

INVESTORS REAL ESTATE TRUST

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended July 31, 2016

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 001-35624

INVESTORS REAL ESTATE TRUST

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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North Dakota 45-0311232
(State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
incorporation or organization)

1400 31st Avenue SW, Suite 60
Post Office Box 1988
Minot, ND 58702-1988
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

(701) 837-4738

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name, former address, and former fiscal year, if changed since last report.)

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 the filing requirements for at least the past 90 days.

YesNo

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

YesNo

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

Large
accelerated filer Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated
filer Smaller Reporting Company

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

YesNo

The number of common shares of beneficial interest outstanding as of September 1, 2016, was 121,531,431.

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PART I

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - FIRST QUARTER - FISCAL 2017

INVESTORS REAL ESTATE TRUST AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (unaudited)

| | (in thousands, except share data) | |
|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| | July 31, 2016 | April 30, 2016 |
| ASSETS | | |
| Real estate investments | | |
| Property owned | \$ 1,667,442 | \$ 1,681,471 |
| Less accumulated depreciation | (319,087) | (312,889) |
| | 1,348,355 | 1,368,582 |
| Development in progress | 27,454 | 51,681 |
| Unimproved land | 18,933 | 20,939 |
| Total real estate investments | 1,394,742 | 1,441,202 |
| Assets held for sale and assets of discontinued operations | 215,817 | 220,537 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 54,438 | 66,698 |
| Other investments | — | 50 |
| Receivable arising from straight-lining of rents, net of allowance of \$285 and \$333, respectively | 7,683 | 7,179 |
| Accounts receivable, net of allowance of \$144 and \$97, respectively | 3,018 | 1,524 |
| Prepaid and other assets | 2,265 | 2,937 |
| Intangible assets, net of accumulated amortization of \$6,916 and \$6,230, respectively | 1,172 | 1,858 |
| Tax, insurance, and other escrow | 4,752 | 5,450 |
| Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$1,129 and \$1,058, respectively | 977 | 1,011 |
| Goodwill | 1,680 | 1,680 |
| Deferred charges and leasing costs, net of accumulated amortization of \$3,919 and \$3,719, respectively | 4,999 | 4,896 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$ 1,691,543 | \$ 1,755,022 |
| LIABILITIES, REDEEMABLE NONCONTROLLING INTERESTS AND EQUITY | | |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| Liabilities held for sale and liabilities of discontinued operations | \$ 76,195 | \$ 77,488 |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | 41,797 | 39,727 |
| Revolving line of credit | 17,500 | 17,500 |
| Mortgages payable, net of unamortized loan costs of \$4,544 and \$4,930, respectively | 812,082 | 812,393 |
| Construction debt and other | 78,481 | 82,130 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | 1,026,055 | 1,029,238 |
| COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (NOTE 6) | | |
| REDEEMABLE NONCONTROLLING INTERESTS – CONSOLIDATED REAL ESTATE ENTITIES | 7,468 | 7,522 |

EQUITY

| | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Investors Real Estate Trust shareholders' equity | | |
| Series A Preferred Shares of Beneficial Interest (Cumulative redeemable preferred shares, no par value, 1,150,000 shares issued and outstanding at July 31, 2016 and April 30, 2016, aggregate liquidation preference of \$28,750,000) | 27,317 | 27,317 |
| Series B Preferred Shares of Beneficial Interest (Cumulative redeemable preferred shares, no par value, 4,600,000 shares issued and outstanding at July 31, 2016 and April 30, 2016, aggregate liquidation preference of \$115,000,000) | 111,357 | 111,357 |
| Common Shares of Beneficial Interest (Unlimited authorization, no par value, 121,527,837 shares issued and outstanding at July 31, 2016, and 121,091,249 shares issued and outstanding at April 30, 2016) | 922,698 | 922,084 |
| Accumulated distributions in excess of net income | (482,264) | (442,000) |
| Total Investors Real Estate Trust shareholders' equity | 579,108 | 618,758 |
| Noncontrolling interests – Operating Partnership (16,285,239 units at July 31, 2016 and 16,285,239 units at April 30, 2016) | 73,071 | 78,484 |
| Noncontrolling interests – consolidated real estate entities | 5,841 | 21,020 |
| Total equity | 658,020 | 718,262 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES, REDEEMABLE NONCONTROLLING INTERESTS AND EQUITY | \$ 1,691,543 | \$ 1,755,022 |

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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INVESTORS REAL ESTATE TRUST AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (unaudited)

for the three months ended July 31, 2016 and 2015

| | (in thousands, except per share data) | |
|--|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| | Three Months Ended | |
| | July 31, | |
| | 2016 | 2015 |
| REVENUE | | |
| Real estate rentals | \$ 44,985 | \$ 40,750 |
| Tenant reimbursement | 4,626 | 4,295 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | 49,611 | 45,045 |
| EXPENSES | | |
| Property operating expenses, excluding real estate taxes | 16,057 | 13,488 |
| Real estate taxes | 5,577 | 4,816 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 14,267 | 11,217 |
| Impairment of real estate investments | 54,153 | 1,285 |
| General and administrative expenses | 2,606 | 2,454 |
| Acquisition and investment related costs | 43 | 7 |
| Other expenses | 852 | 417 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 93,555 | 33,684 |
| Operating (loss) income | (43,944) | 11,361 |
| Interest expense | (10,364) | (7,814) |
| Interest income | 572 | 556 |
| Other income | 473 | 51 |
| (Loss) income before gain (loss) on sale of real estate and other investments, and income from discontinued operations | (53,263) | 4,154 |
| Gain (loss) on sale of real estate and other investments | 8,958 | (175) |
| (Loss) income from continuing operations | (44,305) | 3,979 |
| Income from discontinued operations | 3,711 | 748 |
| NET (LOSS) INCOME | (40,594) | 4,727 |
| Net loss (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests – Operating Partnership | 3,296 | (186) |
| Net loss (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests – consolidated real estate entities | 15,655 | (1) |
| Net (loss) income attributable to Investors Real Estate Trust | (21,643) | 4,540 |
| Dividends to preferred shareholders | (2,879) | (2,879) |
| NET (LOSS) INCOME AVAILABLE TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS | \$ (24,522) | \$ 1,661 |
| (Loss) earnings per common share from continuing operations – Investors Real Estate Trust – basic and diluted | \$ (0.23) | \$ 0.01 |
| Earnings (loss) per common share from discontinued operations – Investors Real Estate Trust – basic and diluted | 0.03 | — |
| NET (LOSS) INCOME PER COMMON SHARE – BASIC & DILUTED | \$ (0.20) | \$ 0.01 |
| DIVIDENDS PER COMMON SHARE | \$ 0.13 | \$ 0.13 |

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INVESTORS REAL ESTATE TRUST AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EQUITY (unaudited)

for the three months ended July 31, 2016 and 2015

| | (in thousands) | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|--|--|------------------------|
| | NUMBER OF PREFERRED SHARES | PREFERRED SHARES | NUMBER OF COMMON SHARES | COMMON SHARES | ACCUMULATED DISTRIBUTIONS IN EXCESS OF NET INCOME | NONREDEEMABLE NONCONTROLLING INTERESTS | TOTAL EQUITY |
| Balance | | | | | | | |
| April 30, 2015 | 5,750 | \$ 138,674 | 124,455 | \$ 951,868 | \$ (438,432) | \$ 88,844 | \$ 740,954 |
| Net income attributable to Investors Real Estate Trust and nonredeemable noncontrolling interests | | | | | 4,540 | 194 | 4,734 |
| Distributions – common shares and units | | | | | (16,200) | (1,815) | (18,015) |
| Distributions – Series A preferred shares | | | | | (593) | | (593) |
| Distributions – Series B preferred shares | | | | | (2,286) | | (2,286) |
| Distribution reinvestment and share purchase plan | | | 766 | 5,241 | | | 5,241 |
| Shares issued and share-based compensation | | | 220 | 22 | | | 22 |
| Redemption of units for common shares | | | 79 | 576 | | (576) | — |
| Other | | | | | | (170) | (170) |
| Balance | | | | | | | |
| July 31, 2015 | 5,750 | \$ 138,674 | 125,520 | \$ 957,707 | \$ (452,971) | \$ 86,477 | \$ 729,887 |
| Balance | | | | | | | |
| April 30, 2016 | 5,750 | \$ 138,674 | 121,091 | \$ 922,084 | \$ (442,000) (21,643) | \$ 99,504 (18,897) | \$ 718,262 (40,540) |

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------|------------|---------|------------|--------------|-----------|--|------------|
| Net income attributable to Investors Real Estate Trust and nonredeemable noncontrolling interests | | | | | | | | |
| Distributions – common shares and units | | | | | (15,742) | (2,117) | | (17,859) |
| Distributions – Series A preferred shares | | | | | (593) | | | (593) |
| Distributions – Series B preferred shares | | | | | (2,286) | | | (2,286) |
| Shares issued and share-based compensation | 437 | | 614 | | | | | 614 |
| Contributions from nonredeemable noncontrolling interests – consolidated real estate entities | | | | | | 572 | | 572 |
| Distributions to nonredeemable noncontrolling interests – consolidated real estate entities | | | | | | (126) | | (126) |
| Other | | | | | | (24) | | (24) |
| Balance July 31, 2016 | 5,750 | \$ 138,674 | 121,528 | \$ 922,698 | \$ (482,264) | \$ 78,912 | | \$ 658,020 |

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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INVESTORS REAL ESTATE TRUST AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (unaudited)

for the three months ended July 31, 2016 and 2015

| | (in thousands) | |
|--|--------------------|----------|
| | Three Months Ended | |
| | July 31, | |
| | 2016 | 2015 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Net (loss) income | \$ (40,594) | \$ 4,727 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net (loss) income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 14,627 | 13,713 |
| Depreciation and amortization from discontinued operations | 40 | 4,996 |
| (Gain) loss on sale of real estate, land, other investments and discontinued operations | (8,958) | 175 |
| Share-based compensation expense | 262 | 66 |
| Impairment of real estate investments | 54,153 | 1,725 |
| Bad debt expense | 263 | (97) |
| Changes in other assets and liabilities: | | |
| Receivable arising from straight-lining of rents | (736) | 269 |
| Accounts receivable | (1,503) | 313 |
| Prepaid and other assets | 694 | 1,215 |
| Tax, insurance and other escrow | 256 | 41 |
| Deferred charges and leasing costs | (303) | (1,436) |
| Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities | (2,446) | (925) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 15,755 | 24,782 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Proceeds from real estate deposits | — | 5 |
| Payments for real estate deposits | — | (4,131) |
| Decrease in other investments | 50 | — |
| Decrease in lender holdbacks for improvements | 735 | 1,354 |
| Increase in lender holdbacks for improvements | (346) | (292) |
| Proceeds from sale of real estate and other investments | 13,874 | 6,783 |
| Insurance proceeds received | 30 | 20 |
| Payments for development and re-development of real estate assets | (5,458) | (40,678) |
| Payments for improvements of real estate assets | (11,292) | (7,043) |
| Payments for improvements of real estate assets from discontinued operations | — | (1,470) |
| Net cash used by investing activities | (2,407) | (45,452) |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Proceeds from mortgages payable | 905 | 23,123 |
| Principal payments on mortgages payable | (13,127) | (35,594) |
| Proceeds from revolving lines of credit | — | 23,000 |
| Proceeds from construction debt | 6,906 | 21,763 |
| Proceeds from sale of common shares under distribution reinvestment and share purchase program | — | 1,115 |
| Proceeds from noncontrolling partner – consolidated real estate entities | 572 | — |
| Distributions paid to common shareholders | (15,742) | (12,203) |

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|---|-----------|-----------|
| Distributions paid to preferred shareholders | (2,879) | (2,879) |
| Distributions paid to noncontrolling interests – Unitholders of the Operating Partnership | (2,117) | (1,685) |
| Distributions paid to noncontrolling interests – consolidated real estate entities | (126) | (170) |
| Net cash (used) provided by financing activities | (25,608) | 16,470 |
| NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS | (12,260) | (4,200) |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR | 66,698 | 48,970 |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR | \$ 54,438 | \$ 44,770 |

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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INVESTORS REAL ESTATE TRUST AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (unaudited, continued)

for the three months ended July 31, 2016 and 2015

| | (in thousands) | |
|---|--------------------|----------|
| | Three Months Ended | |
| | July 31, | |
| | 2016 | 2015 |
| SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULE OF NON-CASH INVESTING AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Distribution reinvestment plan – shares issued | \$ — | \$ 3,997 |
| Operating partnership distribution reinvestment plan – shares issued | — | 130 |
| Operating partnership units converted to shares | — | 576 |
| Increase to accounts payable included within real estate investments | 3,768 | 6,880 |
| Construction debt reclassified to mortgages payable | 10,549 | — |
| SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION | | |
| Cash paid for interest, net of amounts capitalized of \$153 and \$2,310, respectively | \$ 10,195 | \$ 9,268 |

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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INVESTORS REAL ESTATE TRUST AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited)

for the three months ended July 31, 2016 and 2015

NOTE 1 • ORGANIZATION

Investors Real Estate Trust (“IRET”, “we” or “us”) is a self-advised real estate investment trust engaged in acquiring, owning and leasing real estate. We have elected to be taxed as a Real Estate Investment Trust (“REIT”) under Sections 856-860 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. As a REIT, we are subject to a number of organizational and operational requirements, including a requirement to distribute 90% of ordinary taxable income to shareholders, and, generally, are not subject to federal income tax on net income, except for taxes on undistributed REIT taxable income and taxes on the income generated by our taxable REIT subsidiary (“TRS”). Our TRS is subject to corporate federal and state income tax on its taxable income at regular statutory rates. We have considered estimated future taxable income and have determined that there were no material income tax provisions or material net deferred income tax items for our TRS for the three months ended July 31, 2016 and 2015. Our properties are located mainly in the states of North Dakota and Minnesota, but also in the states of Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, South Dakota, Wisconsin and Wyoming. As of July 31, 2016, we held for investment 100 multifamily properties with 13,012 apartment units and 2.8 million net rentable square feet in 31 healthcare and 16 other properties. We held for sale 1 multifamily property, 35 healthcare properties and 2 parcels of land as of July 31, 2016. We conduct a majority of our business activities through our consolidated operating partnership, IRET Properties, a North Dakota Limited Partnership (the “Operating Partnership”), as well as through a number of other consolidated subsidiary entities.

All references to IRET, we or us refer to Investors Real Estate Trust and its consolidated subsidiaries.

NOTE 2 • BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements include our accounts and the accounts of all our subsidiaries in which we maintain a controlling interest, including the Operating Partnership. All intercompany balances and transactions are eliminated in consolidation. Our fiscal year ends April 30th.

Our interest in the Operating Partnership was 88.2% of the limited partnership units of the Operating Partnership (“Units”) as of July 31, 2016 and 88.1% as of April 30, 2016. Under the terms of the Operating Partnership’s Agreement of Limited Partnership, limited partners have the right to require the Operating Partnership to redeem their Units for cash any time following the first anniversary of the date they acquired such Units (“Exchange Right”). When a limited partner exercises the Exchange Right, we have the right, in our sole discretion, to acquire such Units by either making a cash payment or exchanging the Units for our common shares of beneficial interest (“Common Shares”), on a one-for-one basis. The Exchange Right is subject to certain conditions and limitations, including the limited partner may not exercise the Exchange Right more than two times during a calendar year and the limited partner may not exercise for less than 1,000 Units, or, if such limited partner holds less than 1,000 Units, for less than all of the Units held by such limited partner. The Operating Partnership and some limited partners have contractually agreed to a holding period of greater than one year, a greater number of redemptions during a calendar year or other limitations to their Exchange Right.

