

FEDERAL REALTY INVESTMENT TRUST

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The information in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus is not complete and may be changed. A registration statement relating to these securities has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is effective. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are not an offer to sell these securities and we are not soliciting offers to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

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PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

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\$

% Notes due 2021

We are offering \$ aggregate principal amount of our % Notes due 2021. The notes will bear interest at the rate of % per year. Interest on the notes will be payable semi-annually in arrears on and of each year, beginning on , 2016. The notes will mature on , 2021. We may redeem some or all of the notes at any time before maturity at the applicable redemption price discussed under the caption Description of Notes Optional Redemption.

The notes will be our senior unsecured obligations and will rank equally with all of our other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness. The notes will be effectively subordinated to the prior claims of each secured mortgage lender to any specific property that secures such lender's mortgage and to all of the unsecured indebtedness of our subsidiaries.

The notes are a new issue of securities with no established trading market. We do not intend to apply to list the notes on any securities exchange.

Investing in the notes involves risks. See **Risk Factors** beginning on page S-6 of this prospectus supplement, on page 3 of the accompanying prospectus and in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, on February 10, 2015.

	Per Note	Total
Public offering price ⁽¹⁾	%	\$
Underwriting discount	%	\$
Proceeds, before expenses, to us	%	\$

⁽¹⁾ Plus accrued interest from _____, 2015, if settlement occurs after that date.

The underwriters expect to deliver the notes to purchasers in book-entry only form through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company on or about _____, 2015.

Neither the SEC nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

Joint Book-Running Managers

Wells Fargo Securities

BofA Merrill Lynch

J.P. Morgan

The date of this prospectus supplement is September _____, 2015.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

You should carefully read this prospectus supplement along with the accompanying prospectus, as well as the information incorporated by reference herein and therein, before you invest in the notes. These documents contain important information you should consider before making your investment decision. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus contain the terms of this offering of notes. The accompanying prospectus contains information about our securities generally, some of which does not apply to the notes covered by this prospectus supplement. This prospectus supplement may add, update or change information contained in or incorporated by reference in the accompanying prospectus. If the information in this prospectus supplement is inconsistent with any information contained in or incorporated by reference in the accompanying prospectus, the information in this prospectus supplement will apply and will supersede the inconsistent information contained in or incorporated by reference in the accompanying prospectus.

It is important for you to read and consider all information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus in making your investment decision. You should also read and consider the additional information incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. See [Where You Can Find More Information](#) in the accompanying prospectus.

References to we, us, our, our company or ours refer to Federal Realty Investment Trust and its directly and indirectly owned subsidiaries, unless the context otherwise requires. The term you refers to a prospective investor.

You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and any related free writing prospectus required to be filed with the SEC. Neither we nor the underwriters have authorized any other person to provide you with additional or different information. If anyone provides you with additional or different information, you should not rely on it. Neither we nor the underwriters are making an offer to sell the notes in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus, any such free writing prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein is accurate only as of the respective dates of such documents or such other dates as may be specified therein. Our business, financial condition, liquidity, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

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CAUTIONARY STATEMENT CONCERNING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus contain statements that are not based on historical facts, including statements or information with words such as may, will, could, should, plans, intends, expects, estimates, anticipates, continues and other similar words. These statements constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, and the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. In particular, the risk factors included and incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus describe forward-looking information. The risk factors, including those contained on page S-6 of this prospectus supplement, on page 3 of the accompanying prospectus and in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, filed with the SEC on February 10, 2015, describe risks that may affect these statements but are not exhaustive, particularly with respect to possible future events. Many things can happen that can cause actual results to be different from those we describe. These factors include, but are not limited to:

risks that our tenants may not pay rent, may vacate early or may file for bankruptcy, or that we may be unable to renew leases or re-let space at favorable rents as leases expire;

risks that we may not be able to proceed with or obtain necessary approvals for any redevelopment or renovation project, and that completion of anticipated or ongoing property redevelopment or renovation projects that we do pursue may cost more, take more time to complete or fail to perform as expected;

risk that we are investing a significant amount in ground-up development projects that may be dependent on third parties to deliver critical aspects of certain projects, requires spending a substantial amount upfront in infrastructure, and assumes receipt of public funding which has been committed but not entirely funded;

risks normally associated with the real estate industry, including risks that:

occupancy levels at our properties and the amount of rent that we receive from our properties may be lower than expected,

new acquisitions may fail to perform as expected,

competition for acquisitions could result in increased prices for acquisitions,

environmental issues may develop at our properties and result in unanticipated costs, and

because real estate is illiquid, we may not be able to sell properties when appropriate;

risks that our growth will be limited if we cannot obtain additional capital;

risks associated with general economic conditions, including local economic conditions in our geographic markets;

risks of financing, such as our ability to consummate additional financings or obtain replacement financing on terms which are acceptable to us, our ability to meet existing financial covenants and the limitations imposed on our operations by those covenants, and the possibility of increases in interest rates that would result in increased interest expense; and

risks related to our status as a real estate investment trust, commonly referred to as a REIT, for federal income tax purposes, such as the existence of complex tax regulations relating to our status as a REIT, the effect of future changes in REIT requirements as a result of new legislation, and the adverse consequences of the failure to qualify as a REIT.

Given these uncertainties, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements or those contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. We also make no promise to update any of the forward-looking statements, or to publicly release the results if we revise any of them.

