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PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT (To prospectus dated April 7, 2009)

Up to 750,000

ONE LIBERTY PROPERTIES, INC.

Shares Common Stock

We have declared a quarterly dividend on shares of our common stock, \$1.00 par value, of \$0.22 per share, payable to our stockholders of record at the close of business on March 30, 2009. This represents an aggregate dividend of approximately \$2,239,000. The dividend is expected to be paid on April 27, 2009.

Each stockholder may elect to receive the dividend in cash or shares of our common stock, except that we will limit the aggregate amount of cash payable to 10% of the total amount (the "Cash Limitation"), or approximately \$224,000, of the dividend (other than cash payable in lieu of fractional shares). If stockholder elections would result in the payment of cash in excess of the Cash Limitation, we will allocate the cash among stockholders as described herein under "Effect of Cash Limitations," and pay the remaining portion in shares of our common stock. We will pay cash in lieu of issuing any fractional shares, but cash paid in lieu of fractional shares will not count toward the Cash Limitation. To the extent a stockholder receives the dividend entirely in shares of our common stock, the stockholder's relative ownership interest in our shares will increase compared to stockholders that receive the dividend in cash, the stockholder's relative ownership interest in our shares will decrease compared to stockholders that receive the dividend in shares of our common stock or a combination of cash and shares of our common stock. Consequently, our future earnings per share will be lower than it would be if we had not declared the dividend, as our earnings will be spread over an increased number of shares.

Shares of our common stock are listed on the New York Stock Exchange, or the NYSE, under the symbol "OLP." The market value per common share for purposes of the dividend will be the average of the volume weighted trading prices of shares of our common stock on the NYSE on April 20, 21 and 22, 2009. As a result, on the payment date, the value of the shares and/or cash delivered in the dividend may be more or less than \$0.22 per share.

This prospectus supplement relates to the issuance of shares of our common stock in the dividend. We are offering up to 750,000 shares of our common stock, which amount has been approved for listing on the NYSE, upon notice of issuance. The actual number of shares that will be issued in the dividend will depend on the average of the volume weighted trading prices of shares of our common stock on the NYSE on April 20, 21 and 22, 2009. If stockholder elections would result in payment of the Cash Limitation, based on the closing price of the shares of our common stock on March 31, 2009, then the number of shares issued would be approximately 572,000 shares.

If you want to elect payment in cash or shares of our common stock, complete and sign the enclosed election form and deliver it to American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC, the transfer agent, no later than 5:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, on April 20, 2009. If the transfer agent does not receive a valid election from you by that time, the dividend will be paid to you in shares of our common stock.

If you hold shares through a bank, broker or nominee, please contact such bank, broker or nominee and inform them of the election they should make on your behalf.

Before making your election, you are urged to carefully read the risk factors included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008, as amended incorporated herein by reference thereto.

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

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

This document is in two parts. The first part is this prospectus supplement, which describes the terms of the dividend and also adds to, updates or supersedes information contained in the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference into the accompanying prospectus. The second part is the accompanying prospectus, which gives more general information, some of which may not apply to the dividend. To the extent the information contained in this prospectus supplement differs or varies from the information contained in the accompanying prospectus or any document incorporated by reference, the information in this prospectus supplement shall control.

In this prospectus supplement, unless otherwise stated or the context otherwise requires, the terms "OLP," "we," "us," "our and other similar terms refer to the consolidated business of One Liberty Properties, Inc. and all of its subsidiaries. The term "you" refers to a stockholder.

You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with information that is different from that contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. The offering of shares of our common stock in the dividend may be restricted by law in certain non-U.S. jurisdictions. This prospectus supplement is not an offer to sell nor does it seek an offer to buy any shares of our common stock in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. Elections made by any person in such a jurisdiction may be deemed invalid.

SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and other documents we file with the SEC contain forward-looking statements that are based on current expectations, estimates, forecasts and projections about us, our future performance, the industries in which we operate, our beliefs and our management's assumptions. In addition, other written or oral statements that constitute forward-looking statements may be made by or on behalf of us. Words such as "expects," "anticipates," "targets," "goals," "projects," "intends," "plans," "believes," "seeks," "estimates," variations and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to predict. Therefore, actual outcomes and results may differ materially from what is expressed or forecasted in such forward-looking statements. Except as required under the federal securities laws and the rules and regulations of the SEC, we do not have any intention or obligation to update publicly any forward-looking statements after the distribution of this prospectus, whether as a result of new information, future events, changes in assumptions, or otherwise.

RISK FACTORS

Before you invest in any of our securities, in addition to the other information in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, you should carefully consider the risk factors under the heading "Risk Factors" contained in Part I, Item 1A in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, as amended, and any risk factors disclosed under the heading "Risk Factors" in Part II, Item 1A in any Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q that we file after our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, which are incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, as the same may be updated from time to time by our future filings under the Exchange Act.

The risks and uncertainties we describe are not the only ones facing our Company. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also impair our business or operations. Any adverse effect on our business, financial condition or operating results could result in a decline in the value of the securities and the loss of all or part of your investment.

REASON FOR THE DIVIDEND

We are taxed as a real estate investment trust, or REIT, for U.S. federal income tax purposes. In order to qualify as a REIT and avoid corporate-level income and excise taxes, we have historically distributed to our stockholders each year all of our "taxable income," as determined for U.S. federal income tax purposes. For the quarterly dividend historically paid by us in April of each year, we are paying a dividend in an aggregate amount of \$0.22 per share or approximately \$2,239,000. The cash election option for the dividend is being provided in order to assure that the dividend is treated as a qualified REIT dividend eligible for the dividends paid deduction for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

THE ELECTION

You may elect to receive the dividend in the form of cash by choosing the cash option in the accompanying election form, subject to the Cash Limitation and the ownership limitation described below.

To the extent you receive the dividend entirely in shares of our common stock, your relative ownership interest in our common stock will increase compared to stockholders that receive the dividend in cash or a combination of cash and shares of our common stock. If you receive the dividend entirely in cash, your relative ownership interest in our common stock will decrease compared to stockholders that receive the dividend in shares of our common stock or a combination of cash and shares of our common stock. The dividend will result in an increased number of shares outstanding. Consequently, our future earnings per share will be lower than it would be if we had not declared the dividend, as our earnings will be spread over an increased number of shares.

We will pay cash in lieu of issuing any fractional shares, but cash paid in lieu of fractional shares will not count toward the Cash Limitation.

Stockholders of Record

To elect to receive your dividend in cash, please complete and sign the accompanying election form and either fax or mail it to the transfer agent in the enclosed envelope as soon as possible. For your election to be effective, the election form must be received by the transfer agent no later than 5:00 p.m., New York time, on April 20, 2009. Your election is irrevocable. The method of delivery of the election form is at the option and risk of the stockholder making the election, and the delivery will be deemed made only when actually received by the transfer agent. In all cases, sufficient time should be allowed to ensure timely delivery. The submission of an election form with respect to the dividend will constitute the electing stockholder's representation and warranty that such stockholder has full power and authority to make such election.

For any given share of common stock, an election with respect to the dividend may be made only by the holder of record of that share at the close of business on March 30, 2009, which is the record date for the dividend.

Beneficial Stockholders

If your shares are held in the name of a bank, broker or other nominee, please promptly inform such bank, broker or nominee of the election they should make on your behalf.

Your election may be limited by certain cash and ownership limitations, as described below, and you may not receive cash or shares of our common stock to the extent these limitations require that a different allocation be made to you. We will pay cash in lieu of issuing any fractional shares.

If you do not (or your bank, broker or nominee does not on your behalf) timely return a properly completed election form, we will pay your dividend in shares of our common stock, subject to the ownership limitation described below.

All questions as to the validity, form, eligibility (including time of receipt) and acceptance by us of any dividend election form will be resolved by us, in our sole discretion, and our determination as to the resolution of any such questions shall be final and binding on all parties. We reserve the absolute right to reject, at our sole discretion, any and all election forms determined by us not to be in proper form, not timely received, ineligible or otherwise invalid or the acceptance of which may, in the opinion of our counsel, be unlawful. We also reserve the absolute right to waive any defect or irregularity in the election form submitted by any particular stockholder, whether or not similar defects or irregularities are waived in the case of other stockholders. No valid election will be deemed to have been made until all defects and irregularities have been cured or waived to our satisfaction. Neither we nor the transfer agent nor any other person will be under any duty to give notification of any defects or irregularities in election forms or incur any liability for failure to give any such notification. Our interpretation of the terms and conditions of the dividend will be final and binding.

