



**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
MARCH 31, 2012**

MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL RESULTS

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FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION ADVISORY

This Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") to the unitholders may contain forward-looking statements and information within the meaning of applicable securities legislation. These forward-looking statements reflect management's current beliefs and are based on assumptions and information currently available to management of Partners Real Estate Investment Trust ("Partners REIT" or the "REIT"). In some cases, forward-looking statements can be identified by terminology such as "may", "would", "could", "will", "expect", "anticipate", "believe", "intend", "plan", "forecast", "predict", "estimate", "outlook", "potential", "continue", "should", "likely", or the negative of these terms or other comparable terminology, and are not historical fact. Although management believes that the anticipated future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements and information are based upon reasonable assumptions and expectations, the reader should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements and information because they involve assumptions, known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the REIT to differ materially from anticipated future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements and information.

In making the forward-looking statements in this MD&A, the REIT has applied material assumptions including, but not limited to, the assumption that: (1) commercial real estate markets continue to remain fluid, enabling the REIT to grow through acquisitions; (2) demand for vacant space at our British Columbia, Ontario and Québec properties will improve as a result of anticipated general and economic growth; (3) capital expenditures at Méga Centre and Place Val Est will be on budget, on time and will contribute to the improvement in occupancy rates; (4) there is continued responsiveness to raising funds through equity and debt markets; (5) certain mortgage assets will be sold before the end of 2012; and (6) the Proposed Amendment to the SIFT Rules under the Canadian Income Tax Act will be substantively enacted before the end of 2012. Other assumptions are discussed throughout this MD&A; in particular under Part V – Risks & Uncertainties.

Forward-looking statements include statements related to acquisitions; development and capital expenditure activities; future maintenance and leasing expenditures; financing; the availability of financing sources; and income taxes.

Factors that could cause actual results, performance, or achievements to differ materially from those set forth in the forward-looking statements and information include, but are not limited to: general economic conditions; local real estate conditions, including the development of properties in close proximity to the REIT's properties; timely leasing of newly developed properties and releasing of occupied square footage upon expiration; dependence on tenants' financial condition; changes in operating costs, government regulations and taxation; the uncertainties of real estate development and acquisition activity; the ability to effectively integrate acquisitions; interest rates; availability of equity and debt financing; the ability of the REIT to maintain stable cash flows and distributions; the impact of newly adopted accounting principles on the REIT's accounting policies and on period-to-period comparisons of financial results; and other risks and factors described from time to time in the documents filed by the REIT. The REIT undertakes no obligations to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements or information, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law. Additional information about these risks and uncertainties and any corresponding plan to mitigate these risks, where possible, is contained in the REIT's filings with securities regulators, including the REIT's Annual Information Form, which is available on www.sedar.com.

These forward-looking statements are made as of May 10, 2012 and presents material information up to this date, unless otherwise noted.

PART I – OVERVIEW & FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Financial data included in this Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") for the quarter ended March 31, 2012, includes material information up to May 10, 2012. Financial data provided has been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"). All dollar references are in Canadian dollars.

The MD&A is intended to provide readers with an assessment of the performance of Partners REIT during the quarter, as well as our financial position and future prospects. The MD&A should be read in conjunction with the condensed consolidated financial statements and appended notes for the quarter ended March 31, 2012, which begin after page 33 of this report. In our discussion of operating performance, we refer to net operating income ("NOI") as gross revenues from income producing properties less operating expenses (which excludes interest expense, general and administrative expenses, amortization, income taxes, and fair value gains/(losses)). We define funds from operations ("FFO") as net income before fair value gains or losses, depreciation and amortization, gains or losses from the sale of property, and certain other non-cash items; and adjusted for any non-controlling interests in the foregoing. Adjusted funds from operations ("AFFO") is defined as funds from operations net of actual leasing commissions, tenant improvements, capital expenditures that maintain the current rental operations, and straight-line rent. Net operating income is an important measure that we use to assess operating performance, and funds from operations is a widely used measure in analyzing real estate. Adjusted funds from operations is typically a measure used to assess an entity's ability to pay distributions. We provide the components of net operating income on page 18, and a reconciliation of net income to funds from operations and adjusted funds from operations on page 20. Net operating income, funds from operations, and adjusted funds from operations do not have any standardized meaning prescribed by IFRS and therefore may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other issuers.

CURRENT BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT AND OUTLOOK

At March 31, 2012, the REIT purchased \$123.6 million (excluding acquisition costs) of income producing properties in Alberta, Ontario, and Québec. These investment activities were funded primarily from cash flows from operations, new and assumed mortgages and credit facilities, an equity issuance, and cash proceeds from the acquisition of liquid assets of NorRock Realty Finance Corporation ("NorRock").

Partners REIT will continue to execute on its acquisition initiatives when strategic opportunities are identified. Further, management continues to explore opportunities to reconfigure its portfolio through redevelopment, remerchandising and dispositions of properties that no longer align with its strategy.

Over the next two years, the REIT has approximately \$21.0 million of debt maturing which carries an average contractual interest rate of 5.91%. Refinancing at current market rates would reduce the REIT's cost of debt and would impact the REIT's earnings potential. Interest expense savings from refinancing at current market rates are anticipated to continue through 2012 and into the following year.

Management believes that there continues to be an improvement in the real estate market and the equity/capital markets in general. We expect that our growth will come primarily from:

- Continued organic growth from within the portfolio through scheduled rental increases in existing leases, lease renewals, and new leases; and
- Acquisitions intended to strengthen our position in our existing markets and to expand our holdings into new geographic areas.

Partners REIT intends to continue to seek accretive acquisition opportunities that fit within our investment criteria. Our focus continues to be the enhancement of our portfolio mix. This will enable us to improve our occupancy levels through the active management and leasing of the portfolio. It will also enable us to grow our cash flows over the long term. Management remains focused on enhancing returns to unitholders by seeking new investment opportunities while actively managing our existing asset base.

We recognize that it is essential to position the REIT to take advantage of the growth that accompanies a recovering economic environment through same property rental income growth, redevelopment, and acquisitions. Furthermore, Partners REIT will continue to monitor both the economy and real estate markets with a view to ensuring adequate access to new equity and debt that will enable the REIT to meet its existing operational requirements and maximize opportunities that may become available. Management also believes that it is essential to keep pace with changes in the retail environment and ongoing challenges presented by the slower than anticipated global economic recovery.

The REIT's portfolio is performing as anticipated and management expects continued growth from contracted escalations in base rent and from accretive acquisitions. Management remains optimistic about the REIT's ability to continue to grow in the upcoming year.

OVERVIEW OF THE BUSINESS

Partners REIT is an unincorporated, open-ended real estate investment trust and was formed pursuant to a Declaration of Trust dated March 27, 2007 and as amended and restated on June 4, 2010 and November 3, 2010. The principal activity of Partners REIT is the investment in commercial retail properties. The units of the REIT are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange as of April 3, 2012 (the "TSX") and trade under the symbol "PAR.UN". Prior to April 3, 2012, the REIT's units were listed on the TSX Venture Exchange under the same symbol.

Effective November 3, 2010, the name of Charter Real Estate Investment Trust was changed to Partners Real Estate Investment Trust. All references to "Partners Real Estate Investment Trust", "Partners REIT", the "REIT" and similar references in this MD&A refer to Charter Real Estate Investment Trust prior to the name change.

The REIT's current business strategy is to focus on the acquisition and management of a portfolio of high quality retail and mixed-use retail community and neighbourhood centres, primarily in the mid-market value range of \$10 to \$50 million, from both primary and secondary markets throughout Canada. As at March 31, 2012, the REIT owned twenty-eight retail and mixed-use retail properties located in Ontario, Québec, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia.

Partners REIT's current portfolio of properties consists of retail and mixed-use retail centres whereby the majority of rents are derived from national and regional retailers with multi-year leases. These centres typically provide growth opportunities through the lease-up of vacant space, the increase in rental rates through contractual escalations, and through management's active remerchandising and redevelopment of the properties. The REIT believes it has created a base of retail assets that provide reliable and stable cash flow, and continues to pursue opportunities that yield growth through lease renewals, redevelopment and/or development of assets.

Management has previously acquired assets in secondary markets to take advantage of opportunities to obtain well-tenanted centres with strong national and regional retailers at attractive capitalization rates. Partners REIT is focused on building a geographically diversified portfolio of quality real estate assets with stabilized income that are accretive on a per unit basis. As the portfolio becomes more accretive, over time, the REIT's goal is to provide a steady increase in cash distributions to its unitholders.

For the quarter ended March 31, 2012, the REIT acquired seven properties. The following table summarizes the quarter's acquisitions:

| | Property Description | Property Type | Date Acquired | Square Footage | Acquisition Cost (\$ millions) |
|----|--|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. | Plaza des Seigneurs, Terrebonne, Quebec | Shopping Centre | 01-Feb-12 | 20,833 | \$ 4.05 |
| 2. | Crossing Bridge Square, Stittsville, Ontario | Shopping Centre | 14-Feb-12 | 45,800 | 11.20 |
| 3. | King George Square, Brantford, Ontario | Shopping Centre | 14-Feb-12 | 67,100 | 16.40 |
| 4. | Manning Crossing, Edmonton, Alberta | Shopping Centre | 14-Feb-12 | 64,500 | 20.90 |
| 5. | St. Clair Beach Towne Centre, Windsor, Ontario | Shopping Centre | 14-Feb-12 | 40,100 | 11.60 |
| 6. | Thunder Centre, Thunder Bay, Ontario | Power Centre | 14-Feb-12 | 168,000 | 38.20 |
| 7. | Quinte Crossroads, Belleville, Ontario | Power Centre | 30-Mar-12 | 88,319 | 21.25 |
| | | | | 494,652 | \$ 123.60 |

The above acquisitions were funded by new credit facilities of \$14 million bearing interest at 3.6%, the assumption of existing mortgages, which were increased in the aggregate to \$40.75 million, bearing effective interest rates between 3.5% and 3.6%, and \$56.2 million in proceeds from the NorRock and the public offering transactions (refer to Part III – Recent Developments under “Purchase of NorRock Realty Finance Corporation”).

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following is a summary of key financial information and statistics for the periods indicated (see Part II – Performance Measurement for a description of the key terms):

| Three months ended | Mar. 31, 2012 | Mar. 31, 2011 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Revenues from income producing properties | \$ 9,077,958 | \$ 4,959,732 |
| Net income and comprehensive income | 3,606,508 | 1,067,938 |
| Net income per unit - basic and diluted | 0.25 | 0.14 |
| NOI ⁽¹⁾ | 5,787,976 | 3,006,497 |
| NOI - same property ⁽¹⁾ | 2,919,304 | 2,770,443 |
| FFO ⁽¹⁾ | 2,511,115 | 1,107,832 |
| FFO per unit ⁽¹⁾ | \$0.18 | 0.14 |
| AFFO ⁽¹⁾ | 2,283,565 | 1,028,725 |
| AFFO per unit ⁽¹⁾ | 0.16 | 0.13 |
| Distributions ⁽²⁾ | 2,342,807 | 1,238,643 |
| Distributions per unit ⁽²⁾ | 0.16 | 0.16 |
| Cash distributions ⁽³⁾ | 2,265,273 | 1,178,076 |
| Cash distributions per unit ⁽³⁾ | 0.16 | 0.15 |
| Cash distribution payout ratio ⁽⁴⁾ | 90% / 99% | 106% / 114% |

| As at | Mar. 31, 2012 | Dec. 31, 2011 | Mar. 31, 2011 |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Total assets | \$ 410,601,523 | \$ 265,748,040 | \$ 200,337,867 |
| Total debt ⁽⁵⁾ | \$ 270,408,728 | \$ 202,592,032 | \$ 143,165,292 |
| Total equity | \$ 126,954,979 | \$ 56,406,374 | \$ 53,748,293 |
| Weighted average units outstanding - basic | 14,306,130 | 7,745,519 | 7,731,909 |
| Debt-to-gross book value including debentures ⁽⁵⁾ | 64.1% | 73.0% | 67.4% |
| Debt-to-gross book value excluding debentures ⁽⁵⁾ | 57.4% | 62.9% | 54.3% |
| Interest coverage ratio ⁽⁶⁾ | 1.66 | 1.70 | 1.71 |
| Debt service coverage ratio ⁽⁶⁾ | 1.24 | 1.26 | 1.35 |
| Weighted average interest rate ⁽⁷⁾ | 4.66% | 4.95% | 5.42% |
| Portfolio occupancy | 95.9% | 98.0% | 97.6% |

- (1) Net operating income or “NOI”, funds from operations or “FFO”, and adjusted funds from operations or “AFFO” are non-IFRS financial measures widely used in the real estate industry. See “Part II – Performance Measurement” for further details and advisories.
- (2) Represents distributions to unitholders on an accrual basis. Distributions are payable as at the end of the period in which they are declared by the Board of Trustees, and are paid on or around the 15th day of the following month. Distributions per unit exclude the 5% bonus units given to participants in the Distribution Reinvestment and Optional Unit Purchase Plan.
- (3) Represents distributions on a cash basis, and as such, excludes the non-cash distributions of units issued under the Distribution Reinvestment and Optional Unit Purchase Plan.
- (4) Cash distributions as a percentage of funds from operations/adjusted funds from operations.
- (5) See calculation under “Debt-to-Gross Book Value” in “Part IV – Results of Operations.”
- (6) Calculated on a rolling four-quarter basis.
- (7) Represents the weighted average effective interest rate for secured debt excluding the credit facilities, which have floating rates of interest.