The condensed consolidated financial statements also reflect the ownership by the Operating Partnership of certain joint venture entities in which the Operating Partnership has a general partner or controlling interest. These entities are

consolidated into our other operations, with noncontrolling interests reflecting the noncontrolling partners' share of ownership and income and expenses.

UNAUDITED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our interim condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP") for interim financial information and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). Accordingly, certain disclosures accompanying annual financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP are omitted. The year-end balance sheet data was derived from audited financial statements, but does not include all disclosures required by U.S. GAAP.

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the opinion of management, all adjustments, consisting solely of normal recurring adjustments, necessary for the fair presentation of our financial position, results of operations and cash flows for the interim periods have been included.

The current period's results of operations are not necessarily indicative of results which ultimately may be achieved for the year. The interim condensed consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes thereto should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2016, as filed with the SEC on June 29, 2016.

RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers. The standard will eliminate the transaction- and industry-specific revenue recognition guidance under current accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP") and replace it with a principle based approach for determining revenue recognition. ASU 2014-09 does not apply to lease contracts accounted for under ASC 840, Leases. The ASU is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017. We do not expect adoption of this update to have a material impact on our operating results or financial position.

In February 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-02, Amendments to the Consolidation Analysis. ASU 2015-02 affects reporting entities that are required to evaluate whether they should consolidate certain legal entities. Specifically, the amendments: (i) modify the evaluation of whether limited partnerships and similar legal entities are variable interest entities or voting interest entities, (ii) eliminate the presumption that a general partner should consolidate a limited partnership, (iii) affect the consolidated analysis of reporting entities that are involved with variable interest entities, and (iv) provide a scope exception for certain entities. The ASU is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015. We adopted the guidance in ASU 2015-02 as of May 1, 2016, as more fully described in the Variable Interest Entity section below.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-03, Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs. ASU 2015-03 requires that debt issuance costs be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of the debt liability to which they relate, consistent with debt discounts, as opposed to being presented as assets. The ASU is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015. We adopted the guidance in ASU 2015-03 as of May 1, 2016. We have retrospectively applied the guidance to debt issuance costs for all prior periods, which resulted in the reclassification of \$4.5 million from deferred charges and leasing costs to mortgages payable on our Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets at July 31, 2016.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-05, Customer's Accounting for Fees Paid in a Cloud Computing Arrangement. Under ASU 2015-05, if a cloud computing arrangement includes a software license, then the customer should account for the software license element of the arrangement consistent with the acquisition of other software licenses. If a cloud computing arrangement does not include a software license, the customer should account for the arrangement as a service contract. The ASU is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015. Our adoption of the guidance in ASU 2015-05 did not have a material impact on our operating results or financial position.

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In January 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-01, Recognition and Measurement of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities. ASU 2016-01 amends certain aspects of recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of financial instruments, including the requirement to measure certain equity investments at fair value with changes in fair value recognized in net income. The ASU is effective for interim and annual reporting periods in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017. We do not expect adoption of this update to have a material impact on our operating results or financial position.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, Leases. ASU 2016-02 amends existing accounting standards for lease accounting, including by requiring lessees to recognize most leases on the balance sheet and making certain changes to lessor accounting. The ASU is effective for interim and annual reporting periods in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018. We are currently evaluating the impact the new standard may have on our consolidated financial statements.

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In March 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-09, Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting. ASU 2016-09 amends several aspects of the accounting for share-based payment transactions, including the income tax consequences, accrual of compensation cost, classification of awards as either equity or liabilities, and classification on the statement of cash flows. The ASU is effective for interim and annual reporting periods in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016. We are currently evaluating the impact the new standard may have on our consolidated financial statements.

In August 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-15, Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments. ASU 2016-15 addresses eight specific cash flow issues with the objective of reducing diversity in practice. The cash flow issues include debt prepayment or debt extinguishment costs and proceeds from the settlement of insurance claims. The ASU is effective for interim and annual reporting periods in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017. We are currently evaluating the impact the new standard may have on our consolidated financial statements.

IMPAIRMENT OF LONG-LIVED ASSETS

We periodically evaluate our long-lived assets, including investments in real estate, for impairment indicators. The impairment evaluation is performed on assets by property such that assets for a property form an asset group. The judgments regarding the existence of impairment indicators are based on factors such as operational performance, market conditions, expected holding period of each asset group and legal and environmental concerns. If indicators exist, we compare the expected future undiscounted cash flows for the long-lived asset group against the carrying amount of that asset group. If the sum of the estimated undiscounted cash flows is less than the carrying amount of the asset group, an impairment loss is recorded for the difference between the estimated fair value and the carrying amount of the asset group. If our anticipated holding period for properties, the estimated fair value of properties or other factors change based on market conditions or otherwise, our evaluation of impairment charges may be different and such differences could be material to our consolidated financial statements. The evaluation of anticipated cash flows is subjective and is based, in part, on assumptions regarding future occupancy, rental rates and capital requirements that could differ materially from actual results. Plans to hold properties over longer periods decrease the likelihood of recording impairment losses.

During the three months ended July 31, 2016, we recognized impairments of \$40.9 million, \$5.8 million, \$4.7 million, and \$2.8 million, respectively, on three multifamily properties and one parcel of unimproved land in Williston, North Dakota, due to deterioration of this energy-impacted market, which resulted in poor leasing activity and declining rental rates during the three months ended July 31, 2016, which should generally be a strong leasing period. These properties were written-down to estimated fair value based on an independent appraisal in the case of one property and management cash flow estimates and market data in the case of the remaining assets. The properties impaired for \$40.9 million, \$4.7 million, and \$2.8 million are owned by joint venture entities in which we have an approximately 70%, 60% and 70% interest, respectively, but which are consolidated in our financial statements. We expect to discuss rebalancing the mortgage loans with the lenders for two of these properties during the second quarter of fiscal year 2017.

During the three months ended July 31, 2015, we incurred a loss of approximately \$1.7 million due to impairment of one office property and one parcel of land. We recognized impairment of approximately \$440,000 on an office property in Eden Prairie, Minnesota, which was written-down to estimated fair value during the first quarter of fiscal year 2016 based on receipt of a market offer to purchase and our intent to dispose of the property. We recognized impairment of \$1.3 million on a parcel of land in Grand Chute, Wisconsin based on its sale listing price and our intent to dispose of the property. The impairment loss of the Eden Prairie, Minnesota property for the first quarter of fiscal year 2016 is reported in discontinued operations. See Note 7 for additional information.

HELD FOR SALE

We classify properties as held for sale when they meet the U.S. GAAP criteria, which include: (a) management commits to and initiates a plan to sell the asset (disposal group), (b) the sale is probable and expected to be completed within one year under terms that are usual and customary for sales of such assets (disposal groups), and (c) 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. Real estate held for sale is stated at the lower of its carrying amount or estimated fair value less disposal costs. Depreciation is not recorded on assets classified as held for sale. Liabilities classified as held for sale consist of

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liabilities to be included in the transaction and liabilities directly associated with assets that will be transferred in the transaction. Thirty-five healthcare properties, one multifamily property, and two parcels of land were classified as held for sale at July 31, 2016. Thirty-five healthcare properties, one multifamily property, one industrial property and three parcels of unimproved land were classified as held for sale at April 30, 2016.

COMPENSATING BALANCES AND OTHER INVESTMENTS; HOLDBACKS

We maintain compensating balances, not restricted as to withdrawal, with several financial institutions in connection with financing received from those institutions and/or to ensure future credit availability. At July 31, 2016, our compensating balances totaled \$13.1 million and consisted of the following:

| | |
|---|---------------|
| Financial Institution | |
| First International Bank, Watford City, ND | \$ 6,000,000 |
| Associated Bank, Green Bay, WI | 3,000,000 |
| The PrivateBank, Minneapolis, MN | 2,000,000 |
| Bremer Bank, Saint Paul, MN | 1,285,000 |
| Dacotah Bank, Minot, ND | 250,000 |
| Peoples State Bank, Velva, ND | 225,000 |
| American National Bank, Omaha, NE | 200,000 |
| Commerce Bank a Minnesota Banking Corporation | 100,000 |
| Total | \$ 13,060,000 |

We have a number of mortgage loans under which the lender retains a portion of the loan proceeds or requires a deposit for the payment of construction costs or tenant improvements. The decrease of \$735,000 in lender holdbacks for improvements reflected in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the three months ended July 31, 2016 is due primarily to the release of loan proceeds to us upon completion of construction and tenant improvement projects, while the increase of approximately \$346,000 represents additional amounts retained by lenders for new projects.

IDENTIFIED INTANGIBLE ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AND GOODWILL

Upon acquisition of real estate, we record the intangible assets and liabilities acquired (for example, if the leases in place for the real estate property acquired carry rents above the market rent, the difference is classified as an intangible asset) at their estimated fair value separate and apart from goodwill. We amortize identified intangible assets and liabilities that are determined to have finite lives based on the period over which the assets and liabilities are expected to affect, directly or indirectly, the future cash flows of the real estate property acquired (generally the life of the lease). In the three months ended July 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively, we added no new intangible assets or intangible liabilities. Amortization of intangibles related to above or below-market leases is recorded in real estate rentals in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations. Amortization of other intangibles is recorded in depreciation/amortization related to real estate investments in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations. Intangible assets subject to amortization are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that their carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognized if the carrying amount of an intangible asset is not recoverable and its carrying amount exceeds its estimated fair value.

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Our identified intangible assets and intangible liabilities at July 31, 2016 and April 30, 2016 were as follows:

| | (in thousands) | |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| | July 31, 2016 | April 30, 2016 |
| Identified intangible assets (included in intangible assets): | | |
| Gross carrying amount | \$ 8,088 | \$ 8,088 |
| Accumulated amortization | (6,916) | (6,230) |
| Net carrying amount | \$ 1,172 | \$ 1,858 |
| Identified intangible liabilities (included in other liabilities): | | |
| Gross carrying amount | \$ 159 | \$ 159 |
| Accumulated amortization | (61) | (55) |
| Net carrying amount | \$ 98 | \$ 104 |

The amortization of acquired below-market leases and acquired above-market leases reduced rental income by approximately \$5,000 and \$6,000 for the three months ended July 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. The estimated annual amortization of acquired below-market leases, net of acquired above-market leases, for each of the five succeeding fiscal years is as follows:

| Year Ended April 30, | (in thousands) |
|----------------------|----------------|
| 2018 | \$ 5 |
| 2019 | (11) |
| 2020 | (20) |
| 2021 | (16) |
| 2022 | (13) |

Amortization of all other identified intangible assets (a component of depreciation and amortization expense) was approximately \$675,000 and \$192,000 for the three months ended July 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. The estimated annual amortization of all other identified intangible assets for each of the five succeeding fiscal years is as follows:

| Year Ended April 30, | (in thousands) |
|----------------------|----------------|
| 2018 | \$ 1,171 |
| 2019 | 269 |
| 2020 | 170 |
| 2021 | 104 |
| 2022 | 78 |

The excess of the cost of an acquired property over the net of the amounts assigned to assets acquired (including identified intangible assets) and liabilities assumed is recorded as goodwill. Our goodwill has an indeterminate life and is not amortized, but is tested for impairment on an annual basis, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the asset might be impaired. The book value of goodwill as of July 31, 2016 and April 30, 2016 was \$1.7 million. The annual review at April 30, 2016 indicated no impairment to goodwill and there was no indication of impairment at July 31, 2016. During the three months ended July 31, 2016, we disposed of one

commercial property to which goodwill had been assigned, and as a result, approximately \$17,000 of goodwill was derecognized. The goodwill of the commercial property was included in assets held for sale at April 30, 2016. There were no changes to goodwill in the three months ended July 31, 2015.

USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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RECLASSIFICATIONS

Certain previously reported amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current financial statement presentation. On the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations, we combined utilities, maintenance, insurance, property management expenses and other property expenses onto a single line called property operating expenses, excluding real estate taxes. We also combined depreciation/amortization related to real estate investments and amortization related to non-real estate investments onto a single line called depreciation and amortization. Additionally on the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations, we reclassified acquisition and project costs from other expenses to acquisition and investment related costs. On the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets, we reclassified assets and liabilities related to properties classified as held for sale and we reclassified debt issuance costs from deferred charges and leasing costs to mortgages payable, as part of our adoption of ASU 2015-03, as described above in the Recent Accounting Pronouncements section.

We report, in discontinued operations, the results of operations and the related gains or losses of properties that have either been disposed of or classified as held for sale and for which the disposition represents a strategic shift that has or will have a major effect on our operations and financial results. As the result of discontinued operations, retroactive reclassifications that change prior period numbers have been made. See Note 7 for additional information. During the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2016, we classified as discontinued operations 34 senior housing properties, which remained in discontinued operations at July 31, 2016.

PROCEEDS FROM FINANCING LIABILITY

During fiscal year 2014, we sold a non-core assisted living property in exchange for \$7.9 million in cash and a \$29.0 million contract for deed. The buyer leased the property back to us, and also granted us an option to repurchase the property at a specified price at or prior to July 31, 2018. We accounted for the transaction as a financing liability due to our continuing involvement with the property and recorded the \$7.9 million in sales proceeds within other liabilities on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. The balance of the liability as of July 31, 2016 was \$7.9 million.

VARIABLE INTEREST ENTITY

As discussed in the Recent Accounting Pronouncements section, effective May 1, 2016, we adopted the guidance in ASU 2015-02. As a result, the Operating Partnership and each of our less than wholly-owned real estate partnerships have been deemed to have the characteristics of a variable interest entity ("VIE"). However, we were not required to consolidate any previously unconsolidated entities or deconsolidate any previously consolidated entities as a result of the change in classification. Accordingly, there has been no change to the recognized amounts in our condensed consolidated balance sheets and statements of operations or amounts reported in our condensed consolidated statements of cash flows. We determined that an additional six consolidated partnerships, including the Operating Partnership, are VIEs under the new standard because the limited partners are not able to exercise substantive kick-out or participating rights. We have a controlling financial interest in the VIEs, and both the power to direct the activities of the VIEs that most significantly impact the VIE's economic performance as well as the obligation to absorb losses or the right to receive benefits from the VIEs that could potentially be significant to the VIEs. As a result, we are the VIEs primary beneficiary and the partnerships are required to be consolidated on our balance sheet. Because the Operating Partnership is a VIE, all of our assets and liabilities are held through a VIE.

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NOTE 3 • EARNINGS PER SHARE

Basic earnings per share is computed by dividing net income available to common shareholders by the weighted average number of Common Shares outstanding during the period. We have no outstanding options, warrants, convertible stock or other contractual obligations requiring issuance of additional shares that would result in dilution of earnings. Upon the exercise of Exchange Rights, and in our sole discretion, we may issue shares in exchange for Units on a one-for-one basis after a minimum holding period of one year. The following table presents a reconciliation of the numerator and denominator used to calculate basic and diluted earnings per share reported in the condensed consolidated financial statements for the three months ended July 31, 2016 and 2015:

| | Three Months Ended July 31, | |
|---|--------------------------------|----------------|
| | 2016 | 2015 |
| NUMERATOR | | |
| (Loss) income from continuing operations – Investors Real Estate Trust | \$ (24,914) | \$ 3,868 |
| Income from discontinued operations – Investors Real Estate Trust | 3,271 | 672 |
| Net (loss) income attributable to Investors Real Estate Trust | (21,643) | 4,540 |
| Dividends to preferred shareholders | (2,879) | (2,879) |
| Numerator for basic earnings per share – net (loss) income available to common shareholders | (24,522) | 1,661 |
| Noncontrolling interests – Operating Partnership | (3,296) | 186 |
| Numerator for diluted (loss) earnings per share | \$ (27,818) | \$ 1,847 |
| DENOMINATOR | | |
| Denominator for basic earnings per share weighted average shares | 121,117 | 124,855 |
| Effect of convertible operating partnership units | 16,285 | 13,951 |
| Denominator for diluted earnings per share | 137,402 | 138,806 |
| (Loss) earnings per common share from continuing operations – Investors Real Estate Trust – basic and diluted | \$ (0.23) | \$ 0.01 |
| Earnings per common share from discontinued operations – Investors Real Estate Trust – basic and diluted | 0.03 | — |
| NET (LOSS) INCOME PER COMMON SHARE – BASIC & DILUTED | \$ (0.20) | \$ 0.01 |

NOTE 4 • EQUITY

ATM. During the second quarter of fiscal year 2014, we and our Operating Partnership entered into an At the Market sales agreement (“ATM”) with Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated as sales agent, pursuant to which we may from time to time sell our Common Shares having an aggregate offering price of up to \$75 million. The shares would be issued pursuant to our currently-effective shelf registration statement on Form S-3ASR. On June 1, 2016, we and our Operating Partnership terminated the ATM sales agreement with Baird according to its terms. We did not issue any shares under the ATM.

