	\$ 6,479	\$ 10,419
Supplemental Cash Flow and Noncash Information		
Cash paid for interest, net of interest capitalized	\$ 48,794	\$ 46,474
Supplemental disclosure of noncash activities:		
Accretion of put liability	\$ 20,877	\$ 25,595
Derivative valuation adjustment	\$ 406	\$ 1,505
Mortgage loan assumptions	\$ 7,166	\$ 6,201
Issuance of OP units	\$ 6,242	\$ 12,324
Liability for acquisition of storage property	\$ —	\$ 1,470

See accompanying notes to the unaudited consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents

CUBESMART AND CUBESMART, L.P.

NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ORGANIZATION AND NATURE OF OPERATIONS

CubeSmart (the “Parent Company”) operates as a self-managed and self-administered real estate investment trust (“REIT”) with its operations conducted solely through CubeSmart, L.P. and its subsidiaries. CubeSmart, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (the “Operating Partnership”), operates through an umbrella partnership structure, with the Parent Company, a Maryland REIT, as its sole general partner. In the notes to the consolidated financial statements, we use the terms “the Company”, “we” or “our” to refer to the Parent Company and the Operating Partnership together, unless the context indicates otherwise. As of September 30, 2018, the Company owned self-storage properties located in 23 states throughout the United States and the District of Columbia that are presented under one reportable segment: the Company owns, operates, develops, manages and acquires self-storage properties.

As of September 30, 2018, the Parent Company owned approximately 98.9% of the partnership interests (“OP Units”) of the Operating Partnership. The remaining OP Units, consisting exclusively of limited partner interests, are held by persons who contributed their interests in properties to the Operating Partnership in exchange for OP Units. Under the partnership agreement, these persons have the right to tender their OP Units for redemption to the Operating Partnership at any time following a specified restricted period for cash equal to the fair value of an equivalent number of common shares of the Parent Company. In lieu of delivering cash, however, the Parent Company, as the Operating Partnership’s general partner, may, at its option, choose to acquire any OP Units so tendered by issuing common shares in exchange for the tendered OP Units. If the Parent Company so chooses, its common shares will be exchanged for OP Units on a one-for-one basis. This one-for-one exchange ratio is subject to adjustment to prevent dilution. With each such exchange or redemption, the Parent Company’s percentage ownership in the Operating Partnership will increase. In addition, whenever the Parent Company issues common or other classes of its shares, it contributes the net proceeds it receives from the issuance to the Operating Partnership and the Operating Partnership issues to the Parent Company an equal number of OP Units or other partnership interests having preferences and rights that mirror the preferences and rights of the shares issued. This structure is commonly referred to as an umbrella partnership REIT or “UPREIT”.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared pursuant to the rules and regulations of the SEC regarding interim financial reporting and, in the opinion of each of the Parent Company’s and

Operating Partnership's respective management, include all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) necessary for a fair presentation of financial position, results of operations and cash flows for each respective company for the interim periods presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ("GAAP"). Accordingly, readers of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q should refer to the Parent Company's and the Operating Partnership's audited financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP, and the related notes thereto, for the year ended December 31, 2017, which are included in the Parent Company's and the Operating Partnership's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017. The results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations to be expected for any future period or the full year.

The Operating Partnership meets the criteria as a variable interest entity. The Parent Company's sole significant asset is its investment in the Operating Partnership. As a result, substantially all of the Parent Company's assets and liabilities represent those assets and liabilities of the Operating Partnership. All of the Parent Company's debt is an obligation of the Operating Partnership.

Reclassifications

Certain amounts from the prior year have been reclassified to conform to current year presentation as described below.

Table of Contents

On January 1, 2018, the Company adopted Accounting Standard Updated (“ASU”) No. 2016-15: Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230) – Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments, which requires retrospective application for a number of cash flow classification items for which there was diversity in practice. See Recent Accounting Pronouncements below for the specific cash flow areas addressed by the new standard. As a result of adopting the new guidance, \$0.9 million of proceeds received from the settlement of insurance claims during the nine months ended September 30, 2017 have been reclassified from operating activities to investing activities within the consolidated statements of cash flows.

On January 1, 2018, the Company also adopted ASU No. 2016-18: Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230) – Restricted Cash, which requires restricted cash to be included with cash and cash equivalents as part of the reconciliation of beginning and end of period balances within the consolidated statements of cash flows. As a result of adopting the new guidance, \$0.2 million and \$3.9 million of restricted cash, which were previously included as operating cash outflows and investing cash inflows within the consolidated statements of cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2017, respectively, have been removed and are now included in the cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash line items at the beginning and the end of period.

Restricted cash consists of purchase deposits and cash deposits required for debt service requirements, capital replacement, and expense reserves in connection with the requirements of the Company’s loan agreements.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In August 2017, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued ASU No. 2017-12 – Derivatives and Hedging (Topic 815): Targeted Improvements to Accounting for Hedging Activities. The purpose of this updated guidance is to better align a company’s financial reporting for hedging activities with the economic objectives of those activities. The transition guidance provides companies with the option of early adopting the new standard using a modified retrospective transition method in any interim period after issuance of the update, or alternatively requires adoption for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018. This adoption method will require the Company to recognize the cumulative effect of initially applying the new guidance as an adjustment to accumulated other comprehensive income with a corresponding adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings as of the beginning of the fiscal year that the Company adopts the update. The adoption of this guidance is not expected to have an impact on the Company’s consolidated financial statements as the Company currently does not have any outstanding derivative financial instruments.

In February 2017, as part of the new revenue standard, the FASB issued ASU No. 2017-05 – Other Income – Gains and Losses from the Derecognition of Nonfinancial Assets (Subtopic 610-20): Clarifying the Scope of Asset Derecognition Guidance, which focuses on recognizing gains and losses from the transfer of nonfinancial assets in contracts with non-customers. Specifically, the new guidance defines “in substance nonfinancial asset”, unifies guidance related to partial sales of nonfinancial assets, eliminates rules specifically addressing sales of real estate, removes exceptions to the financial asset derecognition model, and clarifies the accounting for contributions of nonfinancial

assets to joint ventures. The new guidance became effective on January 1, 2018 when the Company adopted the new revenue standard. Upon adoption, the majority of the Company's sale transactions are now treated as dispositions of nonfinancial assets rather than dispositions of a business given the FASB's recently revised definition of a business (see ASU No. 2017-01 below). Additionally, in partial sale transactions where the Company sells a controlling interest in real estate but retains a noncontrolling interest, the Company will now fully recognize a gain or loss on the fair value measurement of the retained interest as the new guidance eliminates the partial profit recognition model. The adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations.

In January 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-01 - Business Combinations (Topic 805): Clarifying the Definition of a Business, which changes the definition of a business to include an input and a substantive process that together significantly contribute to the ability to create outputs. A framework is provided to evaluate when an input and a substantive process are present. The new guidance also narrows the definition of outputs, which are defined as the results of inputs and substantive processes that provide goods or services to customers, other revenue, or investment income. The standard became effective on January 1, 2018. Upon adoption of the new guidance, the majority of the Company's future property acquisitions will now be considered asset acquisitions, resulting in the capitalization of

Table of Contents

acquisition related costs incurred in connection with these transactions and the allocation of purchase price and acquisition related costs to the assets acquired based on their relative fair values. The adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations.

In November 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-18 - Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230): Restricted Cash, which requires the statement of cash flows to explain the change during the period in the total of cash, cash equivalents, and amounts generally described as restricted cash or restricted cash equivalents. The new guidance also requires entities to reconcile such total to amounts on the balance sheet and disclose the nature of the restrictions. The standard became effective on January 1, 2018 and requires the use of the retrospective transition method. The adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements as the update primarily relates to financial statement presentation and disclosures as discussed in "Reclassifications" above.

In August 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-15 – Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230): Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments, which is intended to reduce diversity in practice in how certain transactions are classified in the statement of cash flows. The eight items that the ASU provides classification guidance on include (1) debt prepayment and extinguishment costs, (2) settlement of zero-coupon debt instruments, (3) contingent consideration payments made after a business combination, (4) proceeds from the settlement of insurance claims, (5) proceeds from the settlement of corporate-owned life insurance policies, including bank-owned life insurance policies, (6) distributions received from equity method investments, (7) beneficial interests in securitization transactions, and (8) separately identifiable cash flows and application of the predominance principle. The standard became effective on January 1, 2018 and requires the use of the retrospective transition method. The adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements as the update primarily relates to financial statement presentation and disclosures as discussed in "Reclassifications" above.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02 - Leases (Topic 842), which sets out the principles for the recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of leases for both parties to a contract (i.e. lessees and lessors). The new standard requires lessees to apply a dual approach, classifying leases as either financing or operating leases based on the principle of whether or not the lease is effectively a financed purchase by the lessee. This classification will determine whether lease expense is recognized based on an effective interest method or on a straight line basis over the term of the lease, respectively. A lessee is also required to record a right-of-use asset and a lease liability for all leases with a term of greater than 12 months regardless of their classification. Leases with a term of 12 months or less will be accounted for similar to existing guidance for operating leases today. The new standard requires lessors to account for leases using an approach that is substantially equivalent to existing guidance for sales-type leases, direct financing leases and operating leases. The Company plans to adopt the standard on January 1, 2019, the date it becomes effective for public companies, using the modified retrospective approach. Upon adoption, the Company anticipates that it will elect the package of practical expedients permitted within the standard, which among other things, allows for the carryforward of historical lease classification. At this time, the primary impact is expected to be related to the Company's ten ground leases in which it serves as lessee.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-09 - Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606), which requires an entity to recognize the amount of revenue to which it expects to be entitled for the transfer of promised

goods or services to customers. The new guidance outlines a five-step process for customer contract revenue recognition that focuses on transfer of control as opposed to transfer of risk and rewards. The new guidance also requires enhanced disclosures regarding the nature, amount, timing, and uncertainty of revenues and cash flows from contracts with customers. In May 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-12 - Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606): Narrow-Scope Improvements and Practical Expedients, which amends ASU No. 2014-09 and is intended to address implementation issues that were raised by stakeholders. ASU No. 2016-12 provides practical expedients on collectability, noncash consideration, presentation of sales tax and contract modifications and completed contracts in transition. Both standards became effective on January 1, 2018. The Company finalized the impact of the adoption of ASU No. 2014-09 and ASU No. 2016-12 on the Company's consolidated financial statements and related disclosures and adopted the standards using the modified retrospective transition method. The standards did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated statements of financial position or results of operations primarily because most of its revenue is derived from lease contracts, which are excluded from the scope of the new guidance. The Company's insurance fee revenue, property management fee revenue, and merchandise sale revenue are included in the scope of the