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PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT SUMMARY

The following is only a summary. It should be read together with the more detailed information included elsewhere in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. In addition, important information is incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

The Trust

Federal Realty Investment Trust is an equity REIT specializing in the ownership, management and redevelopment of high quality retail and mixed-use properties located primarily in densely populated and affluent communities in strategically selected metropolitan markets in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic regions of the United States, as well as in California. As of June 30, 2015, we owned or had a majority interest in community and neighborhood shopping centers and mixed-use properties which are operated as 90 predominantly retail real estate projects comprising 20.8 million square feet (excludes unconsolidated joint venture properties). In total, the real estate projects were 95.7% leased and 94.9% occupied at June 30, 2015. A joint venture in which we own a 30% interest owned six retail real estate projects totaling 0.8 million square feet as of June 30, 2015. In total, the joint venture properties in which we own a 30% interest were 92.6% leased and 85.8% occupied at June 30, 2015. We have paid quarterly dividends to our shareholders continuously since our founding in 1962 and have increased our dividends per common share for 48 consecutive years.

We were founded in 1962 as a REIT under the laws of the District of Columbia and re-formed as a REIT in the state of Maryland in 1999. We operate in a manner intended to qualify as a REIT for tax purposes pursuant to provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the Code. Our principal executive offices are located at 1626 East Jefferson Street, Rockville, Maryland 20852. Our telephone numbers are (301) 998-8100 and (800) 658-8980. Our website address is www.federalrealty.com. The information contained on our website is not a part of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus and is not incorporated herein or therein by reference.

Table of Contents**Ratios of Earnings to Fixed Charges**

The following table sets forth our historical ratios of earnings to fixed charges for the periods indicated:

	For the Six Months	For the Years Ended December 31,				
	Ended June 30,	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
	2015					
Ratios of earnings to fixed charges	1.9	2.1	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.0

The ratio of earnings to fixed charges is computed by dividing earnings by fixed charges. In computing the ratio of earnings to fixed charges: (a) earnings consist of income from continuing operations before income or loss from equity investees plus distributed income of equity investees and fixed charges (excluding capitalized interest) less noncontrolling interests of subsidiaries with no fixed charges; and (b) fixed charges consist of interest expense including amortization of debt premiums and discounts and issuance costs (including capitalized interest), prepayment charges and the estimated portion of rents payable by us representing interest.

Table of Contents**The Offering**

All capitalized terms not defined herein have the meanings specified in "Description of Notes" in this prospectus supplement or in "Description of Debt Securities" in the accompanying prospectus. For a more complete description of the terms of the notes specified in the following summary, see "Description of Notes."

Issuer	Federal Realty Investment Trust.
Securities offered	\$ _____ million aggregate principal amount of _____ % Notes due 2021.
Maturity	Unless redeemed prior to maturity as described below, the notes will mature on _____, 2021.
Interest payment dates	Interest on the notes will be payable semi-annually in arrears on _____ and of each year, beginning on _____, 2016, and at maturity.
Ranking	The notes will be our senior unsecured obligations and will rank <i>pari passu</i> , or equally, with all of our other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness. The notes will be effectively subordinated to the prior claims of each secured mortgage lender to any specific property that secures such lender's mortgage and to all of the unsecured indebtedness of our subsidiaries. At June 30, 2015, we had outstanding approximately \$569 million (excluding net unamortized premium) of secured indebtedness, collateralized by all or parts of 15 properties, which will rank senior to the notes to the extent of the securing collateral (approximately \$422 million of this amount, which was issued by our subsidiaries, will also be structurally senior to the notes), approximately \$15 million of unsecured indebtedness issued by our subsidiaries, which will be structurally senior to the notes, and approximately \$1,876 million of unsecured indebtedness (excluding net unamortized discount), which will rank equally with the notes. Since June 30, 2015, \$149 million of secured indebtedness was repaid with the proceeds of borrowings under our unsecured revolving credit facility; accordingly, as of September 18, 2015 we had approximately \$421 million of secured indebtedness outstanding.
Use of proceeds	We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering to pay down the outstanding balance under our revolving credit facility and for general corporate purposes. See "Use of Proceeds" on page S-8 for more information.

Limitations on incurrence of debt

The notes contain various covenants, including the following:

(1) we will not, and will not permit any subsidiary to, incur any Debt if, immediately after giving effect to the incurrence of such Debt and the application of the proceeds thereof, the aggregate principal amount of all of our and our subsidiaries' outstanding Debt on a consolidated basis determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles is greater than 60% of the sum of (without duplication) (a) Total Assets as of the end of the calendar quarter covered in our Annual Report on Form 10-K or Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, as the case may be, most recently filed with the SEC (or, if such filing is not permitted under the Exchange Act, with U.S. Bank National Association, the trustee) prior to the incurrence of such additional Debt and (b) the purchase price of any real estate assets or mortgages receivable acquired, and the amount of any securities offering proceeds received (to the extent such proceeds were not used to acquire real estate assets or mortgages receivable or used to reduce Debt), by us or any subsidiary since the end of such calendar quarter, including those proceeds obtained in connection with the incurrence of such additional Debt;

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(2) we will not, and will not permit any subsidiary to, incur any Debt secured by any mortgage, lien, charge, pledge, encumbrance or security interest of any kind upon any of our or any of our subsidiaries' property if, immediately after giving effect to the incurrence of such Debt and the application of the proceeds thereof, the aggregate principal amount of all of our and our subsidiaries' outstanding Debt on a consolidated basis which is secured by any mortgage, lien, charge, pledge, encumbrance or security interest on our or our subsidiaries' property is greater than 40% of the sum of (without duplication) (a) Total Assets as of the end of the calendar quarter covered in our Annual Report on Form 10-K or Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, as the case may be, most recently filed with the SEC (or, if such filing is not permitted under the Exchange Act, with the trustee) prior to the incurrence of such additional Debt and (b) the purchase price of any real estate assets or mortgages receivable acquired, and the amount of any securities offering proceeds received (to the extent such proceeds were not used to acquire real estate assets or mortgages receivable or used to reduce Debt), by us or any subsidiary since the end of such calendar quarter, including those proceeds obtained in connection with the incurrence of such additional Debt; *provided that* for purposes of this limitation, the amount of obligations under capital leases shown as a liability on our consolidated balance sheet shall be deducted from Debt and from Total Assets;