Revenue from income producing properties, NOI, FFO, and AFFO for the three months ended March 31, 2012 increased over the same period in 2011 by \$4.1 million (83%), \$2.8 million (93%), \$1.4 million (127%), and \$1.3 million (122%), respectively. The increases are predominantly due to the acquisition of ten properties across British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario, and Québec subsequent to March 31, 2011, and a full quarter of operations in the current quarter from the six Shoppers Drug Mart properties, five located in Manitoba and one in Québec, that were acquired midway through the same prior year period. NOI, after removing the effects of the REIT’s

acquisitions (NOI – same property), during the three months ended March 31, 2012 increased by 5% compared to the same prior year period.

FFO and AFFO per unit, for the three months ended March 31, 2012 increased by \$0.04 and \$0.03, respectively, compared to the same prior year period. The increase in FFO and AFFO per unit was partially offset by an increase in the REIT's weighted average number of units outstanding due to the issuance of units under the public and private offerings completed during the first quarter of 2012.

Distributions per unit remained at \$0.16 quarterly for the first quarter of 2012, consistent with distributions during the first quarter of 2011. Distributions are made on a monthly basis to unitholders of record on the last trading day of the month, payable on or around the 15th day of the following month. Increases in distributions and cash distributions for the three months ended March 31, 2012 over the same prior year period are due entirely to an increase in the REIT's units issued and outstanding as a result of the public offering which closed on February 8, 2012 (overallotment closed on March 8, 2012) and private offering that closed on February 1, 2012.

The REIT's total assets increased by \$145 million (54%) for the quarter ended March 31, 2012 when compared to December 31, 2011. The increase is mainly due to the acquisition of seven properties during the first quarter of 2012 for an aggregate cost of \$128 million (inclusive of acquisition costs), a fair value increase of the REIT's property portfolio of \$1.4 million, the acquisition of notes receivable with a fair value of \$11 million, and changes in the REIT's working capital of \$4 million.

The REIT's total debt increased by \$68 million (34%) for the quarter ended March 31, 2012 when compared to December 31, 2011. The increase is due to various financing activities since December 31, 2011, including \$47 million in new first mortgages on the REIT's acquisitions during the first quarter of 2012 (net of issuance costs); \$8 million in new second mortgages; and \$14 million from a credit facility secured against the Crossing Bridge Square and King George Square properties. These increases in debt were offset by principal repayments of \$1 million.

Occupancy declined during the first quarter of 2012, compared to occupancy at December 31, 2011, primarily as a result of the acquisition of the Bentall portfolio of five properties during the quarter having an average occupancy of 93.8%.

REAL ESTATE PORTFOLIO

The REIT currently owns twenty-eight retail and mixed use retail properties in British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario and Québec as follows:

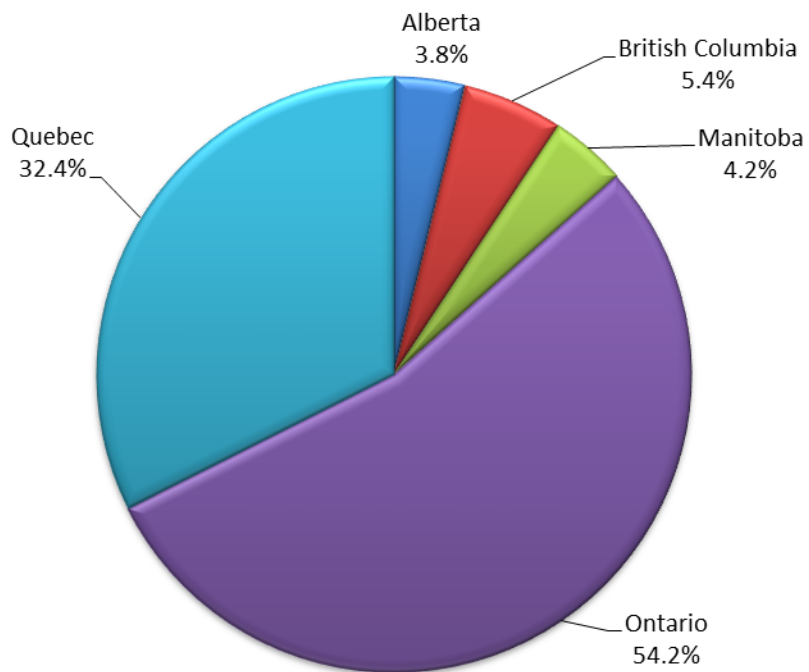
| Property and location | Property type | Date built /redeveloped | Anchor tenants | Retail (sq.ft.) ⁽¹⁾ | Occupancy ^{(2) (3)} | % of annualized base rental revenue ⁽³⁾ | Weighted average rent ⁽⁴⁾ |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| British Columbia: | | | | | | | |
| Evergreen Shopping Centre Sooke, British Columbia | Shopping Centre | 1978/2010 | Shoppers Drug Mart | 81,650 | 89.7% | 4.2% | \$15.99 |
| Centuria Urban Village Kelowna, British Columbia | Condominium Shopping Centre | 2007 | Nesters Market | 32,128 | 100.0% | 2.4% | \$20.85 |
| Alberta: | | | | | | | |
| Manning Crossing Edmonton, Alberta | Retail Strip Centre | 1993 - 1996 | RBC Royal Bank | 64,525 | 100.0% | 4.8% | \$20.98 |
| 137th Ave. Edmonton, Alberta | Free Standing | 2003 | Shoppers Drug Mart | 15,921 | 100.0% | 1.2% | \$21.57 |
| Manitoba: | | | | | | | |
| Shoppers Drug Mart Property Steinbach, Manitoba | Free Standing | 2006 | Shoppers Drug Mart | 21,005 | 100.0% | 1.6% | \$20.92 |
| Shoppers Drug Mart Property Brandon, Manitoba | Free Standing | 2005 | Shoppers Drug Mart | 16,986 | 100.0% | 1.3% | \$21.75 |
| Shoppers Drug Mart Property Winnipeg (Sherbrook), Manitoba | Free Standing | 2005 | Shoppers Drug Mart | 16,839 | 100.0% | 1.6% | \$26.50 |
| Shoppers Drug Mart Property Selkirk, Manitoba | Free Standing | 2005 | Shoppers Drug Mart | 16,670 | 100.0% | 1.1% | \$19.02 |
| Shoppers Drug Mart Property Winnipeg (Pembina), Manitoba | Free Standing | 2003 | Shoppers Drug Mart | 15,800 | 100.0% | 1.5% | \$25.77 |
| Ontario: | | | | | | | |
| Quinte Crossroads, Belleville, Ontario | Power Centre | 2005 - 2007 | The Brick Best Buy | 88,319 | 100.0% | 5.3% | \$16.77 |
| Thunder Centre Thunder Bay, Ontario | Enclosed Mall | 2004 - 2007 | Hudson's Bay Company | 168,019 | 94.5% | 9.4% | \$16.56 |
| St. Clair Beach Towne Centre Tecumseh, Ontario | Retail Plaza | 2004 | Shoppers Drug Mart | 40,088 | 89.6% | 2.5% | \$19.81 |
| King George Square Brantford, Ontario | Retail Plaza | 1988 | Shoppers Drug Mart | 67,054 | 90.6% | 3.7% | \$17.11 |
| Crossing Bridge Square Stittsville, Ontario | Retail Plaza | 1995 | Farm Boy | 45,913 | 90.6% | 1.8% | \$12.03 |
| Cornwall Square Cornwall, Ontario | Enclosed Mall | 1979/1989 | Sears Loblaws (No Frills) | 250,779 | 98.3% | 11.7% | \$13.28 |
| Place Val Est Sudbury, Ontario | Grocery-anchored Strip Centre | 1983/1987, 1990, 1998 | Metro | 110,512 | 92.7% | 4.6% | \$12.53 |

| Property and location | Property type | Date built /redeveloped | Anchor tenants | Retail (sq.ft.) ⁽¹⁾ | Occupancy ^{(2) (3)} | % of annualized base rental revenue ⁽³⁾ | Weighted average rent ⁽⁴⁾ |
|---|------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Wellington Southdale London, Ontario | Shopping Centre | 1986, 2000, 2004, 2006 | Empire Theatres | 86,629 | 95.8% | 5.9% | \$19.87 |
| Canadian Tire Property Brockville, Ontario | Free Standing | 1995/2006 | Canadian Tire | 70,380 | 100.0% | 2.8% | \$11.00 |
| Canadian Tire Property Strathroy, Ontario | Free Standing | 2005 | Canadian Tire | 67,834 | 100.0% | 2.7% | \$11.00 |
| Canadian Tire Property Wasaga Beach, Ontario | Free Standing | 2007 | Canadian Tire | 54,081 | 100.0% | 2.1% | \$11.00 |
| Rona Property Exeter, Ontario | Free Standing | 1996/2000 | Rona | 42,780 | 100.0% | 0.5% | \$3.54 |
| Rona Property Zurich, Ontario | Free Standing | 1961/2000 | Rona | 24,400 | 100.0% | 0.1% | \$1.49 |
| Rona Property Seaforth, Ontario | Free Standing | 1962/2000 | Rona | 19,622 | 100.0% | 0.2% | \$2.47 |
| Québec: | | | | | | | |
| Plaza des Seigneurs Terrebonne, Québec | Retail Strip Centre | 1998 | SAQ Banque Nationale Uniprix | 20,810 | 100.0% | 1.5% | \$20.07 |
| Méga Centre Montréal, Québec | Community Power Centre | 1973/1993, 1999, 2000, 2004 | Brault & Martineau Staples Future Shop | 277,477 | 89.2% | 8.6% | \$9.77 |
| Place Desormeaux Longueuil, Québec | Regional Mall | 1971/1998,2009, 2010 | Shoppers Drug Mart Zellers | 249,710 | 98.9% | 10.2% | \$11.58 |
| Châteauguay Montréal, Québec | Mixed-use Strip Centre | 1970/1994, 2010 | Shoppers Drug Mart Staples | 114,650 | 96.5% | 5.2% | \$13.14 |
| Shoppers Drug Mart Property Gatineau, Québec | Free Standing | 2007 | Shoppers Drug Mart | 17,035 | 100.0% | 1.5% | \$23.99 |
| Total | | | | 2,097,616 | 95.9% | 100% | \$13.91 |

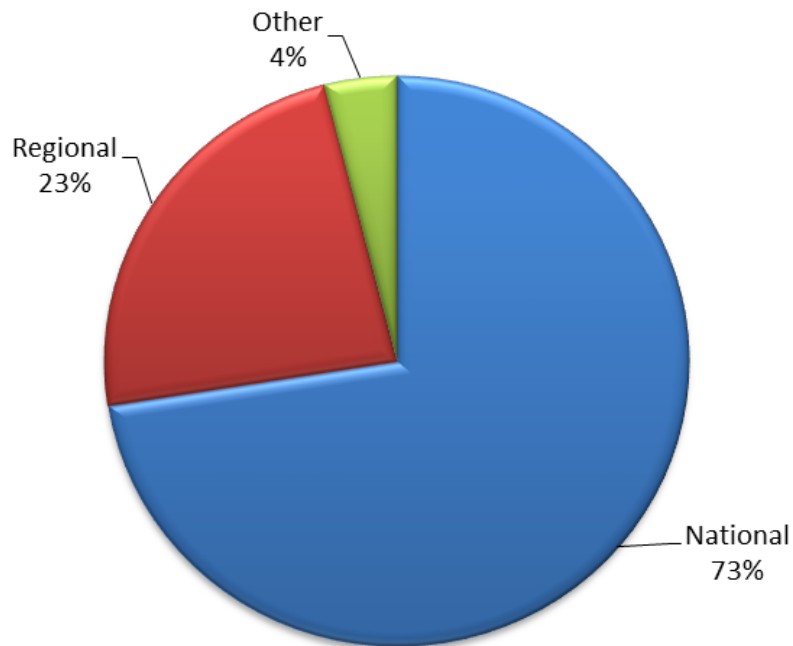
Notes:

- (1) Includes office space in mixed-use retail properties.
- (2) Excluding storage space.
- (3) Includes square footage of all material executed leases, regardless of occupancy date, and excludes square footage of all documented material lease terminations updated through May 10, 2012.
- (4) Represents the weighted average rent for the portfolio.