All shares of our common stock issued in the dividend will be issued only in book-entry form. On or about April 27, 2009, the transfer agent will issue and mail to each of our stockholders of record that is a recipient of shares of our common stock in the dividend a statement listing the number of shares of our common stock credited to such stockholder's book-entry account and a payment check or direct deposit for any cash to which such stockholder is entitled (including, if applicable, cash in lieu of fractional shares) in the dividend. For each of those stockholder who hold through a bank, broker or other nominee, the shares of our common stock and cash to which such stockholder is entitled in the dividend will be delivered by the transfer agent to such stockholder's bank, broker or other nominee. The bank, broker or other nominee will then allocate the shares and cash into such stockholder's individual account. All cash payments to which a stockholder is entitled in the dividend will be rounded to the nearest penny.

Completed election forms should be delivered to our transfer agent, American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC, no later than 5:00 P.M., Eastern Time, on April 20, 2009, in the enclosed envelope in accordance with the following delivery instructions:

By Regular Mail: American Stock Transfer & Trust Company 6201 15th Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11219-9821 Attn: Operations Center By Facsimile: American Stock Transfer & Trust Company (718) 765-8722

If you are a stockholder of record and need additional information about completing the election form or other matters relating to the dividend, please contact the transfer agent, at 1-800-937-5449.

If your shares are held through a bank, broker or nominee, please contact such bank, broker or nominee if you have any questions or need additional information about the dividend or the election they may make on your behalf.

EFFECT OF CASH LIMITATION

The total amount of cash payable in the dividend is limited to 10% of the total dividend, or approximately \$224,000, not including any cash payments in lieu of fractional shares. If a sufficient number of stockholders elect to receive shares, all stockholders who elect cash will receive their entire dividend in cash in accordance with their elections. However, if satisfying all stockholder elections would result in the payment of cash in excess of the Cash Limitation, then the total amount of cash will be allocated on a pro rata basis among those stockholders who elected cash. As a result, if you elected to receive the dividend in the form of cash, you would not receive the entire dividend in the form of cash. Instead, you would receive a portion in cash and the remainder in shares of our common stock, valued based on the average of the volume weighted trading prices of shares of our common stock on the NYSE on April 20, 21 and 22, 2009 (subject to the ownership limitation described below and the payment of cash in lieu of any fractional

shares).

All cash payments to which a stockholder is entitled will be rounded to the nearest penny.

EFFECT OF OWNERSHIP LIMITATION

Subject to certain exceptions and provisions specified in our Articles of Amendment and Restatement, as amended, no person or entity may own, or be deemed to own by virtue of the attribution rules of the Internal Revenue Code, more than 9.9% in total number of shares or value, of the outstanding shares of any class or series of our shares of common or preferred stock. Our board of directors may increase or decrease this limitation, provided any decrease may only be made prospectively as to subsequent holders (other than a decrease as a result of a retroactive change in the existing law that would require a decrease to retain REIT status), in which case such decrease shall be effective immediately. Prior to any modification in ownership limit, the board of directors may require opinions of counsel, affidavits, undertakings or agreements as it deems necessary or advisable to determine or ensure our REIT status.

The ownership limitation will apply to the dividend. Therefore, if you elect to receive shares of our common stock and your receipt of shares of our common stock would cause you to exceed the ownership limitation, you will receive cash to the extent required to bring you within the ownership limitation. If you elect to receive shares of our common stock and they are issued to you in violation of the ownership limitation, all of the remedies applicable and available under the ownership limitation, under our Articles of Amendment and Restatement, as amended, or under the Internal Revenue Code will apply to those shares of our common stock. For a more detailed description of the ownership limitation and the remedies applicable thereunder, see "Provisions of Maryland Law and of our Charter and Bylaws Restrictions on Ownership and Transfer" in the accompanying prospectus.

FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The following discussion supersedes and replaces the discussion of tax considerations contained in the accompanying prospectus under the heading "Federal Income Tax Considerations."

The following discussion describes certain of the material U.S. federal income tax considerations relating to our taxation as a REIT under the Code, and the ownership and disposition of shares of our common stock.

Because this summary is only intended to address certain of the material U.S. federal income tax considerations relating to the ownership and disposition of shares of our common stock, it may not contain all of the information that may be important to you. As you review this discussion, you should keep in mind that:

- the tax consequences to you may vary depending on your particular tax situation;
- you may be a person that is subject to special tax treatment or special rules under the Code (e.g., regulated investment companies, insurance companies, tax-exempt entities, financial institutions or broker-dealers, expatriates, persons subject to the alternative minimum tax and partnerships, trusts, estates or other pass through entities) that the discussion below does not address;
 - the discussion below does not address any state, local or non-U.S. tax considerations; and
- the discussion below deals only with stockholders that hold shares of our common stock as a "capital asset," within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Code.

WE URGE YOU TO CONSULT WITH YOUR OWN TAX ADVISORS REGARDING THE SPECIFIC TAX CONSEQUENCES TO YOU OF ACQUIRING, OWNING AND SELLING SHARES OF OUR COMMON STOCK, INCLUDING THE FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL AND FOREIGN TAX CONSEQUENCES OF ACQUIRING, OWNING AND SELLING SHARES OF OUR COMMON STOCK IN YOUR PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES

AND POTENTIAL CHANGES IN APPLICABLE LAWS.

The information contained in this section is based on the Code, final, temporary and proposed Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder, the legislative history of the Code, current administrative interpretations and practices of the IRS (including in private letter rulings and other non-binding guidance issued by the IRS), as well as court decisions all as of the date hereof. No assurance can be given that future legislation, Treasury Regulations, administrative interpretations and court decisions will not significantly change current law or adversely affect existing interpretations of current law, or that any such change would not apply retroactively to transactions or events preceding the date of the change. We have not obtained, and do not intend to obtain, any rulings from the IRS concerning the U.S. federal income tax treatment of the matters discussed below. Furthermore, neither the IRS nor any court is bound by any of the statements set forth herein and no assurance can be given that the IRS will not assert any position contrary to statements set forth herein or that a court will not sustain such position.

Taxation of One Liberty Properties, Inc. as a REIT

Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP ("Sonnenschein"), which has acted as our tax counsel, has reviewed the following discussion and is of the opinion that it fairly summarizes the material U.S. federal income tax considerations relevant to our status as a REIT under the Code and to investors in shares of our common stock. The following summary of certain U.S. federal income tax considerations is based on current law, is for general information only, and is not intended to be (and is not) tax advice.

It is the opinion of Sonnenschein that we have been organized and operated in conformity with the requirements for qualification and taxation as a REIT under the Code, commencing with our taxable year ended December 31, 1983, through and including our taxable year ended December 31, 2008, and that our current and proposed method of operation will enable us to continue to meet the requirements for qualification and taxation as a REIT under the Code. We must emphasize that this opinion of Sonnenschein is based on various assumptions, certain representations and statements made by us as to factual matters and is conditioned upon such assumptions, representations and statements being accurate and complete. Sonnenschein is not aware of any facts or circumstances that are not consistent with these representations, assumptions and statements. Potential purchasers of shares of our common stock should be aware, however, that opinions of counsel are not binding upon the IRS or any court. In general, our qualification and taxation as a REIT depends upon our ability to satisfy, through actual operating results, distribution, diversity of share ownership, and other requirements imposed under the Code, none of which has been, or will be, reviewed by Sonnenschein. Accordingly, while we intend to continue to qualify to be taxed as a REIT under the Code no assurance can be given that the actual results of our operations for any particular taxable year has satisfied, or will satisfy, the requirements for REIT qualification.

