

UNITED STATES
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 September 30, 2015



HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation or organization)

001-13100
(Commission
File Number)

56-1871668
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

HIGHWOODS REALTY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

North Carolina
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation or organization)

000-21731
(Commission
File Number)

56-1869557
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

3100 Smoketree Court, Suite 600
Raleigh, NC 27604
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

919-872-4924
(Registrants' telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Highwoods Properties, Inc. Yes No **Highwoods Realty Limited Partnership** Yes No

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

Highwoods Properties, Inc. Yes No **Highwoods Realty Limited Partnership** Yes No

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

Highwoods Properties, Inc.
Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company

Highwoods Realty Limited Partnership
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 Securities Exchange Act).

Highwoods Properties, Inc. Yes No **Highwoods Realty Limited Partnership** Yes No

The Company had 95,326,219 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of October 20, 2015 .

EXPLANATORY NOTE

We refer to Highwoods Properties, Inc. as the “Company,” Highwoods Realty Limited Partnership as the “Operating Partnership,” the Company’s common stock as “Common Stock” or “Common Shares,” the Company’s preferred stock as “Preferred Stock” or “Preferred Shares,” the Operating Partnership’s common partnership interests as “Common Units” and the Operating Partnership’s preferred partnership interests as “Preferred Units.” References to “we” and “our” mean the Company and the Operating Partnership, collectively, unless the context indicates otherwise.

The Company conducts its activities through the Operating Partnership and is its sole general partner. The partnership agreement provides that the Operating Partnership will assume and pay when due, or reimburse the Company for payment of, all costs and expenses relating to the ownership and operations of, or for the benefit of, the Operating Partnership. The partnership agreement further provides that all expenses of the Company are deemed to be incurred for the benefit of the Operating Partnership.

Certain information contained herein is presented as of October 20, 2015, the latest practicable date for financial information prior to the filing of this Quarterly Report.

This report combines the Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2015 of the Company and the Operating Partnership. We believe combining the quarterly reports into this single report results in the following benefits:

- combined reports better reflect how management and investors view the business as a single operating unit;
- combined reports enhance investors' understanding of the Company and the Operating Partnership by enabling them to view the business as a whole and in the same manner as management;
- combined reports are more efficient for the Company and the Operating Partnership and result in savings in time, effort and expense; and
- combined reports are more efficient for investors by reducing duplicative disclosure and providing a single document for their review.

To help investors understand the significant differences between the Company and the Operating Partnership, this report presents the following separate sections for each of the Company and the Operating Partnership:

- Consolidated Financial Statements;
 - the following Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements:
 - Note 8 - Noncontrolling Interests; and
 - Note 13 - Earnings Per Share and Per Unit;
 - Item 4 - Controls and Procedures; and
 - Item 6 - Certifications of CEO and CFO Pursuant to Sections 302 and 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.
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**HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.
HIGHWOODS REALTY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP**

QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

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PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.
Consolidated Balance Sheets

(Unaudited and in thousands, except share and per share data)

| | September 30, 2015 | December 31, 2014 |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------|
| | | (as revised) |
| Assets: | | |
| Real estate assets, at cost: | | |
| Land | \$ 460,111 | \$ 384,301 |
| Buildings and tenant improvements | 4,336,244 | 3,807,315 |
| Development in process | 157,100 | 205,971 |
| Land held for development | 71,997 | 79,355 |
| | <u>5,025,452</u> | <u>4,476,942</u> |
| Less-accumulated depreciation | (1,096,129) | (1,024,936) |
| Net real estate assets | 3,929,323 | 3,452,006 |
| Real estate and other assets, net, held for sale | 2,629 | 1,038 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 5,184 | 8,832 |
| Restricted cash | 19,310 | 14,595 |
| Accounts receivable, net of allowance of \$1,835 and \$1,314, respectively | 27,576 | 48,557 |
| Mortgages and notes receivable, net of allowance of \$362 and \$275, respectively | 2,132 | 13,116 |
| Accrued straight-line rents receivable, net of allowance of \$993 and \$600, respectively | 156,481 | 142,037 |
| Investments in and advances to unconsolidated affiliates | 20,674 | 50,685 |
| Deferred financing and leasing costs, net of accumulated amortization of \$123,463 and \$112,804, respectively | 255,849 | 228,768 |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets, net of accumulated amortization of \$15,697 and \$14,259, respectively | 43,537 | 39,489 |
| Total Assets | <u>\$ 4,462,695</u> | <u>\$ 3,999,123</u> |
| Liabilities, Noncontrolling Interests in the Operating Partnership and Equity: | | |
| Mortgages and notes payable | \$ 2,478,753 | \$ 2,071,389 |
| Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities | 245,953 | 237,633 |
| Financing obligation | 7,402 | 8,962 |
| Total Liabilities | <u>2,732,108</u> | <u>2,317,984</u> |
| Commitments and contingencies | | |
| Noncontrolling interests in the Operating Partnership | 112,768 | 130,048 |
| Equity: | | |
| Preferred Stock, \$.01 par value, 50,000,000 authorized shares; 8.625% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Shares (liquidation preference \$1,000 per share), 29,050 and 29,060 shares issued and outstanding, respectively | 29,050 | 29,060 |
| Common Stock, \$.01 par value, 200,000,000 authorized shares; 95,329,758 and 92,907,310 shares issued and outstanding, respectively | 953 | 929 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 2,579,318 | 2,464,275 |
| Distributions in excess of net income available for common stockholders | (1,002,879) | (957,370) |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (6,610) | (3,912) |
| Total Stockholders' Equity | <u>1,599,832</u> | <u>1,532,982</u> |
| Noncontrolling interests in consolidated affiliates | 17,987 | 18,109 |
| Total Equity | <u>1,617,819</u> | <u>1,551,091</u> |
| Total Liabilities, Noncontrolling Interests in the Operating Partnership and Equity | <u>\$ 4,462,695</u> | <u>\$ 3,999,123</u> |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.
Consolidated Statements of Income
(Unaudited and in thousands, except per share amounts)

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|-------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 |
| Rental and other revenues | \$ 163,736 | \$ 152,629 | \$ 482,182 | \$ 453,804 |
| Operating expenses: | | | | |
| Rental property and other expenses | 59,758 | 57,383 | 174,549 | 169,048 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 54,652 | 48,287 | 156,200 | 146,895 |
| Impairments of real estate assets | — | — | — | 588 |
| General and administrative | 9,182 | 7,526 | 29,511 | 26,973 |
| Total operating expenses | 123,592 | 113,196 | 360,260 | 343,504 |
| Interest expense: | | | | |
| Contractual | 20,484 | 20,962 | 61,783 | 62,352 |
| Amortization of deferred financing costs | 873 | 819 | 2,501 | 2,270 |
| Financing obligation | 155 | 567 | 653 | 301 |
| | 21,512 | 22,348 | 64,937 | 64,923 |
| Other income: | | | | |
| Interest and other income | 1,038 | 1,054 | 3,475 | 3,863 |
| Losses on debt extinguishment | — | (326) | (220) | (308) |
| | 1,038 | 728 | 3,255 | 3,555 |
| Income from continuing operations before disposition of investment properties and activity in unconsolidated affiliates | 19,670 | 17,813 | 60,240 | 48,932 |
| Gains on disposition of property | 7,012 | 36,238 | 10,581 | 42,185 |
| Gain on disposition of investment in unconsolidated affiliate | 4,155 | — | 4,155 | — |
| Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates | 780 | 248 | 4,367 | 886 |
| Income from continuing operations | 31,617 | 54,299 | 79,343 | 92,003 |
| Discontinued operations: | | | | |
| Net gains on disposition of discontinued operations | — | — | — | 384 |
| | — | — | — | 384 |
| Net income | 31,617 | 54,299 | 79,343 | 92,387 |
| Net (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests in the Operating Partnership | (918) | (1,673) | (2,296) | (2,813) |
| Net (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests in consolidated affiliates | (324) | (291) | (948) | (1,152) |
| Dividends on Preferred Stock | (626) | (627) | (1,879) | (1,881) |
| Net income available for common stockholders | \$ 29,749 | \$ 51,708 | \$ 74,220 | \$ 86,541 |
| Earnings per Common Share – basic: | | | | |
| Income from continuing operations available for common stockholders | \$ 0.31 | \$ 0.57 | \$ 0.79 | \$ 0.96 |
| Income from discontinued operations available for common stockholders | — | — | — | — |
| Net income available for common stockholders | \$ 0.31 | \$ 0.57 | \$ 0.79 | \$ 0.96 |
| Weighted average Common Shares outstanding – basic | 94,693 | 90,668 | 93,996 | 90,299 |
| Earnings per Common Share – diluted: | | | | |
| Income from continuing operations available for common stockholders | \$ 0.31 | \$ 0.57 | \$ 0.79 | \$ 0.96 |
| Income from discontinued operations available for common stockholders | — | — | — | — |
| Net income available for common stockholders | \$ 0.31 | \$ 0.57 | \$ 0.79 | \$ 0.96 |
| Weighted average Common Shares outstanding – diluted | 97,661 | 93,723 | 97,003 | 93,358 |
| Dividends declared per Common Share | \$ 0.425 | \$ 0.425 | \$ 1.275 | \$ 1.275 |
| Net income available for common stockholders: | | | | |
| Income from continuing operations available for common stockholders | \$ 29,749 | \$ 51,708 | \$ 74,220 | \$ 86,169 |
| Income from discontinued operations available for common stockholders | — | — | — | 372 |
| Net income available for common stockholders | \$ 29,749 | \$ 51,708 | \$ 74,220 | \$ 86,541 |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.
Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income
(Unaudited and in thousands)

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 |
| Comprehensive income: | | | | |
| Net income | \$ 31,617 | \$ 54,299 | \$ 79,343 | \$ 92,387 |
| Other comprehensive income/(loss): | | | | |
| Unrealized gains/(losses) on tax increment financing bond | (7) | 23 | 187 | 293 |
| Unrealized gains/(losses) on cash flow hedges | (3,021) | 913 | (5,666) | (3,337) |
| Amortization of cash flow hedges | 932 | 952 | 2,781 | 2,824 |
| Total other comprehensive income/(loss) | (2,096) | 1,888 | (2,698) | (220) |
| Total comprehensive income | 29,521 | 56,187 | 76,645 | 92,167 |
| Less-comprehensive (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests | (1,242) | (1,964) | (3,244) | (3,965) |
| Comprehensive income attributable to common stockholders | <u>\$ 28,279</u> | <u>\$ 54,223</u> | <u>\$ 73,401</u> | <u>\$ 88,202</u> |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.
Consolidated Statements of Equity
(Unaudited and in thousands, except share amounts)

| | Number of Common Shares | Common Stock | Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Shares | Additional Paid- In Capital | Accumulated Other Compre- hensive Loss | Non-controlling Interests in Consolidated Affiliates | Distributions in Excess of Net Income Available for Common Stockholders | Total |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------|--|--------------------------------|--|---|---|---------------------|
| | | | | | | | (as revised) | (as revised) |
| Balance at December 31, 2014 | 92,907,310 | \$ 929 | \$ 29,060 | \$ 2,464,275 | \$ (3,912) | \$ 18,109 | \$ (957,370) | \$ 1,551,091 |
| Issuances of Common Stock, net of issuance costs and tax withholdings | 2,268,380 | 23 | — | 93,193 | — | — | — | 93,216 |
| Conversions of Common Units to Common Stock | 26,820 | — | — | 1,206 | — | — | — | 1,206 |
| Dividends on Common Stock | | — | — | — | — | — | (119,729) | (119,729) |
| Dividends on Preferred Stock | | — | — | — | — | — | (1,879) | (1,879) |
| Adjustment of noncontrolling interests in the Operating Partnership to fair value | | — | — | 14,649 | — | — | — | 14,649 |
| Distributions to noncontrolling interests in consolidated affiliates | | — | — | — | — | (1,070) | — | (1,070) |
| Issuances of restricted stock | 128,951 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Redemptions/repurchases of Preferred Stock | | — | (10) | — | — | — | — | (10) |
| Share-based compensation expense, net of forfeitures | (1,703) | 1 | — | 5,995 | — | — | — | 5,996 |
| Net (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests in the Operating Partnership | | — | — | — | — | — | (2,296) | (2,296) |
| Net (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests in consolidated affiliates | | — | — | — | — | 948 | (948) | — |
| Comprehensive income: | | | | | | | | |
| Net income | | — | — | — | — | — | 79,343 | 79,343 |
| Other comprehensive loss | | — | — | — | (2,698) | — | — | (2,698) |
| Total comprehensive income | | | | | | | | 76,645 |
| Balance at September 30, 2015 | <u>95,329,758</u> | <u>\$ 953</u> | <u>\$ 29,050</u> | <u>\$ 2,579,318</u> | <u>\$ (6,610)</u> | <u>\$ 17,987</u> | <u>\$ (1,002,879)</u> | <u>\$ 1,617,819</u> |

| | Number of Common Shares | Common Stock | Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Shares | Additional Paid- In Capital | Accumulated Other Compre- hensive Loss | Non-controlling Interests in Consolidated Affiliates | Distributions in Excess of Net Income Available for Common Stockholders | Total |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------|--|--------------------------------|--|---|---|---------------------|
| | | | | | | | (as revised) | (as revised) |
| Balance at December 31, 2013 | 89,920,915 | \$ 899 | \$ 29,077 | \$ 2,370,368 | \$ (2,611) | \$ 21,396 | \$ (911,662) | \$ 1,507,467 |
| Issuances of Common Stock, net of issuance costs and tax withholdings | 1,175,191 | 12 | — | 45,910 | — | — | — | 45,922 |
| Conversions of Common Units to Common Stock | 4,417 | — | — | 162 | — | — | — | 162 |
| Dividends on Common Stock | | — | — | — | — | — | (115,037) | (115,037) |
| Dividends on Preferred Stock | | — | — | — | — | — | (1,881) | (1,881) |
| Adjustment of noncontrolling interests in the Operating Partnership to fair value | | — | — | (8,955) | — | — | — | (8,955) |
| Distributions to noncontrolling interests in consolidated affiliates | | — | — | — | — | (940) | — | (940) |
| Issuances of restricted stock | 169,501 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Share-based compensation expense, net of forfeitures | | 2 | — | 6,177 | — | — | — | 6,179 |
| Net (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests in the Operating Partnership | | — | — | — | — | — | (2,813) | (2,813) |
| Net (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests in consolidated affiliates | | — | — | — | — | 1,152 | (1,152) | — |
| Comprehensive income: | | | | | | | | |
| Net income | | — | — | — | — | — | 92,387 | 92,387 |
| Other comprehensive loss | | — | — | — | (220) | — | — | (220) |
| Total comprehensive income | | | | | | | | 92,167 |
| Balance at September 30, 2014 | <u>91,270,024</u> | <u>\$ 913</u> | <u>\$ 29,077</u> | <u>\$ 2,413,662</u> | <u>\$ (2,831)</u> | <u>\$ 21,608</u> | <u>\$ (940,158)</u> | <u>\$ 1,522,271</u> |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(Unaudited and in thousands)

| | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 |
| Operating activities: | | |
| Net income | \$ 79,343 | \$ 92,387 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 156,200 | 146,895 |
| Amortization of lease incentives and acquisition-related intangible assets and liabilities | 214 | 249 |
| Share-based compensation expense | 5,996 | 6,179 |
| Allowance for losses on accounts and accrued straight-line rents receivable | 1,851 | 1,942 |
| Accrued interest on mortgages and notes receivable | (313) | (354) |
| Amortization of deferred financing costs | 2,501 | 2,270 |
| Amortization of cash flow hedges | 2,781 | 2,824 |
| Amortization of mortgages and notes payable fair value adjustments | 7 | (845) |
| Impairments of real estate assets | — | 588 |
| Losses on debt extinguishment | 220 | 308 |
| Net gains on disposition of property | (10,581) | (42,569) |
| Gain on disposition of investment in unconsolidated affiliate | (4,155) | — |
| Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates | (4,367) | (886) |
| Changes in financing obligation | 162 | (241) |
| Distributions of earnings from unconsolidated affiliates | 4,099 | 1,634 |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities: | | |
| Accounts receivable | 1,716 | (1,762) |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets | (3,475) | (2,927) |
| Accrued straight-line rents receivable | (16,955) | (16,202) |
| Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities | (5,834) | (5,815) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | <u>209,410</u> | <u>183,675</u> |
| Investing activities: | | |
| Investments in acquired real estate and related intangible assets, net of cash acquired | (408,634) | (83,751) |
| Investments in development in process | (87,222) | (122,106) |
| Investments in tenant improvements and deferred leasing costs | (85,234) | (80,132) |
| Investments in building improvements | (38,295) | (39,401) |
| Net proceeds from disposition of real estate assets | 22,781 | 151,987 |
| Net proceeds from disposition of investment in unconsolidated affiliate | 6,919 | — |
| Distributions of capital from unconsolidated affiliates | 10,227 | 725 |
| Investments in mortgages and notes receivable | (1,772) | (419) |
| Repayments of mortgages and notes receivable | 9,301 | 16,974 |
| Investments in and advances/repayments to/from unconsolidated affiliates | 20,416 | (6,425) |
| Redemption of investment in unconsolidated affiliate | — | 4,660 |
| Changes in restricted cash and other investing activities | (12,582) | (1,296) |
| Net cash used in investing activities | <u>(564,095)</u> | <u>(159,184)</u> |
| Financing activities: | | |
| Dividends on Common Stock | (119,729) | (115,037) |
| Redemptions/repurchases of Preferred Stock | (10) | — |
| Redemptions of Common Units | — | (93) |
| Dividends on Preferred Stock | (1,879) | (1,881) |
| Distributions to noncontrolling interests in the Operating Partnership | (3,721) | (3,745) |
| Distributions to noncontrolling interests in consolidated affiliates | (1,070) | (940) |
| Proceeds from the issuance of Common Stock | 98,485 | 49,216 |
| Costs paid for the issuance of Common Stock | (1,518) | (600) |
| Repurchase of shares related to tax withholdings | (3,751) | (2,694) |
| Borrowings on revolving credit facility | 393,900 | 377,700 |

| | | |
|--|-------------------|-----------------|
| Repayments of revolving credit facility | (337,900) | (443,400) |
| Borrowings on mortgages and notes payable | 375,000 | 296,949 |
| Repayments of mortgages and notes payable | (43,076) | (172,810) |
| Payments on financing obligation | (1,722) | (2,904) |
| Payments of debt extinguishment costs | — | (369) |
| Additions to deferred financing costs and other financing activities | (1,972) | (2,467) |
| Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities | <u>351,037</u> | <u>(23,075)</u> |
| Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | <u>\$ (3,648)</u> | <u>\$ 1,416</u> |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows – Continued
(Unaudited and in thousands)

| | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|--|------------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 |
| Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | \$ (3,648) | \$ 1,416 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period | 8,832 | 10,184 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period | <u>\$ 5,184</u> | <u>\$ 11,600</u> |

Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:

| | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|--|------------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 |
| Cash paid for interest, net of amounts capitalized | <u>\$ 62,661</u> | <u>\$ 63,340</u> |

Supplemental disclosure of non-cash investing and financing activities:

| | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|---|--|-------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 |
| Unrealized losses on cash flow hedges | \$ (5,666) | \$ (3,337) |
| Conversions of Common Units to Common Stock | 1,206 | 162 |
| Changes in accrued capital expenditures | 1,759 | 17,255 |
| Write-off of fully depreciated real estate assets | 44,742 | 29,953 |
| Write-off of fully amortized deferred financing and leasing costs | 27,658 | 17,138 |
| Adjustment of noncontrolling interests in the Operating Partnership to fair value | (14,649) | 8,955 |
| Unrealized gains on tax increment financing bond | 187 | 293 |
| Assumption of mortgages and notes payable related to acquisition activities | 19,277 | — |
| Reduction in the carrying amount of real estate purchased from unconsolidated affiliate by our share of the unconsolidated affiliate's gain | 3,124 | — |
| Contingent consideration in connection with the acquisition of land | 900 | — |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

HIGHWOODS REALTY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
Consolidated Balance Sheets

(Unaudited and in thousands, except unit and per unit data)

| | <u>September 30,</u> <u>2015</u> | <u>December 31,</u> <u>2014</u> |
|--|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | | (as revised) |
| Assets: | | |
| Real estate assets, at cost: | | |
| Land | \$ 460,111 | \$ 384,301 |
| Buildings and tenant improvements | 4,336,244 | 3,807,315 |
| Development in process | 157,100 | 205,971 |
| Land held for development | 71,997 | 79,355 |
| | <u>5,025,452</u> | <u>4,476,942</u> |
| Less-accumulated depreciation | (1,096,129) | (1,024,936) |
| Net real estate assets | <u>3,929,323</u> | <u>3,452,006</u> |
| Real estate and other assets, net, held for sale | 2,629 | 1,038 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 5,184 | 8,938 |
| Restricted cash | 19,310 | 14,595 |
| Accounts receivable, net of allowance of \$1,835 and \$1,314, respectively | 27,576 | 48,557 |
| Mortgages and notes receivable, net of allowance of \$362 and \$275, respectively | 2,132 | 13,116 |
| Accrued straight-line rents receivable, net of allowance of \$993 and \$600, respectively | 156,481 | 142,037 |
| Investments in and advances to unconsolidated affiliates | 20,674 | 50,685 |
| Deferred financing and leasing costs, net of accumulated amortization of \$123,463 and \$112,804, respectively | 255,849 | 228,768 |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets, net of accumulated amortization of \$15,697 and \$14,259, respectively | 43,537 | 39,489 |
| Total Assets | <u>\$ 4,462,695</u> | <u>\$ 3,999,229</u> |
| Liabilities, Redeemable Operating Partnership Units and Capital: | | |
| Mortgages and notes payable | \$ 2,478,753 | \$ 2,071,389 |
| Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities | 245,953 | 237,547 |
| Financing obligation | 7,402 | 8,962 |
| Total Liabilities | <u>2,732,108</u> | <u>2,317,898</u> |
| Commitments and contingencies | | |
| Redeemable Operating Partnership Units: | | |
| Common Units, 2,910,135 and 2,936,955 outstanding, respectively | 112,768 | 130,048 |
| Series A Preferred Units (liquidation preference \$1,000 per unit), 29,050 and 29,060 units issued and outstanding, respectively | 29,050 | 29,060 |
| Total Redeemable Operating Partnership Units | <u>141,818</u> | <u>159,108</u> |
| Capital: | | |
| Common Units: | | |
| General partner Common Units, 978,311 and 954,355 outstanding, respectively | 15,771 | 15,078 |
| Limited partner Common Units, 93,942,638 and 91,544,146 outstanding, respectively | 1,561,621 | 1,492,948 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (6,610) | (3,912) |
| Noncontrolling interests in consolidated affiliates | 17,987 | 18,109 |
| Total Capital | <u>1,588,769</u> | <u>1,522,223</u> |
| Total Liabilities, Redeemable Operating Partnership Units and Capital | <u>\$ 4,462,695</u> | <u>\$ 3,999,229</u> |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

HIGHWOODS REALTY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
Consolidated Statements of Income
(Unaudited and in thousands, except per unit amounts)

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|-------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 |
| Rental and other revenues | \$ 163,736 | \$ 152,629 | \$ 482,182 | \$ 453,804 |
| Operating expenses: | | | | |
| Rental property and other expenses | 59,758 | 57,383 | 174,549 | 169,015 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 54,652 | 48,287 | 156,200 | 146,895 |
| Impairments of real estate assets | — | — | — | 588 |
| General and administrative | 9,182 | 7,526 | 29,511 | 27,006 |
| Total operating expenses | 123,592 | 113,196 | 360,260 | 343,504 |
| Interest expense: | | | | |
| Contractual | 20,484 | 20,962 | 61,783 | 62,352 |
| Amortization of deferred financing costs | 873 | 819 | 2,501 | 2,270 |
| Financing obligation | 155 | 567 | 653 | 301 |
| | 21,512 | 22,348 | 64,937 | 64,923 |
| Other income: | | | | |
| Interest and other income | 1,038 | 1,054 | 3,475 | 3,863 |
| Losses on debt extinguishment | — | (326) | (220) | (308) |
| | 1,038 | 728 | 3,255 | 3,555 |
| Income from continuing operations before disposition of investment properties and activity in unconsolidated affiliates | 19,670 | 17,813 | 60,240 | 48,932 |
| Gains on disposition of property | 7,012 | 36,238 | 10,581 | 42,185 |
| Gain on disposition of investment in unconsolidated affiliate | 4,155 | — | 4,155 | — |
| Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates | 780 | 248 | 4,367 | 886 |
| Income from continuing operations | 31,617 | 54,299 | 79,343 | 92,003 |
| Discontinued operations: | | | | |
| Net gains on disposition of discontinued operations | — | — | — | 384 |
| | — | — | — | 384 |
| Net income | 31,617 | 54,299 | 79,343 | 92,387 |
| Net (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests in consolidated affiliates | (324) | (291) | (948) | (1,152) |
| Distributions on Preferred Units | (626) | (627) | (1,879) | (1,881) |
| Net income available for common unitholders | \$ 30,667 | \$ 53,381 | \$ 76,516 | \$ 89,354 |
| Earnings per Common Unit – basic: | | | | |
| Income from continuing operations available for common unitholders | \$ 0.32 | \$ 0.57 | \$ 0.79 | \$ 0.96 |
| Income from discontinued operations available for common unitholders | — | — | — | — |
| Net income available for common unitholders | \$ 0.32 | \$ 0.57 | \$ 0.79 | \$ 0.96 |
| Weighted average Common Units outstanding – basic | 97,194 | 93,196 | 96,505 | 92,828 |
| Earnings per Common Unit – diluted: | | | | |
| Income from continuing operations available for common unitholders | \$ 0.32 | \$ 0.57 | \$ 0.79 | \$ 0.96 |
| Income from discontinued operations available for common unitholders | — | — | — | — |
| Net income available for common unitholders | \$ 0.32 | \$ 0.57 | \$ 0.79 | \$ 0.96 |
| Weighted average Common Units outstanding – diluted | 97,252 | 93,314 | 96,594 | 92,949 |
| Distributions declared per Common Unit | \$ 0.425 | \$ 0.425 | \$ 1.275 | \$ 1.275 |
| Net income available for common unitholders: | | | | |
| Income from continuing operations available for common unitholders | \$ 30,667 | \$ 53,381 | \$ 76,516 | \$ 88,970 |
| Income from discontinued operations available for common unitholders | — | — | — | 384 |
| Net income available for common unitholders | \$ 30,667 | \$ 53,381 | \$ 76,516 | \$ 89,354 |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

HIGHWOODS REALTY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income
(Unaudited and in thousands)

| | Three Months Ended | | Nine Months Ended | |
|--|---------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| | September 30, | | September 30, | |
| | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 |
| Comprehensive income: | | | | |
| Net income | \$ 31,617 | \$ 54,299 | \$ 79,343 | \$ 92,387 |
| Other comprehensive income/(loss): | | | | |
| Unrealized gains/(losses) on tax increment financing bond | (7) | 23 | 187 | 293 |
| Unrealized gains/(losses) on cash flow hedges | (3,021) | 913 | (5,666) | (3,337) |
| Amortization of cash flow hedges | 932 | 952 | 2,781 | 2,824 |
| Total other comprehensive income/(loss) | (2,096) | 1,888 | (2,698) | (220) |
| Total comprehensive income | 29,521 | 56,187 | 76,645 | 92,167 |
| Less-comprehensive (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests | (324) | (291) | (948) | (1,152) |
| Comprehensive income attributable to common unitholders | <u>\$ 29,197</u> | <u>\$ 55,896</u> | <u>\$ 75,697</u> | <u>\$ 91,015</u> |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

HIGHWOODS REALTY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
Consolidated Statements of Capital
(Unaudited and in thousands)

| | Common Units | | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss | Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Affiliates | Total |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|---------------------|
| | General Partners' Capital | Limited Partners' Capital | | | |
| | (as revised) | (as revised) | | | (as revised) |
| Balance at December 31, 2014 | \$ 15,078 | \$ 1,492,948 | \$ (3,912) | \$ 18,109 | \$ 1,522,223 |
| Issuances of Common Units, net of issuance costs and tax withholdings | 932 | 92,284 | — | — | 93,216 |
| Distributions paid on Common Units | (1,230) | (121,699) | — | — | (122,929) |
| Distributions paid on Preferred Units | (19) | (1,860) | — | — | (1,879) |
| Share-based compensation expense, net of forfeitures | 60 | 5,936 | — | — | 5,996 |
| Distributions to noncontrolling interests in consolidated affiliates | — | — | — | (1,070) | (1,070) |
| Adjustment of Redeemable Common Units to fair value and contributions/distributions from/to the General Partner | 166 | 16,401 | — | — | 16,567 |
| Net (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests in consolidated affiliates | (9) | (939) | — | 948 | — |
| Comprehensive income: | | | | | |
| Net income | 793 | 78,550 | — | — | 79,343 |
| Other comprehensive loss | — | — | (2,698) | — | (2,698) |
| Total comprehensive income | | | | | 76,645 |
| Balance at September 30, 2015 | <u>\$ 15,771</u> | <u>\$ 1,561,621</u> | <u>\$ (6,610)</u> | <u>\$ 17,987</u> | <u>\$ 1,588,769</u> |

| | Common Units | | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss | Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Affiliates | Total |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|---------------------|
| | General Partners' Capital | Limited Partners' Capital | | | |
| | (as revised) | (as revised) | | | (as revised) |
| Balance at December 31, 2013 | \$ 14,596 | \$ 1,445,181 | \$ (2,611) | \$ 21,396 | \$ 1,478,562 |
| Issuances of Common Units, net of issuance costs and tax withholdings | 459 | 45,463 | — | — | 45,922 |
| Redemptions of Common Units | (1) | (92) | — | — | (93) |
| Distributions paid on Common Units | (1,183) | (117,078) | — | — | (118,261) |
| Distributions paid on Preferred Units | (19) | (1,862) | — | — | (1,881) |
| Share-based compensation expense, net of forfeitures | 62 | 6,117 | — | — | 6,179 |
| Distributions to noncontrolling interests in consolidated affiliates | — | — | — | (940) | (940) |
| Adjustment of Redeemable Common Units to fair value and contributions/distributions from/to the General Partner | (83) | (8,250) | — | — | (8,333) |
| Net (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests in consolidated affiliates | (12) | (1,140) | — | 1,152 | — |
| Comprehensive income: | | | | | |
| Net income | 924 | 91,463 | — | — | 92,387 |
| Other comprehensive loss | — | — | (220) | — | (220) |
| Total comprehensive income | | | | | 92,167 |
| Balance at September 30, 2014 | <u>\$ 14,743</u> | <u>\$ 1,459,802</u> | <u>\$ (2,831)</u> | <u>\$ 21,608</u> | <u>\$ 1,493,322</u> |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