Table of Contents

new guidance, however, the Company identified similar performance obligations under this standard as compared with deliverables and separate units of account identified under its previous revenue recognition methodology. Accordingly, revenue recognized under the new guidance does not differ materially from revenue recognized under previous guidance and there is no material prior year impact.

3. STORAGE PROPERTIES

The book value of the Company's real estate assets is summarized as follows:

	September 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
	(in thousands)	
Land	\$ 755,732	\$ 711,140
Buildings and improvements	3,248,342	3,086,252
Equipment	179,037	182,958
Construction in progress	140,261	181,365
Storage properties	4,323,372	4,161,715
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(838,325)	(752,925)
Storage properties, net	\$ 3,485,047	\$ 3,408,790

The following table summarizes the Company's acquisition and disposition activity during the period beginning on January 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018:

Asset/Portfolio	Market	Transaction Date	Number of Stores	Purchase / Sale Price (in thousands)
2018 Acquisitions:				
Texas Asset	Texas Markets - Major	January 2018	1	\$ 12,200
Texas Asset	Texas Markets - Major	May 2018	1	19,000
Metro DC Asset	Baltimore / DC	July 2018	1	34,200
Nevada Asset	Las Vegas	September 2018	1	14,350
North Carolina Asset	Charlotte	September 2018	1	11,000
			5	\$ 90,750
2017 Acquisitions:				
Illinois Asset	Chicago	April 2017	1	\$ 11,200

Edgar Filing: CubeSmart - Form 10-Q

Maryland Asset	Baltimore / DC	May 2017	1	18,200
California Asset	Sacramento	May 2017	1	3,650
Texas Asset	Texas Markets - Major	October 2017	1	4,050
Florida Asset	Florida Markets - Other	October 2017	1	14,500
Illinois Asset	Chicago	November 2017	1	11,300
Florida Asset	Florida Markets - Other	December 2017	1	17,750
			7	\$ 80,650

4. INVESTMENT ACTIVITY

2018 Acquisitions

During the nine months ended September 30, 2018, the Company acquired five stores located throughout the United States, for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$90.8 million. In connection with these acquisitions, the Company allocated the purchase price and acquisition related costs to the tangible and intangible assets acquired based on fair value. Intangible assets consist of in-place leases, which aggregated \$2.9 million at the time of the acquisitions

Table of Contents

and prior to any amortization of such amounts. The estimated life of these in-place leases was 12 months, and the amortization expense that was recognized during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 was approximately \$0.5 million and \$0.7 million, respectively. In connection with one of the acquired stores, the Company assumed a \$7.2 million mortgage loan that was immediately repaid by the Company. The remainder of the purchase price was funded with \$0.2 million of cash and \$4.8 million through the issuance of 168,011 OP Units (see note 12). Following a 13-month lock-up period, the holder may tender the OP Units for redemption by the Operating Partnership for a cash amount per OP Unit equal to the market value of an equivalent number of common shares of the Company. The Company has the right, but not the obligation, to assume and satisfy the redemption obligation of the Operating Partnership by issuing one common share in exchange for each OP Unit tendered for redemption.

The following table summarizes the Company's revenue and earnings associated with the 2018 acquisitions from the acquisition date, that are included in the consolidated statements of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2018	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2018
	(in thousands)	
Total revenue	\$ 922	\$ 1,391
Net loss	(652)	(941)

As of September 30, 2018, the Company was under contract and had made aggregate deposits of \$5.3 million associated with four stores, including one store to be acquired after the completion of construction and the issuance of the certificate of occupancy, for an aggregate acquisition price of \$132.6 million. The deposits are reflected in Other assets, net on the Company's consolidated balance sheets. The purchase of the store under construction is expected to occur during the fourth quarter of 2018 after the completion of construction and the issuance of a certificate of occupancy. This acquisition is subject to due diligence and other customary closing conditions and no assurance can be provided that this acquisition will be completed on the terms described, or at all.

2017 Acquisitions

During the year ended December 31, 2017, the Company acquired six stores located throughout the United States, including two stores upon completion of construction and the issuance of a certificate of occupancy, for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$69.5 million. In connection with these acquisitions, the Company allocated a portion of the purchase price to the tangible and intangible assets acquired based on fair value. Intangible assets consist of in-place leases, which aggregated \$3.2 million at the time of the acquisitions and prior to any amortization of such amounts. The estimated life of these in-place leases was 12 months, and the amortization expense that was recognized

during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 was approximately \$0.3 million and \$1.6 million, respectively. In connection with one of the acquired stores, the Company assumed mortgage debt that was recorded at a fair value of \$6.2 million, which fair value includes an outstanding principal balance totaling \$5.9 million and a net premium of \$0.3 million to reflect the estimated fair value of the debt at the time of assumption. As part of the acquisition of that same store, the Company issued OP Units that were valued at approximately \$12.3 million as consideration for the remainder of the purchase price (see note 12).

During the year ended December 31, 2017, the Company also acquired a store in Illinois upon completion of construction and the issuance of a certificate of occupancy for \$11.2 million. The purchase price was satisfied with \$9.7 million of cash and 58,400 newly created Class C OP Units. Each Class C OP Unit had a stated value of \$25 and an annual distribution rate of 3% of the stated value. On July 23, 2018, all of the Class C OP Units were exchanged for an aggregate of 46,322 common units of the Operating Partnership. Because the Class C OP Units represented an unconditional obligation that the Company settled by issuing a variable number of its common shares with a monetary value that was known at inception, the Class C OP Units were classified as a liability in Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities on the Company's consolidated balance sheets prior to redemption.

Table of Contents

Development

As of September 30, 2018, the Company had invested in joint ventures to develop six self-storage properties located in Massachusetts (2), New Jersey (1), and New York (3). Construction for all projects is expected to be completed by the fourth quarter of 2019 (see note 12). As of September 30, 2018, development costs incurred to date for these projects totaled \$103.9 million. Total construction costs for these projects are expected to be \$162.7 million. These costs are capitalized to construction in progress while the projects are under development and are reflected in Storage properties on the Company's consolidated balance sheets.

The Company has completed the construction and opened for operation the following stores during the period beginning on January 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018. The costs associated with the construction of these stores are capitalized to land, building, and improvements as well as equipment and are reflected in Storage properties on the Company's consolidated balance sheets.

Store Location	Number of Stores	Date Opened	CubeSmart Ownership Interest	Total Construction Costs (in thousands)
Bronx, NY	1	Q3 2018	51%	\$ 91,500
Brooklyn, NY (1)	1	Q4 2017	100%	49,300
Washington, D.C.	1	Q3 2017	100%	27,800
New York, NY	1	Q3 2017	90%	81,200
North Palm Beach, FL	1	Q1 2017	100%	9,700
	5			\$ 259,500

- (1) This property was previously owned by a consolidated joint venture, in which the Company had a 51% ownership interest. On March 28, 2018, the noncontrolling member in the venture put its 49% interest in the venture to the Company for \$20.4 million, which is included in Development costs in the consolidated statements of cash flows.

During the fourth quarter of 2015, the Company, through a joint venture in which the Company owned a 90% interest and previously consolidated, completed the construction and opened for operation a store located in Brooklyn, NY. On June 2, 2017, the Company acquired the noncontrolling member's 10% interest in the venture for \$9.0 million, of which \$7.5 million was initially paid. The remaining \$1.5 million was paid upon completion of certain development obligations during the third quarter of 2017. Prior to this transaction, the noncontrolling member's interest was reported in Noncontrolling interests in subsidiaries on the consolidated balance sheets. Since the Company retained its controlling interest in the joint venture and the store is now wholly owned, 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 \$8.6 million difference between the purchase price paid by the Company and the carrying amount of the noncontrolling interest was recorded as an adjustment to equity attributable to the Company. In conjunction with the Company's acquisition of the noncontrolling interest, the \$9.8 million related party loan extended by the Company to

the venture during the construction period was repaid in full.

22

Table of Contents

5. INVESTMENT IN UNCONSOLIDATED REAL ESTATE VENTURES

Capital Storage Partners, LLC (“Capital Storage”)

On September 5, 2018, the Company invested \$5.0 million in exchange for 100% of the Class A Preferred Units of Capital Storage Partners, LLC, a newly formed venture that acquired 22 self-storage properties located in Florida (4), Oklahoma (5), and Texas (13). The Class A Preferred Units earn an 11% cumulative dividend prior to any other distributions. The Company’s investment in Capital Storage and the related dividends are included in Other assets, net on the Company’s consolidated balance sheets and in Other income on the Company’s consolidated statements of operations, respectively.