Commencing with our taxable year ended December 31, 1983, we elected to be taxed as a REIT under the Code. We believe that commencing with our taxable year ended December 31, 1983, we have been organized and have operated in such a manner so as to qualify as a REIT under the Code, and we intend to continue to operate in such a manner. However, we cannot assure you that we will, in fact, continue to operate in such a manner or continue to so qualify as a REIT under the Code.

If we qualify for taxation as a REIT under the Code, we generally will not be subject to a corporate-level tax on our net income that we distribute currently to our stockholders. This treatment substantially eliminates the "double taxation" (i.e., a corporate-level tax and stockholder-level tax) that generally results from investment in a regular subchapter C corporation. However, we will be subject to U.S. federal income tax as follows:

• First, we would be taxed at regular corporate rates on any of our undistributed REIT taxable income, including our undistributed net capital gains (although, to the extent so designated by us, stockholders would receive an offsetting credit against their own U.S. federal income tax liability for U.S. federal income taxes paid by us with respect to any such gains).

- Second, under certain circumstances, we may be subject to the "corporate alternative minimum tax" on our items of tax preference.
- Third, if we have (a) net income from the sale or other disposition of "foreclosure property," which is, in general, property acquired on foreclosure or otherwise on default on a loan secured by such real property or a lease of such property, which is held primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of business or (b) other nonqualifying income from foreclosure property, we will be subject to tax at the highest corporate rate on such income.
- Fourth, if we have net income from prohibited transactions such income will be subject to a 100% tax. Prohibited transactions are, in general, certain sales or other dispositions of property held primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of business other than foreclosure property.
- Fifth, if we should fail to satisfy the annual 75% gross income test or 95% gross income test (as discussed below), but nonetheless maintain our qualification as a REIT under the Code because certain other requirements have been met, we will have to pay a 100% tax on an amount equal to (a) the gross income attributable to the greater of (i) 75% of our gross income over the amount of gross income that is qualifying income for purposes of the 75% test, and (ii) 95% of our gross income (90% for taxable years beginning on or before October 22, 2004) over the amount of gross income that is qualifying income for purposes of the 95% test, multiplied by (b) a fraction intended to reflect our profitability.
- Sixth, if we should fail to distribute during each calendar year at least the sum of (i) 85% of our REIT ordinary income for such year, (ii) 95% of our REIT capital gain net income for such year, and (iii) any undistributed taxable income required to be distributed from prior years, we would be subject to a 4% excise tax on the excess of such required distribution over the amount actually distributed by us.
- Seventh, if we were to acquire an asset from a corporation that is or has been a subchapter C corporation in a transaction in which the basis of the asset in our hands is determined by reference to the basis of the asset in the hands of the subchapter C corporation, and we subsequently recognize gain on the disposition of the asset within the ten-year period beginning on the day that we acquired the asset, then we will have to pay tax on the built-in gain at the highest regular corporate rate. The results described in this paragraph assume that no election will be made under Treasury Regulations Section 1.337(d)-7 for the subchapter C corporation to be subject to an immediate tax when the asset is acquired.
- Eighth, for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2000, we could be subject to a 100% tax on certain payments that we receive from one of our taxable REIT subsidiaries, ("TRSs"), or on certain expenses deducted by one of our TRSs, if the economic arrangement between us, the TRS and the tenants at our properties are not comparable to similar arrangements among unrelated parties.
- Ninth, if we fail to satisfy a REIT asset test, as described below, during our 2005 and subsequent taxable years, due to reasonable cause and we nonetheless maintain our REIT qualification under the Code because of specified cure provisions, we will generally be required to pay a tax equal to the greater of \$50,000 or the highest corporate tax rate multiplied by the net income generated by the nonqualifying assets that caused us to fail such test.
- Tenth, if we fail to satisfy any provision of the Code that would result in our failure to qualify as a REIT (other than a violation of the REIT gross income tests or a violation of the asset tests described below) during our 2005 and subsequent taxable years and the violation is due to reasonable cause, we may retain our REIT qualification but will be required to pay a penalty of \$50,000 for each such failure.

- Eleventh, we may be required to pay monetary penalties to the IRS in certain circumstances, including if we fail to meet record-keeping requirements intended to monitor our compliance with rules relating to the composition of a REIT's stockholders.
- •Finally, the earnings of our lower-tier entities that are subchapter C corporations, including TRSs but excluding our QRSs (as defined below), are subject to federal corporate income tax.