(3) we will not, and will not permit any subsidiary to, incur any Debt if the ratio of Consolidated Income Available for Debt Service to the Annual Debt Service Charge for the four consecutive fiscal quarters most recently ended prior to the date on which such additional Debt is to be incurred shall have been less than 1.5 to 1, on an unaudited pro forma basis after giving effect thereto and to the application of the proceeds therefrom and calculated on the assumption that (a) such Debt and any other Debt incurred by us and our subsidiaries since the first day of such four-quarter period and the application of the proceeds therefrom, including to refinance other Debt, had occurred at the beginning of such period; (b) the repayment or retirement of any other Debt by us and our subsidiaries since the first day of such four-quarter period had been repaid or retired at the beginning of such period (except that, in making such computation, the amount of Debt under any revolving credit facility shall be computed based upon the average daily balance of such Debt during such period); (c) in the case of Acquired Debt or Debt incurred in connection with any acquisition since the first day of such four-quarter period, the related acquisition had occurred as of the first day of such period, with the appropriate adjustments with respect to such acquisition being included in such unaudited pro forma calculation; and (d) in the case of any acquisition or disposition by us or our subsidiaries of any asset or group of assets since the first day of such four-quarter period, whether by merger, stock purchase or sale, or asset purchase or sale, such acquisition or disposition or any related repayment of Debt had occurred

as of the first day of such period, with the appropriate adjustments with respect to such acquisition or disposition being included in such unaudited pro forma calculation; and

(4) we, together with our subsidiaries, will maintain an Unencumbered Total Asset Value in an amount not less than 150% of the aggregate outstanding principal amount of all of our and our subsidiaries' unsecured Debt, taken as a whole.

Optional redemption

The notes will be redeemable at any time at our option, in whole or in part. If the notes are redeemed before (months prior to the maturity date), the redemption price will be equal to the greater of (1) 100% of the principal amount of the notes being redeemed, or (2) the sum of the

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present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest thereon, discounted to the redemption date on a semi-annual basis at the Adjusted Treasury Rate plus basis points (0. %), plus, in each case, accrued and unpaid interest thereon to, but excluding, the redemption date. If the notes are redeemed on or after (months prior to the maturity date), the redemption price will be equal to 100% of the principal amount of the notes being redeemed plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon to, but excluding, the redemption date.

See Description of Notes Optional Redemption for more information.

Material federal income tax considerations For a description of the material U.S. federal income tax considerations of an investment in the notes, please review the disclosure in this prospectus supplement under Additional Material Federal Income Tax Considerations and in the accompanying prospectus under Material Federal Income Tax Considerations.

Risk factors Investing in the notes involves risks. Please review the risk factors discussed beginning on page S-6 of this prospectus supplement, on page 3 of the accompanying prospectus and in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, filed with the SEC on February 10, 2015, and the other information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus for a discussion of factors you should consider before deciding to invest in the notes. You may obtain a copy of our Annual Report on Form 10-K and the other documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus by following the procedures described under Where You Can Find More Information on page 47 of the accompanying prospectus.

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RISK FACTORS

An investment in the notes involves a significant degree of risk. You should carefully consider the following risk factors, together with all of the other information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, including the additional risk factors on page 3 of the accompanying prospectus and the risk factors included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 filed with the SEC on February 10, 2015 before you decide to purchase the notes. The risks and uncertainties described below and in the incorporated Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 are not the only ones we may confront. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial also may impair our business operations. If any of those risks actually occur, our financial condition, operating results, liquidity and prospects could be materially adversely affected. This section contains forward-looking statements.

We are dependent on intercompany cash flows to satisfy our obligations under the notes.

We derive a significant portion of our operating income from our subsidiaries. As a holder of notes, you will have no direct claim against our subsidiaries for payment under the notes. We generate net cash flow from the operations of the assets that we own directly but also rely on distributions and other payments from our subsidiaries to produce the funds necessary to meet our obligations, including the payment of principal of and interest on the notes. If the cash flow from our directly owned assets, together with the distributions and other payments we receive from subsidiaries, are insufficient to meet all of our obligations, we will be required to seek other sources of funds. These sources of funds could include proceeds derived from borrowings under our existing debt facilities, select property sales and net proceeds of public or private equity or debt offerings. There can be no assurance that we would be able to obtain the funds necessary to meet our obligations from these sources on acceptable terms or at all.

The notes will be structurally subordinated to the claims of our subsidiaries' creditors and our subsidiaries' preferred equity holders.

Because the notes will not be guaranteed by our subsidiaries, the notes will be effectively subordinated in right of payment to all of our subsidiaries' existing and future liabilities. As a result, in the event of a bankruptcy, liquidation, dissolution, reorganization or similar proceeding with respect to any of our subsidiaries, the holders of any indebtedness of that subsidiary will be entitled to obtain payment of that indebtedness from the assets of that subsidiary before the holders of any of our general unsecured obligations, including the notes. At June 30, 2015, our subsidiaries had approximately \$437 million of total secured and unsecured debt outstanding (excluding net unamortized premium), all of which was effectively senior to the notes. If any of our subsidiaries issues preferred equity in the future, the preferred equity will be effectively senior to the notes. At this time, none of our subsidiaries has any outstanding preferred equity or plans to issue any preferred equity.

The notes will be unsecured and are effectively subordinated to our secured indebtedness.

Because the notes will be unsecured, they will be effectively subordinated to any of our secured indebtedness to the extent of the value of the assets securing the indebtedness. The indenture permits us and our subsidiaries to incur additional secured indebtedness, *provided that* certain conditions are satisfied. Consequently, in the event of a bankruptcy, liquidation, dissolution, reorganization or similar proceeding with respect to our company, the holders of any secured indebtedness will be entitled to proceed against the collateral that secures the secured indebtedness prior to that collateral being available for satisfaction of any amounts owed under the notes. At June 30, 2015, we had approximately \$569 million (excluding net unamortized premium) of secured debt outstanding, all of which was effectively senior to the notes to the extent of the value of the securing assets. Since June 30, 2015, \$149 million of secured indebtedness was repaid with the proceeds of borrowings under our unsecured revolving credit facility;

accordingly, as of September 18, 2015 we had approximately \$421 million of secured indebtedness outstanding.