191 IV CUBE LLC (“HVP IV”)

On October 16, 2017, the Company acquired a self-storage property located in Texas for \$9.4 million, which it then contributed to a newly-formed joint venture on November 1, 2017. In return for contributing the property to HVP IV, the Company received approximately \$7.5 million in cash and a 20% ownership interest in the venture. During the nine months ended September 30, 2018, HVP IV acquired ten additional stores located in Arizona (2), Florida (3), Georgia (2), Maryland (1), and Texas (2) for an aggregate purchase price of \$114.4 million, of which the Company has contributed \$14.1 million. On May 16, 2018 and August 15, 2018, HVP IV received \$43.7 million and \$24.4 million advances, respectively, on its \$107.0 million loan facility, which encumbers the 11 stores that are owned by the venture as of September 30, 2018. The loan bears interest at LIBOR plus 1.70% and matures on May 16, 2021 with options to extend the maturity date through May 16, 2023, subject to satisfaction of certain conditions and payment of the extension fees as stipulated in the loan agreement. As of September 30, 2018, HVP IV was under contract, and had made aggregate deposits of \$0.2 million, to acquire two stores located in Connecticut for an aggregate purchase price of \$15.1 million.

CUBE HHF Northeast Venture LLC (“HHFNE”)

On December 15, 2016, the Company invested a 10% ownership interest in a newly-formed joint venture that acquired 13 self-storage properties located in Connecticut (3), Massachusetts (6), Rhode Island (2), and Vermont (2). HHFNE paid \$87.5 million for these stores, of which \$6.0 million was allocated to the value of the in-place lease intangible. The acquisition was funded primarily through an advance totaling \$44.5 million on the venture’s loan facility. The remainder of the purchase price was contributed pro-rata by the Company and its unaffiliated joint venture partner. The Company’s total contribution to HHFNE related to this portfolio acquisition was \$3.8 million. The loan bears interest at LIBOR plus 1.90% and matures on December 15, 2019 with options to extend the maturity date through December 15, 2021, subject to satisfaction of certain conditions and payment of the extension fees as stipulated in the loan agreement.

191 III CUBE LLC (“HVP III”)

During the fourth quarter of 2015, the Company invested a 10% ownership interest in a newly-formed joint venture that agreed to acquire a property portfolio comprised of 37 self-storage properties located in Michigan (17), Tennessee (10), Massachusetts (7), and Florida (3). HVP III paid \$242.5 million for these 37 stores, of which \$18.9 million was allocated to the value of the in-place lease intangible. HVP III acquired 30 of the stores on December 8, 2015 for \$193.7 million, one of the stores on January 26, 2016 for \$5.7 million, five of the stores on April 21, 2016 for \$36.1 million, and one store on June 15, 2016 for \$7.0 million. In connection with six of the acquired stores, HVP III assumed mortgage debt that was recorded at a fair value of \$25.3 million, which includes an outstanding principal balance totaling \$23.7 million and a net premium of \$1.6 million to reflect the estimated fair value of the debt at the time of assumption. The remainder of the purchase price was funded through advances totaling \$116.0 million on the venture’s \$122.0 million loan facility and amounts contributed pro-rata by the Company and its unaffiliated joint venture partner. The Company’s total contribution to HVP III related to this portfolio acquisition was \$10.7 million. The loan facility bears interest at LIBOR plus 2.00% per annum and matures on December 7, 2018 with options to extend the maturity date through December 7, 2020, subject to satisfaction of certain conditions and payment of the extension fees as stipulated in the loan agreement.

Table of Contents

During the first quarter of 2016, HVP III agreed to acquire a property portfolio comprised of 31 self-storage properties located in South Carolina (22), Georgia (5), and North Carolina (4) that were previously managed by the Company. HVP III paid \$115.5 million for these 31 stores, of which \$10.6 million was allocated to the value of the in-place lease intangible. HVP III acquired 30 of the stores on March 30, 2016 for \$112.8 million and one of the stores on November 2, 2016 for \$2.7 million. In conjunction with the acquisitions, HVP III refinanced its existing loan facility by entering into an increased amended and restated loan facility not to exceed \$185.5 million. The acquisitions were funded primarily through advances totaling \$63.5 million on the venture's amended and restated loan facility. The remainder of the purchase price was contributed pro-rata by the Company and its unaffiliated joint venture partner. The Company's total contribution to HVP III related to this portfolio acquisition was \$5.4 million, bringing its total investment in HVP III to \$16.1 million as of September 30, 2017. The amended and restated loan facility bears interest at LIBOR plus 2.00% per annum. The initial maturity date was extended to March 30, 2019 with options to extend through March 30, 2021, subject to satisfaction of certain conditions and payment of the extension fees as stipulated in the amended and restated loan agreement.

CUBE HHF Limited Partnership ("HHF")

On December 10, 2013, the Company invested a 50% ownership interest in a newly-formed joint venture that acquired 35 self-storage properties located in Texas (34) and North Carolina (1). HHF paid \$315.7 million for these stores, of which \$12.1 million was allocated to the value of the in-place lease intangible. The Company and the unaffiliated joint venture partner, collectively the "HHF Partners", each contributed cash equal to 50% of the capital required to fund the acquisition. On May 1, 2014, HHF obtained a \$100.0 million loan secured by the 34 self-storage properties located in Texas that are owned by the venture. There is no recourse to the Company, subject to customary exceptions to non-recourse provisions. The loan bears interest at 3.59% per annum and matures on April 30, 2021. This financing completed the planned capital structure of HHF and proceeds (net of closing costs) of \$99.2 million were distributed proportionately to the partners.

Based upon the facts and circumstances at formation of HVP IV, HHFNE, HVP III, and HHF (the "Ventures"), the Company determined that the Ventures are not VIEs in accordance with the accounting standard for the consolidation of VIEs. As a result, the Company used the voting interest model under the accounting standard for consolidation in order to determine whether to consolidate the Ventures. Based upon each member's substantive participating rights over the activities of each entity as stipulated in the operating agreements, the Ventures are not consolidated by the Company and are accounted for under the equity method of accounting. The Company's investments in the Ventures are included in Investment in real estate ventures, at equity on the Company's consolidated balance sheets and the Company's earnings from its investments in the Ventures are presented in Equity in losses of real estate ventures on the Company's consolidated statements of operations.

The amounts reflected in the following table are based on the historical financial information of the real estate ventures.

Table of Contents

The following is a summary of the financial position of the Ventures as of September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017 (in thousands):

	September 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
Assets		
Storage properties, net	\$ 734,063	\$ 647,668
Other assets	37,284	8,284
Total assets	\$ 771,347	\$ 655,952
Liabilities and equity		
Other liabilities	\$ 12,300	\$ 6,853
Debt	413,522	346,475
Equity		
CubeSmart	98,156	91,206
Joint venture partners	247,369	211,418
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 771,347	\$ 655,952

The following is a summary of results of operations of the Ventures for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Total revenues	\$ 23,463	\$ 20,796	\$ 66,665	\$ 60,415
Operating expenses	9,583	8,673	28,269	25,650
Other expense (income)	242	(27)	807	517
Interest expense, net	3,494	2,942	9,515	8,760
Depreciation and amortization	11,223	10,426	31,042	34,826
Net loss	\$ (1,079)	\$ (1,218)	\$ (2,968)	\$ (9,338)
Company's share of net loss	\$ (292)	\$ (280)	\$ (785)	\$ (1,305)

6. UNSECURED SENIOR NOTES

The Company's unsecured senior notes are summarized as follows (collectively referred to as the "Senior Notes"):

Unsecured Senior Notes	September 30, 2018 (in thousands)	December 31, 2017	Effective Interest Rate	Issuance Date	Maturity Date
\$250M 4.800% Guaranteed Notes due 2022	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	4.82 %	Jun-12	Jul-22
\$300M 4.375% Guaranteed Notes due 2023 (1)	300,000	300,000	4.33 %	Various (1)	Dec-23
\$300M 4.000% Guaranteed Notes due 2025 (2)	300,000	300,000	3.99 %	Various (2)	Nov-25
\$300M 3.125% Guaranteed Notes due 2026	300,000	300,000	3.18 %	Aug-16	Sep-26
Principal balance outstanding	1,150,000	1,150,000			
Less: Discount on issuance of unsecured senior notes, net	(581)	(617)			
Less: Loan procurement costs, net	(6,161)	(6,923)			
Total unsecured senior notes, net	\$ 1,143,258	\$ 1,142,460			

(1) On April 4, 2017, the Operating Partnership issued \$50.0 million of its 4.375% senior notes due 2023, which are part of the same series as the \$250.0 million principal amount of the Operating Partnership's 4.375% senior notes due December 15, 2023 issued on December 17, 2013. The \$50.0 million and \$250.0 million tranches were priced at 105.040% and 98.995%, respectively, of the principal amount to yield 3.495% and 4.501%, respectively, to maturity. The combined weighted-average effective interest rate of the 2023 notes is 4.330%.

Table of Contents

(2) On April 4, 2017, the Operating Partnership issued \$50.0 million of its 4.000% senior notes due 2025, which are part of the same series as the \$250.0 million principal amount of the Operating Partnership's 4.000% senior notes due November 15, 2025 issued on October 26, 2015. The \$50.0 million and \$250.0 million tranches were priced at 101.343% and 99.735%, respectively, of the principal amount to yield 3.811% and 4.032%, respectively, to maturity. The combined weighted-average effective interest rate of the 2025 notes is 3.994%.