In addition, we may be subject to a variety of taxes, including payroll taxes and state, local and foreign income, property and other taxes on our assets and operations. We could also be subject to tax in situations and on transactions not presently contemplated.

Requirements for REIT Qualification—In General

To qualify as a REIT under the Code, we must elect to be treated as a REIT and must satisfy the annual gross income tests, the quarterly asset tests, distribution requirements, diversity of share ownership and other requirements imposed under the Code. In general, the Code defines a REIT as a corporation, trust or association:

(1) that is managed by one or more trustees or directors;

(2) the beneficial ownership of which is evidenced by transferable shares, or by transferable certificates of beneficial interest;

(3) that would otherwise be taxable as a domestic corporation, but for Sections 856 through 859 of the Code;

(4) that is neither a financial institution nor an insurance company to which certain provisions of the Code apply;

(5) the beneficial ownership of which is held by 100 or more persons;

(6) during the last half of each taxable year, not more than 50% in value of the outstanding stock of which is owned, directly or constructively, by five or fewer individuals, as defined in the Code to include certain entities;

(7) that uses a calendar year for federal income tax purposes and complies with the recordkeeping requirements of the federal income tax laws; and

(8) that meets certain other tests, described below, regarding the nature of its income and assets.

The Code provides that the requirements (1)-(4), (7) and (8) above must be met during the entire taxable year and that requirements (5) and (6) above do not apply to the first taxable year for which a REIT election is made and, thereafter, requirement (5) must be met during at least 335 days of a taxable year of 12 months, or during a proportionate part of a taxable year of less than 12 months. For purposes of requirement (6) above, generally (although subject to certain exceptions that should not apply with respect to us), any stock held by a trust described in Section 401(a) of the Code and exempt from tax under Section 501(a) of the Code is treated as not held by the trust itself but directly by the trust beneficiaries in proportion to their actuarial interests in the trust.

We believe that we have satisfied the requirements above for REIT qualification. In addition, our charter currently includes restrictions regarding the ownership and transfer of shares of our common stock, which restrictions are intended to assist us in satisfying some of these requirements (and, in particular requirements (5) and (6) above). The ownership and transfer restrictions pertaining to shares of our common stock are described in the prospectus under the heading "Description of Securities" and "Provisions of Maryland Law and of our Charter and Bylaws Restrictions on Ownership and Transfer."

In applying the REIT gross income and asset tests, all of the assets, liabilities and items of income, deduction and credit of a corporate subsidiary of a REIT that is a "qualified REIT subsidiary" (as defined in Section 856(i)(2) of the Code) ("QRS") are treated as the assets, liabilities and items of income, deduction and credit of the REIT itself. Moreover, the separate existence of a QRS is disregarded for U.S. federal income tax purposes and the QRS is not subject to U.S. federal corporate income tax (although it may be subject to state and local tax in some states and localities). In general, a QRS is any corporation if all of the stock of such corporation is held by the REIT, except that it does not include any corporation that is TRS of the REIT. Thus, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, our QRSs are disregarded, and all assets, liabilities and items of income, deduction and credit of these QRSs are treated as OLP's assets, liabilities and items of income, deduction and credit.

A TRS is any corporation in which a REIT directly or indirectly owns stock, provided that the REIT and that corporation make a joint election to treat that corporation as a TRS. The election can be revoked at any time as long as the REIT and the TRS revoke such election jointly. In addition, if a TRS holds, directly or indirectly, more than 35% of the securities of any other corporation other than a REIT (by vote or by value), then that other corporation is also treated as a TRS. A TRS is subject to U.S. federal income tax at regular corporate rates (currently a maximum rate of 35%), and may also be subject to state and local tax. Any dividends paid or deemed paid to us by any one of our TRSs will also be taxable, either (1) to us to the extent the dividend is retained by us, or (2) to our stockholders to the extent the dividends received from the TRS are paid to our stockholders. We may hold more than 10% of the stock of a TRS without jeopardizing our qualification as a REIT notwithstanding the rule described below under "REIT Asset Tests" that generally precludes ownership of more than 10% of any issuer's securities. However, as noted below, in order to qualify as a REIT, the securities of all of our TRSs in which we have invested either directly or indirectly may not represent more than 20% (25% for our 2009 taxable year and thereafter) of the total value of our assets; however, we cannot assure that this will always be true.