Equity Awards. During the first quarter of fiscal year 2017, we issued approximately 378,000 Common Shares, with a total grant-date value of approximately \$1.4 million, under our 2015 Incentive Award Plan, for executive officer and trustee share based compensation for future performance. We also issued approximately 59,000 Common Shares, with a total grant-date value of approximately \$352,000, under our 2008 Incentive Award Plan, for trustee share based compensation for fiscal year 2016 performance. During the first quarter of fiscal year 2016, we issued approximately 220,000 Common Shares, net of withholding, with a total grant-date value of approximately \$1.6 million, under our 2008 Incentive Award Plan, for executive officer and trustee share based compensation for fiscal year 2015 performance.

DRIP. We have implemented a Distribution Reinvestment and Share Purchase Plan (“DRIP”), which provides our common shareholders and the unitholders of the Operating Partnership an opportunity to invest their cash distributions in Common Shares and to purchase additional Common Shares through voluntary cash contributions. A DRIP participant cannot purchase additional Common Shares in excess of \$10,000 per month, unless waived by us. We did not issue any waivers during the three months ended July 31, 2016 and 2015.

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As permitted under the DRIP, starting on October 1, 2015, we changed the source from which Common Shares will be purchased under the DRIP to open market transactions, which are not eligible for purchase price discounts. During the three months ended July 31, 2016, no shares were issued under the DRIP. During the three months ended July 31, 2015, approximately 766,000 Common Shares with a total value included in equity of \$5.2 million, and an average price per share after applicable discounts of \$6.84, were issued under the DRIP.

Exchange Rights. Pursuant to the exercise of Exchange Rights, there were no Common Shares issued in exchange for Units during the three months ended July 31, 2016. During the three months ended July 31, 2015, approximately 78,000 Common Shares were issued in exchange for Units, with a total value of approximately \$576,000 included in equity.

NOTE 5 • SEGMENT REPORTING

We report our results in two reportable segments, which are aggregations of similar properties: multifamily and healthcare, excluding our senior housing properties, which are classified as held for sale and discontinued operations at July 31, 2016.

We measure the performance of our segments based on net operating income (“NOI”), which we define as total real estate revenues and gain on involuntary conversion less real estate expenses (which consist of utilities, maintenance, real estate taxes, insurance, property management expenses and other property expenses). During the three months ended July 31, 2016, we removed offsite costs associated with property management and casualty-related amounts from our assessment of segment performance as a result of our announced strategic shift to focus solely on our multifamily segment. These expenses were removed from the operating results reviewed by our chief operating decision maker to allow for the assessment of direct property costs in NOI, excluding allocated costs. We believe that NOI is an important supplemental measure of operating performance for a REIT’s operating real estate because it provides a measure of core operations that is unaffected by depreciation, amortization, financing and general and administrative expense. NOI does not represent cash generated by operating activities in accordance with US GAAP and should not be considered an alternative to net income, net income available for common shareholders or cash flow from operating activities as a measure of financial performance.

The revenues and NOI for these reportable segments are summarized as follows for the three month periods ended July 31, 2016 and 2015, along with reconciliations to the condensed consolidated financial statements. Segment assets are also reconciled to total assets as reported in the condensed consolidated financial statements.

| | (in thousands) | | | Amounts Not Allocated To | |
|--|----------------|------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Three Months Ended July 31, 2016 | Multifamily | Healthcare | All Other | Segments(1) | Total |
| Real estate revenue | \$ 35,040 | \$ 11,541 | \$ 3,030 | \$ — | \$ 49,611 |
| Real estate expenses | 14,879 | 4,192 | 725 | 1,838 | 21,634 |
| Net operating income (loss) | \$ 20,161 | \$ 7,349 | \$ 2,305 | \$ (1,838) | \$ 27,977 |
| Depreciation and amortization | | | | | (14,267) |
| Impairment of real estate investments | | | | | (54,153) |
| General and administrative expenses | | | | | (2,606) |
| Acquisition and investment related costs | | | | | (43) |
| Other expenses | | | | | (852) |

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|---|-------------|
| Interest expense | (10,364) |
| Interest and other income | 1,045 |
| Loss before gain on sale of real estate and other investments and income from discontinued operations | (53,263) |
| Gain on sale of real estate and other investments | 8,958 |
| Loss from continuing operations | (44,305) |
| Income from discontinued operations | 3,711 |
| Net loss | \$ (40,594) |

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- (1) Consists of offsite costs associated with property management and casualty-related amounts, which are excluded in our assessment of segment performance.

| | (in thousands) | | | Amounts Not Allocated To Segments(1) | Total |
|---|----------------|------------|-----------|--|-----------|
| Three Months Ended July 31, 2015 | Multifamily | Healthcare | All Other | | |
| Real estate revenue | \$ 31,433 | \$ 10,779 | \$ 2,833 | \$ — | \$ 45,045 |
| Real estate expenses | 13,438 | 3,482 | 610 | 774 | 18,304 |
| Net operating income (loss) | \$ 17,995 | \$ 7,297 | \$ 2,223 | \$ (774) | 26,741 |
| Depreciation and amortization | | | | | (11,217) |
| Impairment of real estate investments | | | | | (1,285) |
| General and administrative expenses | | | | | (2,454) |
| Acquisition and investment related costs | | | | | (7) |
| Other expenses | | | | | (417) |
| Interest expense | | | | | (7,814) |
| Interest and other income | | | | | 607 |
| Income before gain on sale of real estate and other investments | | | | | 4,154 |
| Loss on sale of real estate and other investments | | | | | (175) |
| Income from continuing operations | | | | | 3,979 |
| Income from discontinued operations | | | | | 748 |
| Net income | | | | | \$ 4,727 |

- (1) Consists of offsite costs associated with property management and casualty-related amounts..

Segment Assets and Accumulated Depreciation

Segment assets are summarized as follows as of July 31, 2016, and April 30, 2016, along with reconciliations to the condensed consolidated financial statements:

| | (in thousands) | | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| As of July 31, 2016 | Multifamily | Healthcare | All Other | Total |
| Segment assets | | | | |
| Property owned | \$ 1,226,490 | \$ 340,806 | \$ 100,146 | \$ 1,667,442 |
| Less accumulated depreciation | (211,953) | (86,120) | (21,014) | (319,087) |
| Total property owned | \$ 1,014,537 | \$ 254,686 | \$ 79,132 | \$ 1,348,355 |
| | | | | 215,817 |

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|--|--------------|
| Assets held for sale and assets from discontinued operations | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 54,438 |
| Receivables and other assets | 26,546 |
| Development in progress | 27,454 |
| Unimproved land | 18,933 |
| Total Assets | \$ 1,691,543 |

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| As of April 30, 2016 | (in thousands) | | | Total |
|--|----------------|------------|-----------|--------------|
| | Multifamily | Healthcare | All Other | |
| Segment assets | | | | |
| Property owned | \$ 1,243,909 | \$ 337,920 | \$ 99,642 | \$ 1,681,471 |
| Less accumulated depreciation | (209,156) | (83,558) | (20,175) | (312,889) |
| Total property owned | \$ 1,034,753 | \$ 254,362 | \$ 79,467 | \$ 1,368,582 |
| Assets held for sale and assets from discontinued operations | | | | 220,537 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | | | | 66,698 |
| Other investments | | | | 50 |
| Receivables and other assets | | | | 26,535 |
| Development in progress | | | | 51,681 |
| Unimproved land | | | | 20,939 |
| Total Assets | | | | \$ 1,755,022 |

NOTE 6 • COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Litigation. We are not a party to any legal proceedings which are expected to have a material effect on our liquidity, financial position, cash flows or results of operations. We are subject to a variety of legal actions for personal injury or property damage arising in the ordinary course of our business, most of which are covered by liability insurance. Various claims of resident discrimination are also periodically brought, most of which also are covered by insurance. While the resolution of these matters cannot be predicted with certainty, management believes that the final outcome of such legal proceedings and claims will not have a material effect on our liquidity, financial position, cash flows or results of operations.

Insurance. We carry insurance coverage on our properties in amounts and types that we believe are customarily obtained by owners of similar properties and are sufficient to achieve our risk management objectives.

Purchase Options. We have granted options to purchase certain of our properties to tenants under lease agreements. In general, the options grant the tenant the right to purchase the property at the greater of such property's appraised value or an annual compounded increase of a specified percentage of our initial cost for the property. As of July 31, 2016, the total investment cost, plus improvements, for the 14 properties subject to purchase options was \$96.7 million, and the total gross rental revenue from these properties was \$2.2 million for the three months ended July 31, 2016. The tenant in our 8 Spring Creek senior housing properties has exercised its option to purchase the portfolio for a sale price of \$43.5 million. The Spring Creek portfolio accounts for \$40.9 million of the total investment cost and approximately \$881,000 of the total gross rental revenue subject to purchase options.

Environmental Matters. Under various federal, state and local laws, ordinances and regulations, a current or previous owner or operator of real estate may be liable for the costs of removal of, or remediation of, certain hazardous or toxic substances in, on, around or under the property. While we currently have no knowledge of any material violation of environmental laws, ordinances or regulations at any of our properties, there can be no assurance that areas of contamination will not be identified at any of our properties, or that changes in environmental laws, regulations or cleanup requirements would not result in material costs to us.

Restrictions on Taxable Dispositions. Approximately 51 of our properties, consisting of approximately 765,000 square feet of our combined commercial properties and 4,603 apartment units, are subject to restrictions on our ability to resell in taxable transactions. These restrictions are contained in agreements we entered into with some of the

sellers or contributors of the properties, and are effective for varying periods. The real estate investment amount of these properties (net of accumulated depreciation) was \$436.4 million at July 31, 2016. We do not believe that these restrictions materially affect the conduct of our business or decisions whether to dispose of these properties during the restriction periods because we generally hold properties for investment purposes, rather than for sale. Historically, where we have deemed it to be in the Company's and the shareholders' best interests to dispose of restricted properties, we have done so through tax-deferred transactions under Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Exchange Value of Units. Whenever limited partners of the Operating Partnership exercise their Exchange Rights, we have the right, but not the obligation, to acquire such Units in exchange for either cash or our Common Shares on a one-

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for-one basis. If Units are exchanged for cash, the amount of cash per Unit is equal to the average of the daily market price of a Common Share for the ten consecutive trading days immediately preceding the date of valuation of the Unit. As of July 31, 2016 and 2015, the aggregate exchange value of the then-outstanding Units of the Operating Partnership owned by limited partners was approximately \$106.9 million and \$100.3 million, respectively. All Units receive the same cash distributions as those paid on our Common Shares.

Joint Venture Buy/Sell Options. Several of our joint venture agreements contain buy/sell options in which each party under certain circumstances has the option to acquire the interest of the other party, but do not generally require that we buy our partners' interests. However, from time to time, we have entered into joint venture agreements which contain options compelling us to acquire the interest of the other parties. We currently have one such joint venture, IRET-Minot Apartments, in which our joint venture partner can, for the four-year period from February 6, 2016 through February 5, 2020, compel us to acquire the partner's interest for a price to be determined in accordance with the provisions of the joint venture agreement. The joint venture partner's interest is reflected as a redeemable noncontrolling interest on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. See Note 11 for additional information.

Tenant Improvements. In entering into leases with tenants, we may commit to fund improvements or build-outs of the rented space to suit tenant requirements. These tenant improvements are typically funded at the beginning of the lease term, and we are accordingly exposed to some risk of loss if a tenant defaults prior to the expiration of the lease term and the rental income that was expected to cover the cost of the tenant improvements is not received. As of July 31, 2016, we are committed to fund \$5.3 million in tenant improvements within approximately the next 12 months.

Development Project. As of July 31, 2016, we had development projects underway or placed in service during the quarter, the costs for which have been capitalized, as follows:

| Project Name and Location | Planned Segment | Rentable Square Feet or Number of Units | (in thousands) | | (in fiscal years) |
|--|-----------------|---|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| | | | Anticipated Total Cost | Costs as of July 31, 2016 | Anticipated Construction Completion |
| 71 France - Edina, MN(1) | Multifamily | 241 units | 73,290 | 72,230 | In Service |
| Monticello Crossings - Monticello, MN | Multifamily | 202 units | 31,784 | 24,248 | 3Q 2017 |
| Other | n/a | n/a | n/a | 3,155 | n/a |
| | | | \$ 105,074 | \$ 99,633 | |

(1) The project is owned by a joint venture entity in which we currently have an approximately 52.6% interest. The anticipated total cost amount given in the table above is the total cost to the joint venture entity. The anticipated total cost includes approximately 21,772 square feet of retail space.

These development projects are subject to various contingencies, and no assurances can be given that they will be completed within the time frames or on the terms currently expected.

Construction interest capitalized for the three month periods ended July 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively, was approximately \$153,000 and \$2.3 million for development projects completed and in progress.

Pending Disposition. We currently have a signed sales agreement for the disposition of the following properties. This pending disposition is subject to various closing conditions and contingencies, and no assurances can be given that the transaction will be completed on the terms currently proposed, or at all:

eight senior housing properties and a parcel of unimproved land in Idaho for a sales price of \$43.5 million, pursuant to the tenant exercising its purchase option.

NOTE 7 • DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

We report in discontinued operations the results of operations and any gain or loss on sale of a property or group of properties that has either been disposed of or is classified as held for sale and for which the disposition represents a strategic shift that has or will have a major effect on our operations and financial results. During fiscal year 2016, we determined that our strategic plan to exit the office and retail segments met the criteria for discontinued operations. Accordingly, 48 office properties, 17 retail properties and 1 healthcare property were classified as held for sale

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subsequently sold during fiscal year 2016. Additionally, we determined that our strategic decision to exit senior housing, which was a subset of our healthcare segment, met the criteria for discontinued operations and we consequently classified 34 senior housing properties as held for sale and discontinued operations at April 30, 2016. These 34 properties continued to be classified as held for sale and discontinued operations at July 31, 2016.

The following information shows the effect on net income and the gains or losses from the sales of properties classified as discontinued operations for the three months ended July 31, 2016 and 2015:

| | (in thousands) | |
|--|--------------------|-----------|
| | Three Months Ended | |
| | July 31, | |
| | 2016 | 2015 |
| REVENUE | | |
| Real estate rentals | \$ 5,010 | \$ 18,440 |
| Tenant reimbursement | 114 | 6,265 |
| TRS senior housing revenue | 873 | 1,038 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | 5,997 | 25,743 |
| EXPENSES | | |
| Property operating expenses, excluding real estate taxes | — | 6,100 |
| Real estate taxes | 112 | 3,520 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 16 | 7,089 |
| Impairment of real estate investments | — | 440 |
| TRS senior housing expenses | 784 | 769 |
| Other expenses | — | — |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 912 | 17,918 |
| Operating income | 5,085 | 7,825 |
| Interest expense(1) | (1,374) | (7,147) |
| Other income | — | 70 |
| INCOME FROM DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS | \$ 3,711 | \$ 748 |

- (1) Interest expense for the three months ended July 31, 2015 includes \$1.5 million of default interest related to a \$122.6 million non-recourse loan by one of our subsidiaries. In the third quarter of fiscal year 2016, ownership of the nine properties serving as collateral on the loan was transferred to the mortgage lender and the debt obligation and accrued interest was removed from our balance sheet.