HIGHWOODS REALTY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(Unaudited and in thousands)

| | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|------------------------------------|-----------|
| | 2015 | 2014 |
| Operating activities: | | |
| Net income | \$ 79,343 | \$ 92,387 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 156,200 | 146,895 |
| Amortization of lease incentives and acquisition-related intangible assets and liabilities | 214 | 249 |
| Share-based compensation expense | 5,996 | 6,179 |
| Allowance for losses on accounts and accrued straight-line rents receivable | 1,851 | 1,942 |
| Accrued interest on mortgages and notes receivable | (313) | (354) |
| Amortization of deferred financing costs | 2,501 | 2,270 |
| Amortization of cash flow hedges | 2,781 | 2,824 |
| Amortization of mortgages and notes payable fair value adjustments | 7 | (845) |
| Impairments of real estate assets | — | 588 |
| Losses on debt extinguishment | 220 | 308 |
| Net gains on disposition of property | (10,581) | (42,569) |
| Gain on disposition of investment in unconsolidated affiliate | (4,155) | — |
| Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates | (4,367) | (886) |
| Changes in financing obligation | 162 | (241) |
| Distributions of earnings from unconsolidated affiliates | 4,099 | 1,634 |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities: | | |
| Accounts receivable | 1,716 | (1,762) |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets | (3,475) | (2,885) |
| Accrued straight-line rents receivable | (16,955) | (16,202) |
| Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities | (5,748) | (5,804) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 209,496 | 183,728 |
| Investing activities: | | |
| Investments in acquired real estate and related intangible assets, net of cash acquired | (408,634) | (83,751) |
| Investments in development in process | (87,222) | (122,106) |
| Investments in tenant improvements and deferred leasing costs | (85,234) | (80,132) |
| Investments in building improvements | (38,295) | (39,401) |
| Net proceeds from disposition of real estate assets | 22,781 | 151,987 |
| Net proceeds from disposition of investment in unconsolidated affiliate | 6,919 | — |
| Distributions of capital from unconsolidated affiliates | 10,227 | 725 |
| Investments in mortgages and notes receivable | (1,772) | (419) |
| Repayments of mortgages and notes receivable | 9,301 | 16,974 |
| Investments in and advances/repayments to/from unconsolidated affiliates | 20,416 | (6,425) |
| Redemption of investment in unconsolidated affiliate | — | 4,660 |
| Changes in restricted cash and other investing activities | (12,582) | (1,296) |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (564,095) | (159,184) |
| Financing activities: | | |
| Distributions on Common Units | (122,929) | (118,261) |
| Redemptions/repurchases of Preferred Units | (10) | — |
| Redemptions of Common Units | — | (93) |
| Distributions on Preferred Units | (1,879) | (1,881) |
| Distributions to noncontrolling interests in consolidated affiliates | (1,070) | (940) |
| Proceeds from the issuance of Common Units | 98,485 | 49,216 |
| Costs paid for the issuance of Common Units | (1,518) | (600) |
| Repurchase of units related to tax withholdings | (3,751) | (2,694) |
| Borrowings on revolving credit facility | 393,900 | 377,700 |
| Repayments of revolving credit facility | (337,900) | (443,400) |

| | | |
|--|-------------------|-----------------|
| Borrowings on mortgages and notes payable | 375,000 | 296,949 |
| Repayments of mortgages and notes payable | (43,076) | (172,810) |
| Payments on financing obligation | (1,722) | (2,904) |
| Payments of debt extinguishment costs | — | (369) |
| Additions to deferred financing costs and other financing activities | (2,685) | (3,032) |
| Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities | <u>350,845</u> | <u>(23,119)</u> |
| Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | <u>\$ (3,754)</u> | <u>\$ 1,425</u> |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

HIGHWOODS REALTY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows - Continued
(Unaudited and in thousands)

| | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 |
| Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | \$ (3,754) | \$ 1,425 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period | 8,938 | 10,281 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period | <u>\$ 5,184</u> | <u>\$ 11,706</u> |

Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:

| | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 |
| Cash paid for interest, net of amounts capitalized | <u>\$ 62,661</u> | <u>\$ 63,340</u> |

Supplemental disclosure of non-cash investing and financing activities:

| | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|---|------------------------------------|------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 |
| Unrealized losses on cash flow hedges | \$ (5,666) | \$ (3,337) |
| Changes in accrued capital expenditures | 1,759 | 17,255 |
| Write-off of fully depreciated real estate assets | 44,742 | 29,953 |
| Write-off of fully amortized deferred financing and leasing costs | 27,658 | 17,138 |
| Adjustment of Redeemable Common Units to fair value | (17,280) | 7,768 |
| Unrealized gains on tax increment financing bond | 187 | 293 |
| Assumption of mortgages and notes payable related to acquisition activities | 19,277 | — |
| Reduction in the carrying amount of real estate purchased from unconsolidated affiliate by our share of the unconsolidated affiliate's gain | 3,124 | — |
| Contingent consideration in connection with the acquisition of land | 900 | — |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.
HIGHWOODS REALTY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2015
(tabular dollar amounts in thousands, except per share and per unit data)
(Unaudited)

1. Description of Business and Significant Accounting Policies

Description of Business

Highwoods Properties, Inc. (the "Company") is a fully integrated real estate investment trust ("REIT") that provides leasing, management, development, construction and other customer-related services for its properties and for third parties. The Company conducts its activities through Highwoods Realty Limited Partnership (the "Operating Partnership"). At September 30, 2015, we owned or had an interest in 32.5 million rentable square feet of in-service properties, 1.4 million rentable square feet of properties under development and approximately 500 acres of development land.

The Company is the sole general partner of the Operating Partnership. At September 30, 2015, the Company owned all of the Preferred Units and 94.9 million, or 97.0%, of the Common Units in the Operating Partnership. Limited partners own the remaining 2.9 million Common Units. During the nine months ended September 30, 2015, the Company redeemed 26,820 Common Units for a like number of shares of Common Stock.

Common Stock Offerings

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, the Company issued 1,206,200 and 2,178,859 shares, respectively, of Common Stock under its equity sales agreements at an average gross sales price of \$41.89 and \$43.33 per share, respectively, and received net proceeds, after sales commissions, of \$49.8 million and \$93.0 million, respectively. As a result of this activity and the redemptions discussed above, the percentage of Common Units owned by the Company increased from 96.9% at December 31, 2014 to 97.0% at September 30, 2015.

Basis of Presentation

Our Consolidated Financial Statements are prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"). The Company's Consolidated Financial Statements include the Operating Partnership, wholly owned subsidiaries and those entities in which the Company has the controlling interest. The Operating Partnership's Consolidated Financial Statements include wholly owned subsidiaries and those entities in which the Operating Partnership has the controlling interest. All intercompany transactions and accounts have been eliminated. At December 31, 2014, we had involvement with, but were not the primary beneficiary in, an entity that we concluded to be a variable interest entity (see Note 3).

During the second quarter of 2015, as a result of our partner's irrevocable exercise of a buy-sell provision in our SF-HIW Harborview Plaza, LP ("Harborview") joint venture agreement, our partner's right to put its 80.0% equity interest back to us became no longer exercisable. As a result, we recorded the original contribution transaction as a partial sale and recognized \$2.2 million of gain. Our investment in this joint venture then qualified for the equity method of accounting, which resulted in the retrospective revision of the Consolidated Balance Sheets and Consolidated Statements of Equity and Capital for all prior periods presented. The effects of the retrospective application of the equity method of accounting to the Consolidated Statements of Income, Comprehensive Income and Cash Flows were not material. The effects of the retrospective application of the equity method of accounting to the Company's December 31, 2014 Balance Sheet were as follows:

| | December 31, 2014 | |
|---|------------------------|--------------|
| | Previously Reported | As Revised |
| Net real estate assets | \$ 3,481,406 | \$ 3,452,006 |
| Investments in and advances to unconsolidated affiliates | \$ 27,071 | \$ 50,685 |
| Total Assets | \$ 4,004,909 | \$ 3,999,123 |
| Financing obligations | \$ 23,519 | \$ 8,962 |
| Distributions in excess of net income available for common stockholders | \$ (966,141) | \$ (957,370) |
| Total Liabilities, Noncontrolling Interests in the Operating Partnership and Equity | \$ 4,004,909 | \$ 3,999,123 |

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.
HIGHWOODS REALTY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
(tabular dollar amounts in thousands, except per share and per unit data)

1. Description of Business and Significant Accounting Policies – Continued

The unaudited interim consolidated financial statements and accompanying unaudited consolidated financial information, in the opinion of management, contain all adjustments (including normal recurring accruals) necessary for a fair presentation of our financial position, results of operations and cash flows. We have condensed or omitted certain notes and other information from the interim Consolidated Financial Statements presented in this Quarterly Report as permitted by SEC rules and regulations. These Consolidated Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with our 2014 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the Consolidated Financial Statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Recently Issued Accounting Standards

The Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") recently issued an accounting standards update that requires the use of a new five-step model to recognize revenue from customer contracts. The five-step model requires that we identify the contract with the customer, identify the performance obligations in the contract, determine the transaction price, allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations in the contract and recognize revenue when we satisfy the performance obligations. We will also be required to disclose information regarding the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from contracts with customers. The accounting standards update is required to be adopted in 2018. Retrospective application is required either to all periods presented or with the cumulative effect of initial adoption recognized in the period of adoption. We are in the process of evaluating this accounting standards update.

The FASB recently issued an accounting standards update that amends consolidation requirements. The amendments significantly change the consolidation analysis required under GAAP and will require companies to reevaluate all previous consolidation conclusions. The accounting standards update is required to be adopted in 2016. We are in the process of evaluating this accounting standards update.

The FASB recently issued an accounting standards update that requires debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability to be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of that debt liability, consistent with debt discounts. The accounting standards update is required to be adopted in 2016. Retrospective application is required. We are in the process of evaluating this accounting standards update.

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.
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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
(tabular dollar amounts in thousands, except per share and per unit data)

2. Real Estate Assets**Acquisitions**

During the third quarter of 2015, we acquired:

- a building in Tampa, FL encompassing 528,000 rentable square feet for a net purchase price of \$113.5 million and an adjacent land parcel for a purchase price of \$2.2 million ; and
- two buildings in Atlanta, GA encompassing 896,000 rentable square feet for a net purchase price of \$290.3 million .

During the second quarter of 2015, we acquired:

- land in Atlanta, GA for a purchase price and related transaction costs of \$5.2 million (including contingent consideration of \$0.9 million); and
- our Highwoods DLF 98/29, LLC joint venture partner's 77.2% interest in a building in Orlando, FL encompassing 168,000 rentable square feet in exchange for the assumption of secured debt recorded at fair value of \$19.3 million (see Note 6).

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 , we expensed \$0.9 million and \$1.0 million , respectively, of acquisition costs (included in general and administrative expenses) related to these acquisitions. The assets acquired and liabilities assumed were recorded at fair value as determined by management based on information available at the acquisition date and on current assumptions as to future operations.

Pro Forma Disclosure

The following table sets forth a summary of the fair value of the major assets acquired and liabilities assumed relating to the above-referenced acquisition of two buildings in Atlanta, GA during the third quarter of 2015:

| | Total Purchase Price Allocation |
|--|--|
| Real estate assets | \$ 275,639 |
| Acquisition-related intangible assets (in deferred financing and leasing costs) | 23,722 |
| Acquisition-related below market lease liabilities (in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities) | (9,076) |
| Total allocation | <u>\$ 290,285</u> |

The following table sets forth the Company's revenues and net income, adjusted for interest expense, straight-line rental income, depreciation and amortization related to purchase price allocations and acquisition costs, assuming the above-referenced acquisition of two buildings in Atlanta, GA during the third quarter of 2015 had been completed as of January 1, 2013 :

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|---|-------------|--|-------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 |
| Pro forma revenues | \$ 171,247 | \$ 159,944 | \$ 505,107 | \$ 477,120 |
| Pro forma net income | \$ 33,354 | \$ 54,176 | \$ 80,647 | \$ 92,019 |
| Pro forma net income available for common stockholders | \$ 31,486 | \$ 51,585 | \$ 75,524 | \$ 86,173 |
| Pro forma earnings per share - basic | \$ 0.33 | \$ 0.57 | \$ 0.80 | \$ 0.95 |
| Pro forma earnings per share - diluted | \$ 0.33 | \$ 0.57 | \$ 0.80 | \$ 0.95 |

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.
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(tabular dollar amounts in thousands, except per share and per unit data)

2. Real Estate Assets - Continued

Dispositions

During the third quarter of 2015, we sold:

- a building for a sale price of \$15.3 million and recorded a gain on disposition of property of \$6.5 million ; and
- land for a sale price of \$1.8 million and recorded a gain on disposition of property of \$0.5 million .

During the second quarter of 2015, we sold land for a sale price of \$0.5 million and recorded a gain on disposition of property of \$0.2 million .

During the first quarter of 2015, we sold:

- two buildings for an aggregate sale price of \$3.5 million and recorded aggregate gains on disposition of property of \$0.4 million ; and
- land for a sale price of \$2.5 million and recorded a gain on disposition of property of \$0.8 million .

3. Mortgages and Notes Receivable

Mortgages and notes receivable were \$2.1 million and \$13.1 million at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 , respectively. During the second quarter of 2015, \$9.9 million of secured acquisition financing provided to a third party in 2012 was repaid, including accrued interest. Previously, we concluded this arrangement to be an interest in a variable interest entity. However, since we did not have the power to direct matters that most significantly impact the activities of the entity, we did not qualify as the primary beneficiary. Accordingly, the entity was not consolidated. Our risk of loss with respect to this arrangement was limited to the carrying value of the mortgage receivable.

We evaluate the ability to collect our mortgages and notes receivable by monitoring the leasing statistics and/or market fundamentals of these assets. As of September 30, 2015 , our mortgages and notes receivable were not in default and there were no other indicators of impairment.

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(tabular dollar amounts in thousands, except per share and per unit data)

4. Investments in and Advances to Unconsolidated Affiliates

We have equity interests of up to 50.0% in various joint ventures with unrelated third parties that are accounted for using the equity method of accounting because we have the ability to exercise significant influence over their operating and financial policies.

The following table sets forth the summarized income statements of our unconsolidated affiliates:

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|---|---------------|--|-----------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 |
| Income Statements: | | | | |
| Rental and other revenues | \$ 12,323 | \$ 12,425 | \$ 36,977 | \$ 37,703 |
| Expenses: | | | | |
| Rental property and other expenses | 5,985 | 6,441 | 17,683 | 18,880 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 3,193 | 3,281 | 9,418 | 10,098 |
| Interest expense | 1,645 | 2,201 | 5,826 | 6,713 |
| Total expenses | 10,823 | 11,923 | 32,927 | 35,691 |
| Income before disposition of property | 1,500 | 502 | 4,050 | 2,012 |
| Gains on disposition of property | — | — | 18,181 | 1,949 |
| Net income | \$ 1,500 | \$ 502 | \$ 22,231 | \$ 3,961 |

During the third quarter of 2015, we sold our 20.0% interest in Harborview to our partner for net proceeds of \$6.9 million and recorded a \$4.2 million gain on disposition of investment in unconsolidated affiliate. The \$20.8 million interest-only secured loan previously provided by us to Harborview was paid in full upon consummation of the sale.

See Note 2 for a description of our acquisition of a building in Orlando, FL from Highwoods DLF 98/29, LLC during the second quarter of 2015. The joint venture recorded a gain on disposition of property of \$13.7 million. Our share of \$3.1 million was recorded as a reduction to real estate assets.

During the second quarter of 2015, Highwoods KC Glenridge Office, LLC and Highwoods KC Glenridge Land, LLC collectively sold two buildings and land to an unrelated third party for an aggregate sale price of \$24.5 million (before closing credits to buyer of \$0.3 million for unfunded tenant improvements) and recorded gains on disposition of property of \$2.4 million. We recorded \$0.9 million as our share of these gains through equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates.

During the first quarter of 2015, Highwoods DLF 97/26 DLF 99/32, LP sold a building to an unrelated third party for a sale price of \$7.0 million and recorded a gain on disposition of property of \$2.1 million. We recorded \$1.1 million as our share of this gain through equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates.