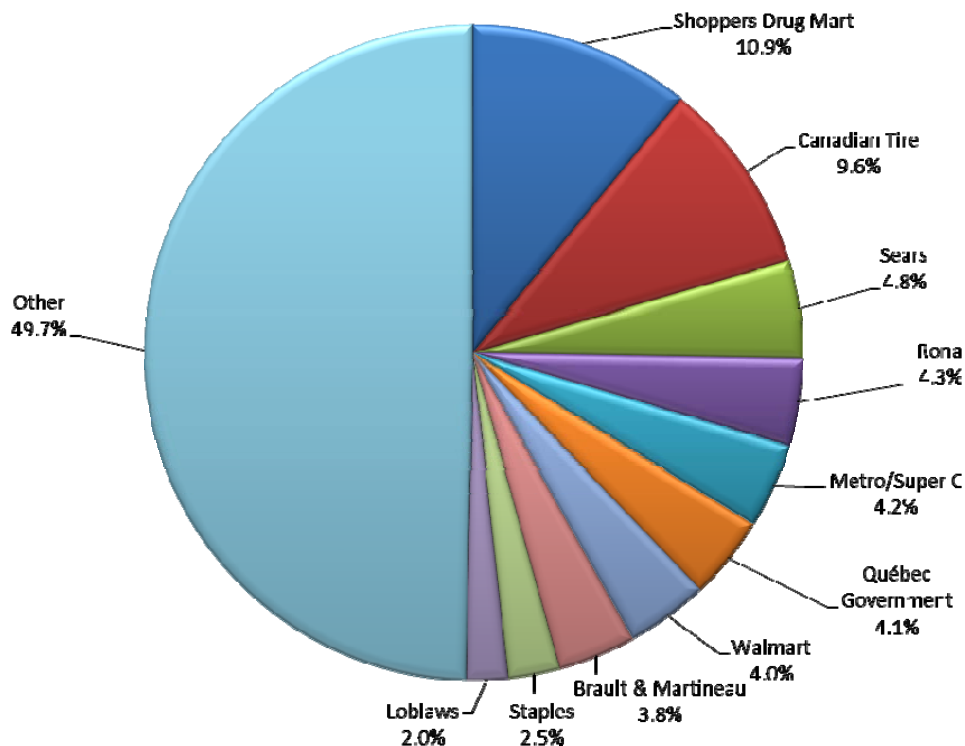
The geographic diversification of the portfolio by square footage is as follows:



The REIT has a strong mix of national and regional tenants as follows:



The tenant mix of the REIT's portfolio as at March 31, 2012, including the REIT's ten largest tenants, is as follows:



Note: Based on total leased sq. ft. excluding storage

Leasing Activity and Occupancy

The weighted average term to maturity of existing leases is approximately six years. The table below shows the lease expiration schedule of the properties as a percentage of leased square feet for 2012 and beyond:

| | (sq.ft.) | (%) |
|--------------|------------------|-------------|
| 2012 | 225,235 | 10.7% |
| 2013 | 91,993 | 4.4% |
| 2014 | 323,172 | 15.4% |
| 2015 | 229,121 | 10.9% |
| 2016 | 225,838 | 10.8% |
| Thereafter | 916,959 | 43.7% |
| Vacant | 85,298 | 4.1% |
| Total | 2,097,616 | 100% |

The weighted average contractual net rent per square foot expiring in Partners REIT's portfolio is outlined in the following table:

| Year | Retail |
|--|-----------------|
| 2012 | \$ 11.54 |
| 2013 | 15.80 |
| 2014 | 9.34 |
| 2015 | 9.62 |
| Thereafter | 15.20 |
| Total average | \$ 13.27 |
| Weighted average remaining lease term (years) | 6 |

Lease expiries for 2012, new leasing and renewals completed by the date of this MD&A are as follows:

| Three months ended | March 31, 2012 | June 30, 2012 | September 30, 2012 | December 31, 2012 | Total 2012 | Total 2011 |
|--|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Lease expiries ⁽¹⁾ | 75,813 | 62,439 | 20,781 | 41,843 | 200,876 | 64,850 |
| Base rent per square foot ⁽²⁾ | \$ 10.41 | \$ 10.28 | \$ 18.01 | \$ 10.50 | \$ 11.18 | \$ 19.53 |
| Lease renewals ⁽¹⁾ | 6,215 | 29,786 | 3,452 | 18,746 | 58,199 | 43,857 |
| Base rent per square foot ⁽²⁾ | \$ 17.97 | \$ 8.82 | \$ 15.78 | \$ 19.35 | \$ 13.60 | \$ 22.85 |
| New leasing ⁽¹⁾ | - | - | - | - | - | 33,201 |
| Base rent per square foot ⁽²⁾ | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 18.87 |

(1) Excludes month to month tenants

(2) Weighted average

In the regular course of operations, the REIT occasionally encounters tenants who vacate their space before the lease is scheduled to expire due to financial difficulties or corporate restructuring. The REIT monitors tenants closely to avoid these situations, but when an unexpected vacancy occurs and a suitable long-term tenant is not readily available, the REIT endeavors to occupy the space with short-term tenants in order to minimize lost revenues. When short-term tenants are signed to short-term leases or, in some cases, month-to-month leases, the REIT does not include them as an expiry, renewal or new lease in the above chart.

Gross leasable area and occupancy of the REIT on a quarter by quarter basis over the last eight quarters is as follows:

| Quarter Ended | Gross Leasable Area (sq. ft.) | Occupied (sq.ft.) | Occupancy (%) |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| March 31, 2012 | 2,097,616 | 2,012,318 | 95.9% |
| December 31, 2011 | 1,602,888 | 1,571,497 | 98.0% |
| September 30, 2011 | 1,586,967 | 1,558,673 | 98.2% |
| June 30, 2011 | 1,255,395 | 1,233,479 | 98.3% |
| March 31, 2011 | 1,222,490 | 1,193,188 | 97.6% |
| December 31, 2010 | 1,154,619 | 1,104,970 | 95.7% |
| September 30, 2010 | 1,031,922 | 982,390 | 95.2% |
| June 30, 2010 | 1,031,922 | 981,358 | 95.1% |
| Total average | 1,372,977 | 1,329,734 | 96.8% |

Management remains committed to actively pursuing new leases and lease renewals with the objective of increasing occupancy and weighted average rental income per square foot of gross leasable area. One of the REIT's goals is to generate organic growth through redevelopment and lease renewal activities at its existing centres. As at the date of this MD&A, the REIT had lease renewals of 58,199 square feet. The REIT expects the portfolio's occupancy rate to improve in 2012 from property acquisitions and new/renewed leases.

The following provides an update on the progress made as at the date of the MD&A.

At the Méga Centre property in Québec, we are in the process of revisiting our leasing strategy and in order to maximize revenues during this process we have entered into some short-term or month-to-month leases. We believe that Méga Centre's location, transportation access, visibility and the surrounding community's demographics are positive in terms of being able to redevelop, renew leases, and stabilize the centre. As of May 10, 2012 the REIT has 71,118 square feet of retail space leased to short-term or month-to-month tenants. Through discussions with the tenants and the property manager, the REIT expects these tenants to remain at the property into the second quarter of 2012.

At the Place Desormeaux property in Longueuil, Québec, we have entered into an agreement with Wal-Mart for the transfer and assignment of the lease and space currently occupied by Zellers. It is expected that Wal-Mart will occupy the 81,000 square foot space in the fourth quarter of 2012.

PART II – PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT

The key performance indicators by which management measures Partners REIT's performance are as follows:

- Net operating income ("NOI");
- Funds from operations ("FFO");
- Adjusted funds from operations ("AFFO");
- Debt service coverage ratio ("DSCR");
- Weight average interest rate; and
- Occupancy levels.

We have provided the analysis of net operating income, funds from operations, and adjusted funds from operations under Part IV – Results of Operations.

Net Operating Income

Net operating income, or NOI, is defined as gross revenues from income producing properties less operating costs from income producing properties. Operating expenses do not include costs associated with financing, general and administration, amortization, income taxes, realized and unrealized gains and losses, and the equity pick-up of an investment's net earnings. NOI is a non-IFRS financial measure used in the real estate industry. Management considers NOI a meaningful measure of the results from operations which is useful in analyzing the performance of the property portfolio.

Funds from Operations

Funds from operations (“FFO”) is a non-IFRS financial measure of operating performance widely used by the real estate industry. Partners REIT calculates FFO in accordance with the recommendations of the Real Property Association of Canada (“RealPac”). The definition is meant to standardize the calculation and disclosure of FFO across real estate entities in Canada, and is modeled on the definition adopted by the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts (“NAREIT”) in the United States. NAREIT’s definition of FFO is net income (calculated in accordance with IFRS) excluding gains or losses from the sale of property and fair value increases or decreases in property values; plus depreciation and amortization; adjusted for items that are not indicative of operating performance; and after adjustments for unconsolidated partnerships and joint ventures (which is also calculated to reflect FFO on the same basis).

Management considers FFO, a meaningful measure of operating performance for financial analysts, investors and unitholders, since it eliminates the assertion that the value of real estate decreases over time and it adjusts for items included in net income (as determined under IFRS) that may not necessarily be the best determinants of operating performance.

Adjusted Funds from Operations

Adjusted funds from operations (“AFFO”) is defined as funds from operations net of actual leasing commissions, tenant improvements, capital expenditures that maintain the current rental operations, and straight-line rent. Management considers leasing activities and capital expenditures to be fundamental to the operating activities of the REIT in order to maintain the current level of rental operations, and is not a discretionary investment. Management has excluded from the calculation of AFFO those capital expenditures and leasing costs that relate to the generation of a new rental stream, such as commissions relating to leasing space to a new tenant or the development of a new retail pad for property expansion purposes.

Management also considers AFFO to be an effective measure of the cash generated from operations and is a measure of the REIT’s ability to pay distributions.

NOI, FFO, and AFFO should not be construed as an alternative to net earnings or cash flow from operating activities determined in accordance with IFRS. Management’s method of calculating these financial measures may differ from that of other issuers’ and accordingly, may not be comparable to financial measures with similar captions reported by other issuers.