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The following information reconciles the carrying amounts of major classes of assets and liabilities of the discontinued operations to assets and liabilities held for sale that are presented separately on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets:

| | (in thousands) | |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| | July 31, 2016 | April 30, 2016 |
| Carrying amounts of major classes of assets included as part of discontinued operations | | |
| Property owned and intangible assets, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization | \$ 193,169 | \$ 189,900 |
| Receivable arising from straight-lining of rents | 10,000 | 9,805 |
| Accounts receivable | 1,628 | 1,707 |
| Prepaid and other assets | 33 | 43 |
| Tax, insurance and other escrow | 723 | 670 |
| Property and equipment | 464 | 479 |
| Goodwill | 18 | 18 |
| Total major classes of assets of the discontinued operations | 206,035 | 202,622 |
| Other assets included in the disposal group classified as held for sale | 9,782 | 17,915 |
| Total assets of the disposal group classified as held for sale on the balance sheet | \$ 215,817 | \$ 220,537 |
| Carrying amounts of major classes of liabilities included as part of discontinued operations | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | \$ 612 | \$ 810 |
| Mortgages payable | 67,179 | 67,940 |
| Other | 7,900 | 7,900 |
| Total major classes of liabilities of the discontinued operations | 75,691 | 76,650 |
| Other liabilities included in the disposal group classified as held for sale | 504 | 838 |
| Total liabilities of the disposal group classified as held for sale on the balance sheet | \$ 76,195 | \$ 77,488 |

NOTE 8 • ACQUISITIONS, DEVELOPMENTS PLACED IN SERVICE AND DISPOSITIONS

PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS

We added no new real estate properties to our portfolio through property acquisitions during the three months ended July 31, 2016 and 2015.

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS PLACED IN SERVICE

The Operating Partnership placed \$72.2 million and \$105.8 million of development projects in service during the three months ended July 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively, as detailed below.

Three Months Ended July 31, 2016

| Development Projects Placed in Service | Date Placed in Service | (in thousands) | | Development Cost |
|--|---------------------------|----------------|-----------|---------------------|
| | | Land | Building | |
| Multifamily | | | | |
| 241 unit - 71 France - Edina, MN(1) | 2016-05-01 | \$ 4,721 | \$ 67,509 | \$ 72,230 |
| Total Development Projects Placed in Service | | \$ 4,721 | \$ 67,509 | \$ 72,230 |

(1) Costs paid in prior fiscal years totaled \$70.9 million. Additional costs incurred in fiscal year 2017 totaled \$1.3 million, for a total project cost at July 31, 2016 of \$72.2 million. The project is owned by a joint venture entity in which we currently have an approximately 52.6% interest. The joint venture is consolidated in our financial statements.

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Three Months Ended July 31, 2015

| Development Projects Placed in Service | Date Placed in Service | (in thousands) | | Development Cost |
|--|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| | | Land | Building | |
| Multifamily | | | | |
| 72 unit - Chateau II - Minot, ND (1) | 2015-06-01 | \$ 240 | \$ 14,360 | \$ 14,600 |
| 288 unit - Renaissance Heights - Williston, ND(2) | 2015-07-27 | 3,080 | 59,259 | 62,339 |
| | | 3,320 | 73,619 | 76,939 |
| Healthcare | | | | |
| 57,624 sq ft Edina 6565 France SMC III - Edina, MN(3) | 2015-06-01 | — | 28,816 | 28,816 |
| Total Development Projects Placed in Service | | \$ 3,320 | \$ 102,435 | \$ 105,755 |
| (1) Costs paid in prior fiscal years totaled \$12.3 million. Additional costs paid in fiscal year 2016 totaled \$2.3 million, for a total project cost at July 31, 2015 of \$14.6 million. | | | | |
| (2) Costs paid in prior fiscal years totaled \$57.7 million. Additional costs paid in fiscal year 2016 totaled \$4.6 million, for a total project cost at July 31, 2015 of \$62.3 million. The project is owned by a joint venture entity in which we currently have an approximately 70.0% interest. The joint venture is consolidated in our financial statements. An impairment charge of \$36.7 million was recorded for this property in the three months ended July 31, 2016. See Note 2 for additional information. | | | | |
| (3) Costs paid in prior fiscal years totaled \$20.8 million. Additional costs paid in fiscal year 2016 totaled \$8.0 million, for a total project cost at July 31, 2015 of \$28.8 million. | | | | |

PROPERTY DISPOSITIONS

During the first quarter of fiscal year 2017, we sold one commercial property and one parcel of unimproved land for a total sales price of \$13.7 million. During the first quarter of fiscal year 2016, we sold one commercial property for a total sales price of \$7.0 million. The following table details our dispositions during the three months ended July 31, 2016 and 2015:

Three Months Ended July 31, 2016

| Dispositions | Date Disposed | (in thousands) | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| | | Sales Price | Book Value and Sales Cost | Gain/(Loss) |
| Other | | | | |
| 195,075 sq ft Stone Container - Fargo, ND | 2016-07-25 | 13,400 | 4,418 | 8,982 |
| Unimproved Land | | | | |
| Georgetown Square Unimproved Land - Grand Chute, WI | 2016-05-06 | 250 | 274 | (24) |
| Total Property Dispositions | | \$ 13,650 | \$ 4,692 | \$ 8,958 |

Three Months Ended July 31, 2015

| Dispositions | Date Disposed | (in thousands) | | |
|---|------------------|----------------|------------------------------|-------------|
| | | Sales Price | Book Value and Sales Cost | Gain/(Loss) |
| Other | | | | |
| 117,144 sq ft Thresher Square – Minneapolis, MN | 2015-05-18 | 7,000 | 7,175 | (175) |
| Total Property Dispositions | | \$ 7,000 | \$ 7,175 | \$ (175) |

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NOTE 9 • MORTGAGES PAYABLE AND LINE OF CREDIT

Most of the properties we own serve as collateral for separate mortgage loans on single properties or groups of properties. The majority of these mortgages payable are non-recourse to us, other than for standard carve-out obligations such as fraud, waste, failure to insure, environmental conditions and failure to pay real estate taxes. Interest rates on mortgages payable range from 2.47% to 7.94%, and the mortgages have varying maturity dates from the current fiscal year through July 1, 2036. As of July 31, 2016, our management believes there are no material defaults or material compliance issues in regard to any mortgages payable.

Of the mortgages payable, including mortgages on properties held for sale, the balances of fixed rate mortgages totalled \$635.1 million at July 31, 2016 and \$689.3 million at April 30, 2016. The balances of variable rate mortgages totalled \$249.2 million and \$196.8 million as of July 31, 2016 and April 30, 2016, respectively. We do not utilize derivative financial instruments to mitigate our exposure to changes in market interest rates. Most of the fixed rate mortgages have substantial pre-payment penalties. As of July 31, 2016, the weighted average rate of interest on our mortgage debt was 4.54%, compared to 4.54% on April 30, 2016. The aggregate amount of required future principal payments on mortgages payable as of July 31, 2016, is as follows:

| | (in thousands) | |
|----------------------|--|--|
| | Mortgages on Properties Held for Investment | Mortgages on Properties Held for Sale |
| Year Ended April 30, | | |
| 2017 (remainder) | \$ 79,673 | \$ 47,017 |
| 2018 | 66,279 | 1,106 |
| 2019 | 145,153 | 6,921 |
| 2020 | 112,226 | 612 |
| 2021 | 154,461 | 4,901 |
| Thereafter | 258,834 | 7,237 |
| Total payments | \$ 816,626 | \$ 67,794 |

In addition to the individual mortgage loans comprising our \$884.4 million of mortgage indebtedness, we also have a revolving, multi-bank line of credit with First International Bank and Trust, Watford City, North Dakota, as lead bank, which had, as of July 31, 2016, lending commitments of \$100.0 million. This line of credit is not included in our mortgage indebtedness total. As of July 31, 2016, the line of credit was secured by mortgages on 17 properties. Under the terms of the line of credit, properties may be added and removed from the collateral pool with the agreement of the lenders. Participants in this credit facility as of July 31, 2016 included, in addition to First International Bank, the following financial institutions: The Bank of North Dakota, First Western Bank and Trust, Dacotah Bank, Highland Bank, American State Bank & Trust Company, Town & Country Credit Union, WoodTrust Bank, United Community Bank and United Bankers' Bank. As of July 31, 2016, the line of credit had an interest rate of 4.75% and a minimum outstanding principal balance requirement of \$17.5 million. As of July 31, 2016 and April 30, 2016, we had borrowed \$17.5 million, respectively. The line of credit includes covenants and restrictions requiring us to achieve on a fiscal and calendar quarter basis a debt service coverage ratio on borrowing base collateral of 1.25x in the aggregate and 1.00x on individual assets in the collateral pool. We are also required to maintain minimum depository account(s) totaling \$6.0 million with First International Bank, of which \$1.5 million is to be held in a non-interest bearing account. As of July 31, 2016, we believe we were in compliance with the line of credit's covenants.

NOTE 10 • FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

ASC 820, Fair Value Measurement and Disclosures defines and establishes a framework for measuring fair value. The objective of fair value is to determine the price that would be received upon the sale of an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (the exit price). ASC 820 establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes observable and unobservable inputs used to measure fair value into three levels, as follows:

Level 1: Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets

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Level 2: Significant other observable inputs

Level 3: Significant unobservable inputs

Fair value estimates may be different than the amounts that may ultimately be realized upon sale or disposition of the assets and liabilities.

Fair Value Measurements on a Recurring Basis

We had no assets or liabilities recorded at fair value on a recurring basis at July 31, 2016 and April 30, 2016.

Fair Value Measurements on a Nonrecurring Basis

Non-financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis at July 31, 2016 consisted of real estate investments that were written-down to estimated fair value during the three months ended July 31, 2016. Non-financial assets measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis at April 30, 2016 consisted of real estate held for sale that was written-down to estimated fair value during fiscal year 2016. See Note 2 for additional information on impairment losses recognized during fiscal years 2017 and 2016. The aggregate fair value of these assets by their levels in the fair value hierarchy is as follows:

| | (in thousands) | | | |
|---------------------------|----------------|---------|---------|-----------|
| | Total | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 |
| July 31, 2016 | | | | |
| Real estate investments | \$ 35,281 | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 35,281 |
| April 30, 2016 | | | | |
| Real estate held for sale | \$ 6,650 | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 6,650 |

We estimate the fair value of our real estate investments using an income or market approach, including appraisals, management estimates, and discounted cash flow calculations. As of July 31, 2016, we estimated fair value on one of our properties using an independent appraisal. Additionally, we used a discounted cash flow valuation technique to estimate fair value on three properties. The discounted cash flow valuation technique requires us to estimate cash flows for each investment over the anticipated holding period of 10 years. Cash flows are derived from property rental revenue less operating expenses, real estate taxes and capital and other costs, plus projected sales proceeds in the year of exit. Property rental revenue is based on leases currently in place and our estimates for future leasing activity, which are based on current market rents for similar space plus a projected growth factor. Similarly, estimated operating expenses and real estate taxes are based on amounts incurred or expected in the current fiscal year plus a projected growth factor for future periods. Anticipated sales proceeds at the end of an investment's expected holding period are determined based on the net cash flow of the investment in the year of exit, divided by a terminal capitalization rate, less estimated selling costs.

The fair value of each property is calculated by discounting the future cash flows (including the projected sales proceeds), using an appropriate discount rate to determine the fair value of the equity in each investment. Significant unobservable quantitative inputs used in determining the fair value of each investment include capitalization rates and discount rates. These rates are based on the location, type and nature of each property, and current and anticipated market conditions. Significant unobservable quantitative inputs used in determining the fair value of these real estate investments at July 31, 2016, was a discount rate of 9.0% and a terminal capitalization rate of 9.0%.

As of April 30, 2016, we estimated fair value on two properties held for sale based upon receipt of individual market offers and our intent to dispose of the properties.

Financial Assets and Liabilities Not Measured at Fair Value

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial assets and liabilities. The fair values of our financial instruments approximate their carrying amount in the consolidated financial statements except for debt.

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Cash and Cash Equivalents. The carrying amount approximates fair value because of the short maturity.

Other Investments. The carrying amount, or cost plus accrued interest, of the certificates of deposit approximates fair value.

Other Debt. For variable rate loans that re-price frequently, fair values are based on carrying values. The fair value of fixed rate loans is estimated based on the discounted cash flows of the loans using relevant treasury interest rates plus credit spreads (Level 2).

Line of Credit. The carrying amount approximates fair value because the variable rate debt re-prices frequently.

Mortgages Payable. For variable rate loans that re-price frequently, fair values are based on carrying values. The fair value of fixed rate loans is estimated based on the discounted cash flows of the loans using relevant treasury interest rates plus credit spreads (Level 2).

The estimated fair values of our financial instruments as of July 31, 2016 and April 30, 2016, are as follows:

| | (in thousands) | | | |
|---|----------------|------------|----------------|------------|
| | July 31, 2016 | | April 30, 2016 | |
| | Carrying | | Carrying | |
| | Amount | Fair Value | Amount | Fair Value |
| FINANCIAL ASSETS | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 54,438 | \$ 54,438 | \$ 66,698 | \$ 66,698 |
| FINANCIAL LIABILITIES | | | | |
| Other debt | 78,383 | 78,383 | 82,026 | 82,026 |
| Lines of credit | 17,500 | 17,500 | 17,500 | 17,500 |
| Mortgages payable | 816,626 | 884,809 | 817,324 | 866,649 |
| Mortgages payable related to assets held for sale | 67,794 | 79,632 | 68,824 | 78,690 |

NOTE 11 • REDEEMABLE NONCONTROLLING INTERESTS

Redeemable noncontrolling interests on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets represent the noncontrolling interest in joint ventures in which our unaffiliated partner, at its election, could require us to buy its interest at a purchase price to be determined by an appraisal conducted in accordance with the terms of the agreement, or at a negotiated price. Redeemable noncontrolling interests are presented at the greater of their carrying amount or redemption value at the end of each reporting period. Changes in the value from period to period are charged to Common Shares on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. We currently have one joint venture, IRET-Minot Apartments, LLC, in which our joint venture partner can, for the four-year period from February 6, 2016 through February 5, 2020, compel us to acquire the partner's interest for a price to be determined in accordance with the provisions of the joint venture agreement. IRET-Minot Apartments, LLC owns the Commons and Landing at Southgate properties in Minot, ND.

As of July 31, 2016, the estimated redemption value of the redeemable noncontrolling interests was \$7.5 million. Below is a table reflecting the activity of the redeemable noncontrolling interests.

| | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| | (in thousands) |
| Balance at April 30, 2016 | \$ 7,522 |
| Net income | (54) |
| Balance at July 31, 2016 | \$ 7,468 |

NOTE 12 • SHARE BASED COMPENSATION

Share based awards are provided to officers, non-officer employees and trustees under our 2015 Incentive Plan approved by shareholders on September 15, 2015, which allows for awards in the form of cash and unrestricted and restricted Common Shares, up to an aggregate of 4,250,000 shares, over the ten year period in which the plan will be in effect. Through July 31, 2016, awards under the 2015 Incentive Plan consisted of restricted and unrestricted Common Shares.