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5. Intangible Assets and Below Market Lease Liabilities

The following table sets forth total intangible assets and acquisition-related below market lease liabilities, net of accumulated amortization:

| | September 30, 2015 | December 31, 2014 |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Deferred financing costs | \$ 19,935 | \$ 19,478 |
| Less accumulated amortization | (8,906) | (7,953) |
| | 11,029 | 11,525 |
| Deferred leasing costs (including lease incentives and above market lease and in-place lease acquisition-related intangible assets) | 359,377 | 322,094 |
| Less accumulated amortization | (114,557) | (104,851) |
| | 244,820 | 217,243 |
| Deferred financing and leasing costs, net | \$ 255,849 | \$ 228,768 |
| Liabilities (in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities): | | |
| Acquisition-related below market lease liabilities | \$ 65,002 | \$ 55,783 |
| Less accumulated amortization | (17,166) | (13,548) |
| | \$ 47,836 | \$ 42,235 |

The following table sets forth amortization of intangible assets and below market lease liabilities:

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|---|-------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 |
| Amortization of deferred financing costs | \$ 873 | \$ 819 | \$ 2,501 | \$ 2,270 |
| Amortization of deferred leasing costs and acquisition-related intangible assets (in depreciation and amortization) | \$ 11,176 | \$ 9,465 | \$ 31,638 | \$ 29,443 |
| Amortization of lease incentives (in rental and other revenues) | \$ 378 | \$ 327 | \$ 1,162 | \$ 1,077 |
| Amortization of acquisition-related intangible assets (in rental and other revenues) | \$ 1,414 | \$ 1,080 | \$ 3,769 | \$ 3,310 |
| Amortization of acquisition-related intangible assets (in rental property and other expenses) | \$ 140 | \$ 140 | \$ 416 | \$ 416 |
| Amortization of acquisition-related below market lease liabilities (in rental and other revenues) | \$ (1,727) | \$ (1,532) | \$ (5,133) | \$ (4,554) |

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The following table sets forth scheduled future amortization of intangible assets and below market lease liabilities:

| | Amortization of Deferred Financing Costs | Amortization of Deferred Leasing Costs and Acquisition- Related Intangible Assets (in Depreciation and Amortization) | Amortization of Lease Incentives (in Rental and Other Revenues) | Amortization of Acquisition- Related Intangible Assets (in Rental and Other Revenues) | Amortization of Acquisition-Related Intangible Assets (in Rental Property and Other Expenses) | Amortization of Acquisition- Related Below Market Lease Liabilities (in Rental and Other Revenues) |
|---|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| October 1 through December 31, 2015 | \$ 1,049 | \$ 12,976 | \$ 353 | \$ 1,111 | \$ 132 | \$ (1,888) |
| 2016 | 3,252 | 45,955 | 1,298 | 3,884 | 553 | (6,997) |
| 2017 | 2,711 | 38,353 | 1,197 | 2,731 | 553 | (6,653) |
| 2018 | 1,531 | 31,244 | 1,091 | 1,752 | 553 | (6,216) |
| 2019 | 1,123 | 25,530 | 898 | 1,307 | 553 | (5,740) |
| Thereafter | 1,363 | 65,865 | 2,845 | 3,553 | 533 | (20,342) |
| | <u>\$ 11,029</u> | <u>\$ 219,923</u> | <u>\$ 7,682</u> | <u>\$ 14,338</u> | <u>\$ 2,877</u> | <u>\$ (47,836)</u> |
| Weighted average remaining amortization periods as of September 30, 2015 (in years) | <u>4.0</u> | <u>6.7</u> | <u>7.9</u> | <u>6.1</u> | <u>5.2</u> | <u>8.1</u> |

The following table sets forth the intangible assets acquired and below market lease liabilities assumed as a result of 2015 acquisition activity:

| | Acquisition- Related Intangible Assets (amortized in Rental and Other Revenues) | Acquisition- Related Intangible Assets (amortized in Depreciation and Amortization) | Acquisition- Related Below Market Lease Liabilities (amortized in Rental and Other Revenues) |
|---|---|---|--|
| Amount recorded from acquisition activity | \$ 3,051 | \$ 35,534 | \$ (10,733) |
| Weighted average remaining amortization periods as of September 30, 2015 (in years) | <u>4.9</u> | <u>5.5</u> | <u>9.7</u> |

6. Mortgages and Notes Payable

The following table sets forth our mortgages and notes payable:

| | September 30, 2015 | December 31, 2014 |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Secured indebtedness | \$ 288,623 | \$ 312,868 |
| Unsecured indebtedness | 2,190,130 | 1,758,521 |
| Total mortgages and notes payable | <u>\$ 2,478,753</u> | <u>\$ 2,071,389</u> |

At September 30, 2015, our secured mortgage loans were collateralized by real estate assets with an aggregate undepreciated book value of \$ 547.2 million.

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6. Mortgages and Notes Payable - Continued

Our \$ 475.0 million unsecured revolving credit facility is scheduled to mature in January 2018 and includes an accordion feature that allows for an additional \$ 75.0 million of borrowing capacity subject to additional lender commitments. Assuming no defaults have occurred, we have an option to extend the maturity for two additional six-month periods. The interest rate at our current credit ratings is LIBOR plus 110 basis points and the annual facility fee is 20 basis points. There was \$ 265.0 million and \$ 276.0 million outstanding under our revolving credit facility at September 30, 2015 and October 20, 2015 , respectively. At both September 30, 2015 and October 20, 2015 , we had \$ 0.2 million of outstanding letters of credit, which reduces the availability on our revolving credit facility. As a result, the unused capacity of our revolving credit facility at September 30, 2015 and October 20, 2015 was \$ 209.8 million and \$ 198.8 million , respectively.

During the third quarter of 2015, we obtained a \$350.0 million , six -month unsecured bridge facility. The bridge facility is originally scheduled to mature on March 28, 2016 . Assuming no defaults have occurred, we have an option to extend the maturity for an additional six -month period. The interest rate on the bridge facility at our current credit ratings is LIBOR plus 110 basis points . There was \$250.0 million outstanding under our bridge facility at September 30, 2015 . The unused capacity of our bridge facility at September 30, 2015 was \$100.0 million .

During the second quarter of 2015, we amended our \$225.0 million , seven-year unsecured bank term loan, which was scheduled to mature in January 2019 . We increased the borrowed amount to \$350.0 million . The amended term loan is now scheduled to mature in June 2020 and the interest rate, based on our current credit ratings, was reduced from LIBOR plus 175 basis points to LIBOR plus 110 basis points. The interest rate is based on the higher of the publicly announced ratings from Moody's Investors Service or Standard & Poor's Ratings Services. The financial and other covenants under the amended term loan are unchanged. We incurred \$1.3 million of deferred financing fees in connection with this amendment, which will be amortized along with existing unamortized deferred loan fees over the remaining term of the new loan.

During the second quarter of 2015, we prepaid without penalty the remaining \$39.4 million balance on a secured mortgage loan with an effective interest rate of 6.43% that was originally scheduled to mature in November 2015 . We recorded \$0.2 million of loss on debt extinguishment related to this prepayment.

During the second quarter of 2015, we acquired our joint venture partner's 77.2% interest in a building in Orlando, FL. Simultaneously with this acquisition, the joint venture's previously existing mortgage note was restructured into a new \$18.0 million first mortgage note and a \$10.2 million subordinated note, both of which are scheduled to mature in July 2017 . The first mortgage note is interest only with an effective interest rate of 5.36% , payable monthly. The subordinated note has an effective interest rate of 8.6% . Additionally, we deposited \$3.0 million into escrow to fund tenant improvements, leasing commissions and building improvements. The first mortgage note and subordinated note can be prepaid at any time commencing October 2016 upon a sale or refinancing of the property. In such event, the subordinated note and any and all accrued interest thereon would be deemed fully satisfied upon payment of a "waterfall payment," if any. Such "waterfall payment" would be a cash payment equal to 50.0% of the amount, if any, by which the net sale proceeds or appraised value in the event of a refinancing exceeds (1) the outstanding principal of the first mortgage note, (2) the funds deposited by us into escrow to fund tenant improvements, leasing commissions and building improvements and (3) a 10.0% return on such funds deposited by us into escrow. The fair value of the first mortgage note was \$18.3 million and the fair value of the subordinated note equaled the projected waterfall payment of \$1.0 million .

We are currently in compliance with financial covenants and other requirements with respect to our consolidated debt.

7. Derivative Financial Instruments

Our interest rate swaps have been designated as and are being accounted for as cash flow hedges with changes in fair value recorded in other comprehensive income/(loss) each reporting period. No gain or loss was recognized related to hedge ineffectiveness or to amounts excluded from effectiveness testing on our cash flow hedges during the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 . We have no collateral requirements related to our interest rate swaps.

Amounts reported in accumulated other comprehensive loss ("AOCL") related to derivatives will be reclassified to interest expense as interest payments are made on our variable-rate debt. During the period from October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016, we estimate that \$2.9 million will be reclassified to interest expense.

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7. Derivative Financial Instruments - Continued

The following table sets forth the fair value of our derivatives:

| | September 30, 2015 | December 31, 2014 |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Derivatives: | | |
| Derivatives designated as cash flow hedges in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities: | | |
| Interest rate swaps | \$ 5,535 | \$ 2,412 |

The following table sets forth the effect of our cash flow hedges on AOCL and interest expense:

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------|------------------------------------|------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 |
| Derivatives Designated as Cash Flow Hedges: | | | | |
| Amount of unrealized gains/(losses) recognized in AOCL on derivatives (effective portion): | | | | |
| Interest rate swaps | \$ (3,021) | \$ 913 | \$ (5,666) | \$ (3,337) |
| Amount of losses reclassified out of AOCL into contractual interest expense (effective portion): | | | | |
| Interest rate swaps | \$ 932 | \$ 952 | \$ 2,781 | \$ 2,824 |

8. Noncontrolling Interests

Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Affiliates

At September 30, 2015, our noncontrolling interests in consolidated affiliates relate to our joint venture partner's 50.0% interest in office properties in Richmond, VA. Our joint venture partner is an unrelated third party.

Noncontrolling Interests in the Operating Partnership

The following table sets forth the Company's noncontrolling interests in the Operating Partnership:

| | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|---|------------------------------------|------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 |
| Beginning noncontrolling interests in the Operating Partnership | \$ 130,048 | \$ 106,480 |
| Adjustment of noncontrolling interests in the Operating Partnership to fair value | (14,649) | 8,955 |
| Conversions of Common Units to Common Stock | (1,206) | (162) |
| Redemptions of Common Units | — | (93) |
| Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests in the Operating Partnership | 2,296 | 2,813 |
| Distributions to noncontrolling interests in the Operating Partnership | (3,721) | (3,745) |
| Total noncontrolling interests in the Operating Partnership | \$ 112,768 | \$ 114,248 |

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8. Noncontrolling Interests - Continued

The following table sets forth net income available for common stockholders and transfers from the Company's noncontrolling interests in the Operating Partnership:

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 |
| Net income available for common stockholders | \$ 29,749 | \$ 51,708 | \$ 74,220 | \$ 86,541 |
| Increase in additional paid in capital from conversions of Common Units to Common Stock | — | — | 1,206 | 162 |
| Change from net income available for common stockholders and transfers from noncontrolling interests | <u>\$ 29,749</u> | <u>\$ 51,708</u> | <u>\$ 75,426</u> | <u>\$ 86,703</u> |

9. Disclosure About Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The following summarizes the three levels of inputs that we use to measure fair value.

Level 1. Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Our Level 1 asset is our investment in marketable securities that we use to pay benefits under our non-qualified deferred compensation plan. Our Level 1 liability is our non-qualified deferred compensation obligation. The Company's Level 1 noncontrolling interests in the Operating Partnership relate to the ownership of Common Units by various individuals and entities other than the Company.

Level 2. Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the related assets or liabilities.

Our Level 2 asset is the fair value of certain of our mortgages and notes receivable. Our Level 2 liabilities include the fair value of our mortgages and notes payable and interest rate swaps.

The fair value of mortgages and notes receivable and mortgages and notes payable is estimated by the income approach utilizing contractual cash flows and market-based interest rates to approximate the price that would be paid in an orderly transaction between market participants. The fair value of interest rate swaps is determined using the market standard methodology of netting the discounted future fixed cash receipts and the discounted expected variable cash payments. The variable cash payments of interest rate swaps are based on the expectation of future LIBOR interest rates (forward curves) derived from observed market LIBOR interest rate curves. In addition, credit valuation adjustments are incorporated in the fair values to account for potential nonperformance risk, but were concluded to not be significant inputs to the calculation for the periods presented.

Level 3. Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities.

Our Level 3 assets include (1) certain of our mortgages and notes receivable, which were estimated by the income approach utilizing internal cash flow projections and market interest rates to estimate the price that would be paid in an orderly transaction between market participants, and (2) our tax increment financing bond, which is not routinely traded but whose fair value is determined by the income approach utilizing contractual cash flows and market-based interest rates to estimate the projected redemption value based on quoted bid/ask prices for similar unrated municipal bonds.

Our Level 3 liability is the fair value of our financing obligation, which was estimated by the income approach to approximate the price that would be paid in an orderly transaction between market participants, utilizing: (1) contractual cash flows; (2) market-based interest rates; and (3) a number of other assumptions including demand for space, competition for customers, changes in market rental rates, costs of operation and expected ownership periods.

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9. Disclosure About Fair Value of Financial Instruments - Continued

The following table sets forth our assets and liabilities and the Company's noncontrolling interests in the Operating Partnership that are measured at fair value within the fair value hierarchy.

| | Total | Level 1 Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets or Liabilities | Level 2 Significant Observable Inputs | Level 3 Significant Unobservable Inputs |
|--|---------------------|--|---|---|
| Fair Value at September 30, 2015: | | | | |
| Assets: | | | | |
| Mortgages and notes receivable, at fair value (1) | \$ 2,132 | \$ — | \$ 2,132 | \$ — |
| Marketable securities of non-qualified deferred compensation plan (in prepaid expenses and other assets) | 3,008 | 3,008 | — | — |
| Tax increment financing bond (in prepaid expenses and other assets) | 12,634 | — | — | 12,634 |
| Total Assets | \$ 17,774 | \$ 3,008 | \$ 2,132 | \$ 12,634 |
| Noncontrolling Interests in the Operating Partnership | \$ 112,768 | \$ 112,768 | \$ — | \$ — |
| Liabilities: | | | | |
| Mortgages and notes payable, at fair value (1) | \$ 2,520,419 | \$ — | \$ 2,520,419 | \$ — |
| Interest rate swaps (in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities) | 5,535 | — | 5,535 | — |
| Non-qualified deferred compensation obligation (in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities) | 3,008 | 3,008 | — | — |
| Financing obligation, at fair value (1) | 7,283 | — | — | 7,283 |
| Total Liabilities | \$ 2,536,245 | \$ 3,008 | \$ 2,525,954 | \$ 7,283 |
| Fair Value at December 31, 2014: | | | | |
| Assets: | | | | |
| Mortgages and notes receivable, at fair value (1) | \$ 13,142 | \$ — | \$ 2,247 | \$ 10,895 |
| Marketable securities of non-qualified deferred compensation plan (in prepaid expenses and other assets) | 3,635 | 3,635 | — | — |
| Tax increment financing bond (in prepaid expenses and other assets) | 12,447 | — | — | 12,447 |
| Total Assets | \$ 29,224 | \$ 3,635 | \$ 2,247 | \$ 23,342 |
| Noncontrolling Interests in the Operating Partnership | \$ 130,048 | \$ 130,048 | \$ — | \$ — |
| Liabilities: | | | | |
| Mortgages and notes payable, at fair value (1) | \$ 2,141,334 | \$ — | \$ 2,141,334 | \$ — |
| Interest rate swaps (in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities) | 2,412 | — | 2,412 | — |
| Non-qualified deferred compensation obligation (in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities) | 3,635 | 3,635 | — | — |
| Financing obligation, at fair value (as revised) (1) | 8,623 | — | — | 8,623 |
| Total Liabilities (as revised) | \$ 2,156,004 | \$ 3,635 | \$ 2,143,746 | \$ 8,623 |

(1) Amounts recorded at historical cost on our Consolidated Balance Sheets at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

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9. Disclosure About Fair Value of Financial Instruments - Continued

The following table sets forth the changes in our Level 3 asset, which is recorded at fair value on our Consolidated Balance Sheets:

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 |
| Asset: | | | | |
| Tax Increment Financing Bond: | | | | |
| Beginning balance | \$ 12,641 | \$ 13,673 | \$ 12,447 | \$ 13,403 |
| Unrealized gains/(losses) (in AOCL) | (7) | 23 | 187 | 293 |
| Ending balance | <u>\$ 12,634</u> | <u>\$ 13,696</u> | <u>\$ 12,634</u> | <u>\$ 13,696</u> |

During 2007, we acquired a tax increment financing bond associated with a parking garage developed by us. This bond amortizes to maturity in 2020. The estimated fair value at September 30, 2015 was \$0.3 million below the outstanding principal due on the bond. If the discount rate used to fair value this bond was 100 basis points higher or lower, the fair value of the bond would have been \$0.3 million lower or \$0.3 million higher, respectively, as of September 30, 2015. Payment of the principal and interest for the bond is guaranteed by us. We have recorded no credit losses related to the bond during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014. There is no legal right of offset with the liability, which we report as a financing obligation, related to this tax increment financing bond.