The indenture under which the Senior Notes were issued restricts the ability of the Operating Partnership and its subsidiaries to incur debt unless the Operating Partnership and its consolidated subsidiaries comply with a leverage ratio not to exceed 60% and an interest coverage ratio of more than 1.5:1 after giving effect to the incurrence of the debt. The indenture also restricts the ability of the Operating Partnership and its subsidiaries to incur secured debt unless the Operating Partnership and its consolidated subsidiaries comply with a secured debt leverage ratio not to exceed 40% after giving effect to the incurrence of the debt. The indenture also contains other financial and customary covenants, including a covenant not to own unencumbered assets with a value less than 150% of the unsecured indebtedness of the Operating Partnership and its consolidated subsidiaries. As of September 30, 2018, the Operating Partnership was in compliance with all of the financial covenants under the Senior Notes.

7. REVOLVING CREDIT FACILITY AND UNSECURED TERM LOANS

On December 9, 2011, the Company entered into a credit agreement (the "Credit Facility"), which was subsequently amended on April 5, 2012, June 18, 2013, and April 22, 2015 to provide for, amongst other things, a \$500.0 million unsecured revolving facility (the "Revolver") with a maturity date of April 22, 2020. Pricing on the Revolver is dependent on the Company's unsecured debt credit ratings. At the Company's current Baa2/BBB level, amounts drawn under the Revolver are priced at 1.25% over LIBOR, inclusive of a facility fee of 0.15%. As of September 30, 2018, \$405.1 million was available for borrowing under the Revolver. The available balance under the Revolver is reduced by an outstanding letter of credit of \$0.7 million. As of September 30, 2018, the Company also had a \$200.0 million unsecured term loan outstanding under the Credit Facility, which is included in the table below.

On June 20, 2011, the Company entered into an unsecured term loan agreement (the "Term Loan Facility"), which was subsequently amended on June 18, 2013 and August 5, 2014, consisting of a \$100.0 million unsecured term loan with a five-year maturity and a \$100.0 million unsecured term loan with a seven-year maturity. On April 6, 2017, the Company used the net proceeds from the issuance of \$50.0 million of its 4.375% Senior Notes due 2023 and \$50.0 million of its 4.000% Senior Notes due 2025 to repay all of the outstanding indebtedness under its five-year \$100.0 million unsecured term loan that was scheduled to mature in June 2018.

The Company's unsecured term loans under the Credit Facility and Term Loan Facility are summarized below:

Unsecured Term Loans	Carrying Value as of:		Effective Interest Rate as of September 30, 2018 (1)	Maturity Date
	September 30, 2018	December 31, 2017		
Credit Facility				
Unsecured term loan	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	3.56 %	Jan-19
Term Loan Facility				
Unsecured term loan	100,000	100,000	3.41 %	Jan-20
Principal balance outstanding	300,000	300,000		
Less: Loan procurement costs, net	(301)	(604)		
Total unsecured term loans, net	\$ 299,699	\$ 299,396		

(1) Pricing on the Term Loan Facility and the unsecured term loan under the Credit Facility is dependent on the Company's unsecured debt credit ratings. At the Company's current Baa2/BBB level, amounts drawn under the term loan scheduled to mature in January 2019 are priced at 1.30% over LIBOR, while amounts drawn under the term loan scheduled to mature in January 2020 are priced at 1.15% over LIBOR. As of September 30, 2018, borrowings under the Credit Facility, inclusive of the Revolver, and Term Loan Facility, as amended, had an effective weighted average interest rate of 3.51%.

Table of Contents

The Term Loan Facility and the unsecured term loan under the Credit Facility were fully drawn at September 30, 2018 and no further borrowings may be made under the term loans. The Company's ability to borrow under the Revolver is subject to ongoing compliance with certain financial covenants which include:

- Maximum total indebtedness to total asset value of 60.0% at any time;
- Minimum fixed charge coverage ratio of 1.50:1.00; and
- Minimum tangible net worth of \$821,211,200 plus 75% of net proceeds from equity issuances after June 30, 2010.

Further, under the Credit Facility and Term Loan Facility, the Company is restricted from paying distributions on the Parent Company's common shares in excess of the greater of (i) 95% of funds from operations, and (ii) such amount as may be necessary to maintain the Parent Company's REIT status.

As of September 30, 2018, the Company was in compliance with all of its financial covenants and anticipates being in compliance with all of its financial covenants through the terms of the Credit Facility and Term Loan Facility.

8. MORTGAGE LOANS AND NOTES PAYABLE

The Company's mortgage loans and notes payable are summarized as follows:

Mortgage Loans and Notes Payable	Carrying Value as of:		Effective Interest Rate	Maturity Date
	September 30, 2018	December 31, 2017		
	(in thousands)			
YSI 33	\$ 9,299	\$ 9,547	6.42 %	Jul-19
YSI 26	8,075	8,228	4.56 %	Nov-20
YSI 57	2,835	2,889	4.61 %	Nov-20
YSI 55	22,161	22,508	4.85 %	Jun-21
YSI 24	25,100	25,700	4.64 %	Jun-21
YSI 65	2,376	2,411	3.85 %	Jun-23
YSI 66	31,313	31,727	3.51 %	Jun-23
YSI 68	5,666	5,786	3.78 %	May-24

Edgar Filing: CubeSmart - Form 10-Q

Principal balance outstanding	106,825	108,796
Plus: Unamortized fair value adjustment	2,733	3,286
Less: Loan procurement costs, net	(500)	(648)
Total mortgage loans and notes payable, net	\$ 109,058	\$ 111,434

27

Table of Contents

As of September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, the Company's mortgage loans payable were secured by certain of its self-storage properties with net book values of approximately \$232.3 million and \$236.9 million, respectively. The following table represents the future principal payment requirements on the outstanding mortgage loans and notes payable as of September 30, 2018 (in thousands):

2018	\$ 679
2019	11,652
2020	12,791
2021	45,057
2022	923
2023 and thereafter	35,723
Total mortgage payments	106,825
Plus: Unamortized fair value adjustment	2,733
Less: Loan procurement costs, net	(500)
Total mortgage loans and notes payable, net	\$ 109,058

9. ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

The following table summarizes the changes in accumulated other comprehensive income by component for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 (in thousands):

	Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Interest Rate Swaps	
Other comprehensive gain before reclassifications	\$ 59	
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income	(62)	(1)
Net current-period other comprehensive loss	(3)	
Balance at December 31, 2017	3	
Balance at September 30, 2018	\$ —	

(1) See note 10 for additional information about the effects of the amounts reclassified.

10. RISK MANAGEMENT AND USE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Company's use of derivative instruments is limited to the utilization of interest rate swap agreements or other instruments to manage interest rate risk exposures and not for speculative purposes. The principal objective of such arrangements is to minimize the risks and/or costs associated with the Company's operating and financial structure, as well as to hedge specific transactions. The counterparties to these arrangements are major financial institutions with which the Company and its subsidiaries may also have other financial relationships. The Company is potentially exposed to credit loss in the event of non-performance by these counterparties. However, because of the high credit ratings of the counterparties, the Company does not anticipate that any of the counterparties will fail to meet these obligations as they come due. The Company does not hedge credit or property value market risks.

The Company entered into interest rate swap agreements that qualified and were designated as cash flow hedges designed to reduce the impact of interest rate changes on its variable rate debt. Therefore, the interest rate swaps were recorded in the consolidated balance sheet at fair value and the related gains or losses are deferred in shareholders' equity as accumulated other comprehensive income. These deferred gains and losses were amortized into interest expense during the period or periods in which the related interest payments affected earnings.

The Company formally assessed, both at inception of a hedge and on an on-going basis, whether each derivative was highly-effective in offsetting changes in cash flows of the hedged item. If management determined that a derivative was highly-effective as a hedge, then the Company accounted for the derivative using hedge accounting, pursuant to which gains or losses inherent in the derivative did not impact the Company's results of operations. If management determined that a derivative was not highly-effective as a hedge or if a derivative ceased to be a highly-effective hedge, the

Table of Contents

Company discontinued hedge accounting prospectively and reflected in its statement of operations realized and unrealized gains and losses in respect of the derivative.

The following table summarizes the terms and fair values of the Company's derivative financial instruments as of September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively (dollars in thousands):

Hedge Product	Hedge Type (1)	Notional Amount		Strike	Effective Date	Maturity	Fair Value	
		September 30, 2018	December 31, 2017				September 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
Swap	Cash flow	\$ —	\$ 40,000	2.4590%	6/20/2011	6/20/2018	\$ —	\$ (161)
Swap	Cash flow	—	40,000	2.4725%	6/20/2011	6/20/2018	—	(163)
Swap	Cash flow	—	20,000	2.4750%	6/20/2011	6/20/2018	—	(82)
		\$ —	\$ 100,000				\$ —	\$ (406)

(1) Hedging unsecured variable rate debt by fixing 30-day LIBOR.

The Company measured its derivative instruments at fair value and recorded them in the balance sheet as either an asset or liability. As of September 30, 2018 all derivative instruments had reached maturity. As of December 31, 2017, all derivative instruments were included in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. The effective portions of changes in the fair value of the derivatives were reported in accumulated other comprehensive income. Amounts reported in accumulated other comprehensive income related to derivatives were reclassified to interest expense as interest payments were made on the Company's variable-rate debt. The change in unrealized losses on interest rate swaps reflects a reclassification of \$0.3 million of unrealized losses from accumulated other comprehensive income as an increase to interest expense during the nine months ended September 30, 2018.

11. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The Company applies the methods of determining fair value as described in authoritative guidance, to value its financial assets and liabilities. As defined in the guidance, fair value is based on the price that would be received from the sale of an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. In order to increase consistency and comparability in fair value measurements, the guidance establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes observable and unobservable inputs used to measure fair value into three broad levels, which are described below:

Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for assets or liabilities. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to Level 1 inputs.

Level 2: Observable prices that are based on inputs not quoted on active markets, but corroborated by market data.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs are used when little or no market data is available. The fair value hierarchy gives the lowest priority to Level 3 inputs.

Table of Contents

In determining fair value, the Company utilizes valuation techniques that maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs, to the extent possible, as well as considering counterparty credit risk in its assessment of fair value.

There were no financial assets or liabilities carried at fair value as of September 30, 2018. Financial assets and liabilities carried at fair value as of December 31, 2017 are classified in the table below in one of the three categories described above (in thousands):

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Interest rate swap derivative liabilities	\$ —	\$ 406	\$ —
Total liabilities at fair value	\$ —	\$ 406	\$ —

Financial assets and liabilities carried at fair value were classified as Level 2 inputs. For financial liabilities that utilize Level 2 inputs, the Company utilizes both direct and indirect observable price quotes, including LIBOR yield curves, bank price quotes for forward starting swaps, NYMEX futures pricing and common stock price quotes. Below is a summary of valuation techniques for Level 2 financial liabilities:

- Interest rate swap derivative assets and liabilities – valued using LIBOR yield curves at the reporting date. Counterparties to these contracts are most often highly rated financial institutions, none of which experienced any significant downgrades that would reduce the amount owed by the Company. 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 the Company’s derivatives utilize Level 3 inputs, such as estimates of current credit spreads, to evaluate the likelihood of default by the Company and the counterparties. However, as of the reporting dates, the Company has assessed the significance of the effect of the credit valuation adjustments on the overall valuation of its derivative positions and has determined that the credit valuation adjustments are not significant to the overall valuation of its derivatives. As a result, the Company has determined that its derivative valuations in their entirety are classified in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

The fair values of financial instruments, including cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash, accounts receivable and accounts payable approximate their respective carrying values at September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017. The aggregate carrying value of the Company’s debt was \$1.7 billion and \$1.6 billion at September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively. The estimated fair value of the Company’s debt was \$1.6 billion and \$1.7 billion at September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively. These estimates were based on a discounted cash flow analysis assuming market interest rates for comparable obligations at September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017. The Company estimates the fair value of its fixed rate debt and the credit spreads over variable market rates on its variable rate debt by discounting the future cash flows of each instrument at estimated market rates or credit spreads consistent with the maturity of the debt obligation with similar credit policies, which is classified within level 2 of the fair value hierarchy. Rates and credit spreads take into consideration general market conditions and maturity.

12. NONCONTROLLING INTERESTS

Interests in Consolidated Real Estate Joint Ventures

Noncontrolling interests in subsidiaries represent the ownership interests of third parties in the Company's consolidated real estate ventures. The Company has determined that these ventures are variable interest entities, and that the Company is the primary beneficiary. Accordingly, the Company consolidates the assets, liabilities, and results of operations of the real estate ventures in the table below (dollars in thousands):

Table of Contents

Development Ventures	Number	Location	Date	CubeSmart	September 30, 2018	
			Opened / Estimated Opening	Ownership Interest	Total Assets	Total Liabilities
CS SJM E 92nd Street, LLC ("92nd St") (3)	1	New York, NY	Q4 2019 (est.)	90%	\$ 3,417	\$ 1,833
CS SDP Newtonville, LLC ("Newton") (3)	1	Newton, MA	Q4 2019 (est.)	90%	7,030	500
CS 1158 McDonald Ave, LLC ("McDonald Ave") (1)	1	Brooklyn, NY	Q3 2019 (est.)	51%	26,391	6,775
CS 160 East 22nd St, LLC ("22nd St") (1)	1	Bayonne, NJ	Q1 2019 (est.)	51%	15,137	10,219
CS SDP Waltham, LLC ("Waltham") (3)	1	Waltham, MA	Q1 2019 (est.)	90%	11,793	6,053
2225 46th St, LLC ("46th St") (1)	1	Queens, NY	Q1 2019 (est.)	51%	37,646	13,479
2880 Exterior St, LLC ("Exterior St") (1)	1	Bronx, NY	Q3 2018	51%	88,413	41,109
444 55th Street Holdings, LLC ("55th St") (2)	1	New York, NY	Q3 2017	90%	79,375	33,052
186 Jamaica Avenue, LLC ("Jamaica Ave") (3)	1	Queens, NY	Q4 2015	90%	17,646	12,486
Shirlington Rd, LLC ("SRLLC") (3)	1	Arlington, VA	Q2 2015	90%	15,763	12,587
	10				\$ 302,611	\$ 138,093

(1) The noncontrolling members of McDonald Ave, 22nd St, 46th St, and Exterior St have the option to put their ownership interest in the ventures to the Company for \$10.0 million, \$11.5 million, \$14.2 million, and \$37.8 million, respectively, within the one-year period after construction of each store is substantially complete. Additionally, the Company has a one-year option to call the ownership interest of the noncontrolling members of McDonald Ave, 22nd St, 46th St, and Exterior St for \$10.0 million, \$11.5 million, \$14.2 million, and \$37.8 million, respectively, beginning on the second anniversary of the respective store's construction being substantially complete. The Company is accreting the respective liabilities during the development periods and, as of September 30, 2018, has accrued \$5.6 million, \$8.2 million, \$12.0 million, and \$37.8 million related to McDonald Ave, 22nd St, 46th St, and Exterior St, respectively.

(2) In connection with the acquired property, 55th St assumed mortgage debt that was recorded at a fair value of \$35.0 million, which fair value includes an outstanding principal balance totaling \$32.5 million and a net premium of \$2.5 million to reflect the estimated fair value of the debt at the time of assumption. The loan accrues interest at a fixed rate of 4.68%, matures on June 7, 2023, and is fully guaranteed by the Company.

(3)

The Company has a related party loan commitment to these ventures to fund all or a portion of the construction costs. As of September 30, 2018, the Company has funded \$0.7 million of a total \$6.9 million loan commitment to 92nd St, \$0.5 million of a total \$12.1 million loan commitment to Newton, \$4.9 million of a total \$10.8 million loan commitment to Waltham, \$12.4 million of a total \$12.8 million loan commitment to Jamaica Ave, and \$12.4 million of a total \$14.6 million loan commitment to SRLLC, which are included in the total liability amounts within the table above. These loans and related interest were eliminated during consolidation.

Operating Partnership Ownership

The Company follows guidance regarding the classification and measurement of redeemable securities. Under this guidance, securities that are redeemable for cash or other assets, at the option of the holder and not solely within the control of the issuer, must be classified outside of permanent equity/capital. This classification results in certain outside ownership interests being included as redeemable noncontrolling interests outside of permanent equity/capital in the consolidated balance sheets. The Company makes this determination based on terms in applicable agreements, specifically in relation to redemption provisions.

Additionally, with respect to redeemable ownership interests in the Operating Partnership held by third parties for which CubeSmart has a choice to settle the redemption by delivery of its own shares, the Operating Partnership considered the guidance regarding accounting for derivative financial instruments indexed to, and potentially settled in, a company's own shares, to evaluate whether CubeSmart controls the actions or events necessary to presume share settlement. The guidance also requires that noncontrolling interests classified outside of permanent capital be adjusted each period to the greater of the carrying value based on the accumulation of historical cost or the redemption value.

Approximately 1.1% and 1.0% of the outstanding OP Units as of September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively, were not owned by CubeSmart, the sole general partner. The interests in the Operating Partnership

Table of Contents

represented by these OP Units were a component of the consideration that the Operating Partnership paid to acquire certain self-storage properties. The holders of the OP Units are limited partners in the Operating Partnership and have the right to require CubeSmart to redeem all or part of their OP Units for, at the general partner's option, an equivalent number of common shares of CubeSmart or cash based upon the fair value of an equivalent number of common shares of CubeSmart. However, the partnership agreement contains certain provisions that could result in a settlement outside the control of CubeSmart and the Operating Partnership, as CubeSmart does not have the ability to settle in unregistered shares. Accordingly, consistent with the guidance, the Operating Partnership will record the OP Units owned by third parties outside of permanent capital in the consolidated balance sheets. Net income or loss related to the OP Units owned by third parties is excluded from net income or loss attributable to Operating Partner in the consolidated statements of operations.

On January 31, 2018, the Company acquired a store in Texas for \$12.2 million and assumed an existing mortgage loan with an outstanding balance of approximately \$7.2 million and immediately repaid the loan. In conjunction with the closing, the Company paid \$0.2 million in cash and issued 168,011 OP Units, valued at approximately \$4.8 million, to pay the remaining consideration.

On April 12, 2017, the Company acquired a store in Illinois for \$11.2 million. In conjunction with the closing, the Company paid \$9.7 million and issued 58,400 Class C OP Units to pay the remaining consideration. On July 23, 2018, all of the 58,400 Class C OP Units were exchanged for an aggregate of 46,322 common units of the Operating Partnership.