A TRS may generally engage in any business including the provision of customary or non-customary services to tenants of its parent REIT, which, if performed by the REIT itself, could cause rents received by the REIT to be disqualified as "rents from real property." However, a TRS may not directly or indirectly operate or manage any hotels or health care facilities or provide rights to any brand name under which any hotel or health care facility is operated, unless such rights are provided to an "eligible independent contractor" to operate or manage a hotel if such rights are held by the TRS as a franchisee, licensee, or in a similar capacity and such hotel is either owned by the TRS or leased to the TRS by its parent REIT. However, for taxable years beginning after July 30, 2008, a TRS may provide rights to a brand name under which a health care facility is operated, if such rights are provided to an "eligible independent contractor" to operate or manage the health care facility and such health care facility is either owned by the TRS or leased to the TRS by its parent REIT. A TRS will not be considered to operate or manage a qualified health care property or a qualified lodging facility solely because the TRS (i) directly or indirectly possesses a license, permit, or similar instrument enabling it to do so, or (ii) employs individuals working at such facility or property located outside the U.S., but only if an "eligible independent contractor" is responsible for the daily supervision and direction of such individuals on behalf of the TRS pursuant to a management agreement or similar service contract However, the Code contains several provisions which address the arrangements between a REIT and its TRSs which are intended to ensure that a TRS recognizes an appropriate amount of taxable income and is subject to an appropriate level of federal income tax. For example, a TRS is limited in its ability to deduct interest payments made to the REIT. In addition, a REIT would be subject to a 100% penalty on some payments that it receives from a TRS, or on certain expenses

deducted by the TRS if the economic arrangements between the REIT, the REIT's tenants and the TRS are not comparable to similar arrangements among unrelated parties. We have several TRSs and will endeavor to structure any arrangement between ourselves, our TRSs and our tenants so as to minimize the risk of disallowance of interest expense deductions or of the 100% penalty being imposed. Notwithstanding, however, it cannot be assured that the IRS would not challenge any such arrangement.

Also, a REIT that is a partner in a partnership is deemed to own its proportionate share of each of the assets of the partnership and is deemed to be entitled to income of the partnership attributable to such proportionate share. For purposes of Section 856 of the Code, the interest of a REIT in the assets of a partnership of which it is a partner is determined in accordance with the REIT's capital interest in the partnership and the character of the assets and items of gross income of the partnership retain the same character in the hands of the REIT. For example, if the partnership holds any property primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of its trade or business, the REIT is treated as holding its proportionate share of such property primarily for such purpose. Thus, our proportionate share (based on our capital interest) of the assets, liabilities and items of income of any partnership in which we are a partner, will be treated as our assets, liabilities and items of income for purposes of applying the requirements described in this section. For purposes of the 10% Value Test (described under "REIT Asset Tests" below) our proportionate share is based on our proportionate interest in the equity interests and certain debt securities issued by a partnership. Also, actions taken by the partnerships can affect our ability to satisfy the REIT gross income and asset tests and the determination of whether we have net income from a prohibited transaction. For purposes of this section any reference to "partnership" shall refer to and include any partnership, limited liability company, joint venture and other entity or arrangement that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes, and any reference to "partner" shall refer to and include a partner, member, joint venturer and other beneficial owner of any such partnership, limited liability company, joint venture and other entity or arrangement.

REIT Gross Income Tests: In order to maintain our qualification as a REIT under the Code, we must satisfy, on an annual basis, two gross income tests.

- First, at least 75% of our gross income, excluding gross income from prohibited transactions and certain "hedging transactions" entered into after July 30, 2008, for each taxable year must be derived directly or indirectly from investments relating to real property or mortgages on real property, including "rents from real property," gains on the disposition of real estate, dividends paid by another REIT and interest on obligations secured by mortgages on real property or on interests in real property, or from some types of temporary investments.
- Second, at least 95% of our gross income, excluding gross income from prohibited transactions and, commencing with our 2005 taxable year, certain "hedging transactions," for each taxable year must be derived from any combination of income qualifying under the 75% test and dividends, interest, and gain from the sale or disposition of stock or securities.