An active public trading market for the notes may not develop.

The notes will be a new issue of securities with no established trading market. We do not intend to apply to list the notes on any securities exchange. The underwriters have advised us that they intend to make a market in the notes after this offering is completed. They are not obligated to do this, however, and may discontinue market-making at any time without notice.

The liquidity of any market for the notes will depend upon various factors, including:

the number of holders of the notes;

the interest of securities dealers in making a market for the notes;

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the overall market for debt securities;

our financial performance and prospects; and

the prospects for companies in our industry generally.

Accordingly, we cannot assure you that an active trading market will develop for the notes. If the notes are traded after their initial issuance, they may trade at a discount from their initial offering price, depending upon prevailing interest rates and other factors, including those listed above.

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USE OF PROCEEDS

The net proceeds to us from the issuance and sale of the notes offered by this prospectus supplement are estimated to be approximately \$ million after deducting the underwriting discount and other estimated expenses of this offering payable by us. We intend to use these net proceeds to pay down the outstanding balance under our revolving credit facility and for general corporate purposes. Pending application of the net proceeds, we may invest the net proceeds in short-term income-producing investments.

Our \$600 million revolving credit facility matures on April 21, 2017, subject to a one-year extension at our option. LIBOR loans outstanding under our revolving credit facility bear interest at seven day, one month, three month or six month LIBOR, at our election, plus a spread of 90 basis points, subject to adjustment based on our credit rating. As of June 30, 2015, we had \$107 million outstanding under our revolving credit facility (\$250 million as of September 18, 2015).

Affiliates of certain of the underwriters are lenders under our revolving credit facility and will receive a pro rata portion of the net proceeds used to repay amounts outstanding under our revolving credit facility. See Underwriting (Conflicts of Interest) Conflicts of Interest.

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DESCRIPTION OF NOTES

The following description of the particular terms of the notes offered hereby supplements the description of the general terms and provisions of debt securities set forth in the accompanying prospectus under the caption Description of Debt Securities. Certain terms used in this prospectus supplement are defined in that section of the accompanying prospectus.

General

We are offering \$ million of our % notes maturing on , 2021, which may be redeemed prior to that date in accordance with their terms.

We will pay interest on the notes semi-annually in arrears on and of each year, beginning , 2016, to the registered holders of the notes on the preceding and . Interest will be computed and paid on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. If any interest payment date, redemption date or maturity date falls on a day that is not a business day, the payment will be made on the next succeeding business day, and no interest shall accrue on the amount of interest due on such date for the period from and after such interest payment date, redemption date or maturity date to the next succeeding business day.

The notes will be issued only in registered form in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

The defeasance and covenant defeasance provisions of the indenture apply to the notes. The notes will not be entitled to the benefit of any sinking fund.

The indenture does not limit the aggregate principal amount of the securities that may be issued thereunder, and securities may be issued thereunder from time to time in one or more separate series up to the aggregate principal amount from time to time authorized by us for each series. At any time and without the consent of the then existing holders, we may issue additional debt securities having the same terms as the notes other than the date of original issuance, the public offer price, the date on which interest begins to accrue and, in some circumstances, the first interest payment date, such that these additional debt securities would form a single series with the notes. We also may issue from time to time other series of debt securities under the indenture consisting of notes or other unsecured evidences of indebtedness.

Ranking

The notes will be our senior unsecured obligations and will rank *pari passu*, or equally, with all of our other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness. The notes will be effectively subordinated to the prior claims of each secured mortgage lender to any specific property that secures such lender's mortgage and to all of the unsecured indebtedness of our subsidiaries. At June 30, 2015, we had outstanding approximately \$569 million (excluding net unamortized premium) of secured indebtedness collateralized by all or parts of 15 properties, which ranks senior to the notes to the extent of securing collateral (approximately \$422 million of this amount, which was issued by our subsidiaries, will also be structurally senior to the notes), approximately \$15 million of unsecured indebtedness issued by our subsidiaries, which will be structurally senior to the notes, and approximately \$1,876 million of unsecured indebtedness (excluding net unamortized discount), which will rank equally. Since June 30, 2015, \$149 million of secured indebtedness was repaid with the proceeds of borrowings under our unsecured revolving credit facility; accordingly, as of September 18, 2015 we had approximately \$421 million of secured indebtedness outstanding.

Optional Redemption

The notes will be redeemable at any time at our option, in whole or in part. If the notes are redeemed before (the Par Call Date), the redemption price will be equal to the greater of (1) 100% of the principal amount of the notes being redeemed, or (2) as determined by the Quotation Agent (as defined below), the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest (not including any portion of such payments of interest accrued to the applicable redemption date) on the notes to be redeemed, assuming that such notes matured, and that interest on such notes was payable on, the Par Call Date, discounted to such redemption date on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) at the Adjusted Treasury Rate (as defined below) plus basis points (0. %), plus, in each case, accrued and unpaid interest thereon to, but excluding, the redemption date. If the notes are redeemed on or after the Par Call Date, the redemption price will be equal to 100% of the principal amount of the notes being redeemed plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon to, but excluding, the redemption date.

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As used herein:

Adjusted Treasury Rate means, with respect to any redemption date, the rate per year equal to the semi-annual equivalent yield to maturity of the Comparable Treasury Issue, assuming a price for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Comparable Treasury Price for such redemption date.