On May 9, 2017, the Company acquired a store in Maryland for \$18.2 million and assumed an existing mortgage loan with an outstanding balance of approximately \$5.9 million. In conjunction with the closing, the Company issued 440,160 OP Units, valued at approximately \$12.3 million, to pay the remaining consideration.

As of September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, 2,048,570 and 1,878,253 OP units, respectively, were held by third parties. The per unit cash redemption amount of the outstanding OP units was calculated based upon the average of the closing prices of the common shares of CubeSmart on the New York Stock Exchange for the final 10 trading days of the quarter. Based on the Company's evaluation of the redemption value of the redeemable noncontrolling interest, the Company has reflected these interests at their redemption value at September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017. As of September 30, 2018, the Operating Partnership recorded increases to OP Units owned by third parties and corresponding increases to capital of \$0.2 million. As of December 31, 2017, the Operating Partnership recorded increases to OP Units owned by third parties and corresponding decreases to capital of \$ \$4.0 million.

13. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Company is involved in claims from time to time, which arise in the ordinary course of business. 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 exposure to loss in excess of those 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. In the opinion of management, the Company has made adequate provisions for potential liabilities, arising from any such matters, which are included in Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities on the Company's consolidated balance sheets. However, litigation is inherently unpredictable, and the costs and other effects of pending or future litigation, governmental investigations, legal and administrative cases and proceedings (whether civil or criminal), settlements, judgments and investigations, claims, and changes in any such matters, could have a material adverse effect the Company's business, financial condition, and operating results.

On July 13, 2015, a putative class action was filed against the Company in the Federal District Court of New Jersey seeking to obtain declaratory, injunctive and monetary relief for a class of New Jersey consumers based upon alleged violations by the Company of the New Jersey Truth in Customer Contract, Warranty and Notice Act and the New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act. On April 19, 2018, the court granted final approval of a settlement for the class action. The settlement and associated expenses, which were previously reserved for, did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations.

Table of Contents

14. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company provides management services to certain joint ventures and other related parties. Management agreements provide for fee income to the Company based on a percentage of revenues at the managed stores. Total management fees for unconsolidated joint ventures or other entities in which the Company held an ownership interest for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 totaled \$1.2 million and \$3.2 million, respectively. Total management fees for unconsolidated joint ventures or other entities in which the Company held an ownership interest for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 totaled \$0.9 million and \$2.7 million, respectively.

The management agreements for certain joint ventures, other related parties and third-party stores provide for the reimbursement to the Company for certain expenses incurred to manage the stores. These amounts consist of amounts due for management fees, payroll, and other store expenses. The amounts due to the Company were \$9.8 million and \$7.5 million as of September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively, and are reflected in Other assets, net on the Company's consolidated balance sheets. Additionally, as discussed in note 12, the Company had outstanding mortgage loans receivable from consolidated joint ventures of \$30.9 million and \$25.5 million as of September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively, which are eliminated for consolidation purposes. The Company believes that all of these related-party receivables are fully collectible.

The HVP III, HVP IV, and HHFNE operating agreements provide for acquisition fees payable from HVP III, HVP IV, and HHFNE to the Company in an amount equal to 0.5% of the purchase price upon the closing of an acquisition by HVP III, HVP IV, and HHFNE, or any of their subsidiaries and completion of certain measures as defined in the operating agreements. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, the Company recognized \$0.1 million and \$0.6 million, respectively, in acquisition fees. During the nine months ended September 30, 2017, the Company recognized \$0.4 million in acquisition fees. The Company did not recognize any acquisition fees during the three months ended September 30, 2017. Acquisition fees are included in Other income on the consolidated statements of operations.

15. PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION

During the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and the year ended December 31, 2017, the Company acquired five stores for an aggregate purchase price of \$90.8 million (see note 4) and seven stores for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$80.7 million, respectively.

The condensed consolidated pro forma financial information set forth below reflects adjustments to the Company's historical financial data to give effect to each of the acquisitions and related financing activity (including the issuance

Edgar Filing: CubeSmart - Form 10-Q

of common shares) that occurred during 2018 and 2017 as if each had occurred as of January 1, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The unaudited pro forma information presented below does not purport to represent what the Company's actual results of operations would have been for the periods indicated, nor does it purport to represent the Company's future results of operations.

The following table summarizes, on a pro forma basis, the Company's consolidated results of operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 based on the assumptions described above:

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2018	2017
	(in thousands, except per share data)	
Pro forma revenues	\$ 446,598	\$ 421,525
Pro forma net income	\$ 119,477	\$ 103,022
Earnings per share attributable to common shareholders:		
Basic - as reported	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.53
Diluted - as reported	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.52
Basic - as pro forma	\$ 0.64	\$ 0.57
Diluted - as pro forma	\$ 0.64	\$ 0.56

Table of Contents

16. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent to September 30, 2018, the Company acquired two self-storage properties located in California and Texas for an aggregate purchase price of \$76.4 million.

34

Table of Contents

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

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto appearing elsewhere in this Report. Some of the statements we make in this section are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. For a discussion of forward-looking statements, see the section in this Report entitled "Forward-Looking Statements". Certain risk factors may cause actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially from those expressed or implied by the following discussion. For a complete discussion of such risk factors, see the section entitled "Risk Factors" in the Parent Company's and Operating Partnership's combined Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017.

Overview

We are an integrated self-storage real estate company, and as such we have in-house capabilities in the operation, design, development, leasing, management and acquisition of self-storage properties. The Parent Company's operations are conducted solely through the Operating Partnership and its subsidiaries. The Parent Company has elected to be taxed as a REIT for U.S. federal income tax purposes. As of September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, we owned 490 and 484 self-storage properties, respectively, totaling approximately 34.5 million rentable square feet. As of September 30, 2018, we owned stores in the District of Columbia and the following 23 states: Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Utah and Virginia. In addition, as of September 30, 2018, we managed 582 stores for third parties (including 149 stores containing an aggregate of approximately 8.9 million rentable square feet as part of five separate unconsolidated real estate ventures) bringing the total number of stores which we owned and/or managed to 1,072. As of September 30, 2018, we managed stores for third parties in the District of Columbia and the following 35 states: Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

We derive revenues principally from rents received from customers who rent cubes at our self-storage properties under month-to-month leases. Therefore, our operating results depend materially on our ability to retain our existing customers and lease our available self-storage cubes to new customers while maintaining and, where possible, increasing our pricing levels. In addition, our operating results depend on the ability of our customers to make required rental payments to us. Our approach to the management and operation of our stores combines centralized marketing, revenue management and other operational support with local operations teams that provide market-level oversight and control. We believe this approach allows us to respond quickly and effectively to changes in local

market conditions, and to maximize revenues by managing rental rates and occupancy levels.

We typically experience seasonal fluctuations in the occupancy levels of our stores, which are generally slightly higher during the summer months due to increased moving activity.

Our results of operations may be sensitive to changes in overall economic conditions that impact consumer spending, including discretionary spending, as well as to increased bad debts due to recessionary pressures. Adverse economic conditions affecting disposable consumer income, such as employment levels, business conditions, interest rates, tax rates, fuel and energy costs, and other matters could reduce consumer spending or cause consumers to shift their spending to other products and services. A general reduction in the level of discretionary spending or shifts in consumer discretionary spending could adversely affect our growth and profitability.

We continue our focus on maximizing internal growth opportunities and selectively pursuing targeted acquisitions and developments of self-storage properties.

We have one reportable segment: we own, operate, develop, manage and acquire self-storage properties.

Table of Contents

Our self-storage properties are located in major metropolitan and suburban areas and have numerous customers per store. No single customer represents a significant concentration of our revenues. Our stores in Florida, New York, Texas and California provided approximately 17%, 16%, 10% and 8%, respectively, of total revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2018.

Summary of Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Set forth below is a summary of the accounting policies and estimates that management believes are critical to the preparation of the unaudited consolidated financial statements included in this Report. Certain of the accounting policies used in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements are particularly important for an understanding of the financial position and results of operations presented in the historical consolidated financial statements included in this Report. A summary of significant accounting policies is also provided in the aforementioned notes to our consolidated financial statements (see note 2 to the unaudited consolidated financial statements). These policies require the application of judgment and assumptions by management and, as a result, are subject to a degree of uncertainty. Due to this uncertainty, actual results could differ materially from estimates calculated and utilized by management.

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include all of the accounts of the Company, and its majority-owned and/or controlled subsidiaries. The portion of these entities not owned by the Company is presented as noncontrolling interests as of and during the periods presented. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

When the Company obtains an economic interest in an entity, the Company evaluates the entity to determine if the entity is deemed a variable interest entity (“VIE”), and if the Company is deemed to be the primary beneficiary, in accordance with authoritative guidance issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) on the consolidation of VIEs. When an entity is not deemed to be a VIE, the Company considers the provisions of additional FASB guidance to determine whether a general partner, or the general partners as a group, controls a limited partnership or similar entity when the limited partners have certain rights. The Company consolidates (i) entities that are VIEs and of which the Company is deemed to be the primary beneficiary and (ii) entities that are non-VIEs which the Company controls and in which the limited partners do not have substantive participating rights, or the ability to dissolve the entity or remove the Company without cause.

Self-Storage Properties

The Company records self-storage properties at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation on the buildings and equipment is recorded on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives, which range from five to 39 years. Expenditures for significant renovations or improvements that extend the useful life of assets are capitalized. Repairs and maintenance costs are expensed as incurred.