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Prior to the approval of our 2015 Incentive Plan, share based awards were provided to officers, non-officer employees and trustees under the our 2008 Incentive Award Plan, which was approved by shareholders on September 16, 2008, which allowed for awards in the form of cash and unrestricted and restricted Common Shares, up to an aggregate of 2,000,000 shares, over the period in which the plan will be in effect. Through July 31, 2016, awards under the 2008 Incentive Award Plan consisted of cash and restricted and unrestricted Common Shares.

Long-Term Incentive Plan

Under the 2008 Incentive Award Plan, our officers and non-officer employees could earn share awards under the Long-Term Incentive Program (“LTIP”) adopted pursuant to the plan, which was a backward-looking program that measured performance over a one-year performance period beginning on the first day of each fiscal year. Such awards were payable to the extent deemed earned in shares, 50% of which vested on the last day of the performance period and 50% of which vested on the first anniversary of the end of the performance period. Such awards utilized the sole performance metric of the three-year average of the annual absolute total shareholder return (“TSR”).

Under the 2015 Incentive Plan, our officers and non-officer employees may earn share awards under a revised long-term incentive program, a forward-looking program that measures long-term performance over the stated performance period. Such awards are payable to the extent deemed earned in shares. The terms of the long-term incentive awards granted under the revised program may vary from year to year.

2017 LTIP Awards

Awards granted on June 22, 2016 (“2017 LTIP Awards”) consist of time-based restricted share awards and performance restricted share awards for 45,651 and 273,901 shares, respectively, that are classified as equity awards. The time-based restricted share awards vest as to one-third of the shares on each June 22, 2017, May 1, 2018 and May 1, 2019. We recognize compensation expense associated with the time-based restricted share awards ratably over the requisite service periods.

The performance restricted share awards are earned based on our TSR as compared to the MSCI US REIT Index over a forward looking three-year period. The maximum number of shares that are eligible to be earned are the shares that were granted. Earned awards (if any) will fully vest as of the last day of the measurement period. These awards have market conditions in addition to service conditions that must be met for the awards to vest. We recognize compensation expense ratably based on the grant date fair value, as determined using the Monte Carlo valuation model, and regardless of whether the market conditions are achieved and the performance restricted share awards ultimately vest. Therefore, previously recorded compensation expense is not adjusted in the event that the market conditions are not achieved. The assumptions used to value the performance restricted share awards were an expected volatility of 23.8%, a risk-free interest rate of 0.86% and an expected life of 2.85 years. We based the expected volatility on the historical volatility of our daily closing share price. The share price at the grant date, June 22, 2016, was \$6.24. We based the risk-free interest rate on the interest rates on U.S. treasury bonds with a maturity equal to the remaining performance period of the award. We based the expected term on the performance period of the performance restricted share award.

2016 LTIP Awards

To accommodate the transition from the 2008 Incentive Award Plan to the 2015 Incentive Plan, performance periods for such awards granted on September 16, 2015 (“2016 LTIP Awards”) included one-year, two-year and three-year periods beginning on May 1, 2015. The 2016 LTIP Awards utilize the performance metrics of relative TSR for 67% of the award and absolute TSR for 33% of the award, and earned shares vest 50% at the conclusion of the performance period and 50% on the first anniversary of the end of the performance period. The 2016 LTIP Awards for performance

periods of one, two and three years were 380,498 353,535 and 353,535 shares, respectively.

In connection with the 3-year 2016 LTIP Awards, we recognize compensation expense ratably (over 31.5 months for the 50% unrestricted shares and over 43.5 months for the 50% restricted shares) based on the grant date fair value, as determined using a binomial model employing the Monte Carlo simulation, and regardless of whether the market conditions are achieved and the 2016 LTIP Awards ultimately vest. The market conditions utilized for the 2016 LTIP Awards are absolute TSR (1/3 weighting) and relative TSR measured against the MSCI US REIT Index (2/3 weighting).

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The assumptions used to value the 2016 LTIP Awards were an expected volatility of 16.6%, a risk-free interest rate of 1.13% and an expected life of 3 years. We based the expected volatility on the historical volatility of our daily closing share price. The share price at the grant date, September 16, 2015, was \$7.13. We based the risk-free interest rate on the interest rates on U.S. treasury bonds with a maturity equal to the remaining performance period of the 2016 LTIP Award. We based the expected term on the performance period of the 2016 LTIP Award.

Trustee Awards

We award share-based compensation to our non-management trustees on an annual basis. Awards for 59,000 shares granted on June 22, 2016 consisted of time-based restricted share awards that vest on May 1, 2017. We recognize compensation expense associated with the time-based restricted share awards ratably over the requisite service periods.

Total Compensation Expense

Share-based compensation expense recognized in the consolidated financial statements for all outstanding share based awards was approximately \$262,000 and \$66,000 for the three months ended July 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

NOTE 13 • SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Common and Preferred Share Distributions. On September 1, 2016, our Board of Trustees declared the following distributions:

| Class of shares/units | Quarterly Amount per Share or Unit | Record Date | Payment Date |
|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Common shares and limited partnership units | \$ 0.1300 | September 15, 2016 | October 3, 2016 |
| Preferred shares: | | | |
| Series A | \$ 0.5156 | September 15, 2016 | September 30, 2016 |
| Series B | \$ 0.4968 | September 15, 2016 | September 30, 2016 |

Acquisition of Joint Venture Minority Interest. On August 4, 2016, we purchased the remaining 41.41% minority interest in the Red 20 mixed-use, multifamily and retail property for a purchase price totaling \$4.9 million.

Pending Acquisitions. On August 5, 2016 we signed an agreement to prepurchase a to-be-built multifamily property with 150 units and 23,600 square feet of retail space in Minneapolis, MN, for a purchase price of \$47.6 million, to be paid in cash. This pending acquisition is subject to various closing conditions and contingencies, and no assurances can be given that the transaction will be completed on the terms currently proposed, or at all.

Pending Dispositions. On August 26, 2016 we signed six agreements to sell 26 senior housing properties for a total of approximately \$236.0 million. These pending dispositions are subject to various closing conditions and contingencies, and no assurances can be given that the transactions will be completed on the terms currently proposed, or at all.

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ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION

AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements included in this report, as well as our audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2016, which are included in our Form 10-K filed with the SEC on June 29, 2016.

Forward Looking Statements. Certain matters included in this discussion are forward looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in the following statements are based on reasonable assumptions, we can give no assurance that the expectations expressed will actually be achieved. Many factors may cause actual results to differ materially from our current expectations, including general economic conditions, local real estate conditions, the general level of interest rates and the availability of financing and various other economic risks inherent in the business of owning and operating investment real estate.

Overview

We are a self-advised equity REIT engaged in owning and operating income-producing real estate properties. Our investments include multifamily, healthcare and other properties located primarily in the upper Midwest states of Minnesota and North Dakota. As of July 31, 2016, we held for investment 100 multifamily properties containing 13,012 apartment units and having a total real estate investment amount net of accumulated depreciation of \$1.0 billion, 31 healthcare properties and 16 other properties, containing approximately 2.8 million square feet of leasable space and having a total real estate investment amount net of accumulated depreciation of \$333.8 million. We held for sale 1 multifamily property, 35 healthcare properties and 2 parcels of land as of July 31, 2016.

Our primary source of income and cash is rents associated with multifamily and commercial leases. Our business objective is to increase shareholder value by employing a disciplined investment strategy. This strategy is implemented by growing income-producing assets in desired geographical markets in real estate classes we believe will provide a consistent return on investment for our shareholders. We have paid quarterly distributions continuously since our first distribution in 1971.

Critical Accounting Policies

In preparing the condensed consolidated financial statements, management has made estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. Actual results could differ from those estimates. A summary of our critical accounting policies is included in our Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2016, filed with the SEC on June 29, 2016, under the section titled "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations." There have been no significant changes to those policies during the three months ended July 31, 2016.

First Quarter Activities

Summarized below are transactions that occurred during the first quarter of our fiscal year 2017:

- As part of our strategic plan to sell our commercial office and retail portfolios, we disposed of one commercial property and one parcel of unimproved land for sales prices totaling \$13.7 million.
- The placement into service of the 241 unit 71 France multifamily property in Edina, MN, in which we have an approximately 52.6% interest. This project also includes 20,956 square feet of retail space.

Same-store and Non-same-store Properties

Throughout this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, we have provided certain information on a same-store and non-same-store properties basis. Information provided on a same-store properties basis includes the results of properties that we have owned and operated for the entirety of both periods being compared (except for properties for which significant redevelopment or expansion occurred during either of the periods being compared, and properties sold or classified as

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held for sale), and which, in the case of development or re-development properties, have achieved a target level of occupancy of 90% for multifamily properties and 85% for healthcare and other properties.

For the comparison of the three months ended July 31, 2016 and 2015, all or a portion of 34 properties were non-same-store, of which 11 were redevelopment or in-service development properties.

While there are judgments to be made regarding changes in designation, we typically remove properties from same-store to non-same-store when redevelopment has or is expected to have a significant impact on property net operating income within the fiscal year. Acquisitions are moved to same-store once we have owned the property for the entirety of comparable periods and the property is not under significant redevelopment or expansion. Our development projects in progress are not included in our non-same-store properties category until they are placed in-service, which occurs upon the substantial completion for a commercial development property and upon receipt of a certificate of occupancy for a multifamily development project. They are then subsequently moved from non-same-store to same-store when the property has been in-service for the entirety of both periods being compared and has reached the target level of occupancy specified above.

Market Conditions and Outlook

The demand for investment and institutional quality real estate in our markets is strong. Investors have abundant equity and access to debt to facilitate acquisitions and developments. Prices and sales volumes are strong. Fundamentals are favorable across property types. The exception for us is in Williston, ND, an energy-impacted market, where we are experiencing very high vacancies and offering rent concessions to attract residents. During the first quarter of fiscal year 2017 in Williston we saw a deterioration in the market, which resulted in poor leasing and declining rental rates during what should have been the best leasing season for multifamily properties. Consequently, we recorded impairments for our three multifamily properties and one parcel of unimproved land in Williston. See Note 2 of the Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in this report for additional information

We experienced generally stable trends across most of our apartment investments during the quarter ended July 31, 2016, except in energy impacted markets. Our ability to maintain occupancy levels and raise rents remains dependent on continued healthy employment and wage growth. We continue to observe considerable multifamily development activity in our markets, and as this new construction is completed, we will experience increased competition for residents. However, developers of new apartment projects are trying to push up market rents to support the increasing costs of new developments. Many existing apartment owners of modestly older properties are making significant upgrades to their units and raising rents. The calendar 2016 economic outlook of the Ninth Federal Reserve District, which overlays most of our geographic footprint, is positive according to the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis. Increases in employment and personal income growth are projected. The biggest challenge facing employers is hiring qualified workers. The unemployment rate is generally below the national average in most of the district's states.

Our healthcare segment consists of medical office properties. The same-store healthcare segment remains stable with occupancy at 95.6%. A significant portion of our medical office portfolio is on campus and located in the Minneapolis Metropolitan Statistical Area ("MSA") which has an 11.4% on campus vacancy rate as of calendar year-end 2015 according to Colliers International. We developed one new medical office building on our Southdale campus in Edina, MN and the property is in lease-up.

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RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Consolidated Results of Operations for the Three Months Ended July 31, 2016 and 2015

The discussion that follows is based on our consolidated results of operations for the three months ended July 31, 2016 and 2015.

| | Three Months Ended | | 2016 vs. 2015 | | |
|--|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|----------|
| | July 31, 2016 | 2015 | \$ Change | % Change | |
| Real estate rentals | \$ 44,985 | \$ 40,750 | \$ 4,235 | 10.4 | % |
| Tenant reimbursement | 4,626 | 4,295 | 331 | 7.7 | % |
| TOTAL REVENUE | 49,611 | 45,045 | 4,566 | 10.1 | % |
| Property operating expenses, excluding real estate taxes | 16,057 | 13,488 | 2,569 | 19.0 | % |
| Real estate taxes | 5,577 | 4,816 | 761 | 15.8 | % |
| Depreciation and amortization | 14,267 | 11,217 | 3,050 | 27.2 | % |
| Impairment of real estate investments | 54,153 | 1,285 | 52,868 | 4,114.2 | % |
| General and administrative expenses | 2,606 | 2,454 | 152 | 6.2 | % |
| Acquisition and investment related costs | 43 | 7 | 36 | 514.3 | % |
| Other expenses | 852 | 417 | 435 | 104.3 | % |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 93,555 | 33,684 | 59,871 | 177.7 | % |
| Operating (loss) income | (43,944) | 11,361 | (55,305) | (486.8) | % |
| Interest expense | (10,364) | (7,814) | (2,550) | 32.6 | % |
| Interest income | 572 | 556 | 16 | 2.9 | % |
| Other income | 473 | 51 | 422 | 827.5 | % |
| (Loss) income before gain (loss) on sale of real estate and other investments and income (loss) from discontinued operations | (53,263) | 4,154 | (57,417) | (1,382.2) | % |
| Gain (loss) on sale of real estate and other investments | 8,958 | (175) | 9,133 | (5,218.9) | % |
| (Loss) income from continuing operations | (44,305) | 3,979 | (48,284) | (1,213.5) | % |
| Income from discontinued operations | 3,711 | 748 | 2,963 | 396.1 | % |
| NET (LOSS) INCOME | (40,594) | 4,727 | (45,321) | (958.8) | % |
| Net loss (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests – Operating Partnership | 3,296 | (186) | 3,482 | (1,872.0) | % |
| Net loss (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests – consolidated real estate entities | 15,655 | (1) | 15,656 | (1,565,600.0) | % |
| Net (loss) income attributable to Investors Real Estate Trust | (21,643) | 4,540 | (26,183) | (576.7) | % |
| Dividends to preferred shareholders | (2,879) | (2,879) | — | — | % |
| NET (LOSS) INCOME AVAILABLE TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS | \$ (24,522) | \$ 1,661 | \$ (26,183) | (1,576.3) | % |

Revenues. Revenues for the three months ended July 31, 2016 were \$49.6 million compared to \$45.0 million in the three months ended July 31, 2015, an increase of \$4.6 million or 10.1%. The increase in revenue for the three months ended July 31, 2016 resulted primarily from properties acquired and development projects placed in service in fiscal year 2016, as shown in the table below.

| | (in thousands) |
|---|---|
| | Increase in Total Revenue Three Months Ended July 31, 2016 |
| Increase in revenue primarily from properties acquired and development projects placed in service in fiscal year 2016 | \$ 6,418 |
| Decrease in revenue from same-store properties(1) | (1,025) |
| Decrease in revenue from properties sold or classified as held for sale in fiscal years 2017 and 2016 | (827) |
| Net increase in total revenue | \$ 4,566 |
| (1) See analysis of NOI by segment below for additional information. | |

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Property operating expenses, excluding real estate taxes. Property operating expenses, excluding real estate taxes, increased by 19.0% to \$16.1 million in the first quarter of fiscal year 2017 compared to \$13.5 million in the same period of the prior fiscal year. Of this \$2.6 million increase, \$1.1 million was attributable to non-same-store properties. Same-store properties accounted for \$1.5 million of the increase, which was primarily attributable to increases in offsite property management costs, casualty related costs, and general maintenance expenses.

Real Estate Taxes. Real estate taxes increased by 15.8% to \$5.6 million in the first quarter of fiscal year 2017, compared to \$4.8 million in the same period of the prior fiscal year. An increase of \$790,000 was attributable to non-same-store properties while same-store properties realized a decrease of \$29,000.

Depreciation and Amortization. Depreciation and amortization increased by 27.2% to \$14.3 million in the first quarter of fiscal year 2017, compared to \$11.2 million in the same period of the prior fiscal year. This increase was primarily due to depreciation on new developments placed in service and acquisitions.

Impairment of Real Estate Investments. We recognized approximately \$54.2 million and \$1.3 million of impairment in continuing operations during the three months ended July 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. See Note 2 of the Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in this report for additional information.