Comparable Treasury Issue means the United States Treasury security selected by the Quotation Agent as having a maturity comparable to the remaining term of the notes to be redeemed (assuming for this purpose that such notes matured on the Par Call Date) that would be utilized, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities of comparable maturity to the remaining term of such notes.

Comparable Treasury Price means, with respect to any redemption date, (1) the average of the Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for such redemption date, after excluding the highest and lowest of such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, or (2) if the trustee obtains fewer than five such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, the average of all such Quotations.

Quotation Agent means the Reference Treasury Dealer appointed by us.

Reference Treasury Dealer means each of (1) a Primary Treasury Dealer (as defined below) selected by Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, (2) J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and their respective successors; *provided, however*, that if any of the Reference Treasury Dealers ceases to be a primary U.S. Government securities dealer, or a Primary Treasury Dealer, we will substitute therefor another Primary Treasury Dealer; and (3) any two other Primary Treasury Dealers selected by us.

Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations means, with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and any redemption date, the average, as determined by us, of the bid and asked prices for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount) quoted in writing to the trustee by such Reference Treasury Dealer at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the third business day preceding such redemption date.

Notice of any redemption will be mailed at least 15 days but not more than 60 days before the redemption date to each holder of the notes to be redeemed. Unless we default in payment of the redemption price, on and after the redemption date, interest will cease to accrue on the notes or portions thereof called for redemption.

Covenants

Limitations on Incurrence of Debt. The notes will provide that we will not, and will not permit any subsidiary to, incur any Debt if, immediately after giving effect to the incurrence of such Debt and the application of the proceeds thereof, the aggregate principal amount of all of our and our subsidiaries' outstanding Debt on a consolidated basis determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles is greater than 60% of the sum of (without duplication) (1) Total Assets as of the end of the calendar quarter covered in our Annual Report on Form 10-K or Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, as the case may be, most recently filed with the SEC (or, if such filing is not permitted under the Exchange Act, with the trustee) prior to the incurrence of such additional Debt and (2) the purchase price of any real estate assets or mortgages receivable acquired, and the amount of any securities offering proceeds received (to the extent such proceeds were not used to acquire real estate assets or mortgages receivable or used to reduce Debt), by us or any subsidiary since the end of such calendar quarter, including those proceeds obtained in connection with the incurrence of such additional Debt.

In addition to the foregoing limitation on the incurrence of Debt, the notes will provide that we will not, and will not permit any subsidiary to, incur any Debt secured by any mortgage, lien, charge, pledge, encumbrance or security interest of any kind upon any of our or any of our subsidiaries' property if, immediately after giving effect to the incurrence of such Debt and the application of the proceeds thereof, the aggregate principal amount of all of our and our subsidiaries' outstanding Debt on a consolidated basis which is secured by any mortgage, lien, charge, pledge, encumbrance or security interest on our or our subsidiaries' property is greater than 40% of the sum of (without duplication) (1) Total Assets as of the end of the calendar quarter covered in our Annual Report on Form 10-K or Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, as the case may be, most recently filed with the SEC (or, if such filing is not permitted under the Exchange Act, with the trustee) prior to the incurrence of such additional Debt and (2) the purchase price of any real estate assets or mortgages receivable acquired, and the amount of any securities offering proceeds received (to the extent such proceeds were not used to acquire real estate assets or mortgages receivable or used to reduce Debt), by us or any subsidiary since the end of such calendar quarter, including those proceeds obtained in connection with the incurrence of such additional Debt; *provided that* for purposes of this limitation, the amount of obligations under capital leases shown as a liability on our consolidated balance sheet shall be deducted from Debt and from Total Assets.

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Furthermore, the notes also will provide that we will not, and will not permit any subsidiary to, incur any Debt if the ratio of Consolidated Income Available for Debt Service to the Annual Debt Service Charge for the four consecutive fiscal quarters most recently ended prior to the date on which such additional Debt is to be incurred shall have been less than 1.5 to 1, on an unaudited pro forma basis after giving effect thereto and to the application of the proceeds therefrom, and calculated on the assumption that: (1) such Debt and any other Debt incurred by us and our subsidiaries since the first day of such four-quarter period and the application of the proceeds therefrom, including to refinance other Debt, had occurred at the beginning of such period; (2) the repayment or retirement of any other Debt by us and our subsidiaries since the first day of such four-quarter period had been repaid or retired at the beginning of such period (except that, in making such computation, the amount of Debt under any revolving credit facility shall be computed based upon the average daily balance of such Debt during such period); (3) in the case of Acquired Debt or Debt incurred in connection with any acquisition since the first day of such four-quarter period, the related acquisition had occurred as of the first day of such period, with the appropriate adjustments with respect to such acquisition being included in such unaudited pro forma calculation; and (4) in the case of any acquisition or disposition by us or our subsidiaries of any asset or group of assets since the first day of such four-quarter period, whether by merger, stock purchase or sale, or asset purchase or sale, such acquisition or disposition or any related repayment of Debt had occurred as of the first day of such period, with the appropriate adjustments with respect to such acquisition or disposition being included in such unaudited pro forma calculation.

Maintenance of Unencumbered Total Asset Value. The notes will provide that we, together with our subsidiaries, will at all times maintain an Unencumbered Total Asset Value in an amount not less than 150% of the aggregate outstanding principal amount of all our and our subsidiaries' unsecured Debt, taken as a whole.

Insurance. The notes will provide that we will, and will cause each of our subsidiaries to, maintain insurance with financially sound and reputable insurance companies against such risks and in such amounts as is customarily maintained by persons engaged in similar businesses or as may be required by applicable law, and that we will from time to time deliver to the Administrative Agent (as defined in our credit agreement dated as of July 7, 2011, as amended) upon its request a detailed list, together with copies of all policies of the insurance then in effect, stating the names of the insurance companies, the amounts and rates of the insurance, the dates of the expiration thereof and the properties and risks covered thereby.