Debt Service Coverage Ratio

Debt service coverage ration (“DSCR”) is a measure used to determine if a property will be able to sustain its debt based on its current cash flow. DSCR is calculated by dividing the REIT’s EBITDA by the total annual interest and principal payments made on its debt portfolio. The DSCR is a tool that financial institutions use to evaluate the risk associated with the ability to recover both interest and principal payments and is a common financial covenant contained within lending agreements. As at March 31, 2012, the rolling four-quarter DSCR was 1.24 to 1. For the quarter ended March 31, 2012, the DSCR was 1.22 to 1.

Weighted Average Interest Rate

Our weighted average interest rate includes secured debt and excludes the credit facilities, which have floating rates of interest. This calculation is a useful measure because it allows us to compare movements in interest rates period over period; and to compare the average rate to the current market rates at that point in time. As at March 31, 2012, the REIT’s weighted average effective interest rate was 4.66%.

Occupancy Levels

Occupancy levels are presented in different manners depending on its context. It could be presented as an average portfolio occupancy rate when analyzing the overall operating performance, or as a point-in-time reference when analyzing future lease expiries, or as an assessment of the period over period performance of each property. Management considers this a useful measure in assessing the overall performance of its portfolio and is an essential tool to determine which properties require further investigation if performance lags. Refer to PART I – Overview & Financial Highlights under “Leasing Activity and Occupancy” for the REIT’s occupancy performance.

KEY PERFORMANCE DRIVERS

In addition to monitoring and analyzing the performance of operations through such measures as NOI and FFO, we consider the following to be key internal drivers of the REIT’s current and future financial performance:

- Increases in occupancy by leasing vacant space; and
- Increases in base rent rates when market conditions permit.

We anticipate that leases representing approximately 225,000 square feet of leasable space will expire in 2012. As at the date of this MD&A, the REIT has already renewed leases for 69,000 square feet. In addition, the weighted average rent including any material new and renewed leases completed by May 10, 2012 is \$13.91 per square foot. This is an increase of \$1.06 per square foot over December 31, 2011 and \$1.59 per square foot over March 31, 2011. Management considers these indicators of positive performance.

Our key external performance drivers include:

- The ability to access equity capital at a competitive/reasonable cost;
- The ability to access debt with terms and conditions that is cost effective; and
- The ability to acquire new properties that enhance the REIT’s portfolio.

During the quarter ended March 31, 2012, Partners REIT closed a public offering (including the overallotment) for \$22.7 million in aggregate; the REIT acquired seven properties located in Alberta, Ontario, and Québec; and acquired a new credit facility, secured by two of its properties, in the amount \$14 million at a rate of interest of 3.6%. This rate is 106 basis points lower than our weighted average interest rate. Management considers all of these achievements as indicators of positive performance.

PART III – RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Partners REIT’s strategy for 2012 and beyond includes:

- the development of a retail asset base that is geographically diversified;
- maintaining strong relationships with third party property management;
- diligently working with existing and new tenants to stabilize or improve occupancy rates; and
- acquire low cost capital to support our growing asset base.

In addition to the acquisitions completed in the first quarter of 2012 (see Part I - Overview & Financial Highlights under “Overview of the Business”), the REIT also completed the following material transactions:

Purchase of NorRock Realty Finance Corporation Assets (“NorRock”)

On February 1, 2012, the REIT closed on the acquisition of substantially all of the assets of NorRock, consisting of cash, cash equivalents, mortgages and other assets of NorRock, in exchange for the issuance of Partners REIT units, certain rights to acquire Partners REIT units, and cash.

Partners REIT issued units for consideration of \$41,742,531 (which amount includes a credit to NorRock of \$1,425,000 on account of expenses and a payment of \$1,200,000 in respect of certain cash equivalents) (the "Cash at Closing Payment") for the cash and cash equivalents held by NorRock. In addition, it has issued units for consideration of \$9,422,980 (the "Assets at Closing Payment") for the non-cash assets of NorRock. Since October 17, 2011, NorRock had sold assets with a value of \$3,177,020, which amount has been deducted from the Assets at Closing Payment and added to the Cash at Closing Payment.

Partners REIT made the Cash at Closing Payment and Assets at Closing Payment by transferring (or directing the transfer) to NorRock the following units and cash (excluding the stub period dividend payments and payments to stock appreciation rights holders which were funded by NorRock) to NorRock:

- for each NorRock preferred share, 13.72824 Partners REIT units, together with cash equal to any stub period dividend payment, or, if the holder has so elected, 12.71676 Partners REIT units and \$1.75 in cash together with cash equal to any stub period dividend payment;
- for each NorRock Class A share, 3.29445 Partners REIT units, a number calculated by determining the amount of the Cash at Closing Payment and Assets at Closing Payment, less an amount equal to the number of issued and outstanding NorRock preferred shares multiplied by \$23.75, and dividing the result by the number of outstanding NorRock Class A shares (the amount per share being the "NorRock Class A Share Consideration") and then dividing by \$1.73; and
- for each of the 150,000 NorRock stock appreciation rights outstanding, \$0.59 paid in cash per stock appreciation right, a number calculated by subtracting \$5.11 from the NorRock Class A Share Consideration.

In connection with the closing:

- 29,575,333 Units (7,393,833 post-consolidation units) were issued (representing approximately 95% of the currently issued and outstanding Units) to holders of NorRock preferred shares and Class A shares;
- \$344,050 was paid to those holders of NorRock preferred shares that elected to receive partial consideration in cash;
- \$217,717 was paid on account of the stub period dividend payment for the NorRock preferred shares to holders of such shares;
- \$88,500 was paid to holders of NorRock stock appreciation rights; and
- 3,074,160 Rights (as defined below) will be issued to holders of NorRock Class A shares and holders of NorRock stock appreciation rights.

In addition to the Partners REIT units issued and cash paid at closing as described above, at Closing Partners REIT issued 3,074,160 non-transferable rights ("Rights") to NorRock, with an initial estimated value of \$3.4 million. Under the plan of arrangement, NorRock is obligated to distribute these Rights to the holders of its Class A shares and stock appreciation rights. The Rights will entitle the holder to receive Partners REIT units (or, in Partners REIT's discretion, a cash payment in lieu of all or a portion of such units) corresponding to that holder's pro rata share of the Deferred Payment. Holders of the Rights may receive additional payments after closing in accordance with the terms of the Rights, which will be paid on a pro rata basis based upon the number of issued and outstanding Rights. The aggregate of such payments (the "Deferred Payment"), if any, will be equal to the (A) Liquidated Value plus the Retained Value less (B) the Assets at Closing Payment less (C) 20% of the amount (if any) that the Liquidated Value exceeds the Assets at Closing Payment. The number of Partners REIT units to be issued, if any, will be calculated based on the five day volume weighted average trading price of the Partners REIT units determined at the time of issue.

Closing of Public Offering

On February 8, 2012 the REIT closed on its public offering of 10,753,000 units (2,688,250 post-consolidation units) at a price of \$1.86 per unit (\$7.44 per post-consolidation unit), representing gross proceeds of approximately \$20 million, on a bought deal basis, to a syndicate of underwriters. The REIT granted the underwriters an over-allotment option, exercisable in whole or in part at any time up to 30 days following the closing of the offering, to purchase up to an additional 403,237 post-consolidation units at the same offering price. On March 5, 2012, the underwriters exercised 360,812 over-allotment options to purchase 360,812 over-allotment units at a purchase price of \$7.44 per unit for gross proceeds of \$2,684,441 (to be paid on March 8, 2012).

The net proceeds to the REIT from the public offering, net of underwriters' fees is approximately \$19.1 million. The net proceeds are expected to be used by the REIT to pay out a loan facility entered into in connection with certain property purchases and to pay down a portion of the REIT's Acquisition Facility advanced in respect of a property purchase completed in 2011.

One for Four Consolidation of Units

On February 10, 2012, the REIT received approval from the Exchange to consolidate its issued and outstanding units on the basis of one post-consolidation unit for every four pre-consolidation units. The exercise price and number of units of the REIT's issuable upon the exercise of outstanding options, warrants and convertible debentures will be proportionately adjusted with the implementation of the unit consolidation. The post-consolidation of the units began trading on the Exchange on February 14, 2012.

In connection with, and immediately following, the consolidation of Partners REIT units, each Partners REIT unitholder that receives fractional Partners REIT units on the consolidation will irrevocably deposit all such fractional Partners REIT units with their agent, Computershare Investor Services Inc. ("Computershare"). Computershare, as soon as practicable, will aggregate all such fractional Partners REIT units into marketable blocks of units and, as agent for the relevant holders of such fractional Partners REIT units, sell such Partners REIT units on the Exchange for cash proceeds. Computershare will then remit the net sale proceeds from the sale of all such fractional Partners REIT units pro-rata to the relevant holders.

Final Approval of Graduation to the TSX

The REIT announced on March 30, 2012 that it received final approval to list its securities on the TSX on April 3, 2012, at which point such securities were no longer listed on the TSX Venture Exchange.

Acquisition of Property Subsequent to March 31, 2012

The REIT announced the closing of Grand Bend Towne Centre on May 1, 2012. The property is an existing 36,100 square foot centre comprised of a Sobeys grocery store with a lease extending to April 2023 and a Shoppers Drug Mart with a lease extending to September 2017 located on Main Street East in downtown Grand Bend, Ontario. Grand Bend Towne Centre will also include a 6,100 square foot LCBO scheduled for construction completion in May 2013 with a lease extending until May 2028. The vendor is responsible for the completion and cost of the building, as well as a rental guarantee.

Partners REIT paid \$7.9 million for the property. The acquisition was satisfied by the assumption of an existing mortgage of approximately \$3.2 million, originally maturing July 2017, with an effective interest rate of 3.85%. This mortgage was increased by approximately \$0.8 million at an interest rate of 3.6% for a total first mortgage of \$4.0, and will mature with the original mortgage. The balance of the acquisition was satisfied by Partners REIT's available funds on hand.

PART IV – RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

The following is selected financial information from the consolidated statements of comprehensive income for the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011:

| Three months ended | March 31, 2012 | March 31, 2011 | Change |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------|
| Revenues from income producing properties | \$ 9,077,958 | \$ 4,959,732 | 83% |
| Property operating expenses | (1,483,017) | (826,991) | 79% |
| Realty taxes | (1,689,357) | (1,065,397) | 59% |
| Property management fees | (184,221) | (111,339) | 65% |
| | 5,721,363 | 2,956,005 | 94% |
| Other expenses: | | | |
| Financing costs | 3,100,780 | 1,558,963 | 99% |
| General and administrative expenses | 514,555 | 424,262 | 21% |
| Other transaction costs | - | 216,982 | -100% |
| | 3,615,335 | 2,200,207 | 64% |
| Income before fair value gains | 2,106,028 | 755,798 | 179% |
| Fair value gains | 1,500,480 | 312,140 | 381% |
| Net income and comprehensive income | \$ 3,606,508 | \$ 1,067,938 | 238% |
| Earnings per units, basic and diluted | \$ 0.25 | \$ 0.14 | |

Net Income and Comprehensive Income

The REIT reported an increase in income before fair value gains of 179% during the first quarter of 2012 compared to the same quarter in 2011. The increase was complimented by a 381% increase in fair value gains during the comparable periods, resulting in an overall increase in net income and comprehensive income of 238%.

See “Net Operating Income” below for the discussion on NOI for all properties and same properties for the quarter ended March 31, 2012 compared to the same prior year period.

Financing Costs

The REIT's financing costs are incurred on debt instruments, bearing fixed and variable rates of interest, and consists primarily of interest expense recognized in accordance with the effective interest rate method, which includes not only the REIT's contractual interest expenses, but also incorporates the financing costs and market interest rate adjustments on its debt obligations. Financing costs also include distributions to non-controlling interests, interest income on notes receivable, and other incidental interest income and expenses incurred during the normal course of business.

Financing costs for the three months ended March 31, 2012 increased \$1.5 million (99%) over the same period in 2011. The change is due to an increase in interest expense of \$0.7 million on new and assumed secured debt obligations entered into subsequent to March 31, 2011, interest accrued on the REIT's unsecured convertible debentures of \$0.7 million, and an increase in interest expense on credit facilities of \$0.5 million. The increase in financing costs was partially offset by a reduction in financing costs from same debt obligations held through both the current and comparable period of \$0.1 million (as a result of a change in variable rates and the Acquisition Facility was not drawn upon in the first quarter of 2011), and further offset by interest income recorded in financing costs of \$0.3 million on notes receivable.