General and Administrative Expenses. General and administrative expenses increased by 6.2% to \$2.6 million in the three months ended July 31, 2016, compared to \$2.5 million in the same period of the prior fiscal year. This change of approximately \$152,000 was primarily due to increases in short term incentive plan expense and share-based compensation expense, offset by a decrease in salary expense.

Acquisition and Investment Related Costs. Acquisition and investment related costs increased to approximately \$43,000 in the three months ended July 31, 2016, compared to approximately \$7,000 in the same period of the prior fiscal year, primarily due to increased costs related to development projects we are no longer pursuing.

Other Expenses. Other expenses increased 104.3%, or approximately \$435,000, to \$852,000 in the first quarter of fiscal year 2017 compared to the same period of the prior fiscal year, primarily due to third-party consulting costs.

Interest Expense. Components of interest expense in the three months ended July 31, 2016 and 2015 were as follows.

| | Three Months Ended | | 2016 vs. 2015 | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|----------|---------------|----------|---|
| | July 31, 2016 | 2015 | \$ Change | % Change | |
| Mortgage debt | \$ 9,323 | \$ 7,653 | \$ 1,670 | 21.8 | % |
| Line of credit | 212 | 914 | (702) | (76.8) | % |
| Other | 829 | (753) | 1,582 | (210.1) | % |
| Total interest expense | \$ 10,364 | \$ 7,814 | \$ 2,550 | 32.6 | % |

Mortgage interest increased by 21.8% to \$9.3 million in the first quarter of fiscal year 2017, compared to \$7.7 million in the same period of the prior fiscal year. Mortgages on non-same-store properties added approximately \$1.7 million to our mortgage interest expense in the three months ended July 31, 2016, while mortgage interest on same-store properties decreased approximately \$84,000 compared to the three months ended July 31, 2015, primarily due to loan payoffs and refinancings.

Interest expense on our line of credit decreased to approximately \$212,000 in the three months ended July 31, 2016, compared to approximately \$914,000 in the same period of the prior fiscal year, primarily due to a lower average outstanding balance during the first quarter of fiscal year 2017.

Other interest consists of interest on construction loans, security deposits and special assessments, as well as amortization of loan costs, offset by capitalized construction interest. Other interest increased by \$1.6 million to approximately \$829,000 in the first quarter of fiscal year 2017, compared to the same period of the prior fiscal year, primarily due to a decrease in capitalized construction interest.

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Interest and Other Income. We recorded interest income in the first quarter of fiscal year 2017 and 2016 of approximately \$572,000 and \$556,000, respectively. The change between periods was immaterial.

Other income increased 827.5% to approximately \$473,000 in the first quarter of fiscal year 2017 compared to the same period of the prior fiscal year. The change was primarily due to an increase in real estate tax appeal refunds.

Gain (Loss) on Sale of Real Estate and Other Investments. We recorded in continuing operations a net gain of \$9.0 million and a net loss of approximately \$175,000 in the three months ended July 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. Properties sold in the three months ended July 31, 2016 and 2015 are detailed below in the section captioned "Property Acquisitions and Dispositions."

Income from Discontinued Operations. We recorded income from discontinued operations of \$3.7 million and approximately \$748,000 in the three months ended July 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. See Note 7 of the Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in this report for further information on discontinued operations.

Occupancy

Occupancy as of July 31, 2016 compared to July 31, 2015 decreased in our multifamily and healthcare segments on a same-store basis. Occupancy represents the actual number of units or square footage leased divided by the total number of units or square footage at the end of the period.

Occupancy Levels on a Same-Store Property and All Property Basis:

| Segments | Same-Store Properties As of July 31, | | All Properties As of July 31, | |
|-------------|---|--------|----------------------------------|--------|
| | 2016 | 2015 | 2016 | 2015 |
| Multifamily | 93.0 % | 95.1 % | 90.4 % | 91.2 % |
| Healthcare | 92.7 % | 95.8 % | 88.7 % | 89.3 % |

Net Operating Income

Net Operating Income ("NOI") is a non-US GAAP measure which we define as total real estate revenues and gain on involuntary conversion less real estate expenses (which consist of utilities, maintenance, real estate taxes, insurance, property management expenses and other property expenses). We believe that NOI is an important supplemental measure of operating performance for a REIT's operating real estate because it provides a measure of core operations that is unaffected by depreciation, amortization, financing and general and administrative expense. NOI does not represent cash generated by operating activities in accordance with US GAAP and should not be considered an alternative to net income, net income available for common shareholders or cash flow from operating activities as a measure of financial performance.

The following tables show real estate revenues, real estate operating expenses and NOI by reportable operating segment for the three months ended July 31, 2016 and 2015. For a reconciliation of NOI of reportable segments to net income as reported, see Note 5 of the Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in this report.

The tables also show NOI by reportable operating segment on a same-store property and non-same-store property basis. This comparison allows us to evaluate the performance of existing properties and their contribution to net income. Management believes that measuring performance on a same-store property basis is useful to investors

because it enables evaluation of how our properties are performing year over year. Management uses this measure to assess whether or not it has been successful in increasing NOI, renewing the leases of existing tenants, controlling operating costs and appropriately handling capital improvements. The discussion below focuses on the main factors affecting real estate revenue and real estate expenses from same-store properties. Since changes from one fiscal year to another in real estate revenue and expenses from non-same-store properties are due to the addition of those properties to our real estate portfolio, such information is less useful for evaluating the ongoing operational performance of our real estate portfolio.

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All Segments

The following table of selected operating data reconciles NOI to net income and provides the basis for our discussion of NOI by segment in the three months ended July 31, 2016 and 2015.

| | Three Months Ended July 31, | | | | |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------|------------|----------|---|
| | 2016 | 2015 | \$ Change | % Change | |
| All Segments | | | | | |
| Real estate revenue | | | | | |
| Same-store | \$ 40,548 | \$ 41,573 | \$ (1,025) | (2.5) | % |
| Non-same-store(1) | 9,063 | 3,472 | 5,591 | 161.0 | % |
| Total | \$ 49,611 | \$ 45,045 | \$ 4,566 | 10.1 | % |
| Real estate expenses | | | | | |
| Same-store | \$ 18,092 | \$ 16,661 | \$ 1,431 | 8.6 | % |
| Non-same-store(1) | 3,542 | 1,643 | 1,899 | 115.6 | % |
| Total | \$ 21,634 | \$ 18,304 | \$ 3,330 | 18.2 | % |
| Net operating income | | | | | |
| Same-store | \$ 22,456 | \$ 24,912 | \$ (2,456) | (9.9) | % |
| Non-same-store(1) | 5,521 | 1,829 | 3,692 | 201.9 | % |
| Total | \$ 27,977 | \$ 26,741 | \$ 1,236 | 4.6 | % |
| Depreciation/amortization | (14,267) | (11,217) | | | |
| Impairment of real estate investments | (54,153) | (1,285) | | | |
| General and administrative expenses | (2,606) | (2,454) | | | |
| Acquisition and investment related costs | (43) | (7) | | | |
| Other expenses | (852) | (417) | | | |
| Interest expense | (10,364) | (7,814) | | | |
| Interest and other income | 1,045 | 607 | | | |
| Income (loss) before gain (loss) on sale of real estate and other investments and income from discontinued operations | (53,263) | 4,154 | | | |
| Gain (loss) on sale of real estate and other investments | 8,958 | (175) | | | |
| (Loss) income from continuing operations | (44,305) | 3,979 | | | |
| Income from discontinued operations(2) | 3,711 | 748 | | | |
| Net (loss) income | \$ (40,594) | \$ 4,727 | | | |

- (1) Non-same-store properties consist of the following properties (re-development and in-service development properties are listed in bold type):

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Held for Investment - Multifamily 71 France, Edina, MN; Arcata, Golden Valley, MN; Avalon Cove, Rochester, MN; Cardinal Point, Grand Forks, ND; Cascade Shores, Rochester, MN; Chateau II, Minot, ND; Crystal Bay, Rochester, MN; Deer Ridge, Jamestown, ND; French Creek, Rochester, MN; Gardens, Grand Forks, ND; GrandeVille at Cascade Lake, Rochester, MN; Legacy Heights, Bismarck, ND; Red 20, Minneapolis, MN and Renaissance Heights, Williston, ND.

Total number of units, 2,172.

Healthcare - Edina 6565 France SMC III, Edina, MN; Lakeside Medical Plaza, Omaha, NE and PrairieCare Medical, Brooklyn Park, MN.

Total rentable square footage, 156,199.

Other - Minot Southgate Retail, Minot, ND and Roseville 3075 Long Lake Road, Roseville, MN.

Total rentable square footage, 228,406.

Held for Sale - Multifamily Pinecone Villas, Sartell, MN.

Total number of units, 24.

Healthcare - Sartell 2000 23rd St, Sartell, MN.

Total rentable square footage, 59,760.

Total NOI for held for sale properties for the three months ended July 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively, \$(61) and \$(86).

Sold - Multifamily Campus Center, St. Cloud, MN; Campus Heights, St. Cloud, MN; Campus Knoll, St. Cloud, MN; Campus Plaza, St. Cloud, MN; Campus Side, St. Cloud, MN; Campus View, St. Cloud, MN; Cornerstone, St. Cloud, MN; and University Park Place, St. Cloud, MN.

Healthcare - Nebraska Orthopaedic Hospital, Omaha, NE

Other - Minot Arrowhead First International, Minot, ND; Minot Plaza, Minot, ND; Stone Container, Fargo, ND and Thresher Square, Minneapolis, MN.

Total NOI for sold properties for the three months ended July 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively, \$278 and \$800.

(2) Discontinued operations include gain on disposals and income from operations for:

Held for Sale: Casper 1930 E 12th St, Casper 3955 E 12th St, Cheyenne 4010 N College Dr, Cheyenne 4606 N College Dr, Edgewood Vista ("EV") Belgrade, EV Billings, EV Bismarck, EV Brainerd, EV Columbus, EV East Grand Forks, EV Fargo, EV Fremont, EV Grand Island, EV Hastings, EV Hermantown I and II, EV Kalispell, EV Minot, EV Missoula, EV Norfolk, EV Omaha, EV Sioux Falls, EV Spearfish, EV Virginia, Laramie 1072 N 22nd St, Legends at Heritage Place, Spring Creek ("SC") American Falls, SC Boise, SC Eagle, SC Fruitland, SC Meridian, SC Overland, SC Soda Springs and SC Ustick.

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2016 Dispositions: 610 Business Center, 7800 West Brown Deer Road, American Corporate Center, Ameritrade, Barry Pointe Office Park, Benton Business Park, Brenwood, Brook Valley I, Burnsville Strip Center, Champlin South Pond, Chan West Village, Corporate Center West, Crosstown Centre, Duluth 4615 Grand, Duluth Denfeld Retail, Eden Prairie 6101 Blue Circle Drive, Farnam Executive Center, Flagship Corporate Center, Forest Lake Auto, Forest Lake Westlake Center, Gateway Corporate Center, Golden Hills Office Center, Grand Forks Medpark Mall, Granite Corporate Center, Great Plains, Highlands Ranch I and II, Interlachen Corporate Center, Intertech Building, Jamestown Buffalo Mall, Jamestown Business Center, Lakeville Strip Center, Mendota Office Center I-IV, Minnesota National Bank, Miracle Hills One, Monticello C-Store, Northpark Corporate Center, Omaha 10802 Farnam Dr, Omaha Barnes & Noble, Pacific Hills, Pine City C-Store, Pine City Evergreen Square, Plaza VII, Plymouth 5095 Nathan Lane, Prairie Oak Business Center, Rapid City 900 Concourse Drive, Riverport, Rochester Maplewood Square, Spring Valley IV, V, X and XI, St. Cloud Westgate, Superior Office Building, TCA Building, Three Paramount Plaza, Timberlands, UHC Office, US Bank Financial Center, Wells Fargo Center, West River Business Park, Westgate and Woodlands Plaza IV.

An analysis of NOI by segment follows.

Multifamily

Real estate revenue from same-store properties in our multifamily segment decreased by 3.3% or \$958,000 in the three months ended July 31, 2016 compared to the same period in the prior fiscal year. The decrease was primarily attributable to a decrease in scheduled rent of \$657,000 and an increase in vacancy of \$299,000. Other real estate revenue combined decreased by \$2,000. The overall decrease of 3.3% in total revenue was primarily due to the operating results in our Minot and Williston, North Dakota markets. The balance of our portfolio in our ten other markets realized an increase in revenue of \$269,000 or 1.1%.

Real estate expenses at same-store properties decreased by \$105,000.

| | Three Months Ended July 31, | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|---|
| | 2016 | 2015 | \$ Change | % Change | |
| Multifamily | | | | | |
| Real estate revenue | | | | | |
| Same-store | \$ 28,018 | \$ 28,976 | \$ (958) | (3.3) | % |
| Non-same-store | 7,022 | 2,457 | 4,565 | 185.8 | % |
| Total | \$ 35,040 | \$ 31,433 | \$ 3,607 | 11.5 | % |
| Real estate expenses(1) | | | | | |
| Same-store | \$ 12,045 | \$ 12,150 | \$ (105) | (0.9) | % |
| Non-same-store | 2,834 | 1,288 | 1,546 | 120.0 | % |
| Total | \$ 14,879 | \$ 13,438 | \$ 1,441 | 10.7 | % |
| Net operating income | | | | | |
| Same-store | \$ 15,973 | \$ 16,826 | \$ (853) | (5.1) | % |
| Non-same-store | 4,188 | 1,169 | 3,019 | 258.3 | % |
| Total | \$ 20,161 | \$ 17,995 | \$ 2,166 | 12.0 | % |
| Occupancy | 2016 | 2015 | | | |
| Same-store | 93.0 % | 95.1 % | | | |

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|----------------|------|---|------|---|
| Non-same-store | 77.5 | % | 55.3 | % |
| Total | 90.4 | % | 91.2 | % |

| | | |
|-----------------|--------|--------|
| Number of Units | 2016 | 2015 |
| Same-store | 10,840 | 10,838 |
| Non-same-store | 2,196 | 1,189 |
| Total | 13,036 | 12,027 |

(1) Excludes offsite costs associated with property management and casualty-related amounts, which increased by approximately \$476,000 and \$505,000, respectively, for the three months ended July 31, 2016 as compared to the same period of the prior year.

Healthcare

Real estate revenue from same-store properties in our healthcare segment decreased by 0.5% or \$49,000 in the three months ended July 31, 2016 compared to the same period in the prior fiscal year. The decrease in revenue was attributable to an increase in vacancy of \$182,000. All other real estate revenues combined increased by \$133,000.

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Real estate expenses from same-store properties increased by 16.4% or \$535,000 in the three months ended July 31, 2016 compared to the same period in the prior fiscal year. The primary factors were increases in the bad debt provision expense of \$280,000 and the maintenance expenses of \$107,000. The increase in bad debt provision expense was due to higher recoveries during the three months ended July 31, 2015. The increased maintenance expenses were the results of more general maintenance being completed compared to the prior year. All other real estate expenses combined increased by \$148,000.

| | Three Months Ended July 31, | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|---|
| | 2016 | 2015 | \$ Change | % Change | |
| Healthcare | | | | | |
| Real estate revenue | | | | | |
| Same-store | \$ 10,131 | \$ 10,180 | \$ (49) | (0.5) | % |
| Non-same-store | 1,410 | 599 | 811 | 135.4 | % |
| Total | \$ 11,541 | \$ 10,779 | \$ 762 | 7.1 | % |
| Real estate expenses(1) | | | | | |
| Same-store | \$ 3,788 | \$ 3,253 | \$ 535 | 16.4 | % |
| Non-same-store | 404 | 229 | 175 | 76.4 | % |
| Total | \$ 4,192 | \$ 3,482 | \$ 710 | 20.4 | % |
| Net operating income | | | | | |
| Same-store | \$ 6,343 | \$ 6,927 | \$ (584) | (8.4) | % |
| Non-same-store | 1,006 | 370 | 636 | 171.9 | % |
| Total | \$ 7,349 | \$ 7,297 | \$ 52 | 0.7 | % |
| Occupancy | 2016 | | 2015 | | |
| Same-store | 92.7 | % | 95.8 | % | |
| Non-same-store | 65.3 | % | 42.4 | % | |
| Total | 88.7 | % | 89.3 | % | |
| Rentable Square Footage | 2016 | | 2015 | | |
| Same-store | 1,289,180 | | 1,289,209 | | |
| Non-same-store | 215,959 | | 179,142 | | |
| Total | 1,505,139 | | 1,468,351 | | |

(1) Excludes offsite costs associated with property management, which decreased by approximately \$56,000 for the three months ended July 31, 2016 as compared to the same period of the prior year.