As used herein:

Acquired Debt means Debt of a person (1) existing at the time such person becomes a subsidiary or (2) assumed in connection with the acquisition of assets from such person, in each case, other than Debt incurred in connection with, or in contemplation of, such person becoming a subsidiary or such acquisition. Acquired Debt shall be deemed to be incurred on the date of the related acquisition of assets from any person or the date the acquired person becomes a subsidiary.

Annual Debt Service Charge as of any date means the maximum amount which is payable in any period for interest on, and original issue discount of, our and our subsidiaries' Debt and the amount of dividends which are payable in respect of any Disqualified Stock.

Capital Stock means, with respect to any person, any capital stock (including preferred stock), shares, interests, participations or other ownership interests (however designated) of such person and any rights (other than debt securities convertible into or exchangeable for corporate stock), warrants or options to purchase any thereof.

Consolidated Income Available for Debt Service for any period means our and our subsidiaries' Funds from Operations plus amounts which have been deducted for interest on our and our subsidiaries' Debt.

Debt means any of our or any of our subsidiaries indebtedness, whether or not contingent, in respect of (without duplication) (1) borrowed money evidenced by bonds, notes, debentures or similar instruments, (2) indebtedness secured by any mortgage, pledge, lien, charge, encumbrance or any security interest existing on property owned by us or any subsidiary, (3) the reimbursement obligations, contingent or otherwise, in connection with any letters of credit actually issued or amounts representing the balance deferred and unpaid of the purchase price of any property or services, except any such balance that constitutes an accrued expense or trade payable, or all conditional sale obligations or obligations under any title retention agreement, (4) the principal amount of all of our or any of our subsidiaries obligations with respect to redemption, repayment or other repurchase of any Disqualified Stock or (5) any lease of property by us or any subsidiary as lessee which is reflected on our consolidated balance sheet as a capitalized lease in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles to the extent, in the case of items of indebtedness under (1) through (3) above, that any such items (other than letters of credit) would appear as a liability on our consolidated balance sheet in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and also includes, to the extent not otherwise included, any obligation of us or any subsidiary to be liable for, or to pay, as obligor, guarantor or otherwise (other than for purposes of collection in the ordinary course of business or for the purposes of guaranteeing the payment of all amounts due and owing pursuant to leases to which we are a party and have assigned our interest, *provided that* such assignee of ours is not in default of any amounts due and owing

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under such leases), Debt of another person (other than us or any subsidiary) (it being understood that Debt shall be deemed to be incurred by us or any subsidiary whenever we or such subsidiary shall create, assume, guarantee or otherwise become liable in respect thereof).

Disqualified Stock means, with respect to any person, any Capital Stock of such person which by the terms of such Capital Stock (or by the terms of any security into which it is convertible or for which it is exchangeable or exercisable), upon the happening of any event or otherwise (1) matures or is mandatorily redeemable, pursuant to a sinking fund obligation or otherwise, (2) is convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for Debt or Disqualified Stock or (3) is redeemable at the option of the holder thereof, in whole or in part, in each case on or prior to the stated maturity of the notes.

Funds from Operations for any period means income available to common shareholders before depreciation and amortization of real estate assets and before extraordinary items less gain on sale of real estate.

Total Assets as of any date means the sum of (1) our and all of our subsidiaries' Undepreciated Real Estate Assets and (2) all of our and our subsidiaries' other assets determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (but excluding goodwill).

Undepreciated Real Estate Assets as of any date means the cost (original cost plus capital improvements) of our and our subsidiaries' real estate assets on such date, before depreciation and amortization determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Unencumbered Total Asset Value as of any date means the sum of (a) those Undepreciated Real Estate Assets not encumbered by any mortgage, lien, charge, pledge or security interest and (b) all of our and our subsidiaries' other assets on a consolidated basis determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (but excluding intangibles and accounts receivable), in each case which are unencumbered by any mortgage, lien, charge, pledge or security interest; *provided, however*, that in determining Unencumbered Total Asset Value for purposes of the covenant set forth above in Maintenance of Unencumbered Total Asset Value, all investments by us and any subsidiary in unconsolidated joint ventures, unconsolidated limited partnerships, unconsolidated limited liability companies and other unconsolidated entities accounted for financial reporting purposes using the equity method of accounting in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles shall be excluded from Unencumbered Total Asset Value.

See Description of Debt Securities' Certain Covenants in the accompanying prospectus for a description of additional covenants applicable to us.

Default Provisions

Events of Default. The notes will be subject to the following events of default:

1. A default in the payment of any interest or any additional amounts on any debt security of that series or of any coupon appertaining thereto when it becomes due and payable, if the default continues for a period of 30 days.
2. A default in the payment of the principal of (or premium, if any, on) any debt security of that series at its maturity (upon acceleration, optional or mandatory redemption, required purchase or otherwise).
3. A default in the deposit of any sinking fund payment as required by the terms of any debt security of that series.

4. A default in the performance, or a breach, of any covenant or agreement by us under the applicable indenture (other than a default in the performance, or a breach of a covenant or agreement which is specifically dealt with in clause (1) through (7) hereof) if such default or breach continues for a period of 60 days after written notice has been given, by registered or certified mail:

(a) to us by the trustee; or

(b) to us and the trustee by the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of the series.

5. The occurrence of one or more defaults under any bond, debenture, note or other evidence of indebtedness for money borrowed by us (including obligations under leases required to be capitalized on the balance sheet of the lessee under generally accepted accounting principles but not including any indebtedness or obligations for which recourse is limited to property purchased) in an aggregate principal amount in excess of \$25,000,000 or under any mortgage, indenture or instrument under which there may be issued or by which there may be secured or evidenced any indebtedness for money borrowed by us (including such leases but not including such indebtedness or obligations for which recourse is limited to

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property purchased) in an aggregate principal amount in excess of \$25,000,000, whether such indebtedness now exists or shall hereafter be created, if the default has resulted in such indebtedness becoming or being declared due and payable prior to the date on which it would otherwise have become due and payable or in the acceleration of such obligations, without such acceleration having been rescinded or annulled.