General and Administrative Expenses

General and administrative expenses for the three months ended March 31, 2012 increased approximately \$90,000 (21%) from the same prior year period. This increase was largely due to an increase in additional asset management fees on properties acquired since March 31, 2012, of \$136,000; an increase in unit-based compensation with regard to unit option costs of \$28,000; offset by reductions in travel and other general and administrative expenses.

Other Transaction Costs

Other transaction costs consist of non-recurring corporate expenditures related to property acquisitions no longer pursued, costs incurred upon early extinguishment of debt, costs incurred to transition to IFRS reporting, and corporate transaction costs.

During the three months ended March 31, 2012, other transaction costs decreased by \$217,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2012 compared to the prior year period. The REIT did not incur any other transaction costs during the first quarter of 2012. Comparatively, during the same prior year period, the REIT incurred \$152,000 in costs to early extinguish debt; \$39,000 on acquisitions the REIT did not pursue after further due diligence; and \$26,000 incurred to transition to IFRS.

OPERATING RESULTS

Net Operating Income – Same Properties and All Properties

The aggregate cost of tenant incentives and direct leasing costs included in income producing properties are recognized as a reduction of rental income over the lease term, on a straight-line basis. In order to calculate NOI as defined above in Part II, the amortization of tenant incentives and direct leasing costs must be removed from revenues.

Same Property NOI

“Same Property NOI” compares net operating income from only those properties that contributed to operations for the entire reporting period in both the current and comparative period. Therefore, the same property NOI analysis below excludes the operating results of the REIT’s 2011 and 2012 acquisitions for the quarter-end period.

| Three months ended | March 31, 2012 | March 31, 2011 | Variance favourable/(unfavourable) |
|---|----------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Revenues from income producing properties | \$ 4,861,718 | \$ 4,718,980 | \$ 142,738 |
| Property operating expenses | (877,899) | (824,656) | (53,243) |
| Realty taxes | (1,042,973) | (1,065,397) | 22,424 |
| Property management fees | (87,284) | (108,977) | 21,693 |
| | 2,853,562 | 2,719,950 | 133,612 |
| Amortization of tenant costs | 65,744 | 50,491 | 15,253 |
| Net operating income | \$ 2,919,306 | \$ 2,770,441 | \$ 148,865 |

NOI from same properties for the three months ended March 31, 2012 increased by 5%, over the same prior year period. The increase in NOI was due to: increased percent rent revenues from tenants located at Cornwall Square; increased base rent revenue from a new tenant at Place Val Est; and increased step rents from tenants located at Wellington Southdale. NOI increases were partially offset by reduced base rent revenue and recoveries at Méga Centre as a result of decreased occupancy. Property management fees were reduced as a consequence of bringing the majority of the property accounting function in-house, allocating accounting costs directly to property operating costs, and renegotiating external property management agreements at reduced rates.

All Properties NOI

The REIT's complete property portfolio is included in the "All Properties NOI" data below.

| Three months ended | March 31, 2012 | March 31, 2011 | Variance favourable/(unfavourable) |
|---|---------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Revenues from income producing properties | \$ 9,077,958 | \$ 4,959,732 | \$ 4,118,226 |
| Property operating expenses | (1,483,017) | (826,991) | (656,026) |
| Realty taxes | (1,689,357) | (1,065,397) | (623,960) |
| Property management fees | (184,221) | (111,339) | (72,882) |
| | 5,721,363 | 2,956,005 | 2,765,358 |
| Amortization of tenant costs | 66,613 | 50,492 | 16,121 |
| Net operating income | \$ 5,787,976 | \$ 3,006,497 | \$ 2,781,479 |

The increase in all properties NOI of \$2.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2012 over the same prior year period is primarily due to the realization of a full quarter of operations from Place Desormeaux, Evergreen Shopping Centre, Centuria Urban Village, and 137th Avenue which contributed \$582,000, \$276,000, \$165,000, and \$64,000 respectively to the REIT's NOI. These properties did not contribute to the REIT's NOI in the same quarter in 2011, and represent 43% of the increase in NOI during the first quarter of 2012 over the same quarter in 2011.

Similarly, the Thunder Centre, Manning Crossing, King George Square, St. Clair Beach Towne Centre, Crossing Bridge Square, and Plaza des Seigneurs properties were acquired during the first quarter of 2012 and therefore contributed a partial quarter's NOI of \$328,000, \$183,000, \$135,000, \$110,000, \$103,000, and \$68,000, respectively, and represent 37% of the increase in the REIT's NOI for the three months ended March 31, 2012 over the same prior year period.

The six SDM properties acquired during the first quarter of 2011 contributed an additional \$377,000, or 15% increase to the REIT's NOI for the first quarter of 2012 compared to the same prior year quarter, as the REIT only realized one month of NOI from these properties during the three months ended March 31, 2011.

The 5% increase in same property NOI for the first quarter of 2012 compared to the same prior year quarter is due to same property NOI discussed above, and \$0.2 million is a result of revenues the REIT recognized on the sale of notes receivable.

Increases in the property operating expenses, realty taxes and property management fees for all properties during the three months ended March 31, 2012, compared to the same prior year period, are almost entirely a result of the REIT's property acquisitions subsequent to March 31, 2011.

Funds from Operations (“FFO”) and Adjusted Funds from Operations (“AFFO”)

A reconciliation of IFRS net income to FFO and AFFO is as follows:

| Three months ended | March 31, 2012 | March 31, 2011 | Change |
|--|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Net income for the period | \$ 3,606,508 | \$ 1,067,938 | \$ 2,538,570 |
| <i>Adjustments:</i> | | | |
| Amortization of costs | 360,087 | 118,052 | 242,035 |
| Unit option compensation expense | 45,000 | 17,000 | 28,000 |
| Other transaction costs | - | 216,982 | (216,982) |
| Fair value gains | (1,500,480) | (312,140) | (1,188,340) |
| FFO | 2,511,115 | 1,107,832 | 1,403,283 |
| <i>Less:</i> | | | |
| Straight line rent | 218,918 | 79,107 | 139,811 |
| Capex to maintain current operations | 8,632 | - | 8,632 |
| AFFO | \$ 2,283,565 | \$ 1,028,725 | \$ 1,254,840 |
| Weighted average units - basic and diluted | 14,306,130 | 7,731,909 | 6,574,221 |
| FFO per unit | \$0.18 | \$0.14 | \$0.04 |
| AFFO per unit | \$0.16 | \$0.13 | \$0.03 |

FFO increased by \$1.4 million (127%) during the three months ended March 31, 2012 compared to the same period in 2011 due mainly to an increase in NOI of \$2.8 million which was offset by a \$1.5 million increase in financing costs and a \$0.1 million increase in general and administrative expenses.

For the discussion of the REIT’s financing costs and general and administrative expenses, please refer to sections titled “Financing Costs”, and “General and Administrative Expenses” earlier in Part IV – Results of Operations.

The REIT’s FFO increase of 127% during the first quarter of 2012 over same period in 2011 was partially offset by an 85% increase in the weighted average number units for the same comparable period. The resulting, FFO per unit for the first quarter of 2012 advanced to \$0.18 per unit from \$0.14 per unit in the same prior year period.

Since FFO does not consider straight line rent (non-cash) or capital transactions, AFFO is presented herein as an alternative measure of determining available cash flow. AFFO is not defined by IFRS. AFFO, for the three months ended March 31, 2012 was \$2.3 million (three months ended March 31, 2011 - \$1.0 million) resulting in an increase of \$1.3 million in AFFO during the first quarter of 2012 compared to the same quarter last year. The increase is primarily due mainly to an increase in NOI excluding straight-lining of rents of \$2.6 million, an increase in financing costs of \$1.5 million, and increases in general and administrative expenses of \$0.1 million. The REIT does not expect to incur any consequential costs to maintain its current operations as only eleven of its properties were purchased more than one year ago of which six are single tenant properties wherein the tenant has full responsibility for all capital expenditures. As part of the purchase of the remaining seventeen properties, such capital costs were taken into consideration in arriving at net acquisition costs, thus when incurred will increase the value of the properties.

The payout ratio and cash payout ratio for the three months ended March 31, 2012 were 103% and 99%, respectively (three months ended March 31, 2011 – 120% and 114%, respectively). Partners REIT targets a cash payout ratio of approximately 90% to 95% of AFFO. Management expects the payout ratio to be closer to its target during 2012. Payout ratio and cash payout ratio are non-IFRS measures. Payout ratio is the total distributions expressed as a percentage of AFFO. Cash payout ratio is the total distributions paid out in cash during the period (this excludes DRIP distributions, as unitholders enrolled in the DRIP receive units, not cash distributions) expressed as a percentage of AFFO. Readers are cautioned that these measures may not be comparable to financial measures with similar captions reported by other issuers.

FINANCIAL POSITION ANALYSIS

Statement of Financial Position – Total Assets

| As at | March 31, 2012 | December 31, 2011 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Income producing properties | \$ 388,465,535 | \$ 258,510,224 |
| Notes receivable | 10,552,018 | - |
| Other assets | 4,712,371 | 4,526,314 |
| Accounts receivable | 1,753,266 | 868,733 |
| Cash | 5,118,333 | 1,842,769 |
| Total assets | \$ 410,601,523 | \$ 265,748,040 |

Income producing properties

The REIT elected to use the fair value model under IFRS, and as a result, income producing properties are carried at their fair value at the reporting date. Gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value of income producing properties during the reporting period are included in profit and loss in the period in which they arise.

For December 31, 2011 and subsequent year end periods, external valuations from our third-party appraiser will be based on a cross section of properties from different geographical locations and markets across the REIT's portfolio, as determined by management. At December 31, 2011, external appraisals were obtained for four of the REIT's properties for an aggregate fair value of \$44,796,000, representing 17.3% of the fair value of the income producing property portfolio as of that date. The value of the remainder of the REIT's portfolio was determined internally by management using the same assumptions and valuation techniques used by the third party appraiser.

At March 31, 2012, external appraisals were obtained for two of the REIT's properties with an aggregate fair value of \$10,735,628, representing 2.8% of the fair value of the income producing property portfolio as of that date. The value of the remainder of the REIT's income producing property portfolio was determined internally by the REIT using the same assumptions and valuation techniques used by the Appraisers.

The increase of \$129.5 million in income producing properties at March 31, 2012 over December 31, 2011 is primarily due to the acquisition of seven properties for \$127.9 million (inclusive of acquisition costs) in the first quarter of 2012; and fair value gains of \$1.4 million recognized upon the valuation of the income producing properties as at March 31, 2012.

There was no income producing property dispositions as at March 31, 2012 or December 31, 2011.

Notes receivable

On February 1, 2012, the REIT acquired eight mortgages and loans receivable as a part of the acquisition of NorRock assets (refer to Part III – Recent Developments). On March 29, 2012 the REIT sold three of the mortgage assets with a combined carrying value of approximately \$3.7 million for proceeds of \$3.2 million. As at March 31, 2012, the REIT had \$10.6 million in notes receivable; and since this was a transaction that took place in 2012, the REIT had a nil balance as at December 31, 2011. Partners REIT has entered into an agreement with League Assets Corporation ("LAC"), which provides that, at any time, the REIT has the option to sell to LAC the remaining non-cash assets it has purchased from NorRock, and LAC will purchase the remaining non-cash assets at the Retained Value.

Other assets

Other assets are primarily comprised of prepaid realty taxes and insurance, deferred acquisition costs, amounts held in escrow, deposits on acquisitions and other prepaid expenses. Although the balances as at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011 are quite similar, the composition of the balances is materially different.

The net increase in other assets of \$0.2 million as at March 31, 2012 over December 31, 2011 is due an increase in property taxes as a consequence of the REIT acquiring seven additional properties upon which realty taxes have been prepaid, an increase in amounts held in escrow for contingency holdbacks on the Thunder Centre, St. Clair Beach Towne Centre, and Quinte Crossroads, which was partially offset by a decrease in deferred acquisition costs and deposits on acquisitions which relates to the closing of seven properties that took place in the first quarter of 2012.