When stores are acquired, the purchase price is allocated to the tangible and intangible assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on estimated fair values. When a portfolio of stores is acquired, the purchase price is allocated to the individual stores based upon an income approach or a cash flow analysis using appropriate risk adjusted capitalization rates, which take into account the relative size, age and location of the individual store along with current and projected occupancy and rental rate levels or appraised values, if available. Allocations to the individual assets and liabilities are based upon their respective fair values as estimated by management.

In allocating the purchase price for an acquisition, the Company determines whether the acquisition includes intangible assets or liabilities. The Company allocates a portion of the purchase price to an intangible asset attributable to the value of in-place leases. This intangible asset is generally amortized to expense over the expected remaining term of the respective leases. Substantially all of the leases in place at acquired stores are at market rates, as the majority of the leases are month-to-month contracts. Accordingly, to date no portion of the purchase price for an acquired property has been allocated to above- or below-market lease intangibles. To date, no intangible asset has been recorded for the value of customer relationships, because the Company does not have any concentrations of significant customers and the average customer turnover is fairly frequent.

Table of Contents

Long-lived assets classified as “held for use” are reviewed for impairment when events and circumstances such as declines in occupancy and operating results indicate that there may be an impairment. The carrying value of these long-lived assets is compared to the undiscounted future net operating cash flows, plus a terminal value, attributable to the assets to determine if the store’s basis is recoverable. If a store’s basis is not considered recoverable, an impairment loss is recorded to the extent the net carrying value of the asset exceeds the fair value. The impairment loss recognized equals the excess of net carrying value over the related fair value of the asset. There were no impairment losses recognized in accordance with these procedures during the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017.

The Company considers long-lived assets to be “held for sale” upon satisfaction of the following criteria:

(a) management commits to a plan to sell a store (or group of stores), (b) the store is available for immediate sale in its present condition subject only to terms that are usual and customary for sales of such stores, (c) an active program to locate a buyer and other actions required to complete the plan to sell the store have been initiated, (d) the sale of the store is probable and transfer of the asset is expected to be completed within one year, (e) the store is being actively marketed for sale at a price that is reasonable in relation to its current fair value and (f) actions required to complete the plan indicate that it is unlikely that significant changes to the plan will be made or that the plan will be withdrawn.

Typically these criteria are all met when the relevant asset is under contract, significant non-refundable deposits have been made by the potential buyer, the assets are immediately available for transfer and there are no contingencies related to the sale that may prevent the transaction from closing. However, each potential transaction is evaluated based on its separate facts and circumstances. Stores classified as held for sale are reported at the lesser of carrying value or fair value less estimated costs to sell.

Revenue Recognition

Management has determined that all of our leases with customers are operating leases. Rental income is recognized in accordance with the terms of the lease agreements or contracts, which generally are month-to-month.

The Company recognizes gains from disposition of stores in accordance with the guidance on transfer of nonfinancial assets. Payments received from purchasers prior to closing are recorded as deposits. Profit on real estate sold is recognized when a valid contract exists, the collectability of the sales price is reasonably assured and the control of the property has transferred.

Noncontrolling Interests

Noncontrolling interests are the portion of equity (net assets) in a subsidiary not attributable, directly or indirectly, to a parent. The ownership interests in the subsidiary that are held by owners other than the parent are noncontrolling interests. In accordance with authoritative guidance issued on noncontrolling interests in consolidated financial statements, such noncontrolling interests are reported on the consolidated balance sheets within equity/capital, separately from the Parent Company's equity/capital. The guidance also requires that noncontrolling interests are adjusted each period so that the carrying value equals the greater of its carrying value based on the accumulation of historical cost or its redemption value. On the consolidated statements of operations, revenues, expenses and net income or loss from less-than-wholly-owned subsidiaries are reported at the consolidated amounts, including both the amounts attributable to the Parent Company and noncontrolling interests. Presentation of consolidated equity/capital activity is included for both quarterly and annual financial statements, including beginning balances, activity for the period and ending balances for shareholders' equity/capital, noncontrolling interests and total equity/capital.

Investments in Unconsolidated Real Estate Ventures

The Company accounts for its investments in unconsolidated real estate ventures under the equity method of accounting when it is determined that the Company has the ability to exercise significant influence over the venture. Under the equity method, investments in unconsolidated joint ventures are recorded initially at cost, as investments in real estate entities, and subsequently adjusted for equity in earnings (losses), cash contributions, less distributions and impairments. On a periodic basis, management also assesses whether there are any indicators that the carrying value of the Company's investments in unconsolidated real estate entities may be other than temporarily impaired. An investment

Table of Contents

is impaired only if the fair value of the investment, as estimated by management, is less than the carrying value of the investment and the decline is other than temporary. To the extent impairment has occurred, the loss shall be measured as the excess of the carrying amount of the investment over the fair value of the investment, as estimated by management. The determination as to whether impairment exists requires significant management judgment about the fair value of its ownership interest. Fair value is determined through various valuation techniques, including but not limited to, discounted cash flow models, quoted market values and third party appraisals. There were no impairment losses related to the Company's investments in unconsolidated real estate ventures recognized during the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In August 2017, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standard Update ("ASU") No. 2017-12 – Derivatives and Hedging (Topic 815): Targeted Improvements to Accounting for Hedging Activities. The purpose of this updated guidance is to better align a company's financial reporting for hedging activities with the economic objectives of those activities. The transition guidance provides companies with the option of early adopting the new standard using a modified retrospective transition method in any interim period after issuance of the update, or alternatively requires adoption for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018. This adoption method will require the Company to recognize the cumulative effect of initially applying the new guidance as an adjustment to accumulated other comprehensive income with a corresponding adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings as of the beginning of the fiscal year that the Company adopts the update. The adoption of this guidance is not expected to have an impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements as the Company currently does not have any outstanding derivative financial instruments.

In February 2017, as part of the new revenue standard, the FASB issued ASU No. 2017-05 – Other Income – Gains and Losses from the Derecognition of Nonfinancial Assets (Subtopic 610-20): Clarifying the Scope of Asset Derecognition Guidance, which focuses on recognizing gains and losses from the transfer of nonfinancial assets in contracts with non-customers. Specifically, the new guidance defines "in substance nonfinancial asset", unifies guidance related to partial sales of nonfinancial assets, eliminates rules specifically addressing sales of real estate, removes exceptions to the financial asset derecognition model, and clarifies the accounting for contributions of nonfinancial assets to joint ventures. The new guidance became effective on January 1, 2018 when the Company adopted the new revenue standard. Upon adoption, the majority of the Company's sale transactions are now treated as dispositions of nonfinancial assets rather than dispositions of a business given the FASB's recently revised definition of a business (see ASU No. 2017-01 below). Additionally, in partial sale transactions where the Company sells a controlling interest in real estate but retains a noncontrolling interest, the Company will now fully recognize a gain or loss on the fair value measurement of the retained interest as the new guidance eliminates the partial profit recognition model. The adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations.

In January 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-01 - Business Combinations (Topic 805): Clarifying the Definition of a Business, which changes the definition of a business to include an input and a substantive process that together significantly contribute to the ability to create outputs. A framework is provided to evaluate when an input and a

substantive process are present. The new guidance also narrows the definition of outputs, which are defined as the results of inputs and substantive processes that provide goods or services to customers, other revenue, or investment income. The standard became effective on January 1, 2018. Upon adoption of the new guidance, the majority of the Company's future property acquisitions will now be considered asset acquisitions, resulting in the capitalization of acquisition related costs incurred in connection with these transactions and the allocation of purchase price and acquisition related costs to the assets acquired based on their relative fair values. The adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations.

In November 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-18 - Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230): Restricted Cash, which requires the statement of cash flows to explain the change during the period in the total of cash, cash equivalents, and amounts generally described as restricted cash or restricted cash equivalents. The new guidance also requires entities to reconcile such total to amounts on the balance sheet and disclose the nature of the restrictions. The standard became effective on January 1, 2018 and requires the use of the retrospective transition method. The adoption of this guidance

Table of Contents

did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements as the update primarily relates to financial statement presentation and disclosures.

In August 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-15 – Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230): Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments, which is intended to reduce diversity in practice in how certain transactions are classified in the statement of cash flows. The eight items that the ASU provides classification guidance on include (1) debt prepayment and extinguishment costs, (2) settlement of zero-coupon debt instruments, (3) contingent consideration payments made after a business combination, (4) proceeds from the settlement of insurance claims, (5) proceeds from the settlement of corporate-owned life insurance policies, including bank-owned life insurance policies, (6) distributions received from equity method investments, (7) beneficial interests in securitization transactions, and (8) separately identifiable cash flows and application of the predominance principle. The standard became effective on January 1, 2018 and requires the use of the retrospective transition method. The adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements as the update primarily relates to financial statement presentation and disclosures.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02 - Leases (Topic 842), which sets out the principles for the recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of leases for both parties to a contract (i.e. lessees and lessors). The new standard requires lessees to apply a dual approach, classifying leases as either financing or operating leases based on the principle of whether or not the lease is effectively a financed purchase by the lessee. This classification will determine whether lease expense is recognized based on an effective interest method or on a straight line basis over the term of the lease, respectively. A lessee is also required to record a right-of-use asset and a lease liability for all leases with a term of greater than 12 months regardless of their classification. Leases with a term of 12 months or less will be accounted for similar to existing guidance for operating leases today. The new standard requires lessors to account for leases using an approach that is substantially equivalent to existing guidance for sales-type leases, direct financing leases and operating leases. The Company plans to adopt the standard on January 1, 2019, the date it becomes effective for public companies, using the modified retrospective approach. Upon adoption, the Company anticipates that it will elect the package of practical expedients permitted within the standard, which among other things, allows for the carryforward of historical lease classification. At this time, the primary impact is expected to be related to the Company's ten ground leases in which it serves as lessee.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-09 - Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606), which requires an entity to recognize the amount of revenue to which it expects to be entitled for the transfer of promised goods or services to customers. The new guidance outlines a five-step process for customer contract revenue recognition that focuses on transfer of control as opposed to transfer of risk and rewards. The new guidance also requires enhanced disclosures regarding the nature, amount, timing, and uncertainty of revenues and cash flows from contracts with customers. In May 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-12 - Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606): Narrow-Scope Improvements and Practical Expedients, which amends ASU No. 2014-09 and is intended to address implementation issues that were raised by stakeholders. ASU No. 2016-12 provides practical expedients on collectability, noncash consideration, presentation of sales tax and contract modifications and completed contracts in transition. Both standards became effective on January 1, 2018. The Company finalized the impact of the adoption of ASU No. 2014-09 and ASU No. 2016-12 on the Company's consolidated financial statements and related disclosures and adopted the standards using the modified retrospective transition method. The standards did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated statements of financial position or results of