Analysis of Commercial Credit Risk and Leases

Credit Risk

The following table lists our top ten commercial tenants on July 31, 2016, for all commercial properties owned by us, including healthcare, other commercial properties and those held for sale, measured by percentage of total commercial minimum rents as of July 1, 2016. Our results of operations are dependent on, among other factors, the economic health of our tenants. We attempt to mitigate tenant credit risk by working to secure creditworthy tenants that meet our underwriting criteria and monitoring our portfolio to identify potential problem tenants. We believe that our credit risk is also mitigated by the fact that no individual tenant accounts for more than 10% of our total real estate rentals,

although affiliated entities of Edgewood Vista together accounted for approximately 31.3% of our total commercial minimum rents as of July 1, 2016.

As of July 31, 2016, 15 of our 47 commercial properties held for investment, along with our held for sale properties including all 20 of our Edgewood Vista properties, all 7 of our Idaho Spring Creek senior housing properties, and all 5 of our Wyoming senior housing properties, were leased under triple net leases under which the tenant pays a monthly lump sum base rent as well as all costs associated with the property, including property taxes, insurance, replacement, repair or restoration, in addition to maintenance. The failure by any of our triple net tenants to effectively conduct their operations or to maintain and improve our properties in accordance with the terms of their respective triple net leases could

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adversely affect their business reputations and ability to attract and retain residents and customers to our properties, which could have an indirect adverse effect on us.

We regularly monitor the relative credit risk of our significant tenants, including our triple net tenants. The metrics we use to evaluate a significant tenant's liquidity and creditworthiness depend on facts and circumstances specific to that tenant and to the industry in which it operates, and include the tenant's credit history and economic conditions related to the tenant, its operations and the markets in which it operates. These factors may change over time. Prior to signing a lease with a tenant, we generally assesses the prospective tenant's credit quality through review of its financial statements and tax returns, and the result of that review is a factor in establishing the rent to be charged (e.g., higher risk tenants will be charged higher rent). Over the course of a lease, our property management and asset management personnel have regular contact with tenants and tenant employees, and, where the terms of the lease permit, receive tenant financial information for periodic review or review publicly-available financial statements in the case of public company tenants or non-profit entities, such as hospital systems, whose financial statements are required to be filed with state agencies. Through these means we monitor tenant credit quality.

| Lessee | % of Total Commercial Minimum Rents as of July 1, 2016 | |
|--|--|---|
| | | |
| Affiliates of Edgewood Vista(1) | 31.3 | % |
| Fairview Health Services | 8.0 | % |
| St. Luke's Hospital of Duluth, Inc. | 6.9 | % |
| PrairieCare Medical LLC | 4.8 | % |
| HealthEast Care System | 3.7 | % |
| Quality Manufacturing Corp | 2.2 | % |
| Allina Health | 1.8 | % |
| Children's Hospitals & Clinics | 1.7 | % |
| Noran Neurological Clinic | 1.6 | % |
| Amerada Hess | 1.5 | % |
| All Others | 36.5 | % |
| Total Monthly Commercial Rent as of July 1, 2016 | 100.0 | % |

(1) Affiliates of Edgewood Vista are tenants in our senior housing properties which are classified as held for sale and discontinued operations at July 31, 2016.

Healthcare Leasing Activity

During fiscal year 2017, we have executed new and renewal healthcare leases for our same-store properties on 32,224 square feet for the three months ended July 31, 2016. Due to our leasing efforts, occupancy in our same-store healthcare portfolio remained strong at 92.7% as of July 31, 2016.

The total leasing activity for our same-store healthcare properties, expressed in square feet of leases signed during the period, and the resulting occupancy levels, are as follows:

Three Months Ended July 31, 2016 and 2015

| Segment | Square Feet of New Leases(1) | | Square Feet of Leases Renewed(1) | | Total Square Feet of Leases Executed(1) | | Occupancy | |
|---------|---------------------------------|------|-------------------------------------|------|---|------|-----------|------|
| | 2016 | 2015 | 2016 | 2015 | 2016 | 2015 | 2016 | 2015 |

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|------------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Healthcare | 12,140 | 1,624 | 20,084 | 46,422 | 32,224 | 48,046 | 92.7 % | 95.8 % |
|------------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|

- (1) The leasing activity presented is based on leases signed or executed for our same-store rental properties during the period and is not intended to coincide with the commencement of rental revenue in accordance with US GAAP. Prior periods reflect amounts previously reported and exclude retroactive adjustments for properties reclassified to discontinued operations or non-same-store in the current period.

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Healthcare New Leases

The following table sets forth the average effective rents and the estimated costs of tenant improvements and leasing commissions, on a per square foot basis, that we are obligated to fulfill under the new leases signed for our same-store healthcare properties:

Three Months Ended July 31, 2016 and 2015

| Segment | Square Feet of New Leases(1) | | Average Term in Years | | Average Effective Rent(2) | | Estimated Tenant Improvement Cost per Square Foot(1) | | Leasing Commissions per Square Foot(1) | |
|------------|------------------------------|-------|-----------------------|------|---------------------------|-------|--|-------|--|-------|
| | 2016 | 2015 | 2016 | 2015 | 2016 | 2015 | 2016 | 2015 | 2016 | 2015 |
| Healthcare | 12,140 | 1,624 | 15.0 | 16.5 | 20.30 | 23.64 | 55.15 | 35.00 | 8.75 | 10.00 |

- (1) The leasing activity presented is based on leases signed or executed for our same-store rental properties during the period and is not intended to coincide with the commencement of rental revenue in accordance with US GAAP. Prior periods reflect amounts previously reported and exclude retroactive adjustments for properties reclassified to discontinued operations or non-same-store in the current period. Tenant improvements and leasing commissions presented are based on square feet leased during the period.
- (2) Effective rents represent average annual base rental payments, on a straight-line basis for the term of each lease, excluding operating expense reimbursements. The underlying leases contain various expense structures including gross, modified gross, net and triple net.

Healthcare Lease Renewals

The following table summarizes our lease renewal activity within our same-store healthcare segment (square feet data in thousands):

Three Months Ended July 31, 2016 and 2015

| Segment | Square Feet of Leases Renewed(1) | | Percent of Expiring Leases Renewed(2) | | Average Term in Years(3) | | Weighted Average Growth (Decline) in Effective Rents(4) | | Estimated Tenant Improvement Cost per Square Foot(1) | | Leasing Commissions per Square Foot(1) | |
|------------|----------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------------|--------|--------------------------|------|---|--------|--|-------|--|------|
| | 2016 | 2015 | 2016 | 2015 | 2016 | 2015 | 2016 | 2015 | 2016 | 2015 | 2016 | 2015 |
| Healthcare | 20,084 | 46,422 | 100.0% | 86.5 % | 3.3 | 8.4 | 4.7 % | 15.3 % | 4.11 | 15.23 | 2.51 | 6.30 |

- (1) The leasing activity presented is based on leases signed or executed for our same-store rental properties during the period and is not intended to coincide with the commencement of rental revenue in accordance with US GAAP. Prior periods reflect amounts previously reported and exclude retroactive adjustments for properties reclassified to discontinued operations or non-same-store in the current period. Tenant improvements and leasing commissions are based on square feet leased during the period.
- (2) Renewal percentage of expiring leases is based on square footage of renewed leases and not the number of leases renewed. The category of renewed leases does not include leases that have become month-to-month leases, as the month-to-month leases are considered lease amendments.
- (3) Lease renewals during the three months ended July 31, 2016 ranged from six-month to ten-year terms, with a weighted average term of 3.3 years. The six-month renewal was for a 4,800 square foot lease that was designed to be co-terminus with another lease with the same tenant. Both leases are expected to renew for seven years at that time.

- (4) Represents the percentage change in effective rent between the original leases and the renewal leases. Effective rents represent average annual base rental payments, on a straight-line basis for the term of each lease, excluding operating expense reimbursements. The underlying leases contain various expense structures including gross, modified gross, net and triple net.

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Healthcare Lease Expirations

Our ability to maintain and improve occupancy rates, and base rents, primarily depends upon our continuing ability to re-lease expiring space. The following table reflects the in-service portfolio lease expiration schedule of our consolidated healthcare properties, including square footage and annualized base rent for expiring leases, as of July 31, 2016.

| Fiscal Year of Lease Expiration | # of Leases | Square Footage of Expiring Leases(3) | Percentage of Total Healthcare Segment | | Percentage of Total Annualized Base Healthcare Rent of Expiring Segment | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|--|---|---|---------|
| | | | Leased Square Footage | % | Annualized Base Rent(2) | % |
| 2017 ¹ | 42 | 162,823 | 12.2 | % | \$ 3,302,203 | 11.2 % |
| 2018 | 18 | 172,258 | 12.9 | % | 4,275,288 | 14.5 % |
| 2019 | 14 | 178,998 | 13.4 | % | 3,712,483 | 12.6 % |
| 2020 | 13 | 75,006 | 5.6 | % | 1,555,258 | 5.3 % |
| 2021 | 20 | 95,575 | 7.2 | % | 2,028,150 | 6.9 % |
| 2022 | 11 | 62,328 | 4.7 | % | 1,152,353 | 3.9 % |
| 2023 | 11 | 52,511 | 3.9 | % | 985,379 | 3.4 % |
| 2024 | 25 | 154,575 | 11.6 | % | 3,572,636 | 12.1 % |
| 2025 | 5 | 76,691 | 5.8 | % | 1,661,344 | 5.6 % |
| 2026 | 9 | 103,178 | 7.7 | % | 1,777,081 | 6.0 % |
| Thereafter | 15 | 200,308 | 15.0 | % | 5,451,265 | 18.5 % |
| Totals | 183 | 1,334,251 | 100.0 | % | \$ 29,473,440 | 100.0 % |

(1) Includes month-to-month leases. As of July 31, 2016, month-to-month leases accounted for 24,014 square feet.

(2) Assuming that none of the tenants exercise renewal or termination options, and including leases renewed prior to expiration. Also excludes 1,361 square feet of space occupied by us.

(3) Annualized Base Rent is monthly scheduled rent as of July 1, 2016, multiplied by 12.

Because of the dispersed locations of a substantial portion of the portfolio's properties in secondary and tertiary markets, information on current market rents is difficult to obtain, is highly subjective and is often not directly comparable between properties. As a result, we believe that the increase or decrease in effective rent on our recent leases is the most objective and meaningful information available regarding rent trends and the relationship between rents on leases expiring in the near term and current market rents across our markets. We believe that rents on our new and renewed leases generally approximate market rents.

PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSITIONS

During the first quarter of fiscal year 2017, we had no acquisitions. During the first quarter of fiscal year 2017, we sold one commercial property and one parcel of unimproved land for a total sales price of \$13.7 million. See Note 8 of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in this report for a table detailing our acquisitions and dispositions during the three month periods ended July 31, 2016 and 2015.

Development Projects

The following tables provide additional detail, as of July 31, 2016, on our in-service (completed) development project and development project in progress. These projects are excluded from the same-store pool. We measure initial yield

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on our development projects upon completion and achievement of target lease-up levels by measuring net operating income from the development against the cost of the project. Estimated initial yield on the project in progress listed below is approximately 6.0%.

Project Placed in Service in the Three Months Ended July 31, 2016

| Project Name and Location | Segment | Number of Units | (in thousands) | | Anticipated Total Cost | Costs as of July 31, 2016 | Cost per Unit | Date Placed in Service | Anticipated Date Same-S |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | Leased or Committed | Percentage | | | | | |
| 71 France I - Edina, MN (1) | Multifamily | 241 units | 72.8 | % | \$ 73,290 | \$ 72,230 | \$ 304,108 | Q1 2017 | Q1 2017 |

(1) We are currently a 52.6% partner in the joint venture entity constructing this project. Anticipated total cost is the total cost to the joint venture entity.

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Project in Progress at July 31, 2016

| Project Name and Location | Planned Segment | Number of Units | Percentage Leased or Committed | (in thousands) | | Anticipated Construction Completion |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Anticipated Total Cost | Costs as of July 31, 2016 | |
| Monticello Crossing - Monticello, MN | Multifamily | 202 units | 36.7 % | 31,784 | 24,248 | 3Q 2017 |
| Other | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 3,155 | n/a |
| | | | | \$ 31,784 | \$ 27,403 | |

FUNDS FROM OPERATIONS

We consider Funds from Operations (“FFO”) a useful measure of performance for an equity REIT. We use the definition of FFO adopted by the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts, Inc. (“NAREIT”). NAREIT defines FFO to mean “net income (computed in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles), excluding gains (or losses) from sales of property, plus depreciation and amortization, and after adjustments for unconsolidated partnerships and joint ventures. Adjustments for unconsolidated partnerships and joint ventures will be calculated to reflect FFO on the same basis.” In addition, in October 2011, NAREIT clarified its computation of FFO to exclude impairment charges for all periods presented. Because of limitations of the FFO definition adopted by NAREIT, we have made certain interpretations in applying the definition. We believe all such interpretations not specifically provided for in the NAREIT definition are consistent with the definition.

Management considers that FFO, by excluding depreciation costs, impairment write-downs, the gains or losses from the sale of operating real estate properties and extraordinary items as defined by US GAAP, is useful to investors in providing an additional perspective on our operating results. Historical cost accounting for real estate assets in accordance with US GAAP assumes, through depreciation, that the value of real estate assets decreases predictably over time. However, real estate asset values have historically risen or fallen with market conditions. NAREIT’s definition of FFO, by excluding depreciation costs, reflects the fact that real estate, as an asset class, generally appreciates over time and that depreciation charges required by US GAAP may not reflect underlying economic realities. Additionally, the exclusion in NAREIT’s definition of FFO of impairment write-downs and gains and losses from the sales of previously depreciated operating real estate assets, assists our management and investors in identifying the operating results of the long-term assets that form the core of our investments, and assists in comparing those operating results between periods. FFO is used by our management and investors to identify trends in occupancy rates, rental rates and operating costs.

While FFO is widely used by us as a primary performance metric, not all real estate companies use the same definition of FFO or calculate FFO in the same way. Accordingly, FFO presented here is not necessarily comparable to FFO presented by other real estate companies. FFO should not be considered as an alternative to net income as determined in accordance with US GAAP as a measure of our performance, but rather should be considered as an additional, supplemental measure, and should be viewed in conjunction with net income as presented in the consolidated financial statements included in this report. FFO does not represent cash generated from operating activities in accordance with US GAAP, and is not necessarily indicative of sufficient cash flow to fund all of our needs or our ability to service indebtedness or make distributions.

FFO applicable to Common Shares and Units for the three months ended July 31, 2016 decreased to \$15.9 million compared to \$22.0 million for the comparable period ended July 31, 2015, an decrease of 27.7%.