Accounts receivable

Accounts receivable increased by \$868,000 from December 31, 2011 to March 31, 2012. The higher receivable balance in the first quarter of 2012 is primarily due to an increase in tenant receivables from Place Desormeaux in the amount of \$345,000 relating to amounts billed to two tenants during the quarter for realty taxes; \$408,000 in receivables from tenants located at the seven properties acquired during the quarter; \$300,000 in mortgage interest receivable owing on our notes receivable; which was partially offset by a decrease in unbilled CAM recoveries and property taxes of approximately \$150,000.

Cash

Cash is considered restricted when it is held in escrow and is only available for use for specific purposes. Restricted cash totaled \$2.1 million at March 31, 2012 (December 31, 2011 – \$1.4 million) and its permitted use is to fund certain future capital expenditures in the REIT's income producing property portfolio.

Capital

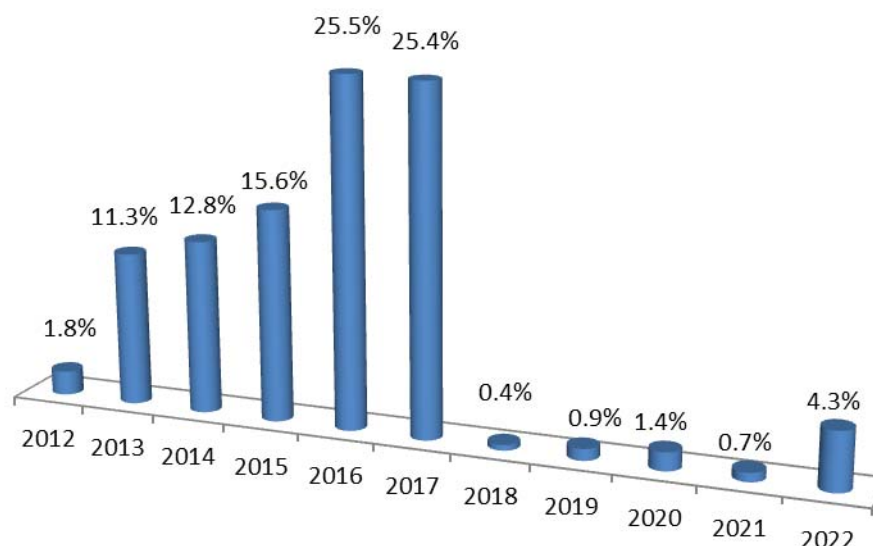
The REIT's capital consists of debt and equity capital. Real estate is a capital intensive industry. As a result, debt capital, in particular, is a very important aspect to managing the business. In addition, financial leverage is used to enhance returns from acquired real estate. Given the importance of debt capital, the REIT monitors its debt regularly for compliance with debt covenants contained in its loan agreements. The REIT is in compliance with all of its loan covenants as at the date of this MD&A.

The following table shows the REIT's capital as at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011:

| As at | March 31, 2012 | December 31, 2011 |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Mortgages payable | \$ 211,700,065 | \$ 156,518,686 |
| Debentures | 26,838,706 | 26,889,496 |
| Credit facilities | 32,503,466 | 18,545,886 |
| Unitholders' equity | 126,954,979 | 56,406,374 |
| Total capital | \$ 397,997,216 | \$ 258,360,442 |

Mortgages and Other Financing

The following is a debt maturity chart for the REIT's mortgages payable and debentures as at March 31, 2012:



The primary contributors of the debt maturing in 2016 and 2017 are the \$28.75 million convertible debentures and the Méga Centre mortgage in the amount of \$23.8 million, respectively.

Interest coverage and debt service coverage ratios are as follows:

| For the rolling four quarters ended | March 31, 2012 | March 31, 2011 |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| Interest coverage ratio ⁽¹⁾ | 1.66 | 1.71 |
| Debt service coverage ratio ⁽²⁾ | 1.24 | 1.35 |

(1) Interest coverage ratio is calculated on a rolling four-quarter basis as EBITDA divided by interest expense (before amortization of financing fees included in interest expense), where EBITDA is net income before fair value gains or losses, interest expense, incentive unit option compensation expense, depreciation and amortization, other transaction costs, and bad debt expense. EBITDA is a non-IFRS financial measure of operating performance.

(2) Debt service coverage ratio is calculated on a rolling four-quarter basis as EBITDA divided by debt service, where debt service is principal repayments plus interest expense (before amortization of financing fees included in interest expense).

For the four rolling quarters ended March 31, 2012 the REIT's interest coverage ratio decreased over the four quarters ended March 31, 2011 due to additional mortgages and credit facilities that were not in place as at March 31, 2011. The debt service coverage ratio for the four rolling quarters ended March 31, 2012 decreased in comparison to the four rolling quarters ended March 31, 2011 due to the increased debt issued subsequent to March 31, 2011 compared to equity issued to fund the REIT's acquisitions over the past twelve months.

Mortgages Payable

The REIT's current weighted average term to maturity on mortgages payable (excluding the convertible debentures and credit facilities discussed below in more detail) is approximately four years, and the weighted average effective interest rate is 4.66%.

Future principal repayments on the secured debt (including mortgages payable and corporate secured debt but excluding the convertible debentures and credit facilities) are as follows for 2012 to 2016 and thereafter:

| Year | Principal installment | | | W.A. contractual rate |
|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | payments | Principal maturing | Total | on debt maturing |
| 2012 | \$ 4,240,222 | \$ - | \$ 4,240,222 | |
| 2013 | 5,884,156 | 21,027,933 | 26,912,089 | 5.91% |
| 2014 | 5,506,954 | 24,870,435 | 30,377,389 | 4.49% |
| 2015 | 4,839,727 | 32,267,407 | 37,107,134 | 5.08% |
| 2016 | 3,693,451 | 28,376,013 | 32,069,465 | 4.33% |
| Thereafter | 5,279,709 | 73,469,720 | 78,749,429 | 4.86% |
| Total | \$ 29,444,219 | \$ 180,011,508 | \$ 209,455,728 | 4.89% |

The REIT's objective in securing mortgages for its properties and managing its long-term debt is to stagger the maturities in order to mitigate the risk of short-term volatilities in the debt markets. The REIT has conventional first mortgages on all of its properties except for Centuria Urban Village.

For the quarter ended March 31, 2012 the following mortgages were obtained:

In March 2012, upon the acquisition of Quinte Crossroads, the REIT acquired a first mortgage on the property for a total of \$14.2 million. The loan matures in April 2022, has a contractual interest rate of 4.06% per annum, and has an amortization period of 25 years.

In February 2012, upon the acquisition of Thunder Centre, the REIT assumed a first mortgage on the property in the amount of \$14.8 million and increased the existing mortgage by \$4.7 million for a total first mortgage of \$19.5 million. The loan matures in July 2017, has a contractual interest rate of 4.78% per annum, and has an amortization period of 20 years.

In February 2012, upon the acquisition of St. Clair Beach Towne Centre, the REIT assumed a first mortgage on the property in the amount of \$4.4 million and increased the existing mortgage by \$1.85 million for a total first mortgage of \$6.25 million. The loan matures in July 2017, has a contractual interest rate of 4.60% per annum, and has an amortization period of 20 years.

In February 2012, upon the acquisition of Manning Crossing, the REIT assumed an existing first mortgage on the property for a total of approximately \$4.65 million. The loan matures in August 2014 and has a contractual interest rate of 6.59% per annum. The REIT also acquired a second mortgage on the property for a total of \$8.0 million. The loan matures February 2017, has a contractual interest rate of 4.02% per annum, and has an amortization period of 25 years.

In February 2012, upon the acquisition of Plaza des Seigneurs, the REIT acquired a first mortgage on the property for a total of \$2.25 million. The loan matures in February 2017, has a contractual interest rate of 3.5% per annum, and has an amortization period of 20 years.

Debentures

On March 8, 2011 the REIT closed its public offering of \$25 million in aggregate principal amount of 8.0% extendible convertible unsecured subordinated debentures, and on March 15, 2011 closed the overallotment option of the public offering for an additional \$3.75 million of similar debt, for a total issuance of \$28.75 million aggregate principal amount. The debentures bear interest at an annual rate of 8% payable semi-annually, in arrears, on March 31 and September 30 in each year commencing on September 30, 2011. The debentures mature on March 31, 2016. The cost to issue the debentures was \$2.1 million, and is netted against the debentures on the statement of financial position and will be amortized over the term of the debentures.

The debentures are convertible into units of the REIT at the option of the holder at any time on the earlier of the maturity date, or the date fixed for redemption of the debentures at a conversion price of \$8.80 per unit. As at March 31, 2012, none of the debenture holders redeemed their debentures for units of the REIT.

Credit Facilities

The REIT has a revolving operating and acquisition facility (the "Acquisition Facility") with a Canadian chartered bank. Pursuant to the terms of the Acquisition Facility, from time to time, the amount permitted to be drawn under the Acquisition Facility may be adjusted based on certain financial tests (including a loan-to-value ratio). The amount available to be drawn upon is calculated based on the value of a property that has been specified under the agreement. As at March 31, 2012, the REIT specified the Centuria Urban Village property as security for this facility, providing a maximum facility amount of \$5.8 million. On March 31, 2012 there was \$5.7 million outstanding under the Acquisition Facility (December 31, 2011 – \$5.7 million).

The Acquisition Facility was renewed on May 16, 2011 and the interest rate was revised to the Bank's prime rate plus 2.25% per annum or the Banker's Acceptance stamping fee plus 3.25% per annum. Prior to May 16, 2011, amounts drawn under the Acquisition Facility incurred interest at a rate equal to the Bank's prime rate plus 3.50% per annum or the Banker's Acceptance stamping fee plus 4.50% per annum.

The Acquisition Facility contains financial covenants customary for this type of facility (debt service coverage ratio, minimum unitholder equity amount). As at March 31, 2012, the REIT complied with all of the covenants of the Acquisition Facility.

In September 2011, the REIT obtained a revolving loan facility for \$13.5 million secured against the Partners REIT portfolio of properties with a floating interest rate equal to the greater of 9.00% or the TD Canada Trust Posted Bank prime rate of interest plus 4.00%. The loan facility revolves until August 31, 2013 at which time any outstanding balance can be extended for one year upon payment of an additional 2% fee on such balance. The revolving loan facility also included a funding fee, whereby the lender received 625,000 unit purchase warrants to purchase 625,000 Partners REIT units. Each whole warrant entitles the lender to receive one Partners REIT unit at \$7.20 per Partners REIT unit for a term of three years from the interest adjustment date (September 1, 2011) of the loan. The revolving loan contains a debt service coverage ratio calculated on a quarterly basis, as is customary for this type of facility. The REIT is in compliance with this covenant for the current quarter.

In February 2012, the REIT obtained a one year \$14.0 million credit facility secured against the King George Square and Crossing Bridge Square properties. The credit facility bears interest at a rate equal to the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce prime rate plus 1.50% for the initial six months and the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce prime rate plus 2.00% for the remainder of the term.

Financing Costs

Financing costs represent commitment fees, funding fees and other fees paid in connection with securing mortgages and the revolving loan facility.

The remaining balance of financing costs as at March 31, 2012 was \$2.1 million, which is \$0.3 million higher than the December 31, 2011 year-end balance. The increase in the unamortized financing costs as at March 31, 2012 is due to the various fees paid to assume mortgages and to acquire new mortgages. The REIT incurred, as at March 31, 2012, \$0.3 million subsequent to December 31, 2011 in mortgage fees, brokerage fees, legal fees, processing fees and commitment fees. All of these costs are associated with the acquisition of the seven properties acquired in the first quarter of 2012. Offsetting the increase in financing costs for the quarter ended March 31, 2012 is recognition of deferred financing costs through interest expense, in accordance with the effective interest method, of approximately \$83,000. The unamortized portion of the financing costs is netted against the REIT's mortgages payable and revolving loan facility on the statements of financial position.