The following table sets forth quantitative information about the unobservable input of our Level 3 asset, which is recorded at fair value on our Consolidated Balance Sheets:

| | Valuation Technique | Unobservable Input | Rate as of | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| | | | September 30, 2015 | December 31, 2014 |
| Asset: | | | | |
| Tax increment financing bond | Income approach | Discount rate | 7.7% | 8.4% |

10. Share-Based Payments

During the nine months ended September 30, 2015, the Company granted 197,408 stock options with an exercise price equal to the closing market price of a share of Common Stock on the date of grant. The fair value of each option is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model, which resulted in a weighted average grant date fair value per share of \$ 6.19. During the nine months ended September 30, 2015, the Company also granted 71,994 shares of time-based restricted stock and 56,957 shares of total return-based restricted stock with weighted average grant date fair values per share of \$ 45.91 and \$ 43.77, respectively. We recorded share-based compensation expense of \$0.9 million and \$0.8 million during the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and \$ 6.0 million and \$ 6.2 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. At September 30, 2015, there was \$5.8 million of total unrecognized share-based compensation costs, which will be recognized over a weighted average remaining contractual term of 2.4 years.

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11. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss

The following table sets forth the components of AOCL:

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 |
| Tax increment financing bond: | | | | |
| Beginning balance | \$ (251) | \$ (759) | \$ (445) | \$ (1,029) |
| Unrealized gains/(losses) on tax increment financing bond | (7) | 23 | 187 | 293 |
| Ending balance | (258) | (736) | (258) | (736) |
| Cash flow hedges: | | | | |
| Beginning balance | (4,263) | (3,960) | (3,467) | (1,582) |
| Unrealized gains/(losses) on cash flow hedges | (3,021) | 913 | (5,666) | (3,337) |
| Amortization of cash flow hedges (1) | 932 | 952 | 2,781 | 2,824 |
| Ending balance | (6,352) | (2,095) | (6,352) | (2,095) |
| Total accumulated other comprehensive loss | \$ (6,610) | \$ (2,831) | \$ (6,610) | \$ (2,831) |

(1) Amounts reclassified out of AOCL into contractual interest expense.

12. Real Estate and Other Assets Held For Sale

The following table sets forth the major classes of assets of our real estate and other assets, net, held for sale:

| | September 30, 2015 | December 31, 2014 |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Land held for development | \$ 2,606 | \$ 995 |
| Net real estate assets | 2,606 | 995 |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets | 23 | 43 |
| Real estate and other assets, net, held for sale | \$ 2,629 | \$ 1,038 |

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13. Earnings Per Share and Per Unit

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share of the Company:

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|---|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 |
| Earnings per Common Share - basic: | | | | |
| Numerator: | | | | |
| Income from continuing operations | \$ 31,617 | \$ 54,299 | \$ 79,343 | \$ 92,003 |
| Net (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests in the Operating Partnership from continuing operations | (918) | (1,673) | (2,296) | (2,801) |
| Net (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests in consolidated affiliates from continuing operations | (324) | (291) | (948) | (1,152) |
| Dividends on Preferred Stock | (626) | (627) | (1,879) | (1,881) |
| Income from continuing operations available for common stockholders | 29,749 | 51,708 | 74,220 | 86,169 |
| Income from discontinued operations | — | — | — | 384 |
| Net (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests in the Operating Partnership from discontinued operations | — | — | — | (12) |
| Income from discontinued operations available for common stockholders | — | — | — | 372 |
| Net income available for common stockholders | <u>\$ 29,749</u> | <u>\$ 51,708</u> | <u>\$ 74,220</u> | <u>\$ 86,541</u> |
| Denominator: | | | | |
| Denominator for basic earnings per Common Share – weighted average shares | 94,693 | 90,668 | 93,996 | 90,299 |
| Earnings per Common Share - basic: | | | | |
| Income from continuing operations available for common stockholders | \$ 0.31 | \$ 0.57 | \$ 0.79 | \$ 0.96 |
| Income from discontinued operations available for common stockholders | — | — | — | — |
| Net income available for common stockholders | <u>\$ 0.31</u> | <u>\$ 0.57</u> | <u>\$ 0.79</u> | <u>\$ 0.96</u> |
| Earnings per Common Share - diluted: | | | | |
| Numerator: | | | | |
| Income from continuing operations | \$ 31,617 | \$ 54,299 | \$ 79,343 | \$ 92,003 |
| Net (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests in consolidated affiliates from continuing operations | (324) | (291) | (948) | (1,152) |
| Dividends on Preferred Stock | (626) | (627) | (1,879) | (1,881) |
| Income from continuing operations available for common stockholders before net (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests in the Operating Partnership | 30,667 | 53,381 | 76,516 | 88,970 |
| Income from discontinued operations available for common stockholders | — | — | — | 384 |
| Net income available for common stockholders before net (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests in the Operating Partnership | <u>\$ 30,667</u> | <u>\$ 53,381</u> | <u>\$ 76,516</u> | <u>\$ 89,354</u> |
| Denominator: | | | | |
| Denominator for basic earnings per Common Share – weighted average shares | 94,693 | 90,668 | 93,996 | 90,299 |
| Add: | | | | |
| Stock options using the treasury method | 58 | 118 | 89 | 121 |
| Noncontrolling interests Common Units | 2,910 | 2,937 | 2,918 | 2,938 |
| Denominator for diluted earnings per Common Share – adjusted weighted average shares and assumed conversions (1) (2) | <u>97,661</u> | <u>93,723</u> | <u>97,003</u> | <u>93,358</u> |
| Earnings per Common Share - diluted: | | | | |
| Income from continuing operations available for common stockholders | \$ 0.31 | \$ 0.57 | \$ 0.79 | \$ 0.96 |
| Income from discontinued operations available for common stockholders | — | — | — | — |
| Net income available for common stockholders | <u>\$ 0.31</u> | <u>\$ 0.57</u> | <u>\$ 0.79</u> | <u>\$ 0.96</u> |

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13. Earnings Per Share and Per Unit - Continued

- (1) There were 0.2 million options outstanding during both the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 that were not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share because the impact of including such options would be anti-dilutive. There were no such options outstanding during both the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014.
- (2) Includes all unvested restricted stock where dividends on such restricted stock are non-forfeitable.

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per unit of the Operating Partnership:

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 |
| Earnings per Common Unit - basic: | | | | |
| Numerator: | | | | |
| Income from continuing operations | \$ 31,617 | \$ 54,299 | \$ 79,343 | \$ 92,003 |
| Net (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests in consolidated affiliates from continuing operations | (324) | (291) | (948) | (1,152) |
| Distributions on Preferred Units | (626) | (627) | (1,879) | (1,881) |
| Income from continuing operations available for common unitholders | 30,667 | 53,381 | 76,516 | 88,970 |
| Income from discontinued operations available for common unitholders | — | — | — | 384 |
| Net income available for common unitholders | <u>\$ 30,667</u> | <u>\$ 53,381</u> | <u>\$ 76,516</u> | <u>\$ 89,354</u> |
| Denominator: | | | | |
| Denominator for basic earnings per Common Unit – weighted average units | 97,194 | 93,196 | 96,505 | 92,828 |
| Earnings per Common Unit - basic: | | | | |
| Income from continuing operations available for common unitholders | \$ 0.32 | \$ 0.57 | \$ 0.79 | \$ 0.96 |
| Income from discontinued operations available for common unitholders | — | — | — | — |
| Net income available for common unitholders | <u>\$ 0.32</u> | <u>\$ 0.57</u> | <u>\$ 0.79</u> | <u>\$ 0.96</u> |
| Earnings per Common Unit - diluted: | | | | |
| Numerator: | | | | |
| Income from continuing operations | \$ 31,617 | \$ 54,299 | \$ 79,343 | \$ 92,003 |
| Net (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests in consolidated affiliates from continuing operations | (324) | (291) | (948) | (1,152) |
| Distributions on Preferred Units | (626) | (627) | (1,879) | (1,881) |
| Income from continuing operations available for common unitholders | 30,667 | 53,381 | 76,516 | 88,970 |
| Income from discontinued operations available for common unitholders | — | — | — | 384 |
| Net income available for common unitholders | <u>\$ 30,667</u> | <u>\$ 53,381</u> | <u>\$ 76,516</u> | <u>\$ 89,354</u> |
| Denominator: | | | | |
| Denominator for basic earnings per Common Unit – weighted average units | 97,194 | 93,196 | 96,505 | 92,828 |
| Add: | | | | |
| Stock options using the treasury method | 58 | 118 | 89 | 121 |
| Denominator for diluted earnings per Common Unit – adjusted weighted average units and assumed conversions (1) (2) | <u>97,252</u> | <u>93,314</u> | <u>96,594</u> | <u>92,949</u> |
| Earnings per Common Unit - diluted: | | | | |
| Income from continuing operations available for common unitholders | \$ 0.32 | \$ 0.57 | \$ 0.79 | \$ 0.96 |
| Income from discontinued operations available for common unitholders | — | — | — | — |
| Net income available for common unitholders | <u>\$ 0.32</u> | <u>\$ 0.57</u> | <u>\$ 0.79</u> | <u>\$ 0.96</u> |

- (1) There were 0.2 million options outstanding during both the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 that were not included in the computation of diluted earnings per unit because the impact of including such options would be anti-dilutive. There were no such options outstanding during both the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014.

- (2) Includes all unvested restricted stock where dividends on such restricted stock are non-forfeitable.

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14. Segment Information

The following tables summarize the rental and other revenues and net operating income, the primary industry property-level performance metric used by our chief operating decision maker which is defined as rental and other revenues less rental property and other expenses, for each of our reportable segments. Our segment information for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 has been retrospectively revised from previously reported amounts to reflect a change in our reportable segments.

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|---|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 |
| Rental and Other Revenues: | | | | |
| Office: | | | | |
| Atlanta, GA | \$ 25,737 | \$ 24,682 | \$ 76,130 | \$ 71,286 |
| Greensboro, NC | 5,288 | 6,439 | 16,126 | 19,469 |
| Greenville, SC | — | 532 | — | 2,140 |
| Kansas City, MO | 4,207 | 4,218 | 12,565 | 12,401 |
| Memphis, TN | 11,790 | 10,186 | 35,574 | 30,076 |
| Nashville, TN | 22,614 | 20,139 | 66,200 | 59,926 |
| Orlando, FL | 11,397 | 8,991 | 33,179 | 27,059 |
| Pittsburgh, PA | 14,831 | 14,259 | 44,099 | 42,030 |
| Raleigh, NC | 27,081 | 21,357 | 76,063 | 65,386 |
| Richmond, VA | 10,564 | 11,236 | 31,351 | 34,999 |
| Tampa, FL | 17,785 | 17,637 | 54,814 | 51,393 |
| Total Office Segment | 151,294 | 139,676 | 446,101 | 416,165 |
| Retail: | | | | |
| Kansas City, MO | 9,461 | 9,753 | 27,164 | 28,337 |
| Total Retail Segment | 9,461 | 9,753 | 27,164 | 28,337 |
| Other | 2,981 | 3,200 | 8,917 | 9,302 |
| Total Rental and Other Revenues | \$ 163,736 | \$ 152,629 | \$ 482,182 | \$ 453,804 |

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14. Segment Information - Continued

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|---|---|------------------|--|------------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 |
| Net Operating Income: | | | | |
| Office: | | | | |
| Atlanta, GA | \$ 15,970 | \$ 14,808 | \$ 47,000 | \$ 42,826 |
| Greensboro, NC | 3,275 | 4,105 | 10,217 | 12,352 |
| Greenville, SC | — | 289 | — | 1,154 |
| Kansas City, MO | 2,561 | 2,671 | 8,023 | 7,974 |
| Memphis, TN | 7,317 | 6,024 | 22,347 | 17,420 |
| Nashville, TN | 15,726 | 13,590 | 46,438 | 40,742 |
| Orlando, FL | 6,153 | 5,087 | 18,984 | 15,809 |
| Pittsburgh, PA | 8,840 | 8,122 | 25,472 | 23,303 |
| Raleigh, NC | 19,018 | 14,611 | 53,647 | 45,969 |
| Richmond, VA | 6,909 | 7,165 | 20,721 | 23,106 |
| Tampa, FL | 10,615 | 10,304 | 32,855 | 30,370 |
| Total Office Segment | 96,384 | 86,776 | 285,704 | 261,025 |
| Retail: | | | | |
| Kansas City, MO | 5,439 | 6,157 | 15,502 | 17,186 |
| Total Retail Segment | 5,439 | 6,157 | 15,502 | 17,186 |
| Other | 2,155 | 2,313 | 6,427 | 6,545 |
| Total Net Operating Income | 103,978 | 95,246 | 307,633 | 284,756 |
| Reconciliation to income from continuing operations before disposition of investment properties and activity in unconsolidated affiliates: | | | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | (54,652) | (48,287) | (156,200) | (146,895) |
| Impairments of real estate assets | — | — | — | (588) |
| General and administrative expenses | (9,182) | (7,526) | (29,511) | (26,973) |
| Interest expense | (21,512) | (22,348) | (64,937) | (64,923) |
| Other income | 1,038 | 728 | 3,255 | 3,555 |
| Income from continuing operations before disposition of investment properties and activity in unconsolidated affiliates | \$ 19,670 | \$ 17,813 | \$ 60,240 | \$ 48,932 |

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15. Commitments and Contingencies

On September 30, 2015, we announced our intent to list for sale all, or substantially all, of our wholly-owned portfolio in Kansas City, MO. Our wholly-owned assets in Kansas City, MO consist of 804,000 square feet of retail space and 617,000 square feet of office space. We intend to use the proceeds to repay debt incurred to effectively pay for our third quarter acquisitions of a building in Tampa, FL and two buildings in Atlanta, GA and for general corporate purposes. We expect to close on the disposition no later than early 2016 and, beginning in the fourth quarter of 2015 through the closing date, we will accrue \$2.5 million of severance costs expected to be incurred due to our intent to close our Kansas City division office upon such sale.