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INVESTORS REAL ESTATE TRUST TO FUNDS FROM OPERATIONS

| (in thousands, except per share and unit amounts) | | | | | | |
|---|-------------|--|--------------------------------|-----------|--|--------------------------------|
| Three Months Ended July 31, | 2016 | | | 2015 | | |
| | Amount | Weighted Avg Shares and Units(1) | Per Share and Unit(2) | Amount | Weighted Avg Shares and Units(1) | Per Share and Unit(2) |
| Net income (loss) attributable to Investors Real Estate Trust | \$ (21,643) | | \$ | \$ 4,540 | | \$ |
| Less dividends to preferred shareholders | (2,879) | | | (2,879) | | |
| Net income (loss) available to common shareholders | (24,522) | 121,117 | (0.20) | 1,661 | 124,855 | 0.01 |
| Adjustments: | | | | | | |
| Noncontrolling interests – Operating Partnership | (3,296) | 16,285 | | 186 | 13,951 | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 13,437 | | | 18,259 | | |
| Impairment of real estate attributable to Investors Real Estate Trust | 39,189 | | | 1,725 | | |
| Gains on depreciable property sales attributable to Investors Real Estate Trust | (8,958) | | | 175 | | |
| Funds from operations applicable to common shares and Units | \$ 15,850 | 137,402 | \$ 0.12 | \$ 22,006 | 138,806 | \$ 0.16 |

(1) Upon the exercise of Exchange Rights, Units of the Operating Partnership are exchangeable for cash or, at our discretion, for Common Shares on a one-for-one basis.

(2) Net income attributable to Investors Real Estate Trust is calculated on a per Common Share basis. FFO is calculated on a per Common Share and Unit basis.

DISTRIBUTIONS

The following distributions per Common Share and Unit were paid during the three months ended July 31 of fiscal years 2017 and 2016:

| | Fiscal | Fiscal |
|-------|---------|---------|
| | Year | Year |
| Month | 2017 | 2016 |
| July | \$ 0.13 | \$ 0.13 |

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

OVERVIEW

Our principal liquidity demands are maintaining distributions to the holders of Common Shares, preferred shares and Units; capital improvements and repairs and maintenance to properties; acquisition of additional properties; property development; tenant improvements; and debt service and repayments.

We have historically met our short-term liquidity requirements through net cash flows provided by our operating activities, and, from time to time, through draws on secured and unsecured lines of credit. As of July 31, 2016, we had one multi-bank line of credit with a total commitment capacity of \$100.0 million, secured by mortgages on 17 properties. Management considers our ability to generate cash from property operating activities, cash-out refinancing of existing properties and, from time to time, draws on our line of credit to be adequate to meet all operating requirements and to make distributions to our shareholders in accordance with the REIT provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. Budgeted expenditures for ongoing maintenance and capital improvements and renovations to our real estate portfolio are also generally expected to be funded from existing cash on hand, cash flow generated from property operations, cash-out refinancing of existing properties, and/or new borrowings. However, the real estate market continues to be subject to various market factors that can result in reduced tenant demand, occupancies and rental rates. In the event of deterioration in property operating results, or absent our ability to successfully continue cash-out refinancing of existing properties and/or new borrowings, we may need to consider additional cash preservation alternatives, including scaling back development activities, capital improvements and renovations and reducing the level of distributions to shareholders.

To the extent we do not satisfy our long-term liquidity requirements, which consist primarily of maturities under long-term debt, construction and development activities and potential acquisition opportunities, through net cash flows provided by operating activities and our credit facilities, we intend to satisfy such requirements through a combination of funding sources which we believe will be available to us, including the issuance of Units, additional common or preferred equity, proceeds from the sale of properties, and additional long-term secured or short-term unsecured indebtedness.

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SOURCES AND USES OF CASH

Credit markets continue to be stable, with credit availability relatively unconstrained and benchmark interest rates remaining at or near historic lows. While to date there has been no material negative impact on our ability to borrow in our multifamily segment, we continue to monitor the roles of the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac) and the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) in financing multifamily properties and their general capacity to lend given allocations set by the Federal Housing Finance Agency. We consider that one of the consequences of a modification in the agencies' roles in recent years could potentially lead to a narrowing of their lending focus away from the smaller secondary or tertiary markets which we generally target, to multifamily properties in major metropolitan markets. We have historically obtained a significant portion of our multifamily debt from Freddie Mac, and we continue to plan to refinance portions of our maturing multifamily debt with these two entities, so any change in their ability or willingness to lend going forward could result in higher loan costs and/or more constricted availability of financing for us. Underwriting on commercial real estate continues to be more conservative compared to the underwriting standards employed prior to the recessionary period and we continue to find recourse security more frequently required, lower amounts of proceeds available and lenders limiting the amount of financing available in an effort to manage capital allocations and credit risk. While we continue to expect to be able to refinance our debt maturing in the next twelve months without significant issues, we also expect lenders to continue to employ conservative underwriting regarding asset quality, occupancy levels and tenant creditworthiness. Accordingly, we remain cautious regarding our ability to rely on cash-out refinancing at levels we had achieved in recent years to provide funds for investment opportunities and other corporate purposes.

As of July 31, 2016, approximately 94.6%, or \$31.7 million, of our mortgage debt maturing in the second and third quarters of fiscal year 2017 is debt placed on multifamily assets, and approximately 5.4%, or \$1.8 million, is debt placed on commercial properties. Of this \$33.5 million, we expect to pay off \$1.8 million and refinance \$31.7 million in the second and third quarter of fiscal year 2017. As of July 31, 2016, approximately 85.5%, or \$54.9 million, of our mortgage debt maturing in the next twelve months is debt placed on multifamily assets, and approximately 14.5%, or \$9.3 million, is debt placed on commercial properties.

Our revolving, multi-bank line of credit with First International Bank as lead bank had, as of July 31, 2016, lending commitments of \$100.0 million at an interest rate of 4.75%. As of July 31, 2016, the line of credit was secured by mortgages on 17 properties and had a minimum outstanding principal balance requirement of \$17.5 million. As of July 31, 2016 and April 30, 2015, we had borrowed \$17.5 million, respectively.

We maintain compensating balances, not restricted as to withdrawal, with several financial institutions in connection with financing received from those institutions and/or to ensure future credit availability. At July 31, 2016, our compensating balances totaled \$13.1 million and consisted of the following:

| | |
|---|---------------|
| Financial Institution | |
| First International Bank, Watford City, ND | \$ 6,000,000 |
| Associated Bank, Green Bay, WI | 3,000,000 |
| The Private Bank, Minneapolis, MN | 2,000,000 |
| Bremer Bank, Saint Paul, MN | 1,285,000 |
| Dacotah Bank, Minot, ND | 250,000 |
| Peoples State Bank, Velva, ND | 225,000 |
| American National Bank, Omaha, NE | 200,000 |
| Commerce Bank a Minnesota Banking Corporation | 100,000 |
| Total | \$ 13,060,000 |

Current anticipated total project costs for development projects in progress at July 31, 2016 and placed in service during the three months end July 31, 2016 total approximately \$105.1 million (including costs incurred by project joint venture entities), of which approximately \$99.6 million has been incurred as of July 31, 2016. As of July 31, 2016, the Operating Partnership (or the project joint venture entities) had entered into construction loans totaling approximately \$72.8 million for development projects in progress. In addition to current planned expenditures for development projects in progress, as of July 31, 2016, we are committed to fund \$5.3 million in tenant improvements within approximately the next 12 months.

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The issuance of Units for property acquisitions continues to be an expected source of capital for us. There were no Units issued in the three months ended July 31, 2016 and 2015.

Under our DRIP, common shareholders and Unitholders have an opportunity to use their cash distributions to purchase additional Common Shares, and to purchase additional shares through voluntary cash contributions. As permitted under the DRIP, starting on October 1, 2015, we changed the source from which Common Shares will be purchased under the DRIP to open market transactions, which are not eligible for purchase price discounts. During the three months ended July 31, 2016, no shares were issued under the DRIP. During the three months ended July 31, 2015, approximately 766,000 Common Shares with a total value included in equity of \$5.2 million, and an average price per share after applicable discounts of \$6.84, were issued under the DRIP.

Cash and cash equivalents at July 31, 2016 totaled \$54.4 million, compared to \$44.8 million at July 31, 2015, an increase of \$9.6 million. Net cash provided by operating activities for the three months ended July 31, 2016 decreased by \$9.0 million compared to the three months ended July 31, 2015, primarily due to an increase in accounts receivable and accounts payable and a decrease in net income adjusted for depreciation, loss on impairment, and gain on sale of real estate investments. Net cash used by investing activities was \$2.4 million for the three months ended July 31, 2016, compared to net cash used of \$45.5 million for the three months ended July 31, 2015. This change was primarily due to an increase in proceeds from sale of real estate investments net of a decrease in payments for development of real estate. Net cash used by financing activities for the three months ended July 31, 2016 was \$25.6 million, compared to net cash provided of \$16.5 million for the three months ended July 31, 2015. This change was primarily due to a decrease in proceeds from mortgage debt, the revolving line of credit, and construction debt, net of a decrease in payments on mortgage debt.

FINANCIAL CONDITION

Mortgage Loan Indebtedness. Mortgage loan indebtedness, including mortgages on properties held for sale, decreased by approximately \$1.7 million as of July 31, 2016, compared to April 30, 2016, due to loan payoffs. As of July 31, 2016, approximately 76.4% of our \$884.4 million of mortgage debt is at fixed rates of interest, with staggered maturities. This limits our exposure to changes in interest rates, which minimizes the effect of interest rate fluctuations on our results of operations and cash flows. As of July 31, 2016, the weighted average rate of interest on our mortgage debt was 4.54%, compared to 4.54% on April 30, 2016.

Property Owned. Property owned was \$1.7 billion at July 31, 2016 and April 30, 2016. During the three months ended July 31, 2016, we had no new acquisitions and disposed of two properties, as described above in the “Property Acquisitions and Dispositions” subsection of this Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

Cash and Cash Equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents on hand on July 31, 2016 were \$54.4 million, compared to \$66.7 million on April 30, 2016.

Operating Partnership Units. Outstanding Units in the Operating Partnership were 16.3 million Units at July 31, 2016 and April 30, 2016.

Common and Preferred Shares of Beneficial Interest. Common Shares outstanding on July 31, 2016 and April 30, 2016 totaled 121.4 million and 121.1 million, respectively. We issued approximately 378,000 Common Shares, with a total grant-date value of approximately \$1.4 million under our 2015 Incentive Award Plan, for executive officer and trustee share based compensation for future performance. We also issued approximately 59,000 Common Shares, with a total grant-date value of approximately \$352,000, under our 2008 Incentive Award Plan for trustee share based compensation for fiscal year 2016 performance.

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ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Our exposure to market risk is limited primarily to fluctuations in the general level of interest rates on our current and future fixed and variable rate debt obligations.

Approximately 76.4% and 77.8% of our mortgage debt, including mortgage debt related to properties held for sale, as of July 31, 2016 and April 30, 2016, respectively, is at fixed interest rates. Therefore, we have little exposure to interest rate fluctuation risk on our existing mortgage debt. Accordingly, interest rate fluctuations during the first quarter of fiscal year 2017 did not have a material effect on us. Even though our goal is to maintain a fairly low exposure to interest rate risk, we may become vulnerable to significant fluctuations in interest rates on any future repricing or refinancing of our fixed or variable rate debt and on future debt.

We primarily use long-term (more than nine years) and medium term (five to seven years) debt as a source of capital. We do not currently use derivative securities, interest rate swaps or any other type of hedging activity to manage our interest rate risk. As of July 31, 2016, we had the following amounts of future principal and interest payments due on mortgages, including mortgages held for sale, secured by our real estate:

| (In thousands) | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Future Principal Payments Remaining | | | | | | | | |
| | Fiscal 2017 | Fiscal 2018 | Fiscal 2019 | Fiscal 2020 | Fiscal 2021 | Thereafter | Total | Fair Value |
| Mortgages Fixed Rate | \$ 14,583 | \$ 38,303 | \$ 79,534 | \$ 63,780 | \$ 154,394 | \$ 257,395 | \$ 607,989 | \$ 676,172 |
| Avg Fixed Interest Rate | 3.69 % | 4.80 % | 4.64 % | 4.44 % | 3.79 % | | | |
| Variable Rate | \$ 65,090 | \$ 27,976 | \$ 65,619 | \$ 48,446 | \$ 67 | \$ 1,439 | \$ 208,637 | \$ 208,637 |
| Avg Variable Interest Rate | 2.41 % | 3.57 % | 3.65 % | 5.07 % | 3.92 % | | | |
| Held for Sale | \$ 47,017 | \$ 1,106 | \$ 6,921 | \$ 612 | \$ 4,901 | \$ 7,237 | \$ 67,794 | \$ 79,632 |
| Avg Fixed Interest Rate | 2.93 % | 5.74 % | 4.73 % | 5.86 % | 4.96 % | | | |
| | | | | | | | \$ 884,420 | \$ 964,441 |

(in thousands)
Future Interest Payments

| Long Term Debt | Thereafter | Total |
|----------------|------------|-------|
|----------------|------------|-------|

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| | Remaining Fiscal 2016 | Fiscal 2017 | Fiscal 2018 | Fiscal 2019 | Fiscal 2020 | | |
|---------------|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------|------------|
| Fixed Rate | \$ 22,445 | \$ 28,454 | \$ 25,731 | \$ 21,129 | \$ 15,619 | \$ 28,941 | \$ 142,319 |
| Variable Rate | 4,636 | 4,844 | 3,574 | 1,412 | 59 | 14 | 14,539 |
| Held for Sale | 1,984 | 1,193 | 930 | 747 | 603 | 316 | 5,773 |
| | | | | | | | \$ 162,631 |

(1) Interest rate given is for the entire year.

The weighted average interest rate on our fixed rate and variable rate debt, excluding mortgages related to assets held for sale, as of July 31, 2016, was 4.56%. Any fluctuations in variable interest rates could increase or decrease our interest expenses. For example, an increase of one percent per annum on our \$208.6 million of variable rate mortgage indebtedness would increase our annual interest expense by approximately \$2.1 million.

Exposure to interest rate fluctuation risk on our \$100.0 million secured line of credit is limited by a cap on the interest rate of 8.65% with a floor of 4.75%. The line of credit has an interest rate equal to the Wall Street Journal Prime Rate plus 1.25%, matures in September 2017 and had an outstanding balance of \$17.5 million at July 31, 2016.

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ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Disclosure Controls and Procedures:

Management, with the participation of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (“Exchange Act”)) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on such evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that, as of July 31, 2016, such disclosure controls and procedures were effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Commission’s rules and forms, and is accumulated and communicated to management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting:

There have not been any changes in our internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Exchange Act) during the fiscal quarter to which this report relates that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

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PART II — OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

None

Item 1A. Risk Factors

None

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

None

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not Applicable

Item 5. Other Information

None

Item 6. Exhibits

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit

No. Description

- 10.1* Separation Agreement and Release dated August 1, 2016 between the Company and Mark W. Reiling.
- 10.2* Stock Award Agreement under the 2015 Incentive Plan dated August 8, 2016 issued to Mark O. Decker, Jr.

- 31.1* Section 302 Certification of Chief Executive Officer
- 31.2* Section 302 Certification of Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
- 32.1* Section 906 Certifications of Chief Executive Officer
- 32.2* Section 906 Certifications of Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
- 101* The following materials from our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 31, 2016 formatted in eXtensible Business Reporting Language (“XBRL”): (i) the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets, (ii) the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations, (ii) the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Equity, (iv) the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, and (v) notes to these condensed consolidated financial statements.

* Filed herewith

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Signatures

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

INVESTORS REAL ESTATE TRUST

(Registrant)

/s/ Timothy P. Mihalick
Timothy P. Mihalick
Chief Executive Officer

/s/ Ted E. Holmes
Ted E. Holmes
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: September 8, 2016