The unamortized balance of financing costs related to the Acquisition Facility for the quarter ended March 31, 2012 is \$53,000 (December 31, 2011 - \$63,800) and these costs are netted against the facility.

Debt-to-Gross Book Value

The REIT actively manages both its debt capital⁽¹⁾ and its equity capital with the objective of ensuring that the REIT can continue to grow and operate its business.

The REIT monitors its debt-to-gross book value ratio, a ratio that has become a common industry metric reviewed by analysts, unitholders and others within the industry. The REIT does not have a specific debt-to-gross book value threshold imposed on it in its Declaration of Trust; however, the REIT's Acquisition Facility has a restriction on the REIT's debt-to-gross book value ratio, being a maximum of 75%. At March 31, 2012 the REIT has a debt-to-gross book value ratio of 64.1% (December 31, 2011 – 73.0%), calculated as follows:

| As at | March 31, 2012 | December 31, 2011 |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Debt | | |
| Mortgages payable | \$ 209,455,728 | \$ 155,639,032 |
| Debentures, excluding fair value of convertible feature at issuance | 27,950,000 | 27,950,000 |
| Credit facilities, excluding fair value of warrants at funding date | 33,003,000 | 19,003,000 |
| | \$ 270,408,728 | \$ 202,592,032 |
| Gross Book Value of Assets | | |
| Original cost of income producing properties ⁽²⁾ | \$ 396,178,639 | \$ 266,725,072 |
| Book value of all other assets | 22,135,988 | 7,237,816 |
| Deferred financing fees | 3,739,799 | 3,566,944 |
| | \$ 422,054,426 | \$ 277,529,832 |
| Debt-to-Gross Book Value including debentures | 64.1% | 73.0% |
| Debt-to-Gross Book Value excluding debentures | 57.4% | 62.9% |

⁽¹⁾ Debt capital refers to secured debt, debenture and credit facilities excluding deferred financing costs, the value of the debentures' convertible feature, fair value of embedded derivatives, and unamortized above market interest rate adjustments.

⁽²⁾ Original cost of income producing properties represents the historical costs incurred to acquire the REIT's properties.

Unitholders' Equity

For the quarter ended March 31, 2012 unitholders' equity increased \$73 million over unitholders' equity for the period ended December 31, 2011 due primarily to the issuance of units under both a public and private offering for approximately \$69.3 million.

The REIT currently makes monthly cash distributions of \$0.05333 per unit, representing an annualized distribution of \$0.64 per unit. The REIT's trustees have discretion in declaring distributions and review the distributions on a regular basis.

For further discussion about the REIT's distribution, see "Liquidity Requirements" below. The REIT issues equity when it is available and appropriate to replenish cash for acquisitions or other uses. The REIT has access to an Acquisition Facility to fund the equity portion of acquisitions as well as to fund general working capital requirements between capital raises, when required.

LIQUIDITY REQUIREMENTS

The REIT's main liquidity requirements arise from ongoing working capital requirements, debt servicing and repayment obligations, capital and leasing expenditures on existing properties, property acquisitions and distributions to unitholders. All of the aforementioned liquidity requirements, except for debt repayment obligations at maturity and property acquisitions, are generally funded from cash flows from operations or from drawing on the REIT's Acquisition Facility. Debt repayment obligations are generally funded from refinancing the related debt and property acquisitions are generally funded from capital raises as well as obtaining debt financing on the related property. However, between capital raises, the REIT may use its Acquisition Facility to fund the equity portion of property acquisitions.

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Pursuant to the REIT's management agreement with IGW Public's subsidiary, League Global Asset Management Corp ("LAPP"), LAPP provides the REIT with strategic, advisory, asset management and administrative services in exchange for an annual management fee equal to: (i) 0.30% of the "adjusted book value" of the REIT's assets, paid quarterly in arrears, and (ii) 0.25% of the "adjusted book value" of the REIT's assets, paid quarterly in arrears, if the "adjusted book value" of the REIT's assets is greater than \$1 billion, and an acquisition fee equal to: (i) 0.50% of the "property cost" of such real property if prior to such acquisition the "adjusted book value" of the REIT's assets is less than or equal to \$1 billion; and (ii) 0.40% of the "property cost" of such real property if prior to such acquisition the "adjusted book value" of the REIT's assets is greater than \$1 billion. "Adjusted book value" equals the original property cost of the income producing properties, plus the book value of all other assets, and plus the add back of accumulated amortization of deferred costs.

The initial term of the management agreement is for a three year period, expiring on March 15, 2015. Upon expiry of the initial term, the management agreement renews automatically for successive three year terms, unless terminated in accordance with its terms. The management agreement may be terminated if the independent trustees make the decision to employ individuals directly by the REIT rather than by LAPP, where the independent trustees determine the cost of doing so would be less on an annual basis than the fees paid to LAPP under the management agreement; or if otherwise determined that it is in the best interests of the REIT to have the management of the REIT performed on a full time basis by individuals employed directly by the REIT. The management agreement provides each party with termination rights, the exercise of which may, in certain situations, require the REIT to pay a termination fee equal to two times the annual management fee paid in respect of the last full calendar year prior to the date of termination.

In accordance with the management agreement, LAPP is providing the services of certain executives, consultants and other employees to the REIT. As the REIT grows, LAPP will provide additional executives to the REIT in order to fulfill its obligations under the management agreement as recommended by the trustees and agreed to by the trustees and LAPP. All costs associated with the executives and personnel shall be borne by LAPP. In accordance with the terms of the management agreement, LAPP is required to consult with the independent trustees with regard to compensation decisions for executives who devote substantially all of their time to the business of the REIT. In the event that any executive providing services to the REIT ceases to do so for any reason, LAPP will replace such individual with another employee with similar qualifications and experience.

Under the terms of the current management agreement, the REIT paid the following fees to the Manager for the quarter ended March 31, 2012: \$328,150 in asset management fees, \$621,606 in acquisition fees, and \$44,456 in property management and accounting fees. Amounts owing to the Manager and other related parties at March 31, 2012 are \$23,322. Subsequent to March 31, 2012 all amounts owing to the Manager and related parties have been paid. These amounts have been classified in accounts payable and other liabilities, and consist of outstanding reimbursements payable.

QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE

The following is a summary of the interim results for each of the last eight quarterly periods.

| | Q1 2012 | Q4 2011 | Q3 2011 | Q2 2011 | Q1 2011 | Q4 2010 | Q3 2010 | Q2 2010 |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Total revenues | \$ 9,077,958 | \$ 7,468,818 | \$ 6,157,707 | \$ 5,578,270 | \$ 4,959,732 | \$ 4,540,281 | \$ 4,047,910 | \$ 3,986,070 |
| Operating expenses | 3,356,595 | 2,830,492 | 2,055,712 | 1,963,959 | 2,003,727 | 1,976,152 | 1,594,568 | 1,600,809 |
| Other expenses | 3,615,335 | 4,041,629 | 3,102,358 | 2,744,638 | 2,200,207 | 1,748,169 | 1,698,319 | 2,384,374 |
| Fair value gains (losses) | 1,500,480 | 2,464,132 | 1,113,602 | 141,752 | 312,140 | 1,765,054 | 1,767,038 | (1,025,155) |
| Net income | 3,606,508 | 3,060,829 | 2,113,239 | 1,011,425 | 1,067,938 | 2,581,014 | 2,522,061 | (1,024,268) |
| Net income per unit - basic | 0.25 | 0.39 | 0.26 | 0.14 | 0.14 | 0.43 | 0.52 | (0.22) |

PART V – RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

Income producing properties are inherently subject to certain risks and uncertainties due to their relative illiquidity and long term nature of the investment. Partners REIT's financial results, are therefore, dependent on the performance of its properties and by various external factors that impact the real estate industry and geographic markets in which the REIT operates. Some of the external factors that the REIT is exposed to include fluctuations in interest and inflation rates; access to debt; fulfilling legal and regulatory requirements; and expansion or contraction in the economy as a whole.

Partners REIT's current business strategy is to focus on acquiring and managing a portfolio of retail and mixed-use retail community and neighbourhood centres, in both primary and secondary markets throughout Canada; and that generate stable cash flows over the long term. The quality of the REIT's current portfolio, management believes, provides the leverage the REIT needs to expand the business in new markets and acquire high performing properties. Management believes this strategy will enable the REIT's operations to achieve highly sustainable cash flows.

The following is an examination of the key factors that influence Partners REIT's operations. A more detailed description of all of our risk factors is contained in the REIT's Annual Information Form.

INDUSTRY RISK

The REIT operates in the Canadian commercial and retail markets and is dependent on access to financing. Fluctuations in real estate market values and general industry and economic circumstances affect the amount that can be borrowed and the terms and conditions under which funds are available. This may limit the REIT's ability to execute its operating and growth plans. Partners REIT manages this risk by maintaining sufficient resources to meet its obligations without undue risk to the REIT.

INTEREST RATE AND FINANCING RISK

The REIT attempts to stagger the maturities of its debt portfolio evenly over a ten year time horizon in order to effectively manage both interest rate and liquidity risks.

The REIT has an on-going obligation to access debt markets to refinance maturing debt as it becomes due. There is a risk that lenders will not refinance such maturing debt on terms and conditions that are acceptable to Partners REIT or on any terms at all. The REIT's strategy of staggering the maturities of its debt portfolio attempts to limit the exposure to excessive amounts of debt maturing in any one year.

There is interest rate risk associated with the REIT's Acquisition Facility since the interest rate is impacted by changes in the bank rate. There is also interest rate risk associated with the REIT's fixed interest rate and term mortgages and unsecured debentures due to the expected requirement to refinance such debts in the year of maturity. The following table outlines the impact to the REIT's annual net income if interest rates at March 31, 2012 would have been 100 basis points higher or lower, calculated on all debts maturing over the next 24 months, with all other variables held constant.

| | Approximate Change in Annual Interest Expense | Approximate Change on Interest Expense per Unit per Annum |
|-------------------|---|---|
| Credit facilities | \$ 195,030 | \$ 0.023 |
| Mortgages payable | 210,300 | 0.015 |
| Debentures | - | - |

Partners REIT's strategy to mitigate interest rate price risk for its fixed rate mortgages is to enter into interest rate swap arrangements when deemed necessary. As at March 31, 2012, Partners REIT has not entered into any swap arrangements. Partners REIT does not use swaps for speculative purposes.

Finally, management is of the opinion that all debt can be extended, renewed, or refinanced as they become due.

CREDIT RISK

Credit risk arises primarily from the possibility that tenants may experience financial difficulty and be unable to fulfill their lease commitments. The REIT attempts to mitigate this risk by conducting credit assessments on new lessees, and by ensuring its tenant mix is diversified by limiting its exposure to any one tenant. The maximum credit risk exposure at March 31, 2012 relates to the carrying value of the accounts receivable balance without taking into consideration any collateral held or other credit enhancements. Collateral held on certain leases are letters of credit or security deposits from tenants.

The REIT establishes an allowance for doubtful accounts that represents the estimated loss in respect of rents receivable. The amount that comprises the allowance is determined on a tenant by tenant basis based on the specific factors related to the tenant.

For cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and other short term assets, Partners REIT's credit risk is limited to the carrying value on the statements of financial position. To reduce credit risk, cash and cash equivalents are only held at major financial institutions.

Credit risk Associated with Commercial Mortgages and Loans

Credit risk related to commercial mortgages and loans includes the risk of default (untimely collection of principal and interest), and the realization of collateral as required on impaired loans where the lender pursues foreclosure.

Credit risk on the overall mortgages and loans portfolio is impacted by the level of diversification across borrower type (e.g. retail, land, multi-family, commercial and industrial), and Canadian geography (e.g. Alberta vs. Ontario). With decreases in the number of mortgages and outstanding balances of mortgages held, diversification diminishes and the level of credit risk may increase relative to the mortgage portfolio size as a result. The Mortgage Portfolio has some diversification by type, geography and asset class. Approximately 75% of the principal outstanding in the Mortgage Portfolio is secured by first mortgages.