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

The Company is a fully integrated office REIT that owns, develops, acquires, leases and manages properties primarily in the best business districts (BBDs) of Atlanta, Greensboro, Kansas City, Memphis, Nashville, Orlando, Pittsburgh, Raleigh, Richmond and Tampa. The Company conducts its activities through the Operating Partnership. The Operating Partnership is managed by the Company, its sole general partner. Additional information about us can be found on our website at www.highwoods.com. Information on our website is not part of this Quarterly Report.

You should read the following discussion and analysis in conjunction with the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements and related notes contained elsewhere in this Quarterly Report.

Disclosure Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

Some of the information in this Quarterly Report may contain forward-looking statements. Such statements include, in particular, statements about our plans, strategies and prospects under this section. You can identify forward-looking statements by our use of forward-looking terminology such as "may," "will," "expect," "anticipate," "estimate," "continue" or other similar words. Although we believe that our plans, intentions and expectations reflected in or suggested by such forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot assure you that our plans, intentions or expectations will be achieved. When considering such forward-looking statements, you should keep in mind the following important factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement:

- buyers may not be available and pricing may not be adequate with respect to the planned disposition of all or substantially all of our wholly-owned County Club Plaza portfolio in Kansas City (see "Investment Activity");
- comparable sales data on which we based our expectations with respect to the sale price of Country Club Plaza assets may not reflect current market trends;
- the financial condition of our customers could deteriorate;
- we may not be able to lease or re-lease second generation space, defined as previously occupied space that becomes available for lease, quickly or on as favorable terms as old leases;
- we may not be able to lease our newly constructed buildings as quickly or on as favorable terms as originally anticipated;
- we may not be able to complete development, acquisition, reinvestment, disposition or joint venture projects as quickly or on as favorable terms as anticipated;
- development activity by our competitors in our existing markets could result in an excessive supply relative to customer demand;
- our markets may suffer declines in economic growth;
- unanticipated increases in interest rates could increase our debt service costs;
- unanticipated increases in operating expenses could negatively impact our operating results;
- we may not be able to meet our liquidity requirements or obtain capital on favorable terms to fund our working capital needs and growth initiatives or repay or refinance outstanding debt upon maturity; and
- the Company could lose key executive officers.

This list of risks and uncertainties, however, is not intended to be exhaustive. You should also review the other cautionary statements we make in "Business – Risk Factors" set forth in our 2014 Annual Report on Form 10-K. Given these uncertainties, you should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. We undertake no obligation to publicly release the results of any revisions to these forward-looking statements to reflect any future events or circumstances or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

Executive Summary

Our Strategic Plan focuses on:

- owning high-quality, differentiated office buildings in the BBDs of our core markets;
- improving the operating results of our existing properties through concentrated leasing, asset management, cost control and customer service efforts;
- developing and acquiring office buildings in BBDs that improve the overall quality of our portfolio and generate attractive returns over the long term for our stockholders;
- disposing of properties no longer considered to be core assets primarily due to location, age, quality and overall strategic fit; and
- maintaining a conservative and flexible balance sheet with ample liquidity to meet our funding needs and growth prospects.

Revenues

Our operating results depend heavily on successfully leasing and operating the office space in our portfolio. Economic growth and employment levels in our core markets are and will continue to be important factors in predicting our future operating results.

The key components affecting our rental and other revenues are average occupancy, rental rates, cost recovery income, new developments placed in service, acquisitions and dispositions. Average occupancy generally increases during times of improving economic growth, as our ability to lease space outpaces vacancies that occur upon the expirations of existing leases. Average occupancy generally declines during times of slower economic growth, when new vacancies tend to outpace our ability to lease space. Asset acquisitions, dispositions and new developments placed in service directly impact our rental revenues and could impact our average occupancy, depending upon the occupancy rate of the properties that are acquired, sold or placed in service. A further indicator of the predictability of future revenues is the expected lease expirations of our portfolio. As a result, in addition to seeking to increase our average occupancy by leasing current vacant space, we also must concentrate our leasing efforts on renewing our existing leases prior to expiration. For more information regarding our lease expirations, see "Properties - Lease Expirations" in our 2014 Annual Report on Form 10-K. Occupancy in our office portfolio increased from 91.2% at December 31, 2014 to 92.1% at September 30, 2015 .

Whether or not our rental revenue tracks average occupancy proportionally depends upon whether GAAP rents under signed new and renewal leases are higher or lower than the GAAP rents under expiring leases. Annualized rental revenues from second generation leases expiring during any particular year are generally less than 15% of our total annual rental revenues. The following table sets forth information regarding second generation office leases signed during the third quarter of 2015 (we define second generation office leases as leases with new customers and renewals of existing customers in office space that has been previously occupied under our ownership and leases with respect to vacant space in acquired buildings):

| | New | Renewal | All Office |
|---|----------|----------|------------|
| Leased space (in rentable square feet) | 233,574 | 843,755 | 1,077,329 |
| Average term (in years - rentable square foot weighted) | 7.4 | 4.2 | 4.9 |
| Base rents (per rentable square foot) (1) | \$ 25.16 | \$ 24.24 | \$ 24.44 |
| Rent concessions (per rentable square foot) (1) | (1.03) | (0.26) | (0.43) |
| GAAP rents (per rentable square foot) (1) | \$ 24.13 | \$ 23.98 | \$ 24.01 |
| Tenant improvements (per rentable square foot) (1) | \$ 3.62 | \$ 1.39 | \$ 1.87 |
| Leasing commissions (per rentable square foot) (1) | \$ 0.89 | \$ 0.60 | \$ 0.66 |

(1) Weighted average per rentable square foot on an annual basis over the lease term.

Compared to previous leases in the same office spaces, annual combined GAAP rents for new and renewal leases signed in the third quarter were \$24.01 per rentable square foot, or 9.6% higher .

We strive to maintain a diverse, stable and creditworthy customer base. We have an internal guideline whereby customers that account for more than 3% of our revenues are periodically reviewed with the Company's Board of Directors. As of September 30, 2015, no customer accounted for more than 3% of our cash revenues other than the Federal Government, which accounted for less than 6% of our cash revenues on an annualized basis. Upon completion of the Bridgestone Americas development project in Nashville, which is scheduled for delivery in mid-to-late 2017, it is expected that Bridgestone Americas, Inc., the U.S. subsidiary of Bridgestone Corporation, will account for approximately 3% of our revenues based on annualized cash revenues for September 2015.

Operating Expenses

Our expenses primarily consist of rental property expenses, depreciation and amortization, general and administrative expenses and interest expense. From time to time, expenses also include impairments of real estate assets. Rental property expenses are expenses associated with our ownership and operation of rental properties and include expenses that vary somewhat proportionately to occupancy levels, such as janitorial services and utilities, and expenses that do not vary based on occupancy, such as property taxes and insurance. Depreciation and amortization is a non-cash expense associated with the ownership of real property and generally remains relatively consistent each year, unless we buy, place in service or sell assets, since we depreciate our properties and related building and tenant improvement assets on a straight-line basis over fixed lives. General and administrative expenses consist primarily of management and employee salaries and other personnel costs, corporate overhead and short and long-term incentive compensation.

Net Operating Income

Whether or not we record growing same property net operating income ("NOI") depends upon our ability to garner higher rental revenues, whether from higher average occupancy, higher GAAP rents per rentable square foot or higher cost recovery income, that exceed any corresponding growth in operating expenses. Same property NOI was \$5.4 million, or 6.0%, higher in the third quarter of 2015 as compared to 2014 due to an increase in same property revenues of \$7.1 million offset by an increase of \$1.7 million in same property expenses.

In addition to the effect of same property NOI, whether or not overall NOI increases depends upon whether the NOI from our acquired properties and development properties placed in service exceeds the NOI from sold properties. Overall NOI was \$8.7 million, or 9.2%, higher in the third quarter of 2015 as compared to 2014 due to the full year impact of acquisitions and development properties placed in service in 2014 and the partial year impact of acquisitions and development properties placed in service in 2015, offset by NOI lost from sold properties.

Cash Flows

In calculating net cash related to operating activities, depreciation and amortization, which are non-cash expenses, are added back to net income. As a result, we have historically generated a positive amount of cash from operating activities. From period to period, cash flow from operations depends primarily upon changes in our net income, as discussed more fully below under "Results of Operations," changes in receivables and payables, and net additions or decreases in our overall portfolio.

Net cash related to investing activities generally relates to capitalized costs incurred for leasing and major building improvements and our acquisition, development, disposition and joint venture capital activity. During periods of significant net acquisition and/or development activity, our cash used in such investing activities will generally exceed cash provided by investing activities, which typically consists of cash received upon the sale of properties and distributions of capital from our joint ventures.

Net cash related to financing activities generally relates to distributions, incurrence and repayment of debt, and issuances, repurchases or redemptions of Common Stock, Common Units and Preferred Stock. As discussed previously, we use a significant amount of our cash to fund distributions. Whether or not we have increases in the outstanding balances of debt during a period depends generally upon the net effect of our acquisition, disposition, development and joint venture activity. We generally use our revolving credit facility for daily working capital purposes, which means that during any given period, in order to minimize interest expense, we may record significant repayments and borrowings under our revolving credit facility.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

We intend to maintain a conservative and flexible balance sheet with access to multiple sources of debt and equity capital and sufficient availability under our revolving credit facility that allows us to capitalize on favorable development and acquisition opportunities as they arise.

Rental and other revenues are our principal source of funds to meet our short-term liquidity requirements. Other sources of funds for short-term liquidity needs include available working capital and borrowings under our existing revolving credit facility, which had \$ 198.8 million of availability at October 20, 2015 . We also recently obtained a \$350.0 million , six -month unsecured bridge facility for the short-term funding of our third quarter acquisition activity and other general corporate purposes. See "Financing Activity." Our short-term liquidity requirements primarily consist of operating expenses, interest and principal amortization on our debt, distributions and capital expenditures, including building improvement costs, tenant improvement costs and lease commissions. Building improvements are capital costs to maintain or enhance existing buildings not typically related to a specific customer. Tenant improvements are the costs required to customize space for the specific needs of customers. We anticipate that our available cash and cash equivalents and cash provided by operating activities, together with cash available from borrowings under our revolving credit facility and bridge facility, will be adequate to meet our short-term liquidity requirements. We use our revolving credit facility and bridge facility for working capital purposes and for the short-term funding of our development and acquisition activity and, in certain instances, the repayment of other debt. The continued ability to borrow under the revolving credit facility and bridge facility allows us to quickly capitalize on strategic opportunities at short-term interest rates.

Our long-term liquidity uses generally consist of the retirement or refinancing of debt upon maturity (including mortgage debt, our revolving credit facility, term loans and other unsecured debt), funding of existing and new building development and land infrastructure projects and funding acquisitions of buildings and development land. Our expected future capital expenditures for started and/or committed new development projects were approximately \$344 million at September 30, 2015 . Additionally, we may, from time to time, retire some or all of our remaining outstanding Preferred Stock and/or unsecured debt securities through redemptions, open market repurchases, privately negotiated acquisitions or otherwise.

We expect to meet our long-term liquidity needs through a combination of:

- cash flow from operating activities;
- bank term loans and borrowings under our revolving credit facility;
- the issuance of unsecured debt;
- the issuance of secured debt;
- the issuance of equity securities by the Company or the Operating Partnership; and
- the disposition of non-core assets.

We generally expect to grow our company on a leverage neutral basis by maintaining a leverage ratio of 40% to 45% as measured by the percentage of the undepreciated book value of our assets represented by our mortgages and notes payable and outstanding preferred stock. At September 30, 2015 , as a result of debt incurred to acquire three buildings during the third quarter of 2015, our leverage ratio was 45.1% and there were 98.3 million diluted shares outstanding. Upon the sale of all or substantially all of our Country Club Plaza assets, we expect to return our leverage ratio to the low end of our intended range of 40% to 45%. This forward-looking statement is subject to risks and uncertainties. See "Disclosure Regarding Forward-Looking Statements."

Investment Activity

As noted above, a key tenet of our strategic plan is to continuously upgrade the quality of our office portfolio through acquisitions, dispositions and development. We generally seek to acquire and develop office buildings that improve the average quality of our overall portfolio and deliver consistent and sustainable value for our stockholders over the long-term. Whether or not an asset acquisition or new development results in higher per share net income or funds from operations ("FFO") in any given period depends upon a number of factors, including whether the NOI for any such period exceeds the actual cost of capital used to finance the acquisition or development. Additionally, given the length of construction cycles, development projects are not placed in service until, in some cases, several years after commencement. Sales of non-core assets could result in lower per share net income or FFO in any given period in the event the resulting use of proceeds does not exceed the capitalization rate on the sold properties.

Results of Operations

Three Months Ended September 30, 2015 and 2014

Rental and Other Revenues

Rental and other revenues were \$11.1 million , or 7.3% , higher in the third quarter of 2015 as compared to 2014 primarily due to higher same property revenues and recent acquisitions and development properties placed in service, which increased rental and other revenues by \$7.1 million, \$4.5 million and \$4.7 million, respectively. Same property rental and other revenues were higher primarily due to an increase in average occupancy to 92.5% in the third quarter of 2015 from 91.2% in the third quarter of 2014 , higher average GAAP rents per rentable square foot and higher termination fees and cost recovery income. These increases were partly offset by lost revenue from property dispositions of \$4.9 million.

Operating Expenses

Rental property and other expenses were \$2.4 million , or 4.1% , higher in the third quarter of 2015 as compared to 2014 primarily due to higher same property operating expenses and recent acquisitions and development properties placed in service, which increased operating expenses by \$1.7 million, \$1.9 million and \$1.1 million, respectively. Same property operating expenses were higher primarily due to higher property taxes, repairs and maintenance and janitorial and other building-related services, partly offset by lower property insurance. These increases were partly offset by a \$1.9 million decrease in operating expenses from property dispositions.

Depreciation and amortization was \$6.4 million , or 13.2% , higher in the third quarter of 2015 as compared to 2014 primarily due to recent acquisitions and development properties placed in service, partly offset by property dispositions.

General and administrative expenses were \$1.7 million , or 22.0% , higher in the third quarter of 2015 as compared to 2014 primarily due to higher incentive compensation, acquisition costs and company-wide base salaries.

Interest Expense

Interest expense was \$0.8 million , or 3.7% , lower in the third quarter of 2015 as compared to 2014 primarily due to lower financing obligation interest expense and lower average interest rates, partly offset by higher average debt balances.

Other Income

Other income was \$0.3 million , or 42.6% , higher in the third quarter of 2015 as compared to 2014 primarily due to a loss on debt extinguishment in the third quarter of 2014.

Gains on Disposition of Property

Gains on disposition of property were \$29.2 million lower in the third quarter of 2015 as compared to 2014 due to the net effect of the disposition activity in such periods.

Gain on Disposition of Investment in Unconsolidated Affiliate

We recorded a gain on disposition of investment in unconsolidated affiliate of \$4.2 million in the third quarter of 2015 due to the sale of our 20.0% interest in SF-HIW Harborview Plaza, LP to our partner. We had no comparable transaction in the third quarter of 2014.

Equity in Earnings of Unconsolidated Affiliates

Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates was \$0.5 million higher in the third quarter of 2015 as compared to 2014 due to one of our consolidated joint ventures becoming unconsolidated in the second quarter of 2015 and lower interest expense in 2015, partly offset by less net operating income in our unconsolidated affiliates as a result of disposition activity.

Earnings Per Common Share - Diluted

Diluted earnings per common share was \$0.26 , or 45.6% , lower in the third quarter of 2015 as compared to 2014 due to a decrease in net income for the reasons discussed above and an increase in the weighted average Common Shares outstanding.