6. The entry by a court of competent jurisdiction under any applicable bankruptcy law that:

(a) is for relief against us or any of our significant subsidiaries in an involuntary case,

(b) appoints a receiver in respect of us or any of our significant subsidiaries or for all or substantially all of the property of any of us; or

(c) orders our liquidation or the liquidation of any of our significant subsidiaries,

and the order or decree remains unstayed and in effect for 90 days.

7. We or any of our significant subsidiaries do any of the following:

(a) commence a voluntary case or proceeding under any applicable bankruptcy law;

(b) consent to the entry of a decree or order for relief in respect of us or any of our significant subsidiaries in an involuntary case or proceeding under any applicable bankruptcy law;

(c) consent to the appointment of a receiver in respect of us or any of our significant subsidiaries for all or substantially all of our or its property; or

(d) makes a general assignment for the benefit of our creditors or the creditors of any of our significant subsidiaries.

Book-Entry Form

We have established a depository arrangement with The Depository Trust Company, or the Depository, with respect to the notes, the terms of which are summarized below. Upon issuance, each of the notes will be represented by a single Global Security (as defined in the indenture) and will be deposited with, or on behalf of, the Depository and will be registered in the name of the Depository or a nominee of the Depository. No Global Security may be transferred except as a whole by a nominee of the Depository to the Depository or to another nominee of the Depository, or by the Depository or such nominee to a successor of the Depository or a nominee of such successor.

As long as the Depository or its nominee is the registered owner of a Global Security, the Depository or its nominee, as the case may be, will be the sole Holder (as defined in the indenture) of the notes for all purposes under the indenture. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the Beneficial Owners (as defined in the indenture) of the Global Security representing the notes will not be entitled to receive physical delivery of certificated notes and will not be considered the Holders thereof for any purpose under the indenture, and no Global Security representing such notes shall be exchangeable or transferable. Accordingly, each Beneficial Owner must rely on the procedures of the Depository and, if such Beneficial Owner is not a Participant (as defined below), on the procedures of the Participant through which such Beneficial Owner owns its interest in order to exercise any rights of a Holder under such Global Security or the indenture. The laws of some jurisdictions require that certain purchasers of securities take physical delivery of such securities in certificated form. Such laws may impair the ability to transfer beneficial interests in a Global Security representing the notes.

The Global Security representing the notes will be exchangeable for certificated notes of like tenor and terms and of differing authorized denominations aggregating a like principal amount, only if (1) the Depositary notifies us that it is unwilling or unable to continue as Depositary for the Global Security or the Depositary ceases to be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act (if so required by applicable law or regulation) and, in each case, a successor Depositary is not appointed by us within 90 days after we receive such notice or become aware of such unwillingness, inability or ineligibility, (2) we, in our discretion, determine that the Global Security shall be exchangeable for certificated notes or (3) there shall have occurred and be continuing an Event of Default (as defined in the indenture) under the indenture with respect to the notes and Beneficial Owners representing a majority in aggregate principal amount of the notes represented by the Global Security advise the Depositary to cease acting as depositary. Upon any such exchange, the certificated notes shall be registered in the names of the Beneficial Owners of the Global Security representing the notes, which names shall be provided by the Depositary's relevant Participants (as identified by the Depositary) to the registrar.

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The information below concerning the Depository and the Depository's system has been furnished by the Depository, and we take no responsibility for the accuracy thereof. The Depository will act as securities depository for the notes. The notes will be issued as fully registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (the Depository's partnership nominee). One fully registered Global Security will be issued for the notes, in the aggregate principal amount of such issue, and will be deposited with the Depository.

The Depository is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a banking organization within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a clearing corporation within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a clearing agency registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Exchange Act. The Depository holds securities that its participants, or Participants, deposit with the Depository. The Depository also facilitates the settlement among Participants of securities transactions, such as transfers and pledges, in deposited securities through electronic computerized book-entry changes in Participants' accounts, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct participants of the Depository, or Direct Participants, include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations. The Depository is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation, or DTCC. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the Depository's system is also available to others such as securities brokers and dealers, banks and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly, or Indirect Participants. The rules applicable to the Depository and its Participants are on file with the SEC.

Purchases of notes under the Depository's system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for such notes on the Depository's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each note represented by a Global Security, or Beneficial Owner, is in turn to be recorded on the Direct Participants' and Indirect Participants' records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from the Depository of their purchase, but Beneficial Owners are expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct Participants or Indirect Participants through which such Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in a Global Security representing the notes are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners of a Global Security representing the notes will not receive certificated notes representing their ownership interests therein, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for such notes is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, the Global Security representing the notes which is deposited with, or on behalf of, the Depository are registered in the name of the Depository's partnership nominee, Cede & Co. The deposit of a Global Security with, or on behalf of, the Depository and its registration in the name of Cede & Co. effects no change in beneficial ownership. The Depository has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Global Security representing the notes; the Depository's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such notes are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by the Depository to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time.

Neither the Depository nor Cede & Co. will consent or vote with respect to the Global Security representing the notes. Under its usual procedures, the Depository mails an Omnibus Proxy to us as soon as possible after the applicable record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts the notes are credited on the applicable record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

Principal, premium, if any, and/or interest payments on the Global Security representing the notes will be made to the Depository. The Depository's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts on the applicable payment date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on the Depository's records unless the Depository has reason to believe that it will not receive payment on such date. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in street name, and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of the Depository, the trustee or us, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of principal, premium, if any, and/or interest to the Depository is the responsibility of us or the trustee, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants shall be the responsibility of the Depository, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners shall be the responsibility of Direct Participants and Indirect Participants.