For this purpose the term "rents from real property" includes: (a) rents from interests in real property; (b) charges for services customarily furnished or rendered in connection with the rental of real property, whether or not such charges are separately stated; and (c) rent attributable to personal property which is leased under, or in connection with, a lease of real property, but only if the rent attributable to such personal property for the taxable year does not exceed 15% of the total rent for the taxable year attributable to both the real and personal property leased under, or in connection with, such lease. For purposes of (c), the rent attributable to personal property is equal to that amount which bears the same ratio to total rent for the taxable year as the average of the fair market values of the personal property at the beginning and at the end of the taxable year bears to the average of taxable year.

However, in order for rent received or accrued, directly or indirectly, with respect to any real or personal property, to qualify as "rents from real property," the following conditions must be satisfied:

- such rent must not be based in whole or in part on the income or profits derived by any person from the property (although the rent may be based on a fixed percentage of receipts or sales);
- such rent may not be received or accrued, directly or indirectly, from any person if the REIT owns, directly or indirectly (including by attribution, upon the application of certain attribution rules): (i) in the case of any person which is a corporation, at least 10% of such person's voting stock or at least 10% of the value of such person's stock; or (ii) in the case of any person which is not a corporation, an interest of at least 10% in the assets or net profits of such person, except that under certain circumstances, rents received from a TRS will not be disqualified as "rents from real property" even if we own more than 10% of the TRS; and
- the portion of such rent that is attributable to personal property for a taxable year that is leased under, or in connection with, a lease of real property may not exceed 15% of the total rent received or accrued under the lease for the taxable year.

In addition, all amounts (including rents that would otherwise qualify as "rents from real property") received or accrued during a taxable year directly or indirectly by a REIT with respect to a property, will constitute "impermissible tenant services income" (and, thus, will not qualify as "rents from real property") if the amount received or accrued directly or indirectly by the REIT for: (x) noncustomary services furnished or rendered by the REIT to tenants of the property; or (y) managing or operating the property ((x) and (y) collectively, "Impermissible Services") exceeds 1% of all amounts received or accrued during such taxable year directly or indirectly by the REIT with respect to the property. For this purpose, however, the following services and activities are not treated as Impermissible Services: (i) services furnished or rendered, or management or operation provided, through an independent contractor from whom the REIT itself does not derive or receive any income or through a TRS; and (ii) services usually or customarily rendered in connection with the rental of space for occupancy (such as, for example, the furnishing of heat and light, the cleaning of public entrances, and the collection of trash), as opposed to services rendered primarily to a tenant for the tenant's convenience. If the amount treated as being received or accrued for Impermissible Services does not exceed the 1% threshold, then only the amount attributable to the Impermissible Services (and not, for example, all tenant rents received or accrued that otherwise qualify as "rents from real property") will fail to qualify as "rents from real property." For purposes of the 1% threshold, the amount that we will be deemed to have received for performing Impermissible Services will be the greater of the actual amounts so received or 150% of the direct cost to us of providing those services.

Interest income constitutes qualifying mortgage interest for purposes of the 75% gross income test (as described above) to the extent that the obligation is secured by a mortgage on real property. If we receive interest income with respect to a mortgage loan that is secured by both real property and other property, and the highest principal amount of the loan outstanding during a taxable year exceeds the fair market value of the real property on the date that we have a binding commitment to acquire or originate the mortgage loan, the interest income will be apportioned between the real property and the other collateral, and its income from the arrangement will qualify for purposes of the 75% gross income test only to the extent that the interest is allocable to the real property. Even if a loan is not secured by real property, or is undersecured, the income that it generates may nonetheless qualify for purposes of the 95% gross income test.

To the extent that the terms of a loan provide for contingent interest that is based on the cash proceeds realized upon the sale of the property securing the loan (a "shared appreciation provision"), income attributable to the participation featu