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015 and 2014

Rental and Other Revenues

Rental and other revenues were \$28.4 million , or 6.3% , higher in the nine months ended September 30, 2015 as compared to 2014 primarily due to higher same property revenues and recent acquisitions and development properties placed in service, which increased rental and other revenues by \$21.2 million, \$12.6 million and \$10.8 million, respectively. Same property rental and other revenues were higher primarily due to an increase in average occupancy to 92.3% in the nine months ended September 30, 2015 from 90.3% in the nine months ended September 30, 2014, higher average GAAP rents per rentable square foot and higher cost recovery income and termination fees. These increases were partly offset by lost revenue from property dispositions of \$16.0 million.

Operating Expenses

Rental property and other expenses were \$5.5 million , or 3.3% , higher in the nine months ended September 30, 2015 as compared to 2014 primarily due to higher same property operating expenses and recent acquisitions and development properties placed in service, which increased operating expenses by \$5.4 million, \$4.7 million and \$2.3 million, respectively. Same property operating expenses were higher primarily due to higher property taxes, janitorial and other building-related services and repairs and maintenance, partly offset by lower utilities and property insurance. These increases were partly offset by a \$6.0 million decrease in operating expenses from property dispositions.

Depreciation and amortization was \$9.3 million , or 6.3% , higher in the nine months ended September 30, 2015 as compared to 2014 primarily due to recent acquisitions and development properties placed in service, partly offset by property dispositions.

We recorded an impairment of real estate assets of \$0.6 million in the second quarter of 2014 on a building in Greensboro, NC, which resulted from a change in the assumed timing of future disposition and leasing assumptions. We recorded no such impairment in the nine months ended September 30, 2015.

General and administrative expenses were \$2.5 million , or 9.4% , higher in the nine months ended September 30, 2015 as compared to 2014 primarily due to higher incentive compensation, company-wide base salaries and benefits and acquisition costs.

Interest Expense

Interest expense was relatively unchanged in the nine months ended September 30, 2015 as compared to 2014 primarily due to higher average debt balances and financing obligation interest expense, offset by higher capitalized interest.

Other Income

Other income was \$0.3 million , or 8.4% , lower in the nine months ended September 30, 2015 as compared to 2014 primarily due to the repayments of mortgages receivable in the first quarter of 2014 and second quarter of 2015 and lower tax increment financing bond interest in 2015.

Gains on Disposition of Property and Net Gains on Disposition of Discontinued Operations

With the adoption of the discontinued operations accounting standards update in the second quarter of 2014, gains on disposition of property are now generally included in continuing operations. Prior to adoption, such gains were generally classified as discontinued operations. Total gains were \$32.0 million lower in the nine months ended September 30, 2015 as compared to 2014 due to the net effect of the disposition activity in such periods.

Gain on Disposition of Investment in Unconsolidated Affiliate

We recorded a gain on disposition of investment in unconsolidated affiliate of \$4.2 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2015 due to the sale of our 20.0% interest in SF-HIW Harborview Plaza, LP to our partner. We had no comparable transaction in the nine months ended September 30, 2014.

Equity in Earnings of Unconsolidated Affiliates

Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates was \$3.5 million higher in the nine months ended September 30, 2015 as compared to 2014 primarily due to our share of gains recognized by certain of our unconsolidated affiliates in the first and second quarters of 2015, lower interest expense in 2015 and a net impairment of one of our previous investments in the first quarter of 2014. These increases were partly offset by less net operating income in our unconsolidated affiliates as a result of disposition activity.

Earnings Per Common Share - Diluted

Diluted earnings per common share was \$0.17, or 17.7%, lower in the nine months ended September 30, 2015 as compared to 2014 due to a decrease in net income for the reasons discussed above and an increase in the weighted average Common Shares outstanding.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Statements of Cash Flows

We report and analyze our cash flows based on operating activities, investing activities and financing activities. The following table sets forth the changes in the Company's cash flows (\$ in thousands):

| | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | Change |
|---|--|-----------------|-------------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 | |
| Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities | \$ 209,410 | \$ 183,675 | \$ 25,735 |
| Net Cash Used In Investing Activities | (564,095) | (159,184) | (404,911) |
| Net Cash Provided By/(Used In) Financing Activities | 351,037 | (23,075) | 374,112 |
| Total Cash Flows | \$ (3,648) | \$ 1,416 | \$ (5,064) |

The increase in net cash provided by operating activities in the nine months ended September 30, 2015 as compared to 2014 was primarily due to higher net cash from the operations of recent acquisitions and development properties placed in service in 2015.

The increase in net cash used in investing activities in the nine months ended September 30, 2015 as compared to 2014 was primarily due to higher acquisition activity and lower net proceeds from disposition of real estate assets in 2015, partly offset by lower development activity and the repayment of an advance from an unconsolidated affiliate in 2015.

The change in net cash provided by/used in financing activities in the nine months ended September 30, 2015 as compared to 2014 was primarily due to higher net debt borrowings and higher proceeds from the issuance of Common Stock in 2015.

Capitalization

The following table sets forth the Company's capitalization (in thousands, except per share amounts):

| | September 30, 2015 | December 31, 2014 |
|---|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | (as revised) | |
| Mortgages and notes payable, at recorded book value | \$ 2,478,753 | \$ 2,071,389 |
| Financing obligation | \$ 7,402 | \$ 8,962 |
| Preferred Stock, at liquidation value | \$ 29,050 | \$ 29,060 |
| Common Stock outstanding | 95,330 | 92,907 |
| Common Units outstanding (not owned by the Company) | 2,910 | 2,937 |
| Per share stock price at period end | \$ 38.75 | \$ 44.28 |
| Market value of Common Stock and Common Units | \$ 3,806,800 | \$ 4,243,972 |
| Total capitalization | \$ 6,322,005 | \$ 6,353,383 |

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At September 30, 2015, our mortgages and notes payable and outstanding preferred stock represented 39.7% of our total capitalization and 45.1% of the undepreciated book value of our assets.

Our mortgages and notes payable as of September 30, 2015 consisted of \$288.6 million of secured indebtedness with a weighted average interest rate of 5.83% and \$2,190.1 million of unsecured indebtedness with a weighted average interest rate of 3.38%. The secured indebtedness was collateralized by real estate assets with an aggregate undepreciated book value of \$547.2 million. As of September 30, 2015, \$840.0 million of our debt does not bear interest at fixed rates or is not protected by interest rate hedge contracts.

Investment Activity

During the third quarter of 2015, we acquired:

- a building in Tampa, FL encompassing 528,000 rentable square feet for a net purchase price of \$113.5 million and an adjacent land parcel for a purchase price of \$2.2 million; and
- two buildings in Atlanta, GA encompassing 896,000 rentable square feet for a net purchase price of \$290.3 million.

We expensed \$0.9 million of acquisition costs (included in general and administrative expenses) related to these acquisitions. The assets acquired and liabilities assumed were recorded at fair value as determined by management based on information available at the acquisition date and on current assumptions as to future operations. We have invested or intend to invest an additional \$14.5 million in the aggregate of planned building improvements in the buildings acquired in the third quarter of 2015. As of the closing date, based on the total anticipated investment of \$418.3 million, the weighted average capitalization rate for the acquisitions of these buildings, which were 88.4% occupied on average as of the closing date, is 6.1% using projected annual GAAP net operating income for the first 12 months of ownership. These forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties. See "Disclosure Regarding Forward-Looking Statements."

In the normal course of business, we regularly evaluate potential acquisitions. As a result, from time to time, we may have one or more potential acquisitions under consideration that are in varying stages of evaluation, negotiation or due diligence, including potential acquisitions that are subject to non-binding letters of intent or enforceable contracts. Consummation of any transaction is subject to a number of contingencies, including the satisfaction of customary closing conditions. No assurances can be provided that we will acquire any properties in the future. See "Item 1A. Risk Factors - Recent and future acquisitions and development properties may fail to perform in accordance with our expectations and may require renovation and development costs exceeding our estimates" in our 2014 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

During the third quarter of 2015, we sold:

- a building for a sale price of \$15.3 million and recorded a gain on disposition of property of \$6.5 million; and
- land for a sale price of \$1.8 million and recorded a gain on disposition of property of \$0.5 million.

On September 30, 2015, we announced our intent to list for sale all or substantially all of our wholly-owned Country Club Plaza portfolio in Kansas City. Our wholly-owned assets in Kansas City consist of 804,000 square feet of retail space and 617,000 square feet of office space. We intend to use the proceeds from the sale of Country Club Plaza assets to repay debt incurred to acquire three buildings in the third quarter of 2015 and for general corporate purposes. Some or all of the planned disposition of Country Club Plaza assets is expected to qualify for tax-deferred treatment under Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code. We expect to close on the disposition of Country Club Plaza assets no later than early 2016 and, beginning in the fourth quarter of 2015 through the closing date, we will accrue \$2.5 million of severance costs expected to be incurred due to our intent to close our Kansas City division office upon such sale. We can provide no assurances, however, that we will dispose of any Country Club Plaza assets on favorable terms, or at all, because the disposition is subject to the negotiation and execution of a definitive and binding purchase and sale agreement, and would then be subject to the buyer's completion of satisfactory due diligence and other customary closing conditions.

As of September 30, 2015 , we were developing 1,482,200 rentable square feet of properties. The following table summarizes these developments:

| Property | Market | Rentable Square Feet | Anticipated Total Investment (1) | Investment As Of September 30, 2015 (1) | Pre-Leased % | Estimated Completion | Estimated Stabilization |
|-----------------------|-------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|---|--------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| (\$ in thousands) | | | | | | | |
| Laser Spine Institute | Tampa | 176,000 | \$ 56,000 | \$ 40,474 | 100.0% | 1Q 16 | 1Q 16 |
| Seven Springs West | Nashville | 203,000 | 59,000 | 31,605 | 85.6 | 3Q 16 | 1Q 17 |
| Bridgestone Americas | Nashville | 514,000 | 200,000 | 44,932 | 98.5 | 3Q 17 | 3Q 17 |
| Riverwood 200 | Atlanta | 299,000 | 107,000 | 13,507 | 66.2 | 2Q 17 | 2Q 19 |
| Plaza 211 (2) | Kansas City | 28,000 | 17,000 | 9,587 | — | 4Q 15 | 3Q 16 |
| Enterprise V | Greensboro | 131,200 | 7,600 | 1,952 | — | 2Q 16 | 2Q 17 |
| Seven Springs II (3) | Nashville | 131,000 | 38,100 | 2,642 | — | 2Q 17 | 3Q 18 |
| | | 1,482,200 | \$ 484,700 | \$ 144,699 | 71.1% | | |

(1) Includes deferred lease commissions which are classified in deferred leasing costs on the Consolidated Balance Sheet.

(2) This redevelopment project is part of our wholly-owned Country Club Plaza portfolio in Kansas City, all or substantially all of which has been listed for sale.

(3) Recorded on the Consolidated Balance Sheet in land held for development, not development in process.

Financing Activity

We have entered into separate sales agreements with each of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated, BB&T Capital Markets, a division of BB&T Securities, LLC, Capital One Securities, Inc., Comerica Securities, Inc., Jefferies LLC, Mitsubishi UFJ Securities (USA), Inc., Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, Piper Jaffray & Co., RBC Capital Markets, LLC and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC. During the third quarter of 2015 , the Company issued 1,206,200 shares of Common Stock at an average gross sales price of \$41.89 per share and received net proceeds, after sales commissions, of \$49.8 million . We paid \$0.8 million in sales commissions to Jefferies LLC, Capital One Securities, Inc., Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated and Mitsubishi UFJ Securities (USA), Inc. during the third quarter of 2015 .

Our \$ 475.0 million unsecured revolving credit facility is scheduled to mature in January 2018 and includes an accordion feature that allows for an additional \$ 75.0 million of borrowing capacity subject to additional lender commitments. Assuming no defaults have occurred, we have an option to extend the maturity for two additional six month periods. The interest rate at our current credit ratings is LIBOR plus 110 basis points and the annual facility fee is 20 basis points. The interest rate and facility fee are based on the higher of the publicly announced ratings from Moody's Investors Service or Standard & Poor's Ratings Services. There was \$ 265.0 million and \$ 276.0 million outstanding under our revolving credit facility at September 30, 2015 and October 20, 2015 , respectively. At both September 30, 2015 and October 20, 2015 , we had \$ 0.2 million of outstanding letters of credit, which reduces the availability on our revolving credit facility. As a result, the unused capacity of our revolving credit facility at September 30, 2015 and October 20, 2015 was \$ 209.8 million and \$ 198.8 million , respectively.

During the third quarter of 2015, we obtained a \$350.0 million , six -month unsecured bridge facility. The bridge facility is originally scheduled to mature on March 28, 2016 . Assuming no defaults have occurred, we have an option to extend the maturity for an additional six -month period. The interest rate on the bridge facility at our current credit ratings is LIBOR plus 110 basis points . The interest rate is based on the higher of the publicly announced ratings from Moody's Investors Service or Standard & Poor's Ratings Services. The financial and other covenants under the bridge facility are similar to our revolving credit facility. The purpose of the bridge facility is for the short-term funding of our third quarter acquisition activity and other general corporate purposes. There was \$250.0 million outstanding under our bridge facility at September 30, 2015 . The unused capacity of our bridge facility at September 30, 2015 was \$100.0 million .

We are currently in compliance with financial covenants and other requirements with respect to our consolidated debt. Although we expect to remain in compliance with these covenants and ratios for at least the next year, depending upon our future operating performance, property and financing transactions and general economic conditions, we cannot assure you that we will continue to be in compliance.

Our revolving credit facility, bridge facility and bank term loans require us to comply with customary operating covenants and various financial requirements.

Off Balance Sheet Arrangements

During the third quarter of 2015, we sold our 20.0% interest in SF-HIW Harborview Plaza, LP to our partner for net proceeds of \$6.9 million and recorded a \$4.2 million gain on disposition of investment in unconsolidated affiliate. The \$20.8 million interest-only secured loan previously provided by us to the joint venture was paid in full upon consummation of the sale.

Critical Accounting Estimates

There were no changes made by management to the critical accounting policies in the nine months ended September 30, 2015. For a description of our critical accounting estimates, see "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Critical Accounting Estimates" in our 2014 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Non-GAAP Information

The Company believes that FFO, FFO available for common stockholders and FFO available for common stockholders per share are beneficial to management and investors and are important indicators of the performance of any equity REIT. Because these FFO calculations exclude such factors as depreciation, amortization and impairments of real estate assets and gains or losses from sales of operating real estate assets, which can vary among owners of identical assets in similar conditions based on historical cost accounting and useful life estimates, they facilitate comparisons of operating performance between periods and between other REITs. Management believes that historical cost accounting for real estate assets in accordance with GAAP implicitly assumes that the value of real estate assets diminishes predictably over time. Since real estate values have historically risen or fallen with market conditions, many industry investors and analysts have considered the presentation of operating results for real estate companies that use historical cost accounting to be insufficient on a stand-alone basis. As a result, management believes that the use of FFO, FFO available for common stockholders and FFO available for common stockholders per share, together with the required GAAP presentations, provides a more complete understanding of the Company's performance relative to its competitors and a more informed and appropriate basis on which to make decisions involving operating, financing and investing activities.

FFO, FFO available for common stockholders and FFO available for common stockholders per share are non-GAAP financial measures and therefore do not represent net income or net income per share as defined by GAAP. Net income and net income per share as defined by GAAP are the most relevant measures in determining the Company's operating performance because these FFO measures include adjustments that investors may deem subjective, such as adding back expenses such as depreciation, amortization and impairments. Furthermore, FFO available for common stockholders per share does not depict the amount that accrues directly to the stockholders' benefit. Accordingly, FFO, FFO available for common stockholders and FFO available for common stockholders per share should never be considered as alternatives to net income, net income available for common stockholders, or net income available for common stockholders per share as indicators of the Company's operating performance.