If applicable, redemption notices shall be sent to Cede & Co. If less than all of the notes are being redeemed, the Depository's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each Direct Participant to be redeemed.

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The Depositary may discontinue providing its services as securities depository with respect to the notes at any time by giving reasonable notice to the trustee or us. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor securities depository is not obtained, certificated notes are required to be printed and delivered. We may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry transfers through the Depositary (or a successor securities depository). In that event, certificated notes will be printed and delivered.

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ADDITIONAL MATERIAL FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

For a discussion of the taxation of us, see **Material Federal Income Tax Considerations** beginning on page 28 of the accompanying prospectus. The following is a general discussion of the material U.S. federal income tax considerations applicable to the acquisition, ownership and disposition of the notes. This discussion applies only to initial beneficial owners of the notes who purchase notes in this offering at their issue price (as defined below) and who hold the notes as capital assets (generally property held for investment) within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the **Code**). This discussion is based on the Code, income tax regulations promulgated thereunder, judicial decisions, published positions of the Internal Revenue Service (**IRS**) and other applicable authorities, all as in effect as of the date hereof and all of which are subject to change, possibly with retroactive effect. This discussion is general in nature and is not exhaustive of all possible tax considerations, nor does the discussion address any state, local or foreign tax considerations or any U.S. tax considerations (e.g., estate generation-skipping or gift tax) other than U.S. federal income tax considerations, that may be applicable to particular holders. This discussion does not address all the tax consequences that may be relevant to a particular holder or to holders subject to special treatment under the Code, such as financial institutions, brokers, dealers in securities and commodities, insurance companies, certain former U.S. citizens or long-term residents, regulated investment companies, real estate investment trusts, tax-exempt organizations, controlled foreign corporations, passive foreign investment companies, persons subject to the alternative minimum tax, U.S. persons whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar, persons that are, or that hold their notes through, partnerships or other pass-through entities, or persons that hold notes as part of a straddle, hedge, conversion, synthetic security or constructive sale transaction for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Except as specifically provided below with respect to Non-U.S. Holders (as defined below), the discussion is limited to beneficial owners of notes that are U.S. Holders.

PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS SHOULD CONSULT THEIR TAX ADVISORS REGARDING THE U.S. FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, FOREIGN AND OTHER TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THE ACQUISITION, OWNERSHIP AND DISPOSITION OF THE NOTES.

For purposes of this discussion, a **U.S. Holder** means a beneficial owner of a note that, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, is

a citizen or individual resident of the United States;

a corporation (including an entity treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes) created or organized in or under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia;

an estate the income of which is includible in gross income for U.S. federal income tax purposes regardless of its source; or

a trust if (a) a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and one or more United States persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust, or (b) it has a valid election in place to be treated as a United States person.

If an entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes is a holder of a note, the U.S. federal income tax treatment of a partner will generally depend on the status of the partner and the activities of the

partnership. Partnerships that hold notes (and partners in such partnerships) should consult their tax advisors as to the particular U.S. federal income tax consequences applicable to them.

A Non-U.S. Holder means any beneficial owner of a note that is neither a U.S. Holder nor an entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

U.S. Holders

Stated Interest on the Notes. A U.S. Holder generally will be required to include stated interest earned on the notes as ordinary income when received or accrued in accordance with the U.S. Holder's regular method of tax accounting to the extent such interest is qualified stated interest. Stated interest is qualified stated interest if it is unconditionally payable in cash at least annually. The stated interest on the notes will be qualified stated interest.

OID and Issue Price of the Notes. A debt instrument generally has original issue discount, or OID, if its stated redemption price at maturity exceeds its issue price by an amount that is equal to or greater than a statutory *de minimis* amount. A debt instrument's stated redemption price at maturity includes all principal and interest payable over the term of the debt instrument, other than qualified stated interest. The issue price of the notes will be the first price at which a substantial amount of the notes are sold to the public (excluding bond houses, brokers, or similar persons or organizations acting in the capacity of underwriters, placement agents, or wholesalers).

If the notes are treated as issued with OID under the rules described above, a U.S. Holder generally will be required to include such OID in income over the term of the notes in accordance with a constant-yield-to-maturity method,

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regardless of whether the U.S. Holder is a cash or accrual method taxpayer, and regardless of whether and when the U.S. Holder receives cash payments of interest on the notes (other than cash attributable to qualified stated interest). Accordingly, a U.S. Holder could be treated as receiving interest income in advance of a corresponding receipt of cash. Any OID that a U.S. Holder includes in income will increase the U.S. Holder's tax basis in its notes. A U.S. Holder generally will not be required to include separately in income cash payments received on the notes to the extent that such payments constitute payments of previously accrued OID or payments of principal, and such payments will reduce the U.S. Holder's tax basis in its notes by the amount of such payments.

The remainder of this discussion assumes that the issue price of the notes will not be less than the stated principal amount of the notes by an amount that is equal to or greater than the statutory *de minimis* amount. U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisors regarding the determination of the issue price of the notes and the possible application of the OID rules.

Sale, Exchange, Redemption, or Other Taxable Disposition of the Notes. Unless a non-recognition provision applies, upon the sale, exchange, redemption or other taxable disposition of a note, a U.S. Holder will generally recognize capital gain or loss equal to the difference (if any) between the amount realized (other than amounts attributable to accrued but unpaid stated interest, which will be taxable as ordinary income to the extent not previously included in income) and such U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in the note. The U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in a note generally will be the purchase price for the note, reduced by the amount of any payments previously received by the U.S. Holder (other than qualified stated interest). Such gain or loss will be treated as long-term capital gain or loss if the note was held for more than one year at the time of disposition. Long-term capital gain recognized by certain non-corporate U.S. Holders generally will be subject to a preferential tax rate. Subject to limited exceptions, capital losses cannot be used to offset a U.S. Holder's ordinary income.