Specific credit risk on any given mortgage depends on the credit worthiness of the borrower, the underlying security (1st mortgage vs. 2nd mortgage, loan-to-value percentage and type of property), change in value of the underlying security or credit worthiness of the borrower.

LIQUIDITY RISK

Liquidity risk is the risk that the REIT will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they become due, not having sufficient debt and equity capital available to fund future growth, and/or refinance debts as they mature. Liquidity risk also arises when the REIT is not able to obtain financing or refinancing on favourable terms.

The REIT's approach to managing its obligations is to maintain sufficient resources to meet its obligations when due without undue risk or recourse to the REIT.

The REIT's principal liquidity needs arise from working capital requirements, debt servicing and repayment obligations, planned funding of maintenance and improvements, leasing costs, distributions, and property acquisition funding requirements.

These liquidity needs are funded from cash flows from operations or the Acquisition Facility, with the exception of debt repayment obligations at maturity and property acquisitions. Debt repayment obligations are generally funded from refinancing the related debt; and property acquisitions are generally funded from capital raises as well as obtaining debt financing on the related property. Between capital raises, the REIT may use its Acquisition Facility to fund the equity portion of property acquisitions.

Real property investments tend to be relatively illiquid, with the degree of liquidity generally fluctuating in relation to the demand for and the perceived desirability of such investments. Such illiquidity may limit Partners REIT's ability to vary its portfolio promptly in response to changing economic or investment conditions. If Partners REIT was required to liquidate a real property investment, the proceeds to Partners REIT might be significantly less than the aggregate carrying value of such property.

ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS

Partners REIT is subject to various federal, provincial and municipal laws and regulations relating to environmental matters, which deal primarily with the costs of removal and remediation of hazardous substances. Environmental risk is relevant to Partners REIT's ability to sell or finance affected assets and could potentially result in liabilities for the costs of removal and remediation of hazardous substances or claims against us. Management is not aware of any material non-compliance with environmental laws or regulations at any of the REIT's properties, or of any pending or threatened actions, investigations or claims against Partners REIT relating to environmental matters.

Management will continue to make capital and operating expenditures that are necessary to ensure that the REIT is compliant with environmental laws and regulations. At this time, management does not believe that these costs will have a material adverse impact on the REIT's business or financial results. Management understands that environmental laws and regulations are subject to change and the REIT's financial liabilities can be adversely impacted if the laws and regulations become more rigorous.

TAXATION

On June 22, 2007, new legislation relating to, among other things, the federal income taxation of a specified investment flow-through trust or partnership (a "SIFT") was enacted (the "SIFT Rules"). A SIFT includes a publicly listed or traded partnership or trust, such as an income trust.

Under the SIFT Rules, following a transition period for qualifying SIFTs, certain distributions from a SIFT will no longer be deductible in computing a SIFT's taxable income, and a SIFT will be subject to tax on such distributions at a rate that is substantially equivalent to the general tax rate applicable to a Canadian corporation. However, distributions paid by a SIFT as returns of capital should generally not be subject to the tax.

The SIFT Rules do not apply to a real estate investment trust that meets prescribed conditions relating to the nature of its assets and revenue (the "REIT Exemption"). The REIT has reviewed the REIT Exemption, including the Proposed Amendment, and has assessed their interpretation and application to the REIT's assets and revenues. While there are uncertainties in the interpretation and application of the SIFT Rules, the REIT believes that it will meet the prescribed conditions of the SIFT Rules, assuming the Proposed Amendment is enacted, throughout the year ended December 31, 2012. In the event the Proposed Amendment is not substantively enacted as proposed, the REIT will not meet the prescribed conditions for 2012 due to the acquisition of certain non-qualifying assets as part of the NorRock transaction. However, management believes the REIT will meet the prescribed conditions for 2013 and beyond because the non-qualifying assets will be contractually disposed of prior to the end of 2012. Management believes that the Proposed Amendment will be enacted before the end of 2012, and as such, the requirement to record a liability for current taxes will be determined by the REIT at the end of the current fiscal period, since the REIT does not expect to have taxable income before any deduction for distributions.

PART VI – CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES

The REIT's critical accounting policies are those that management has determined to be the most important in portraying the REIT's financial condition and results, and which require the most substantive estimates and judgment.

The preparation of financial statements requires certain estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. The REIT's significant accounting policies are described in Note 2 to the annual audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2011. Management believes that the following policies are those most subject to estimation and judgment.

Income Producing Properties

Income producing properties fall within the definition of investment properties under IAS 40 – *Investment Properties* (“IAS 40”) and consist of commercial retail properties held to earn rental income and properties that are being constructed, developed, or redeveloped for future use as income producing properties. Management must assess whether the acquisition of property through the purchase of a corporate vehicle, or directly should be accounted for as an asset purchase or a business combination. Where the acquisition contains significant assets, liabilities or activities in addition to property and related mortgage debt, particularly where there is an integrated set of activities and assets, capable of being conducted and managed for the purpose of providing a return, lower costs or other economic benefits, the transaction is accounted for as a business combination. More specifically, consideration is made of the extent to which significant processes are acquired and, in particular, the extent of ancillary services provided. Where there are no such items the transaction is treated as an asset acquisition.

Commercial retail properties, developments and redevelopments are measured initially at cost. Cost includes all amounts relating to the acquisition, including transaction costs (except transaction costs related to a business combination), and improvement of the properties. All costs associated with upgrading and extending the economic life of the existing facilities, other than ordinary repairs and maintenance, are capitalized to income producing properties. Costs that are directly attributable to income producing properties under development or redevelopment are capitalized. These costs include direct development costs, realty taxes and other costs directly attributable to the development.

Subsequent to initial recognition, income producing properties are measured at fair value, determined based on valuations performed by third-party appraisers or available market evidence in accordance with IAS 40. Gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value of income producing properties are included in profit and loss in the period in which they arise.

The carrying value of income producing properties includes straight-line rent receivable, tenant incentives and direct leasing costs, since these amounts are incorporated in the appraised values of real estate properties.

Income producing properties are reclassified to assets held for sale when criteria set out in IFRS 5 - *Non-Current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations* are met.

An income producing property is derecognized upon disposal or when the property is permanently withdrawn from use and no future economic benefits are expected from the disposal. Any gain or loss arising on derecognition of the property (calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset) is included in profit or loss in the period in which the property is derecognized.

Revenue Recognition

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessee. All other leases are classified as operating leases. The REIT has retained substantially all of the risks and benefits of ownership of its income producing properties and therefore, accounts for leases with its tenants as operating leases. Revenue recognition under a lease commences when the tenant has a right to use the leased assets. Generally, this occurs on the lease inception date or, when the REIT is required to make additions to the property in the form of tenant improvements which enhances the value of the property when substantially complete. The total amount of contractual rent to be received from operating leases is recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease. A straight-line rent receivable is included in the carrying amount of the income producing property and is recorded for the difference between the rental revenue recorded and the contractual amount received. Deducted from revenues are the amortization of tenant incentives and direct leasing costs.

Rental revenue also includes percentage participating rents and recoveries of operating expenses, including realty taxes. Percentage participating rents are recognized when tenants' specified sales targets have been met. Operating expense recoveries are recognized in the period that recoverable costs are chargeable to tenants.

Financial Instruments

We classify our financial instruments into categories based on the purpose for which the instrument was acquired or issued, its underlying characteristics, and our designation of the instrument. The category into which we classify the financial instruments determines its measurement basis subsequent to initial recognition.

The following summarizes the REIT's classification and measurement of its financial assets:

| Financial Asset | Classification | Measurement |
|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Notes Receivable | Available for sale | FVTPL |
| Other assets | Loans and receivables | Amortized cost |
| Accounts receivable | Loans and receivables | Amortized cost |
| Cash | Loans and receivables | Amortized cost |

The following summarizes the REIT's classification and measurement of its financial liabilities:

| Financial liability | Classification | Measurement |
|--|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Mortgages payable | Other financial liabilities | Amortized cost |
| Debentures | Other financial liabilities | Amortized cost |
| Embedded derivatives | FVTPL | Fair value |
| Credit facilities | Other financial liabilities | Amortized cost |
| Deferred rights obligation | Other financial liabilities | Amortized cost |
| Accounts payable and other liabilities - Deferred unit-based compensation | FVTPL | Fair value |
| Accounts payable and other liabilities – trade and other payables | Other financial liabilities | Amortized cost |
| Exchangeable LP units | FVTPL | Fair value |

In determining the fair value of financial instruments, management must make estimates and assumptions with respect to current market interest rates, credit spreads and terms to maturity.

Embedded Derivatives – Convertible Feature on Debentures

The fair value of the convertible feature of the debenture was determined by applying a convertible bond pricing model. The model requires assumptions regarding the REIT's underlying units, such as expected volatility, the risk-free rate of return and credit spread.

Embedded Derivatives – Partners REIT Unit Purchase Warrants

The Partners REIT unit purchase warrants were issued as a funding fee on the issuance of a revolving loan facility. The fair value of the unit purchase warrants was determined by applying a binomial option pricing model. The model requires assumptions regarding the REIT's underlying units, such as expected volatility, the risk-free rate of return and dividend yield, as well as assumptions regarding warrant holder behaviours, such as risk aversion.

Deferred Unit-Based Compensation

The fair value of the options issued under the unit option plan was determined by applying a binomial option pricing model. The model requires assumptions regarding the REIT's underlying units, such as expected volatility, the risk-free rate of return and dividend yield, as well as assumptions regarding option holder behaviours, such as exit rates and risk aversion.

Exchangeable LP Units

The fair value of the Exchangeable LP Units was determined by using the closing price as at March 31, 2012 of the Partners REIT units, since all of the 287,500 Exchangeable LP Units of 137th Avenue LP are exchangeable on a one-for-one basis, at the option of the holder, into Partners REIT units. The closing price of the Partners REIT units on Friday, March 30, 2012 was \$7.32 per unit. The fair value of the Exchangeable LP Units as at March 31, 2012 was \$24,500 (December 31, 2011 – nil).

Basis of Consolidation

Subsidiaries are all entities over which the REIT has the power to govern the financial and operating policies generally accompanying an ownership of more than half of the voting rights. The existence and effect of any potential voting rights that are currently exercisable or convertible are considered when assessing whether the REIT controls another subsidiary. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is obtained by the REIT. They are deconsolidated from the date that control ceases.

Income and expenses of subsidiaries acquired or disposed of during the year are included in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income from the effective date of acquisition and up to the effective date of disposal, as appropriate.

All intra-group transactions, balances, income and expenses are eliminated upon consolidation.

Use of Estimates

The REIT makes estimates and assumptions that affect carried amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities and the reported amount of earnings for the period. Our estimates are based on previous experience, results, and various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The result of our ongoing evaluation of these estimates forms the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of the REIT's assets and liabilities, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses that are not readily apparent from other sources. Consequently, actual results could differ from these estimates.

DISCLOSURE CONTROLS AND INTERNAL CONTROLS

Management maintains appropriate information systems, procedures and controls to ensure the information that is publicly disclosed is complete, reliable and timely. This includes establishing adequate internal controls over financial reporting to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with IFRS. Management believes that the REIT's disclosure controls and procedures and internal controls over financial reporting as at March 31, 2012 were appropriately designed. However, for the quarter ending March 31, 2012, management is not required to certify the design and evaluation of the REIT's disclosure controls and procedures or internal controls over financial reporting and have not completed such an evaluation. As well, inherent limitations on the ability of management to design and implement on a cost-effective basis, disclosure controls and procedures or internal controls over financial reporting for the REIT, may result in additional risks to the quality, reliability, transparency and timeliness of interim and annual filings and other reports provided under securities legislation. Effective April 3, 2012, the REIT graduated to the TSX. Consequently, the REIT will be required to certify the design and evaluation of the REIT's disclosure controls and procedures and internal controls over financial reporting for the second quarter of 2012.

There has not been any change in internal controls over financial reporting in the period that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect the REIT's internal controls over financial reporting. For many of its properties the REIT has engaged the services of third-party property managers whose internal controls form part of the REIT's system of internal controls. The REIT has documented and continues to review those internal controls, reports and other documentation provided by the property managers as part of its internal control activities.