The Company's presentation of FFO is consistent with FFO as defined by the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts, which is calculated as follows:

- Net income/(loss) computed in accordance with GAAP;
- Less net income attributable to noncontrolling interests in consolidated affiliates;
- Plus depreciation and amortization of depreciable operating properties;
- Less gains, or plus losses, from sales of depreciable operating properties, plus impairments on depreciable operating properties and excluding items that are classified as extraordinary items under GAAP;
- Plus or minus our share of adjustments, including depreciation and amortization of depreciable operating properties, for unconsolidated partnerships and joint ventures (to reflect funds from operations on the same basis); and
- Plus or minus adjustments for depreciation and amortization and gains/(losses) on sales of depreciable operating properties, plus impairments on depreciable operating properties, and noncontrolling interests in consolidated affiliates related to discontinued operations.

In calculating FFO, the Company includes net income attributable to noncontrolling interests in the Operating Partnership, which the Company believes is consistent with standard industry practice for REITs that operate through an UPREIT structure.

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The Company believes that it is important to present FFO on an as-converted basis since all of the Common Units not owned by the Company are redeemable on a one-for-one basis for shares of its Common Stock.

The following table sets forth the Company's FFO, FFO available for common stockholders and FFO available for common stockholders per share (\$ in thousands, except per share amounts):

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|-------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 |
| Funds from operations: | | | | |
| Net income | \$ 31,617 | \$ 54,299 | \$ 79,343 | \$ 92,387 |
| Net (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests in consolidated affiliates | (324) | (291) | (948) | (1,152) |
| Depreciation and amortization of real estate assets | 53,978 | 47,612 | 154,250 | 144,805 |
| Impairments of depreciable properties | — | — | — | 588 |
| (Gains) on disposition of depreciable properties | (6,521) | (36,279) | (9,147) | (36,279) |
| (Gain) on disposition of investment in unconsolidated affiliate | (4,155) | — | (4,155) | — |
| Unconsolidated affiliates: | | | | |
| Depreciation and amortization of real estate assets | 835 | 1,085 | 2,412 | 3,039 |
| Impairment of investment in unconsolidated affiliate | — | — | — | 1,353 |
| (Gains) on disposition of depreciable properties | — | — | (946) | (955) |
| Discontinued operations: | | | | |
| (Gains) on disposition of depreciable properties | — | — | — | (384) |
| Funds from operations | 75,430 | 66,426 | 220,809 | 203,402 |
| Dividends on Preferred Stock | (626) | (627) | (1,879) | (1,881) |
| Funds from operations available for common stockholders | \$ 74,804 | \$ 65,799 | \$ 218,930 | \$ 201,521 |
| Funds from operations available for common stockholders per share | \$ 0.77 | \$ 0.70 | \$ 2.26 | \$ 2.16 |
| Weighted average shares outstanding (1) | 97,661 | 93,723 | 97,003 | 93,358 |

(1) Includes assumed conversion of all potentially dilutive Common Stock equivalents.

In addition, the Company believes NOI from continuing operations and same property NOI are useful supplemental measures of the Company's property operating performance because such metrics provide a performance measure of the revenues and expenses directly involved in owning real estate assets and a perspective not immediately apparent from net income or FFO. The Company defines NOI as rental and other revenues from continuing operations, less rental property and other expenses from continuing operations. The Company defines cash NOI as NOI less straight-line rent and lease termination fees. Other REITs may use different methodologies to calculate NOI and same property NOI.

As of September 30, 2015, our same property portfolio consisted of 234 in-service properties encompassing 27.4 million rentable square feet that were wholly owned during the entirety of the periods presented (from January 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015). As of December 31, 2014, our same property portfolio consisted of 223 in-service properties encompassing 24.2 million rentable square feet that were wholly owned during the entirety of the periods presented (from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2014). The change in our same property portfolio was due to the addition of 11 properties encompassing 3.2 million rentable square feet acquired during 2013 and three newly developed properties encompassing 0.2 million rentable square feet placed in service during 2013. These additions were offset by the removal of three properties encompassing 0.2 million rentable square feet that were sold during 2015.

Rental and other revenues related to properties not in our same property portfolio were \$12.6 million and \$8.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and \$34.3 million and \$27.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. Rental property and other expenses related to properties not in our same property portfolio were \$4.2 million and \$3.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and \$10.9 million and \$10.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

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The following table sets forth the Company's NOI and same property NOI:

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 |
| Income from continuing operations before disposition of investment properties and activity in unconsolidated affiliates | \$ 19,670 | \$ 17,813 | \$ 60,240 | \$ 48,932 |
| Other income | (1,038) | (728) | (3,255) | (3,555) |
| Interest expense | 21,512 | 22,348 | 64,937 | 64,923 |
| General and administrative expenses | 9,182 | 7,526 | 29,511 | 26,973 |
| Impairments of real estate assets | — | — | — | 588 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 54,652 | 48,287 | 156,200 | 146,895 |
| Net operating income from continuing operations | 103,978 | 95,246 | 307,633 | 284,756 |
| Less – non same property and other net operating income | (8,379) | (5,052) | (23,392) | (16,312) |
| Total same property net operating income from continuing operations | \$ 95,599 | \$ 90,194 | \$ 284,241 | \$ 268,444 |
| Rental and other revenues | \$ 163,736 | \$ 152,629 | \$ 482,182 | \$ 453,804 |
| Rental property and other expenses | 59,758 | 57,383 | 174,549 | 169,048 |
| Total net operating income from continuing operations | 103,978 | 95,246 | 307,633 | 284,756 |
| Less – non same property and other net operating income | (8,379) | (5,052) | (23,392) | (16,312) |
| Total same property net operating income from continuing operations | \$ 95,599 | \$ 90,194 | \$ 284,241 | \$ 268,444 |
| Total same property net operating income from continuing operations | \$ 95,599 | \$ 90,194 | \$ 284,241 | \$ 268,444 |
| Less – straight-line rent and lease termination fees | (5,456) | (5,423) | (12,600) | (15,721) |
| Same property cash net operating income from continuing operations | \$ 90,143 | \$ 84,771 | \$ 271,641 | \$ 252,723 |

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

The effects of potential changes in interest rates are discussed below. Our market risk discussion includes “forward-looking statements” and represents an estimate of possible changes in fair value or future earnings that would occur assuming hypothetical future movements in interest rates. Actual future results may differ materially from those presented. See “Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Liquidity and Capital Resources” and the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for a description of our accounting policies and other information related to these financial instruments.

We borrow funds at a combination of fixed and variable rates. Borrowings under our revolving credit facility, bridge facility and bank term loans bear interest at variable rates. Our long-term debt, which consists of secured and unsecured long-term financings, typically bears interest at fixed rates. Our interest rate risk management objectives are to limit generally the impact of interest rate changes on earnings and cash flows and to lower our overall borrowing costs. To achieve these objectives, from time to time we enter into interest rate hedge contracts such as collars, swaps, caps and treasury lock agreements in order to mitigate our interest rate risk with respect to various debt instruments. We generally do not hold or issue these derivative contracts for trading or speculative purposes.

At September 30, 2015, we had \$1,413.8 million principal amount of fixed rate debt outstanding (not including debt with a variable rate that is effectively fixed by related interest rate swaps). The estimated aggregate fair market value of this debt was \$1,454.4 million. If interest rates had been 100 basis points higher, the aggregate fair market value of our fixed rate debt would have been \$45.5 million lower. If interest rates had been 100 basis points lower, the aggregate fair market value of our fixed rate debt would have been \$48.1 million higher.

At September 30, 2015, we had \$840.0 million of variable rate debt outstanding not protected by interest rate hedge contracts. If the weighted average interest rate on this variable rate debt had been 100 basis points higher, the annual interest expense would increase \$8.4 million. If the weighted average interest rate on this variable rate debt had been 100 basis points lower, the annual interest expense would decrease \$8.4 million.

At September 30, 2015, we had \$225.0 million of variable rate LIBOR-based debt outstanding with \$225.0 million of related floating-to-fixed interest rate swaps. These swaps effectively fix the underlying LIBOR rate of the debt at 1.678%. If LIBOR interest rates increase or decrease by 100 basis points, the aggregate fair market value of the swaps at September 30, 2015 would increase by \$1.6 million or decrease by \$12.3 million, respectively. We are exposed to certain losses in the event of nonperformance by the counterparties, which are major financial institutions, under the swaps. We regularly evaluate the financial condition of our counterparties using publicly available information. Based on this review, we currently expect the counterparties to perform fully under the swaps. However, if a counterparty defaults on its obligations under a swap, we could be required to pay the full rates on the applicable debt, even if such rates were in excess of the rate in the contract.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

SEC rules require us to maintain disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in our annual and periodic reports filed with the SEC is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management to allow for timely decisions regarding required disclosure. The Company's CEO and CFO have concluded that the disclosure controls and procedures of the Company and the Operating Partnership were each effective at the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report.

SEC rules also require us to establish and maintain internal control over financial reporting designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. There were no changes in internal control over financial reporting during the three months ended September 30, 2015 that materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting. There were also no changes in internal control over financial reporting during the three months ended September 30, 2015 that materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Operating Partnership's internal control over financial reporting.

PART II - OTHER INFORMATION**ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS**

The following table sets forth information related to shares of Common Stock surrendered by employees to satisfy tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting of restricted stock during the third quarter of 2015 :

| | Total Number of Shares Purchased | Weighted Average Price Paid per Share |
|-----------------------------|---|--|
| July 1 to July 31 | — | \$ — |
| August 1 to August 31 | — | — |
| September 1 to September 30 | 625 | 38.83 |
| Total | <u>625</u> | <u>\$ 38.83</u> |

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

| Exhibit Number | Description |
|---------------------------|--|
| 10.1 | Executive Supplemental Employment Agreement, dated as of September 1, 2015 between the Company and Theodore J. Klinck (filed as part of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated September 1, 2015) |
| 10.2 | Term Loan Agreement, dated as of September 28, 2015, by and among the Company, the Operating Partnership, Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent, and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association and PNC Bank, National Association (filed as part of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated September 28, 2015) |
| 12.1 | Statement re: Computation of Ratios of the Company |
| 12.2 | Statement re: Computation of Ratios of the Operating Partnership |
| 31.1 | Certification of CEO Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act for the Company |
| 31.2 | Certification of CFO Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act for the Company |
| 31.3 | Certification of CEO Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act for the Operating Partnership |
| 31.4 | Certification of CFO Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act for the Operating Partnership |
| 32.1 | Certification of CEO Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act for the Company |
| 32.2 | Certification of CFO Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act for the Company |
| 32.3 | Certification of CEO Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act for the Operating Partnership |
| 32.4 | Certification of CFO Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act for the Operating Partnership |
| 101.INS | XBRL Instance Document |
| 101.SCH | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document |
| 101.CAL | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document |
| 101.DEF | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document |
| 101.LAB | XBRL Extension Labels Linkbase |
| 101.PRE | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document |

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.
RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES AND
RATIO OF EARNINGS TO COMBINED FIXED CHARGES AND
PREFERRED STOCK DIVIDENDS

| | <u>Nine Months Ended</u> <u>September 30, 2015</u> |
|--|---|
| Earnings: | |
| Income from continuing operations before equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates | \$ 74,976 |
| Fixed charges | 72,456 |
| Capitalized interest | (4,947) |
| Distributions of earnings from unconsolidated affiliates | 4,099 |
| Total earnings | <u>\$ 146,584</u> |
| Fixed charges and Preferred Stock dividends: | |
| Contractual interest expense | \$ 61,783 |
| Amortization of deferred financing costs | 2,501 |
| Financing obligation interest expense | 653 |
| Capitalized interest | 4,947 |
| Interest component of rental expense | 2,572 |
| Total fixed charges | <u>72,456</u> |
| Preferred Stock dividends | 1,879 |
| Total fixed charges and Preferred Stock dividends | <u>\$ 74,335</u> |
| Ratio of earnings to fixed charges | <u>2.02</u> |
| Ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and Preferred Stock dividends | <u>1.97</u> |

**HIGHWOODS REALTY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES AND
RATIO OF EARNINGS TO COMBINED FIXED CHARGES AND
PREFERRED UNIT DISTRIBUTIONS**

| | <u>Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015</u> |
|--|---|
| Earnings: | |
| Income from continuing operations before equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates | \$ 74,976 |
| Fixed charges | 72,456 |
| Capitalized interest | (4,947) |
| Distributions of earnings from unconsolidated affiliates | 4,099 |
| Total earnings | <u>\$ 146,584</u> |
| Fixed charges and Preferred Unit distributions: | |
| Contractual interest expense | \$ 61,783 |
| Amortization of deferred financing costs | 2,501 |
| Financing obligation interest expense | 653 |
| Capitalized interest | 4,947 |
| Interest component of rental expense | 2,572 |
| Total fixed charges | <u>72,456</u> |
| Preferred Unit distributions | 1,879 |
| Total fixed charges and Preferred Unit distributions | <u>\$ 74,335</u> |
| Ratio of earnings to fixed charges | <u>2.02</u> |
| Ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and Preferred Unit distributions | <u>1.97</u> |

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 302
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT**

I, Edward J. Fritsch, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Highwoods Properties, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the Registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The Registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the Registrant and have:
 - (a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the Registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) evaluated the effectiveness of the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) disclosed in this report any change in the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the Registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the Registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The Registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the Registrant's auditors and the Audit Committee of the Registrant's Board of Directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the Registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: October 27, 2015

/s/ Edward J. Fritsch

Edward J. Fritsch
President and Chief Executive Officer

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 302
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT**

I, Mark F. Mulhern, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Highwoods Properties, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the Registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The Registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the Registrant and have:
 - (a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the Registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) evaluated the effectiveness of the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) disclosed in this report any change in the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the Registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the Registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The Registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the Registrant's auditors and the Audit Committee of the Registrant's Board of Directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the Registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: October 27, 2015

/s/ Mark F. Mulhern

Mark F. Mulhern
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 302
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT**

I, Edward J. Fritsch, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Highwoods Realty Limited Partnership;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the Registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The Registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the Registrant and have:
 - (a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the Registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) evaluated the effectiveness of the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) disclosed in this report any change in the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the Registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the Registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The Registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the Registrant's auditors and the Audit Committee of the Registrant's Board of Directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the Registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: October 27, 2015

/s/ Edward J. Fritsch

Edward J. Fritsch
President and Chief Executive Officer of the General Partner

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 302
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT**

I, Mark F. Mulhern, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Highwoods Realty Limited Partnership;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the Registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The Registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the Registrant and have:
 - (a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the Registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) evaluated the effectiveness of the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) disclosed in this report any change in the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the Registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the Registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The Registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the Registrant's auditors and the Audit Committee of the Registrant's Board of Directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the Registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: October 27, 2015

/s/ Mark F. Mulhern

Mark F. Mulhern
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the
General Partner

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 906
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Highwoods Properties, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2015 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Edward J. Fritsch, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- 1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and
- 2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Edward J. Fritsch

Edward J. Fritsch
President and Chief Executive Officer
October 27, 2015

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 906
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Highwoods Properties, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2015 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Mark F. Mulhern, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- 1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and
- 2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Mark F. Mulhern

Mark F. Mulhern
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
October 27, 2015

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 906
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Highwoods Realty Limited Partnership (the "Operating Partnership") on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2015 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Edward J. Fritsch, President and Chief Executive Officer of Highwoods Properties, Inc., general partner of the Operating Partnership, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- 1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and
- 2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Operating Partnership.

/s/ Edward J. Fritsch

Edward J. Fritsch
President and Chief Executive Officer of the General Partner
October 27, 2015

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 906
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Highwoods Realty Limited Partnership (the "Operating Partnership") on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2015 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Mark F. Mulhern, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Highwoods Properties, Inc., general partner of the Operating Partnership, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- 1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and
- 2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Operating Partnership.

/s/ Mark F. Mulhern

Mark F. Mulhern
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the General Partner
October 27, 2015