operations primarily because most of its revenue is derived from lease contracts, which are excluded from the scope of the new guidance. The Company's insurance fee revenue, property management fee revenue, and merchandise sale revenue are included in the scope of the new guidance, however, the Company identified similar performance obligations under this standard as compared with deliverables and separate units of account identified under its previous revenue recognition methodology. Accordingly, revenue recognized under the new guidance does not differ materially from revenue recognized under previous guidance and there is no material prior year impact.

Results of Operations

The following discussion of our results of operations should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes thereto. Historical results set forth in the consolidated statements of operations

Table of Contents

reflect only the existing stores and should not be taken as indicative of future operations. We consider our same-store portfolio to consist of only those stores owned and operated on a stabilized basis at the beginning and at the end of the applicable periods presented. We consider a store to be stabilized once it has achieved an occupancy rate that we believe, based on our assessment of market-specific data, is representative of similar self-storage assets in the applicable market for a full year measured as of the most recent January 1 and has not been significantly damaged by natural disaster. We believe that same-store results are useful to investors in evaluating our performance because they provide information relating to changes in store-level operating performance without taking into account the effects of acquisitions, developments or dispositions. As of September 30, 2018, we owned 458 same-store properties and 32 non-same-store properties. For analytical presentation, all percentages are calculated using the numbers presented in the financial statements contained in this Report.

Acquisition and Development Activities

The comparability of our results of operations is affected by the timing of acquisition and disposition activities during the periods reported. As of September 30, 2018 and 2017, we owned 490 and 480 self-storage properties and related assets, respectively. The following table summarizes the change in number of owned stores from January 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018:

	2018	2017
Balance - January 1	484	475
Stores acquired	1	—
Stores developed	—	1
Balance - March 31	485	476
Stores acquired	1	3
Stores combined (1)	—	(1)
Balance - June 30	486	478
Stores acquired	3	—
Stores developed	1	2
Balance - September 30	490	480
Stores acquired		4
Stores developed		1
Stores combined (2)		(1)
Balance - December 31		484

(1) On May 16, 2017, the Company acquired a store located in Sacramento, CA for approximately \$3.7 million, which is located directly adjacent to an existing wholly-owned store. Given their proximity to each other, the stores have been combined in our store count, as well as for operational and reporting purposes.

(2) On October 2, 2017, the Company acquired a store located in Keller, TX for approximately \$4.1 million, which is located directly adjacent to an existing wholly-owned store. Given their proximity to each other, the stores have

been combined in our store count, as well as for operational and reporting purposes.

(3)

40

Edgar Filing: CubeSmart - Form 10-Q

Table of Contents

Comparison of the three months ended September 30, 2018 to the three months ended September 30, 2017 (in thousands)

	Same-Store Property Portfolio				Non Same-Store Properties		Other/ Eliminations		
	2018	2017	Increase/ (Decrease)	% Change	2018	2017	2018	2017	
REVENUES:									
Rental income \$	124,017	\$ 120,500	\$ 3,517	2.9	%	\$ 8,459	\$ 5,199	\$ —	\$ —
Other property related income	12,794	12,386	408	3.3	%	1,058	662	1,642	1,193
Property management fee income	—	—	—	0.0	%	—	—	5,400	3,925
Total revenues	136,811	132,886	3,925	3.0	%	9,517	5,861	7,042	5,118
OPERATING EXPENSES:									
Property operating expenses	37,941	37,733	208	0.6	%	3,968	2,634	6,846	6,785
NET OPERATING INCOME (LOSS):									
	98,870	95,153	3,717	3.9	%	5,549	3,227	196	(1,667)
Store count	458	458				32	22		
Total square footage	31,616	31,616				2,840	1,737		
Period End Occupancy (1)	92.7	%	93.5	%		65.1	%	62.5	%
Period Average Occupancy (2)	93.3	%	93.8	%					
Realized annual rent per occupied sq. ft. (3)	\$ 16.81	\$ 16.26							
Depreciation and amortization									
General and administrative									
Acquisition related costs									

Subtotal
OPERATING
INCOME

OTHER
(EXPENSE)
INCOME

Interest:

Interest
expense on
loans

Loan procurement
amortization expense

Equity in losses of real
estate ventures

Other

Total other
expense

NET
INCOME

NET (INCOME) LOSS ATTRIBUTABLE TO NONCONTROLLING INTERESTS

Noncontrolling interests in the Operating Partnership

Noncontrolling interests in subsidiaries

NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE COMPANY'S COMMON
SHAREHOLDERS

(1) Represents occupancy at September 30th of the respective period.

(2) Represents the weighted average occupancy for the period.

(3) Realized annual rent per occupied square foot is computed by dividing rental income by the weighted average occupied square feet for the period.

Revenues

Rental income increased from \$125.7 million during the three months ended September 30, 2017 to \$132.5 million during the three months ended September 30, 2018, an increase of \$6.8 million, or 5.4%. The \$3.5 million increase in same-store rental income was due primarily to higher rental rates. Realized annual rent per occupied square foot on our same-store portfolio increased 3.4% as a result of higher rates for new and existing customers for the three months ended September 30, 2018 as compared to the three months ended September 30, 2017. The remaining increase was primarily attributable to \$3.3 million of additional rental income from the stores acquired or opened in 2017 and 2018 included in our non-same store portfolio.

Other property related income increased from \$14.2 million during the three months ended September 30, 2017 to \$15.5 million during the three months ended September 30, 2018, an increase of \$1.3 million, or 8.8%. The \$0.4 million increase in same-store property related income was mainly attributable to increased insurance participation. The remainder of the increase was attributable to \$0.4 million of additional other property related income derived

from the stores acquired or opened in 2017 and 2018 included in our non-same store portfolio and \$0.5 million resulting primarily from increased insurance participation at our managed stores.

Property management fee income increased from \$3.9 million during the three months ended September 30, 2017 to \$5.4 million during the three months ended September 30, 2018, an increase of \$1.5 million, or 37.6%. This increase was attributable to an increase in management fees related to the third-party management business resulting from more stores under management and higher revenue at managed stores (582 stores as of September 30, 2018 compared to 428 stores as of September 30, 2017).

Table of Contents

Operating Expenses

Property operating expenses increased from \$47.2 million during the three months ended September 30, 2017 to \$48.8 million during the three months ended September 30, 2018, an increase of \$1.6 million, or 3.4%. This increase was primarily attributable to a \$0.2 million increase in property operating expenses on the same-store portfolio primarily due to higher property taxes and \$1.3 million of increased expenses associated with newly acquired or developed stores. The remaining \$0.1 million increase was attributable to increased costs associated with the growth in our third-party management program.

Depreciation and amortization decreased from \$36.0 million during the three months ended September 30, 2017 to \$35.2 million during the three months ended September 30, 2018, a decrease of \$0.7 million, or 2.0%. This decrease was primarily attributable to five-year assets acquired as part of the Company's acquisitions in 2012 that became fully depreciated during 2017.

General and administrative expenses increased from \$8.2 million during the three month ended September 30, 2017 to \$9.8 million during the three months ended September 30, 2018, an increase of \$1.6 million, or 18.9%. The increase was primarily attributable to an increase in professional fees and payroll expenses resulting from additional employee headcount to support our growth.

Acquisition related costs decreased \$0.2 million from the three months ended September 30, 2017 to the three months ended September 30, 2018 as a result of the Company's January 1, 2018 adoption of ASU 2017-01 (see note 2), which now categorizes the majority of our property acquisitions as asset acquisitions, resulting in the capitalization of acquisition related costs.

Other (Expense) Income

Interest expense increased from \$14.5 million during the three months ended September 30, 2017 to \$15.2 million during the three months ended September 30, 2018, an increase of \$0.7 million, or 5.1%. The increase was attributable to a higher amount of outstanding debt during the three months ended September 30, 2018 as compared to the three months ended September 30, 2017, and higher interest rates during the 2018 period. The average outstanding debt balance increased from \$1.6 billion during the three months ended September 30, 2017 to \$1.7 billion during the three months ended September 30, 2018 as the result of borrowings to fund a portion of the Company's acquisition and development activity. The weighted average effective interest rate on our outstanding debt increased from 3.83% for the three months ended September 30, 2017 to 3.95% for the three months ended September 30, 2018.

Table of Contents

Comparison of the nine months ended September 30, 2018 to the nine months ended September 30, 2017 (in thousands)